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ALL EYES WATCHING THE MEN WHO ARE SITTING IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

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## Paragraphs

"I do not like thee, Dr. Fell;  
The reason why I cannot tell;  
But still the fact I know full well,  
I do not like thee, Doctor Fell."

Brother C. E. W. Dobbs, D. D., of Marietta, Ga., has received and accepted a call from the First Baptist church, Fernandina, Fla., to become their pastor.

Dr. Willingham closes his last letter from China as follows: "I hope that the State Boards are closing the year free of all debts for State Missions, and that our people will not neglect the millions here dying without Christ.

Abbeville is looking for a pastor, and that church is in good condition, and affords an inviting field for constructive work. Dr. C. J. Owens is chairman of the committee to secure a new pastor, and may be addressed.

Dear Brother Barnett: I endorse most heartily the course pursued by yourself and Brother Crumpton in the fight for prohibition in this state. You both did your duty, and did it nobly. By the way, I see the liquor forces in several counties are going to test the constitutionality of the prohibition laws. This creates no surprise. These men, as a class, are so in the habit of violating the laws and overriding the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box in overwhelming majorities, that it is not surprising. M. M. Wood, Furman, Ala.

Livingston Johnston, secretary of missions in North Carolina, has an article in the Biblical Recorder headed "A Glorious Ending:" \$38,068.96 was raised for state missions, \$35,094.91 for foreign missions, and \$17,429.85 for home missions. There were 155 more baptisms and over 300 more conversions on the mission fields this year than last. For the first time in its history the Sunday school department was self-sustaining. Hitherto there has always been a deficiency which had been supplied from the State mission field fund, but enough has been sent in this year for Sunday school missions to pay all the expenses of that department.

Will not those of our friends who are still in arrears for their current subscription to The Alabama Baptist kindly remit the amount due as soon as they read this request? In this time of financial stringency we shall greatly appreciate a prompt response.

## Paragraphs

Dr. Len G. Broughton was greatly used of God in his leadership in the great revival at Knoxville, Tenn.

George T. Angell in Dumb Animals says: "Our good mother during many years of her life was accustomed to devote two hours of each day to silent prayer, a thing which always glorifies a life.

Brother L. O. Dawson was with us for twelve days in a meeting, which took strong hold of the community. Six were received for baptism, five by letter and two for the Methodist church. H. B. Folk, Livingston, Ala.

The chief engineer of the Panama canal warns Americans against coming to the isthmus unless they are engaged for a position for the government. He has all the force he needs, and there are no opportunities outside of government employment.

Rev. T. O. Reese, who has been pastor at Geneva for three years, has accepted a call to Hartford, and is now on the field. The Hartford brethren are building a handsome parsonage, which will be completed by January 1st.

The Home Mission Board has appointed Dr. Luther Little as its evangelist for the Southwest. He was the successful pastor at Fort Worth, and then at Galveston, Texas. He has held many successful meetings. We had the pleasure of being at the seminary with Brother Little, and greatly enjoyed his companionship. He is gifted and consecrated. We pray God's blessings upon his labors.

We regret to learn that our old friend, Dr. Everette Gill, and family will sail from Rome December 22d for America. For years they have suffered the constant and incurable fevers of Rome, hoping to prosecute their mission in Italy. But sickness has afflicted them from the beginning, and they are forced to give up the unequal conflict. The Central Baptist says that, after a period for rest and recovery, Dr. Gill will be ready to enter a pastorate.



DR. R. J. WILLINGHAM and  
HON. W. H. TAFT

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Our New Building.

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The catalogue of books, Bibles, Sunday School and Church supplies issued by the American Baptist Publication Society, is one of the best aids to be found for those desiring to purchase books, Bibles and Church supplies. In the "Holiday Goods" department will be found everything needed for Christmas celebrations as well as a great variety of choice Christmas gifts. The best thought of many skilled persons has contributed to what is without doubt the best all-round price list of its kind ever issued. A post-card request will secure a copy free of charge.

THE NEW BUILDING

The new building being erected for the American Baptist Publishing Society will occupy a ground space of 43x120 feet at northwest corner Seventeenth and Chestnut streets. It will be seven stories in height. The ground floor and basement will be occupied by the Society's retail store and its mail order department. The executive offices of the Society will be located on the second floor. Here, also, will be the editorial department and a hall large enough to accommodate the ministers' conference and denominational gatherings of moderate size. The other five floors will be divided into suites of offices which will be rented.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLISHING SOCIETY'S PRINTING HOUSE.

The printing house is six stories in height, and from the basement to the eaves measures one hundred feet. The basement contains the engines, boilers, dynamo, vaults for the electrotype and stereotype plates, with rooms for the storage of paper and other necessary material. The first floor is devoted to the general business. The second floor is the press-room. Here fourteen modern power presses with skilled workmen do their part in producing the society's periodicals and books in the best style of artistic excellence. In addition to the presses already installed, the society has contracted for a color rotary press, which will increase the output of this department 20 per cent. This great press will be ready in about six months. The third floor is appropriated to sheet work and general stock rooms. The fourth and fifth floors are occupied by a bindery, which does such excellent work at such low rates that some of the largest New York publishers have their work done here. On the sixth floor is located the composing and electrotyping departments. This floor is the lightest and most airy in the building.

"Side by Side," by Mrs. E. Y. Mullins.

"Side by Side" is a modern story of David and Jonathan reproduced in the lives of two little children who lived as neighbors, who were singularly devoted to each other, and who were not separated in death.

"That Blessed Hope."

The new book from the pen of David Heagle, D. D. deals with the second coming of our Lord, and is en-

titled "That Blessed Hope." It is a careful and well-considered attempt to mediate between the current views of pre-millennialism and post-millennialism.

"A Short History of the Baptists."  
(By Prof. Henry C. Vedder.)

This short history contains all that is essential in Baptist history. Beginning with the founding of Christianity, it traces its development and the sects that sprang up in its pathway, its decline and reformation, and the appearance and enlargement of our own denomination.

"The Fruit of the Desert."

Everett T. Tomlinson, too well known to need any introduction to the reading world, is the author of a new story entitled "The Fruit of the Desert." A successful college student enters the ministry and goes to a pioneer field. Temptation comes to him in the offer of a larger church, and social and family prestige. The question is, shall he surrender duty for the sake of self-advancement? The answer is "no," and how it is reached through the pages of this book will repay anybody's reading.

"Praise and Service."

Charles H. Gabriel, author of the new Hymn Book, "Praise and Service," just published by the Society, is best known to the entire Christian world as the author of the "Glory Song," which is known wherever the revival movement has reached in recent years. He is a lover of little children and a helper of men in their times of need.

During the early summer of 1900, while bicycle riding with a Chicago publisher, for whom he was at that time preparing manuscript, he said to his friend: "I've got a song that is going to live!" He then gave the title of it, and made brief quotations from "O That Will be Glory."

"The Formation of the New Testament."

The Rev. George Hooper Ferris, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Philadelphia, is the author of the book, "The Formation of the New Testament." Dr. Ferris tells us in his preface that this work is the result of prolonged investigation and study. When a student, his attention was called to the formation of the canon, and from that time to this he has been seeking to get as far as possible at the underlying facts. The result of all this long and careful research differs materially from the views which are currently held. The book is sure to create much discussion. Price, 90 cents net.

Strong's Systematic Theology.

It has passed through seven editions, and is still called for. In the progress of his own thought, however, and in the modification of some of his opinions, Dr. Strong has felt constrained to revise and enlarge this great work. The plan is to issue it in three volumes, with the thought possibly, if it shall not prove



Our Printing House.

impracticable, to gather these ultimately into one. The volume on "The Doctrine of God" is the first of the series. The general plan of the former work has been followed. Dr. Strong's statement of the proposition to be elucidated has been put in large type, and his comments thereon, as well as citations to illustrate it, in very much smaller type.

"The Temptation of Katherine Gray,"

By Mary Lowe Dickinson, has been reissued in "The Windflower Series" at 50 cents. Mrs. Dickinson is a born teacher and leader. As a girl she taught a class of seventy little girls, who loved and obeyed her; at sixteen she taught boys and girls older and bigger than herself. They were as devoted to their teacher as the little ones had been, and to this day Mrs. Dickinson has no warmer friends or admirers than the men and women to whom she taught the rudiments of knowledge when she and they were young.

"Beautiful Joe."

Marshall Saunders, author of the popular story, "Beautiful Joe," was born in Nova Scotia, and is the daughter of a Baptist minister. On her father's side Miss Saunders is descended from John Alden, the first pilgrim from the "Mayflower" to set foot on Plymouth Rock. Her father, Edward Manning Saunders, D. D., is a well-known clergyman of the Baptist denomination in Nova Scotia. Miss Saunders' education was largely the result of her father's tutelage. At eight she began the study of Latin, and at fifteen she was sent to Edinburgh, Scotland. From Edinburgh she went to France.

Miss Saunders is a great lover of pets of all kinds, and for some years has devoted her time and attention to the study of birds, and the care of her aviary and its inmates, though of necessity entailing much hard work, has been a never-failing source of pleasure to her. Miss Saunders resides in Nova Scotia. We understand that she is writing a book about her birds.

"A Sheaf of Happy Holidays."

By Caroline Starr Morgan. 12mo. Illustrated. Price, 25 cents net, postpaid.

The holidays are such as Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, the Fourth of July, Decoration Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc., nine in all. The principal characters in these joyous celebrations are the twin girls, Patty and Polly, their elder brother Fred, and their little playmates. The girls are as bright as a spring morning, and the brother is a real boy. How these children celebrate these occasions, how their different dispositions express themselves, and how valuable information is woven into the telling of the story will entertain and instruct thousands of young people who will be eager to read this charming recital. The book will be helpful and suggestive to all interested in preparing programs for celebrating holidays. "A Sheaf of Happy Holidays" is illustrated by a new artist whose work, we believe, will captivate the little folks.



The Society's Exhibit at Jamestown.



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From "Beautiful Joe."



MARSHALL SAUNDERS,  
Author "Beautiful Joe."



From "Beautiful Joe."



Mrs. Mullins.





## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### IGNORANCE.

The term "ignorance" is usually employed to denote the unlearned in literature. It has a wider range of meaning, however, and includes many really classic in literary attainments. The power of logical analysis is necessarily associated with the idea of education. I will give one instance that displays shockingly the absence of the latter. In life we have about six relations—the family, the business, the social, the friendship, the political and the religious. Most minds make no distinction among them. With the majority of people they constitute a jumbled mass, with the confusion and hurt, necessarily incident, to such mental obtuseness. Family relations are governed by family law; business relations by business law; social relations by social law, and so on to the end of the relations stated. We are at every point in life in one or the other of these relations, and at no one time in more than one of them. The law governing the particular relation is the one to be regarded, accordingly, as we are in one relation or the other. The intrusion of the law of one relation in or on another relation incurs an infraction that results in detriment to it in common with all misapplied law. If we are sick, we need a physician; if we have a case in court, we need a lawyer. So it is in each of the relations in life named. The domain of the family circle is under the jurisdiction of the heads of homes, with no rights, titles, interest nor claims to any not extended by such heads. Business relations are governed by business law, involving the necessity of fairness and honesty of dealings that knows no injustice or unfairness to one or with another. Social relations are where there is nothing save the enjoyment of talk and laughter, for the merriment of all engaged in the occasion, for their mutual benefit. Friendship relations exist between or among mutual friends—ground that cannot be occupied by all, because of the absence of the congeniality that admits and maintains them. Political relations are the fruit of minds built the same way, according to mental convictions, involving political questions, as well as the reverse, in the minds of opposite thinkers. The favor, or the disfavor, is determined by the absence or the presence of elements that harmonize or frictionize in contact with each other, according to the peculiar cast of political thought in contact with developing environment. The religious relations are based on the principles of the political, with the various ifs, and ands, and pros and cons that constitute the diversified forms of religious thought in the minds of the advocates as they have been taught. I may engage in and enjoy one or more of these relations with a man; and not all, because the law of life may not throw me there, or our ideas are so out of harmony with each other as to preclude such a thing. These relations, with their laws, are fixed by the Almighty for our mutual benefits on the principles of the eternal equities, to be adhered to accordingly. It is their misuse or their abuse, resulting from our misconceptions, that incurs all our troubles. "The law of the Lord" in them makes them perfect, receives the friction extant from proposed selfish utility of them. What they are, as we make them, and what they are as God fixed and intended them, is quite different. If we want to incur the umbrage of a great many people, we can do so by failing to violate the law of these relations, as they see them, for worldly and not eternal good. Proper regard for all these relations, associated with the law pertaining to them, would make every one a success. They exclude the infringement of selfish purposes. I speak of them as held and practiced by us, as well as fixed and taught by the Divine Maker.

The purpose of this article is to exhibit the religious relation, with its law, as contradistinguished from the others. No man sustains any religious relation to me who has not complied with the religious law fixing the same in the New Testament. I may go into his home, or he may come into mine; I may have business transactions with him, and he with me. I can be his personal friend, and he mine. I can enjoy myself with him on social occasions, and he with me. I can belong to the same political party

with him, and he with me, and so on, and yet there be not one fraction of religious relation with me, because he has not complied with the religious law putting him in that relation. So don't mix nor tangle these relations nor their laws. Keep each and all in their places, and all will move well with everything and everybody.

W. R. WHATLEY.

### THE IDEAL WAY

For church collections is by the week. I said "church collections." I should have said "individual collections," for the Apostles said: "Let every one of you on the first day of the week lay by him in store as God has prospered him." The individual collections all brought together make the church collection, and that should be on "the first day of the week."

I wrote one of the missionaries, urging monthly collections. He wrote as if he would take them monthly, if I insisted, but he preferred to continue the weekly plan, which his people had come to like. "Of course, weekly," I wrote in large letters.

Brethren must bear with the secretary if he is a little behind the times. When he was pastor, he brought his people to the quarterly plan. That was just four times better than the annual plan, which had formerly prevailed with them. When he became secretary he got very bold, and advocated the monthly plan. That seemed a long way in advance. All the while he knew the Scriptural plan was weekly. How proud he would be if the churches will discard the monthly for the weekly! Some are doing this, and the secretary is very happy over it. But, sad to say, some are wedded yet to the quarterly plan, and, would you believe it? some to the yearly!

### High Pressure Collections

I do not like, but rather than see our collections lag as they are now doing, I would favor all the pressure necessary. Some congregations will do nothing any other way. Oh, the pitiful sums that come in now! It makes the heart sick. In a time like this we ought to do something heroic.

### Brother Pastors,

something must be done, if we are not going to disgrace ourselves this Centennial year. Dr. Barton relates this incident in "Our Home Field:"

"Once upon a time I sat in the pulpit with a pastor in a church, some of whose members were worth from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars. Before any sermon had been preached or any missionary song had been sung, without the quoting of a single Scripture passage or one voice of prayer about a lost world and Christian duty and privilege, that shepherd of the flock laconically announced that they would take a collection for home missions. The baskets were passed, and a few nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, and maybe a dollar or two were thrown in—an amount about such as the Sunday school ought to contribute at least once a month to missions. I never had a more difficult task than the one of keeping my seat that day. I clutched the chair and wept as I thought of my brethren, my kindred, according to the flesh, in this blessed old Southland, who are dying without the gospel, and said, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."

I have seen that performance a hundred times. "The poor, helpless, heartless, stupid thing!" I felt like saying. I can't believe such pastors have any heart in the work. How can they, and be so indifferent?

### The Key to the Situation

is held firmly in the hands of those whom God has made overseers. How earnestly I pray for them at every remembrance of them! I know how some of them are hampered, and even intimidated. If they would only get bold, and put before their people great things to do! They would be surprised to see how the opposition would quail before the quickened enthusiasm.

How much the Foreign Board needs that great things be done in Alabama this December! Our good women are going to wind it all up with a whirl-wind Christmas offering, the biggest ever known. Won't you, sisters?

W. B. C.

### HOWARD COLLEGE.

Howard College is our Baptist college for boys. Because of our relationship, we should send our boys to Howard. Relationship is a law of life, and a law which we observe elsewhere. The father well know: that his first duty is to his family. When the son of Fulvius was found in the conspiracy against Cataline, the displeased father sharply reprimanded him, saying, "I did not beget you for Cataline, but for your country." When Caesar was wounded by the senators of Rome, Brutus, a Roman of an illustrious family, made a pass at him? Then Caesar, giving him a wistful look, said, "What! thou, my son, Brutus?"

The Inspired Word tells us that he who provides not for his own, especially for those of his own household, has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. Our denomination planted, and is sworn to support Howard College. Our girls should go to the Judson and our boys to Howard. One of the greatest means of support to any institution is pupils, not only by the tuition they pay, but because of the influence they bring to the institution, which influence, multiplied, they carry away from the institution, and which, multiplied again, goes back to the institution. Yes, our sons—the Baptist sons of Alabama—should, as a matter of duty, attend Howard College.

If our boys attend Howard College, then said college will get the amount of money we have for college purposes, for where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. The education of our boys will bind us to their institution of learning.

Now, as to the question of merit, who can doubt Howard College? The peerless Montague is at the head; the professors are noble Christian men, having come from the best institutions of learning in the land. The alumni of Harvard speak for themselves.

As the season is near at hand when a large increase of students will be expected, it is hoped that this plea for Howard will not be in vain.

W. M. ANDERSON.

Dothan, Ala.

### HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Nearly all of the second installment coupons of the Howard College endowment bonds are due on December 1st, and all subscribers are urged to make immediate payment to William A. Davis, Treasurer, Anniston, Ala.

### MEMORY IMPROVED

Since Leaving Off Coffee.

Many persons suffer from poor memory who never suspect coffee has anything to do with it.

The drug—caffeine—in coffee acts injuriously on the nerves and heart, causing imperfect circulation, too much in the brain at one time, too little in another part.

"I am nearly 70 years old, and did not know that coffee was the cause of the stomach and heart trouble I suffered from for many years, until about four years ago," writes a Kansas woman.

"A kind neighbor induced me to quit coffee and try Postum. I had been suffering severely, and was greatly reduced in flesh. After using Postum a little while I found myself improving; my heart beats became regular, and now I seldom ever notice any symptoms of my old stomach-trouble at all. My nerves are steady and my memory decidedly better than while I was using coffee.

"I like the taste of Postum fully as well as coffee. My sister told me two years ago that she did not like it, but when I showed her how to make it according to directions, she thought it was delicious.

"It is best to pour cold water over your Postum, let it come to a boil, then boil 15 minutes. That brings out the flavor and full food value."

"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Get the booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.



### REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, 1808-1908 CENSURED.

#### Report of the Committee on Centennial Observance.

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution relative to a suitable celebration of the year 1908, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist church in Alabama, respectfully submit the following:

The first Baptist church constituted in Alabama, of which we have any trace, was the Flint River church, a few miles northeast of Huntsville. It was constituted October 2, 1808. The credit of its organization is due to Rev. John Nicholson. The membership was about one dozen. The church was constituted in the home of James Deaton.

Like the Primitive Churches, it worshipped in private homes for a number of years. Rev. John Nicholson had as his colleagues in the ministry Revs. John Canterbury and Zadox Baker. These men were pioneers in the northern part of the State for preaching and evangelization.

For many years Flint River church has been out of existence; but a year or two ago at Brownsboro, near the spot where the old church stood, a church was constituted, of which one of our missionaries is now pastor, and a neat house of worship was dedicated June 30th.

It seems fitting that the Baptists of Alabama shall celebrate the

#### One Hundredth Anniversary

of the planting of their principles in our fair State. How marvelously God has blessed us! The little one of only twelve members has become an immense multitude of

#### 157,400 Gathered into 1,893 Churches.

The scream of the locomotive has long since taken the place of the war whoop of the savages. Broad fields of waving corn and blooming cotton can be seen where once was the trackless forest. In the place of the old log houses, which it took our fathers so long to build, we have convenient and comfortable houses of worship every few miles.

#### Then a Lone Preacher,

on foot or horseback, would thread his way along dim trails across the mountains to carry the bread of life to the settlements in the valleys along the water courses; now, in a buggy on a gravelled highway, or sweeping along in palace cars, our preachers go to their appointments. Then not a man giving himself wholly to these things; now we have hundreds of consecrated, cultured men, doing the one thing of making plain the claims of the gospel. Then our people knew nothing but poverty and hardship; today but few know what want is. The great mass of them are in comfortable circumstances, and many

#### Thousands are Rich

and growing richer every day.

Surely we ought, in grateful acknowledgment of God's good hand upon us, devise some liberal scheme by which His goodness may be celebrated. In this age, when our people are beginning to read the commission of our Lord in a new light, what more fitting than to attempt a Mission Revival?

We recommend, therefore: That the Baptists of Alabama, for the year 1907-1908, do undertake to raise for missions

#### One Thousand Dollars for Every Year of the Century.

Can we do it? Your committee believes we can. Shall we undertake it? Let the brethren speak. Will we do it? The Lord grant that there may be one response: "By His help we will!"

Should this suggestion meet with the approval of the convention, we recommend: That the Committee of Co-operation, with the Corresponding Secretary, take the matter in hand and begin at once the agitation of the question; that

#### Each Fifth Sunday

during the year be devoted to the Centennial Movement; that the pastors in city and town churches, having preached every Sunday, be asked to preach on suitable subjects for the occasion on that day; that the churches in the country appoint delegates to union meetings to be held at central points where discussions may be had on the subject; that the

largest contribution possible be taken in town, city and country churches on that day for the Centennial celebration, to be added to the mission contributions which are taken in the churches on the plans of the regular schedule

W. B. CRUMPTON,  
C. W. O'HARA,  
M. M. WOOD,

Committee.

#### Letter to Brother Crumpton.

Brownsboro, Nov. 29, 1907.

Mr. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.—

Kind Sir: A short time ago a little leaflet came to me by unknown hands, headed "1808-1908—One Hundred Years in Alabama," and is signed, W. B. Crumpton, C. W. O'Hara, M. M. Wood, Committee.

"Report of Committee on Centennial Observance. "Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions relative to a suitable celebration of the year 1908, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist church constituted in Alabama, of which we have any trace, was the Flint River church, a few miles northeast of Huntsville. It was constituted October 2, 1808.

"For many years Flint River church has been out of existence."

Now will you please give me your authority for making this statement?

I herein enclose a copy of resolutions adopted by Flint River church at her regular conference meeting on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1907, which, if you will read carefully, you will see she is not dead yet, but ready to resist, refute and expose all such false statements thrown at her.

And now she demands of you to show what right your people—the Missionary Baptists—have to celebrate her one hundredth anniversary?

The little one of only twelve members is ashamed of the Missionary Baptists, with their boasted number of 157,400, as she is of Roman Catholicism.

"Then not a man giving himself wholly to these things; now we have hundreds of consecrated, cultured men doing the one thing" (begging for money). "Then our people knew nothing but poverty and hardships; today but few know what want is; the great mass of them are in comfortable circumstances, and many thousands are rich and growing richer every day."

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'Verily, I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

"And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."—Matt. 19: 23, 24.

Go to, now, ye rich men; weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you; your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten.

Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasures together for the last day.—James v: 1, 2, 3.

"In this age when our people are beginning to read the commission of our Lord in a new light, what more fitting than to attempt a mission revival? We recommend, therefore, that the Baptists of Alabama for the year 1907-1908 do undertake to raise for missions one thousand dollars for every year of the century."

And He called unto Him the twelve and began to send them forth by two and two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse;

But be shod with sandals, and not put on two coats.

And He said unto them, "In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place;

And whosoever shall not receive you nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them.—Mark vi: 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

#### New Light.

And He called unto Him the twelve and began to send them to a training school to teach them how to preach; now on a stipulated salary go take all you can get and then beg for more, and whosoever will not receive you nor hear you, come back and we will take our 13-inch guns and shoot it into them!

Oh, shame, where is thy blush?

No wonder the little one would draw such strong resolutions against such a false and unscriptural practice as the modern missionaries are setting up!

Dear Lord, we do humbly pray Thee to keep the little one as the apple of Thine one eye, and may she ever stand aloof from human agency or man-gotten-up theories! May she ever be found earnestly contending for the faith as once delivered to the saints, is my prayer.

Awaiting an early reply, I am, yours for the truth,  
B. B. LAWLER.

#### The Resolutions of Flint River Church.

Resolutions as adopted by Flint River church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1907:

Inasmuch as the Missionary Baptists are trying to rob us of our name and openly stated at the fifth Sunday meeting in the new church at Brownsboro that they expected to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Flint River church next year, which church was organized in 1808 as a Primitive or Old School Baptist church, and has ever held sacred the doctrines and practices of Primitive Baptists down to the present time; and the old records show that in July, 1842, this church declared a non-fellowship for the Missionary Baptists; and believing this move of the Missionary Baptists to be a willful, malicious and premeditated move to deceive the rising generation; therefore, be it

Resolved by Flint River church, now in conference assembled, That we denounce, protest against and condemn this move of the Missionary Baptists as being unfounded and un-Christian.

Be it further resolved, That we celebrate our one hundredth anniversary next year, and invite our next Association of Flint River to meet with us in the celebration of our one hundredth anniversary.

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of this conference, and be recorded on our church book.

ELDER A. J. WANN,  
Moderator.

B. B. LAWLER, Clerk.

#### Brother Crumpton's Reply.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 3, 1907.

B. B. Lawler, Brownsboro, Ala.—

My Dear Sir: The resolutions of Flint River church, with your letter, just read with great interest. I am glad of the information the resolution contains. Our committee stand corrected in saying "the church has been dead for many years." The information was gathered originally from Holcomb's History of the Baptists of Alabama, and copied into Riley's History. We are glad to know the church is still in existence.

I shall take pleasure in making the correction in The Alabama Baptist.

You mistake the object of our celebration. We would not do injustice to your people, or rob them of any privilege that might be theirs. You must know the Baptists were not called Primitive or Old School or Missionary Baptists then. They were simply Baptists, believing in a democratic form of government, just as Baptists do now everywhere, by whatever name they are called. Baptists back there were fighting the battles for religious liberty. Their contention put that glorious principle in the constitution of the United States. They were all one in those days. There were no divisions among them. The planting of a church holding the glorious principle of religious liberty is what we propose to celebrate. And you do right to celebrate it, too.

Your people and ours, however much we may differ on other things, hold to and rejoice in that doctrine today. I have no hard words for you and your people. Some of the best friends I ever had were among



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them. I hold tenaciously to the doctrines they teach, and I preach them, too. All who are well informed among us do the same. I have no reply to make to the hard things you say in your letter about my people. We are honestly trying to live up to the teachings of God's word, as we understand it. Of course some differ from us. We wish we could all agree and "be one," as our Lord prayed that we should be. But if this cannot be now, we will still love all those who love our Lord, if they will only let us.

If they will not, we can only press on with brave hearts the work of the Master, in the way He has so signally blessed, all the time praying for His guiding hand.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

### A STATEMENT BY THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The B. Y. P. U. of A. having announced the transfer of its business department to the American Baptist Publication Society, a further explanation by the Society is perhaps necessary to a full understanding of what is involved in this transfer. It should be known that the matter has been under consideration for a long time, and that the transfer was made only after a number of conferences by the representatives of both organizations, in which all questions of the relations of the two bodies were most carefully canvassed. The Publication Society, in its final decision, was influenced, mainly, by the conviction that the transfer would relieve a sister organization of a crushing debt, and would thus enable it to do a better and larger work for Baptist young people. It believed also that the transfer of the publishing and other business affairs of the B. Y. P. U. of A. would be in the interests of denominational unity. At large expense to itself, and with all the risks involved, the Society cheerfully assumes the added burdens which the transfer imposes.

It should also be understood that the transfer includes the entire business department of the B. Y. P. U. of A. The Publication Society will not only publish "Service" and "Our Juniors," but all books and literature used by the B. Y. P. U. of A. or bearing upon its work. It will manufacture and sell all badges and other devices, issue all leaflets, cards, etc.; in a word, assume, in every particular, the business operations hitherto conducted by the B. Y. P. U. of A. After January 1, 1908, all subscriptions for "Service" and "Our Juniors" and all orders for every sort of B. Y. P. U. supplies should therefore be sent to the Publication Society.

Under arrangement with the B. Y. P. U., "Service" and "Our Juniors" will not be issued by the Society until March, 1908. These papers, on and after that date, will be published under the combined imprint of the two organizations. The B. Y. P. U. will furnish material for its courses of study, and ample space will be given for the presentation of its work. Part of the paper will be occupied with the Teacher Training Courses of the Society, a work which can be combined easily and naturally, with the Christian Culture and Bible Study Courses. The first number issued by the Society will contain the first chapter of a fine serial story by one of our best writers, and the first of a series of articles on "Heroes of Missions," by Prof. H. C. Vedder. Other articles of the greatest interest and importance will appear in every number. Both papers will be kept to the highest possible standard, and every effort will be made to fit them not only to the needs of young people, but to make them acceptable in every Baptist home. Rev. H. T. Musselman, the Society's superintendent of Teacher Training, will be editor-in-chief, adding this to his other duties.

We bespeak the most earnest co-operation of all Baptist young people in the work we are thus undertaking. As stated above, we have not acted selfishly in assuming these new burdens and responsibilities, but have undertaken them at large expense and risk. Our greatest desire is to assist the B. Y. P. U. in the splendid work it has on hand, and to enable it to make this work larger and more effective. The two organizations will work together with utmost

harmony, and every effort will be made by the Society to promote the interests of the B. Y. P. U. We trust, therefore, that this new arrangement may have the support and sympathy of all Baptist people throughout the land.

A. J. ROWLAND,  
Secretary.

### FROM FAR-AWAY JAPAN.

224 Hirano Cho, Kagoshima, Japan,  
November 3, 1907.

Dear Brother Barnett:

You are giving us so many good things in The Alabama Baptist these days that I dislike to crowd out any of them, but I do it—that is, I trust you will—at the command of my brethren of the S. B. C. Japan Mission. At our annual meeting in July we decided to ask the Board at Richmond to send us five good men and their wives at the earliest possible date. Later, in October, when Dr. Willingham was with us, acting on his advice, we decided to ask them to send us twenty men and their wives at the rate of not less than four each year. Dr. Willingham thus advised after seeing the field for himself, and Brethren McCollum and Waloe and all the other brethren enthusiastically voted for the motion after studying the question—some of them—for many years.

Now, we believe if we can make the brethren at home see Japan as we see it, the new men will answer the call of God (as we believe it is), and the brethren who stay at home will support them and equip the work.

Why do we ask for twenty new missionaries for Japan?

(1.) Because the work needs them. This is no new need, though it is an increasing need. All admit that our force has never been equal to the opportunities before them, even in Kyushu. So we need men to man the work we already have. We have not men enough on the field at this writing to man the main stations and leave two at Fukuska to teach in the Theological Seminary, and by all means there ought to be three there. And one of our best men is taking up work in the Seminary while in his ninth year since returning from his furlough, which ought to come, as you know, at the expiration of seven years of service on the field. His presence seems to be essential to the work, and he cannot leave yet. So there ought to be two or three men on the field learning the language and making special preparation for Seminary work, which is a work of inestimable importance to the future work in Japan.

Indeed, in Kyushu, with its eight millions and more of population, there are at present only six male Baptist missionaries, and three of them have only taken one of four examinations in the language. Surely there is room here for all the men asked for. But wait! There is Shikoku, just east of us, with its four millions of people, and not a Baptist missionary! And there is Korea, just west of us, with its many millions, and not a Baptist missionary! These doors are wide open to Southern Baptists, and is it not their duty and privilege to enter in? Your readers know of the splendid opportunities in Korea at present, and may imagine what Baptists are losing by not being present on the ground.

Again, besides all this, is the question of schools. Baptists are just beginning to wake up along this line. In the past they have made evangelism tell in all the fields. And this was well. But the time has passed when it is worth while to "count noses" on the mission field unless they are noses that count.

We have a Seminary running at full blast, with two of the best missionaries and two of the best native preachers in Japan as teachers, and a number of fine young men as students, but is this all the school we need? Do we not also need an academy for boys and one for girls? And do we not need men (and perhaps women) to run them? Because others have the start of us in the way of schools does not mean that we should continue to fail to conserve our strength by not having Christian schools to train our Christian boys and girls.

I said the need for men is increasing. It is increasing because the opportunities for work are bet-

ter, as old missionaries say, than ever before. The talk about the day of the missionary being over in Japan is not indulged in in Baptist ranks, and that because it is not true among Baptists.

(2.) We are asking for men because we have reason to believe that our request can and will be granted. We know there are men in the colleges and seminaries who expect to come to Japan, and we will gladly welcome those who come. But are there not men in the pastorate, who are through school, who could and ought to come to Japan? We should like to have some now. And I believe I know men in Alabama who would be good fits in Japan. Are there not among those who have the patience to read this some who will come? We want you, if the Lord calls you; the work needs you, and be sure we will give you the best hand-shake we know how to give you when you land on these shores!

I have not space for my "secondly" this time, but with the indulgence of the editor, I shall write again.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. BOULDIN.

Kagoshima, Japan.

### THE UNIFORM AND NOT THE MAN

Militarism in Germany, as far as regards the public homage to the "king's coat" or uniform, has found its reductio ad absurdum. A shoemaker sometime back donned the uniform of a Guard, entered Koepenick, a town of 21,000 inhabitants, in the neighborhood of Berlin, took command of the twelve soldiers he found there, seized the town Hall, carried off the \$12,000 in the treasury, which he claimed in the name of the Emperor, and then disappeared. Within a few days he was arrested and was found to be a flat-nosed fellow who looked anything but military when arraigned in court. He had obtained the uniform at a second-hand clothing store. The burgomaster, Dr. Langerhans, is now the laughing stock of Europe, we may say of the whole world, for he submitted to be the victim of a trick which surpassed the wildest fancies of comic opera.

Commenting on the affair editorially the Frankfurter Zeitung observes that the uniform in Prussia is a sort of fetish and compares it to Gessler's hat—symbol of imperial power before the Swiss were ordered to do reverence. This paper quotes from Schiller's "William Tell":

"And wilt thou, Tell, despise the Emperor?"

"And wilt thou, by refusing to do homage

To yonder hat, hung up to test thy faith,

Show thy contempt for us who represent him?"

This journal shows how absolute is the authority of a German officer over the rank and file, and proceeds to say:

"It has hitherto been held as a fixed principle that the law is all on the side of the military authorities, and that the citizen has but very little of it on his side. The other side of the shield has now been shown, and the dangers of a one-sided exaggeration of this doctrine of authority laid bare. It becomes us to ask, Are the evils of the military and police institutions of this country at last about to be remedied? Is genuine justice to be established instead of this arbitrary method which obtains both in the civil and military administration?"

The Vossische Zeitung (Berlin), as a Liberal organ, has little patience with the stiff etiquette and social tyranny of German militarism, on which it comments as follows:

"If a man wearing the uniform of an officer of the Guard were to strike in the face a civilian who happened to be strolling at noonday in the Friedrich-strasse, or if he were to commit an act of lese-majesty, or to break a dozen shop windows, no civilian or policeman has any right to arrest or haul him before a magistrate. The officer in uniform is a sacred being. Only, however, so long as he is actually in uniform. In civilian clothes he can be arrested by a policeman for any of the above-mentioned offenses. Thus it is the uniform, and not the man, which claims immunity from arrest.

We give the above to show that after all our country is not such a bad place to live in. The citizen is protected.



FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,  
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS  
Field Editor

A WORD TO THE PASTORS.

"We wish to congratulate the State Board on its wise move in helping the Central Committee to establish headquarters in Birmingham, where friends from all parts of the State can drop in and be made welcome. A large room adjoining the Young Women's Christian Association headquarters in the Watts building has been rented, but as yet it is quite bare of furniture, and for that reason we write to try and interest the churches in the Birmingham district to get them to show their appreciation of the great work done by the Central Committee and raise the \$200 needed to furnish the room comfortably. There are over sixty churches in the Birmingham Association, and if the stronger churches will set the pace we feel sure that the sum can be raised. We sincerely hope that the pastors will interest themselves in the matter and bring it to the attention of their churches at the earliest possible moment, as the good women are anxious to be able to get to work at once in their new quarters."

The above, which appeared in the last issue on the Woman's Page just beneath the announcement about the opening of the Alabama Woman's Missionary quarters in the Watts building, corner Third avenue and Twentieth street, Birmingham, was not written by Mrs. Malone, but by the editor, who forgot to sign his name. We hope, however, that the pastors read it and went immediately to work to do their best to raise the amount necessary to furnish the room.

GOD'S WAYS.

God's ways of accomplishing His purposes are frequently so widely different from man's ideas of what God should do in relation to certain things that human beings are very prone to doubt that God had anything to do with those affairs. The fault with many people is that they view the most of occurrences from their own standpoint and wisdom, thereby failing to consider that God is infinitely greater and wiser than they are, and that therefore His plans and actions must necessarily be vastly above and beyond theirs. We may find an apt illustration of this thought in the case of Naomi, as given in the Book of Ruth. She and her husband and their two sons went from Bethlehem, in Judea, to the country of Moab, a heathen land, to escape an impoverishing famine. During the ten years that Naomi lived in Moab her husband and sons died. It was a series of profound bereavements. They were peculiarly afflictive, because Naomi was left alone among unbelievers, far away from her own land and kindred. She concluded that God had entirely forsaken her, and that He had dealt even cruelly with her, because upon her return to Bethlehem she lamentingly said to her old friends: "The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty; why call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?" Her heart was so heavily clouded by the losses and bereavements which befell her that she could not then see even a ray of light from God. Some Bible scholars say that Elimelech and Naomi made a great mistake in fleeing from their old home and going to a heathen country. They say that the man and his wife manifested a lack of faith in God by such a course. But we do not thus charge them. God was in the whole affair. Note the fact that it was the means of leading the noble Ruth to leave her native Moab and go to Bethlehem, where she became the wife of Boaz and eventually the grandmother of King David. Had it not been for the going of Naomi and her family to Moab, there would have been no such man as David, the great king, prophet and psalmist, nor the Book of Ruth. Truly, God's ways are the best for all mankind!

OPEN AND CLOSED DOORS.

It comes as a surprise to be told there is at this moment an earnest army of 18,591 white men and women, supplemented by 107,174 native assistants, trying to evangelize the heathen and Mohammedan worlds, which number a thousand million souls. Few regions of the earth are closed to our missionaries.

Abyssinia is a notable exception; the Emperor Menelik positively refuses to allow foreign missionaries over his shadowy frontiers. Nepal, in the Himalayas, and Afghanistan, the buffer state between India and the Russian Empire in Asia, are also closed against missionary endeavor at present.

Tibet is now open to the missionary army, and no doubt Abyssinia, too, will soon be opened. As to Africa, it is simply criss-crossed with Christian missions from Tunis to Cape Town and from the French Senegal to the Portuguese East African coast. On the mighty Congo the missionaries are simply the fathers of their people. Should a hippo or elephant devastate their pitiful little crops, or lion or leopard carry off their children, out goes the missionary, express rifle in hand, to lay the monster low. And gradually the wattle and daub churches are giving place to more substantial structures, as in the case of the remarkable cathedral at Mengo, in Uganda, which was opened recently with an offertory that was quite unique, including, as it did, thirteen cows, fourteen goats, 125 eggs, 130 fowls and 75,000 cowrie shells.

BETTER PAY FOR PREACHERS.

We are in hearty sympathy with the work the Expositor is doing to try and arouse the people to the necessity of paying their preachers more on account of the increase in the cost of living. With them, we want more preachers to get larger salaries. We want them to get an increase now—before Christmas, if possible. Many churches can be induced to pay more than they are now paying. It may be true that the financial situation in your church is as dry as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision, but the bones can be made to live if the right word is spoken over them. You are the one to speak the message.

Preach a regular sermon once a quarter, or at least once in six months, on the relation of money to the progress of Christ's kingdom. Lack of definite, reasoned, unimpassioned teaching on the subject of liberality accounts, largely, for low salaries and inadequate support of benevolences. Do not take a collection at the close of a sermon on liberality. You can disarm criticism completely by not making a special appeal for money at the close of such a sermon. Be good-naturedly frank. Don't apologize. Don't complain. Don't s-s-o-l-d. Be patiently and intelligently persistent. Where there has not been systematic instruction it will be necessary to wait a little for results. Praise the people for what they have done. There is always somebody in every congregation who is entitled to commendation. Those who do not deserve it will be provoked to better works by hearing others praised. Give reasons. Quote Scripture. Illustrate freely. Have faith in the people. Respect their intelligence and motives. Tell them plainly but kindly just what ought to be done. Expect them to do the heroic, and they will do it.

We certainly rejoice with the preachers over the awakening of interest in this subject of better pay, which so vitally affects the home life of the parsonage. It means untold relief for the preacher's wife, and added power for the preacher himself. But the campaign has only started.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

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

WHEN NECESSITY REQUIRES.

Every Christian, who has walked the good way a considerable number of years, ought to have learned well the lesson that God always comes to the rescue and relief of His children when the necessity of their condition requires His aid. But as a fact, there are many Christians who allow their fears to efface that lesson at the very time that they most need it right before them. They do know that God has delivered them out of the grip of certain troubles, that He has supplied their wants in the hour of a pressing necessity; but another sort of necessity presently arises, and they are afraid that God will not come to their relief in due season. They are much like the Israelites when they approached the Red Sea. Those people had been marvelously helped by God many a time previously, and they had no reason for fearing that He would not rescue them from the power of their enemy then; yet they were in a frenzy of fear, and wished themselves back into their old places in Egypt. How foolishly they acted. But the trusting Moses was joyfully calm and radiantly expectant.

He knew that just when it was necessary for God to open a way for the people to walk through that sea, He would do it, and they would have plenty of time to get out of the reach of the advancing foe. We may believe that Moses did not want God to make a path through the sea a day before the time to use it, nor would he have God aumor the fears of the faithless people by making a pathway through the deep waters even half a day in advance of their necessity in walking in it. The enemy in their rear would not be allowed by God to touch one of them.

In view of such a mighty lesson, why should any of us become faint and altering in the hour of a necessitous condition? Our financial condition may presently be serious, but that should not alarm us. If we really need more money for the necessities of life, and can now see no way of obtaining it, let us confidently expect that God will somehow give us the right aid. Get into the habit of trusting God to supply your wants whenever necessity requires it.

FREE DENTAL SERVICE.

There was recently instituted in the German city of Freiburg a school dental clinic, the operations of which are described as follows:

The dentist at the head of this school clinic examines all the children of the city, both in their homes and in the public schools. A report on such examinations is sent to the parents, who are asked to send their children to the school dental clinic for free treatment.

Those children having ten or more poor teeth are treated first, an exception being made in the higher classes where those with only slight defects are to be treated, so that they will leave the public schools with sound teeth. After these worst cases have been attended to, all other children with defective teeth are to be treated, the younger ones given preference. The treatment of the teeth includes extraction, filling, crowning, etc.

There is no actual instruction in dental hygiene, but at the opening of the dental clinic the teachers explain its objects and workings to the children. The tooth-report card contains on the reverse side instructions as to the care of the teeth.

We do not advocate such a system here, as it smacks too much of paternalism, but we do think parents ought to pay more attention to the care of their children's teeth, and when necessary put them under the care of competent dentists.



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## THE STATUS OF HOME MISSIONS.

It must be gratifying to those who are specially charged with the home mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention to see the steady growth of sentiment in favor of this work. A number of our strongest men, such as President Mullins, seem to have given the whole subject a new and profounder study, and from a larger knowledge to have reached a conviction that the work is of far greater importance than has been accorded it. This sentiment is growing among all thoughtful men. The presence of this sentiment was felt in the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond. It was frequently expressed in private conversations, rang out in speeches on the floor, and found emphasis in the action of the convention, which fixed the figures for it at \$500,000 the present convention year, an advance of 50 per cent. over last year. Before the broad and comprehensive plans of the Home Board and the success of the work, criticism has given way and intelligent interest and hearty co-operation are taking the place of indifference. When the present financial flurry struck the country there had been a gain of something like 60 per cent in receipts over the same period last year. Of course, it will require heroic work on the part of pastors and others to prevent present conditions from being turned into calamity to the work.

The growth of sentiment for home missions is not greater than the growth of need and the demands upon the board throughout the South. Cities continue to grow, foreigners to flow in, the west to fill up. The very success of the home mission work creates new demands. The evangelistic work, for instance, which is accomplishing such blessed results, makes new demands for meeting houses. We learn from reliable sources that there were never so many requests for help to build houses of worship for homeless churches as there are this fall. Few things surely can come closer to the hearts of Baptist churches which enjoy good buildings of their own than these appeals for a little help from churches of Christ without shelter. These churches only ask the denomination at large to help them bear the burden of building and not to relieve them of it, be it remembered.

Alabama, with her 167,000 Baptists, ought to extend a generous hand to this work on behalf of Louisiana with her 48,000, Florida with her 33,000, Oklahoma with her 50,000, and endeavor to have some worthy part in lifting the black cloud of superstition and sin from the fair land of Cuba. We should not set any lower standard certainly than the convention has set, which is two dollars for each one given last year. Let us think on these things and get our people to thinking in order to be able to report our part of the work accomplished when the books close with April.

### Good Stories From the Ladies' Home Journal.

The Ladies' Home Journal is one of the most popular magazines in the country, and one of the most popular departments which it has ever run was that devoted to the good stories, the bright jokes and the sparkling anecdotes which its readers in every nook and cranny of the United States—in busy and up-to-date New York, as well as in keen Kansas—have heard and sent in to the editors. Thus the magazine has procured the cream of the living humor of the American people. By a special arrangement with the publishers, the present attractive little volume includes the very cream of that cream. We heartily prescribe it for the blues. Illuminated boards, 50c.; Ooze calf, boxed, \$1. Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Will not those of our friends who are still in arrears for their current subscription to The Alabama Baptist kindly remit the amount due as soon as they read this request? In this time of financial stringency we shall greatly appreciate a prompt response.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"Eloquence" is sometimes sadly chilled by coming into contact with cold facts. For ages the sophomores have been spouting what they called the last words of the great William Pitt: "Roll up the map of Europe!" And now comes Lord Rosebery, in his "Life of the Great Commoner," and tells us that Pitt's last words were: "I wish I could have one of Bellamy's meat pies."

This recalls the professor of rhetoric in one of our Southern institutions of learning. He tells us of an ambitious student who landed in a composition containing the following sentence (?): "This is the fountain that wields the red-hot bolt of Jupiter, which obscures in eternal night the principles of liberty which the American eagle, in his lofty flight, has planted."

Criticism of the "slashing" order sometimes runs to seed. In his very amusing "Literary Life of Thingum Bob, Esq.," Poe satirizes the ignorant editor of a critical magazine, who was always on the watch for something to mangle. A correspondent who knew the bent and suspected the ignorance of the editor copied and sent in, as an original poem, Milton's magnificent "Hymn to Light." Upon this the editor comments thus: "A wretched poetaster is silly enough to fancy that we will print and pay for a medley of incoherent and ungrammatical bombast which he has transmitted to us, and which commences with the following most intelligible line: 'Hail, Holy Light! Offspring of Heaven first born!'"

"Will this author be kind enough to tell us how 'hail' can be holy light?" We always regarded it as frozen rain. \* \* \* But it is preposterous to descant upon such absurdity."

The "Free Religionists," with all the ability and culture of Rev. Minot J. Savage to lead them, do not find it easy to evolve anything new under the sun. One of the ablest and by far the most scholarly of the tribe was once asked the question: "Do you think that the authority of the prophets and the Apostles is open to question?" And the reply came like a flash: "I hold that everything is open to question." This did sound rather novel to our ears when we heard the colloquy, but Abraham Tucker, whom a great English author characterizes as "that most ingenious and suggestive of all English metaphysicians," is quoted as saying long ago: "Well persuaded as I am that two and two make four, if I were to meet with a person of credit, candor and understanding, who should sincerely call it in question, I would give him a hearing, for I am not more certain of that than of the whole being greater than a part. And yet I could myself suggest some considerations that might seem to controvert this point." And again: So far as "liberality" is concerned, who are more liberal than the "Broad Church" people, who seem to fellowship everybody but the devil, and to doubt whether there is any devil.

If you have ever given much attention to the question of "originality versus plagiarism," you may find it worth your while to note the colloquy between Mr. Squills, the surgeon, and Mr. Caxton, the scholar, on the question: "How does man re-create himself?" Mr. Caxton said, "By knowledge." "By the physical conditions of his body," said the surgeon. "He could not have made himself other than he was at first \* \* \* if he had fins like a fish, or could only chatter gibberish like a monkey. Hands and a tongue, sir; these are the instruments of progress." Mr. Caxton: "Mr. Squills, Anaxagoras said very much the same thing before you, touching the hands." Squills: "I can't help that; one could not open one's lips if one were bound to say what nobody else had said. But after all, our superiority is less in our hands than in the greatness of our thumbs." Mr. Caxton: "Albinus de Sceleto and our own learned Sir William Lawrence have made a similar remark."

"Hang it, sir!" exclaimed the surgeon, "what business have you to know everything!"

It is extremely difficult to act fairly or to feel justly towards one whom you cordially hate. The Jewish Sanhedrim went through the farce of arraigning Jesus on the charge of blasphemy; but it is perfectly patent upon the surface of our records that this was not their real grievance against Him. Nor were His pretensions to royalty the ground of their grievance. Jesus had never been a political agitator. He had preached no political sermons. He had, with stern rebuke, refused to take cognizance of a civil case about an inheritance, saying that it was none of His business to divide estates. He said that a hundred thousand angels waited upon His call to defend Him, and yet He never issued that call; and, when attacked, He would flee clean out of the land rather than fight. If His pretensions to royalty had been sustained by a show of force, which would have been formidable to their Roman masters and oppressors, then a King of the house and lineage of David would have been highly acceptable, especially to the Pharisaic party, who were so bitter against Him. They did charge Him with claiming to be a King, but the charge was made because they hoped it would be effective with the Roman governor—a wily politician, anxious to keep his place under the jealous Tiberius. Their real grievance was that Jesus would not be a King in any sense intelligible to them. Claiming royalty, He was living the life of a wandering peasant, and continually criticising their teachings and their conduct. They would have been delighted to have a real king, who would re-establish the house and kingdom of David, drive out the Romans, and restore the long-lost glory of Israel. But for a rival teacher, who was always pointing out their errors, exposing their weakness and casting contempt upon their character, they could have no feeling but scornful malignity. They were really in the plight of the hard-pressed lawyer, who wrote upon his brief: "No case—abuse the other side." They were in a rage against the prisoner because He would not do the very thing they charged Him with doing. Hatred is the prolific mother of injustice. J. C. HIDDEN.

Idlewild, Birmingham, Ala.

## AND NOW FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(S. J. Porter.)

In this Centennial Year many reasons for profound gratification are discovered to one who watches with loving interest the evidences of progress among Alabama Baptists. What a great host they are, and how keenly alive they are to the call of their opportunity! Surely they will make this hundredth year of their history the fitting crown of glory to the century of toil, struggle and triumph.

Among the achievements of this year the cause of Foreign Missions is destined to hold a high place, if one may judge by the earnest tone of the many letters received at the mission rooms from pastors and others in Alabama during the last few months. We are fondly hoping that the next few weeks may be made a great Foreign Mission campaign. May it be a time when there shall be opened deeper springs of missionary liberality than have ever before been seen to flow, and may it be the time when many a noble young life shall be consecrated to the world-wide mission work.

Up to this time the receipts for Foreign Missions have not been large, but we have waited patiently and prayed believingly. Trusting God and His people, we have appointed and sent to their fields since the 1st of May 25 new missionaries—noble men and women. And still the cry comes for reinforcements. It is a cry which must not go unheeded, for it is the cry of distress—the cry of hunger, the cry of the dying.

As December has been set apart for making offerings to Foreign Missions, let every pastor and every church strive to make this last month of the year memorable by increasing the gifts to this object. Let Alabama Baptists send in a great Christmas gift to the Lord—a gift that will be worthy of their loyalty and devotion to His cause.

Richmond, Va.



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### A SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Of much promise was a Sunday school institute held in Greenville on December 3rd and 4th, for it was a public benefactor, by means of which an immeasurable amount of good towards cultivating new vigor in religious affairs must follow as a result, and Mrs. Mary F. Bryner, the drawing power on the program, deserves extended notice. By her skill, magnetism and a charming grace of manner, she captivated all, not so much by what—but by how—her work was done, for to her proficiency in Sunday school work we are indebted for much. "There's many a crown for who can reach," and she has certainly attained a glittering height in the development of a Sunday school worker. "A woman without religion is a flame without heat." Mrs. Bryner is not a little feminine defense, but as a brain-and-heart woman in her profession she has proved equal to the contest, for she triumphs with that weapon of honor—work. In the great conquest which she is engaged in she possesses, too, the secret of success—the heart in the professions, and her heart teaching, with "liquid melody of speech like a river of song," cannot but stir other hearts, as all who hear her must experience uplifting aspirations and feel a sympathetic thrill of admiration. Those were bright hours spent in her presence, and her auditors each time were carried out of themselves and were sent home with a blessing.

"He who goes through a land scattering blown roses may be tracked next day by the withered petals that strew the ground; but he who goes through a land scattering rose-seed, a hundred years after leaves behind him a land full of fragrance for his monument."

The enthusiasm that Mrs. Bryner puts into her work "gives the heart and soul a stir-up," and it is not breaking the "law of too fast" to say that it suggests the fascinating strain an onlooker experiences in a game of football. Now we find no cause to alter the opinion of those who seem to glory in blood and thunder tales about football, being persuaded that even nowadays there are things infinitely better, yet a "football run," as we call it, is one of the most stirring sights to be witnessed, and might be rarely employed to illustrate the Christian's try for goal—gold! "For gold, the true sort—gold in heaven, if you will." On a bright autumn day out in the open teams appear; the mountain boys, of small stature, are clothed in violet-hued garments; the big, burly frames of the other team are clad in crimson, and their very powerfulness astounds and delights. One of the mountain boys, with "youth and all its bounding rapture," takes the ball, and in a masterful way, in a fiery race, avoids the great fellows like so many red-coated demons in their interference, while the thronging crowd rises with a roar to watch the exciting run. Such a race is especially interesting and suggestive to the Sunday school worker, full of life and ambition, as he presses toward the mark for the prize; and how like the demon of darkness that roaring lion who would interfere with the Christian's race! "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?" So run, Sunday school worker, that ye may obtain an incorruptible crown; and "seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and run with patience the race that is set before us."

KATE McMULLEN.

### FROM CALERA.

Dear Brother Barnett:

I had a glorious day in Calera yesterday, the first Sunday in December. We had five additions to our church and a good service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. I am delighted with my work here. I find the church loyal to all our denominational work, and they pay cash; they do not ask for credit, and I am informed that for seven or eight years their pastor has never had to say one word about his salary. The church has a man elected to receive and receipt for all moneys, and yesterday he made his report, showing all moneys received and all disbursements, and his books balanced to a penny. This brother further stated that he did not have to ask the members for a dollar, but that they came forward and paid regularly.

The town of Calera has been unfortunate in being cursed with saloons, but on the 4th of November, 1907, the people voted them out five to one in this beat and almost unanimously in the county. So when the people have occasion to stop in our depot after January 1, 1908, they will not be humiliated by having to look into a saloon. These dens have in the past given our town a bad name. Many who never saw the town nor even the streets on which our churches are built, formed a bad impression of us from seeing the uninviting portion around the depot and the saloons. We have brave and determined little churches, and they are one in purpose and are guided by the Spirit of God. I feel confident that there is a bright future for us. I do not know whether or not the church ever had a resident pastor, hence there is much work for the pastor, and I most earnestly beg to be remembered in the prayers of my brethren in this glorious work; and permit me to say that I am glad in my heart that the Lord has opened the way by and through which I can consecrate my life to His service in the work of a pastor. Yours fraternally,

S. M. ADAMS.

### BROTHER CALVIN POWELL.

"An angel form walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best-loved things away, and then we call them dead."

On November 17, 1907, this "silent angel" visited the home of our brother, Calvin Powell, and said: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee," then bore his spirit away to mansions prepared for the blest.

Brother Powell was born November 15, 1835, in Butler county, Alabama. He united with Friendship Baptist church, Pineapple, Ala., in the summer of 1868, and was baptized by Elder J. E. Bell, the pastor of the church at that time. He married Miss Laura Compton in 1856, with whom he lived happily for fifty-one years. To them were born eleven children, nine of whom are living. To these and his faithful wife, many friends and Christian brethren who mourn his loss, we would say, "Sorrow not as those who have no hope."

He was a Christian, true and faithful, quiet and modest; a man of positive convictions and courage to act in all the walks of life. Our loss is his gain, and with humble submission we say, "Thy will be done."

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Of all fevers and of pain—  
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'Tis true you had to say good-bye;  
'Tis true it brought a tear and sigh  
To part with Annie here below,  
And her on earth no more to know;  
But if to God you'll faithful be,  
Your dear in heaven you shall see.  
A FRIEND.

We greatly regret that Dr. W. O. Carver and family are suffering from polson, which they partook of in some food at their stopping place in Switzerland. This gave Dr. Carver a serious backset, when he was expecting soon to be quite well again. We are glad to know that the family are all improving, and that he is steadily getting better.—Christian Index.

Senator Carmack says: "The saloon has sinned away its day of grace. It has refused to be reformed. It must, therefore, be destroyed."

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Probate Court. November 15, 1907.  
Estate of William F. Killough, Minor.  
This day came Bettie Bryant, guardian of the estate of William F. Killough, minor, and filed her application in writing and under oath, praying for the sale of certain lands described therein, belonging to the estate of said minor, for his support, maintenance and education, in a manner suitable to his condition and prospects in life.  
And whereas, the 12th day of December, 1907, has been set as a day for hearing said application and the testimony to be submitted in support of same, it is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing same, be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this county.  
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Whereas, God has permitted the angel of death to enter the home of Brother J. B. Byrd and pluck from that home the precious babe, be it

Resolved by the ministerial class of Howard College:

1. That we hereby express our sincere sympathy for Brother Byrd and wife, and also commend them to our loving Father, who has said, "As many as I love do I rebuke and chasten," and to our blessed Saviour, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

2. That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Brother Byrd and wife and a copy sent to The Alabama Baptist for publication, and a copy spread upon the class minutes.

B. S. VAUGHAN, President.  
 W. K. E. JAMES, Secretary.

Whereas, God in His divine providence has seen fit to remove from us our dear sister and co-worker, Mrs. George Baker, be it

Resolved, first, That in her death our Missionary and Willing Workers' Society has sustained a loss irreparable. She will be sadly missed in our Sunday school and church work, where she labored with such faithfulness and untiring zeal.

Second, That we extend to her bereaved husband, sister and brother our heart-felt sympathy.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Siftings, The Alabama Baptist, and be spread on the minutes, and a copy be furnished the bereaved family.

Officers: Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Mrs. George Cotton, Mrs. George Malone, Mrs. H. Blount, Mrs. Florence Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Kemp.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We have read a number of summaries of the President's message, but the Journal and Messenger gives the best one:

The President's message covers the general policy of the administration, and is consistent with his public addresses during the past summer. It contains little that is new, for the reason that he had taken the people so fully into his confidence during the progress in events. It is rather a long review and summary of the work of the year and the well-known policy of the administration. It emphasizes the need of unflinching perseverance in the war against successful dishonesty. It calls attention to the fact that a few years ago it was charged that the law could not be enforced against wealthy offenders. "There is no such complaint now." He shows that the department of justice has prosecuted rich and poor alike. The message carries all the way through the ideas of justice to all alike, and truth and righteousness. He points out that two great evils in the execution of our criminal laws are sentimentality and technicality. The former is seen in the unwillingness of the people to see criminals punished, and in the apologies for crime. The latter should be corrected by legislation, making our methods more simple and less technical.

In treating of the recent business crisis, he says that no legislation can possibly guarantee the country against the results of speculative folly. But he would have all possible protection by this means. He points out that the institutions which failed were not those under the supervision of the federal government. He urges currency revision, but presents no specific plan, leaving this to congress. He devotes considerable space to the subject of control of interstate commerce, and would take no backward steps. He urges that prevention is better than punishment. He shows the importance of maintaining the position of the American farmer, the highest type of citizen. He would rouse the nation to the need of preserving our forests, and even of buying waste land for reforestation; and he also urges the need of guarding our minerals. A considerable portion of the message is given to the need of revising our land laws immediately. He advocates the strengthening of the army and navy as a means of preserving peace, and the fortification of our harbors; and treats of foreign relations, which are in the main very satisfactory. These are by no means the only subjects covered, but others have been pretty fully discussed, and the message expresses the well-known views of the President. It is a healthful message, such as the country has learned to expect from Mr. Roosevelt, and will have a decided influence on public opinion, if not on legislation.

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