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SEND IN BACK DUES AND RENEWAL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

See the Label.

Christmas is nearly here and soon the paper will bear the 1908 date and yet many good men and women who are abundantly able to pay their back dues have failed to do it, and thereby made it hard on us for the heavy expenses of conducting a religious paper pile up week by week. They must be met, and the only resources out of which they can be provided are in receipts for subscriptions and advertising. Look now at the little label on the first page and send us the amount which its figures suggest. It is a small matter to you to do this. To neglect it will be a source of embarrassment to friends who love you dearly and are trying honestly to serve you. The best time to send your renewal is right now before you forget it, and while you have the money. Don't wait until Christmas; you may be broke. Send it right along.

We hardly deem it necessary to beg our readers not to forget the Orphans' home during the coming week, for we are sure that pastors, Sunday school superintendents and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies will see that the fatherless and motherless little ones are well provided for.

Christmas! The day of days in the children's calendar! They claim it as their own, and yet it is not wholly theirs. The Christmas spirit reaches and touches even the most world worn hearts, and under its gentle influence they grow tenderer to loved ones and warmer to all mankind.

We are under obligation to evangelize the world because all are in need of Christ. Evangelization does not mean the conversion of the entire world, but giving all an opportunity to learn of Christ. Though there may be apparent difficulties, we must believe that God will remove them if we are faithful to him.

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Because the Alabama Baptist is pre-eminently a paper for the whole family, it is especially well adapted for a Christmas Gift. Throughout the year it bears its message of good will and affection, and the instruction and entertainment which it gives not only the recipient but also every member of his family vivifies and increases his natural pleasure in the gift of a friend. In renewing your own subscription, add \$1.00 and have the paper sent also to some friend who is without it. If you will send the order now, we will add to your gift our special Christmas present.



I bring you
good tidings, Unto
you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.

Luke II. 10, 11.

SEND IN BACK DUES AND RENEWAL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Do It Now.

If you have paid up to Jan. 1st, and want your paper stopped, please drop us a postal card.

If your time expires Jan. 1st and you haven't paid up and want your paper stopped, send us what you owe and we will stop it.

If you have paid up to Jan. 1st and want the paper to come on during 1908, you needn't write us, as we will take pleasure in continuing to send it and let you pay for it some time during the year.

If you are able to pay for your paper in advance, you will help us greatly by sending in \$2.00 as early as possible.

We need \$5,000 on Jan. 1st. Our subscribers owe it to us. If you are in arrears we beg you to make a special effort to pay what you owe. If you can't pay all send a part and let's start 1908 on a new basis.

In making out your schedule of expenses don't forget to set aside the amount you promised on your pastor's salary and be sure that he gets it at once, as he will need some cash for Christmas expenses.

We note with great pleasure that some of the country preachers are sending in their subscriptions in advance for 1908. They are setting the pace for the city brethren. Take them all and all we wouldn't swap our preacher constituency with any editor in the land—our heart is truly grateful for the many kindnesses we have received during our six years as editor at the hands of the Baptist ministers of Alabama.

It is often said that preachers' children are the worst. This may or may not be true, but it is a fact that generally they are quite numerous, and we all know that they are just like other children in wanting to have a lot of toys and good things about Christmas time, and they ought to have them.

ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ANY CHRISTMAS GIFTS THIS YEAR?

IF SO, WE OFFER YOU A CHEAP AND EASY WAY TO SOLVE THE QUESTION.

IT ONLY MEANS A LITTLE PLEASANT SOLICITING AMONG YOUR FRIENDS DURING THE COMING WEEK.

WE WANT TO PUT ON 1,000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS BY JANUARY 1. TO DO THIS, WE MAKE THIS APPEAL TO PASTORS, SUBSCRIBERS AND READERS OF THE PAPER.

FOR \$2.00 CASH WE WILL SEND PAPER TO JANUARY, '08;

OR, FOR \$1.00 CASH WE WILL SEND PAPER TO JULY, '08, AND WE WILL SEND A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE NEW SUBSCRIBER, AS WELL AS TO THE PERSON SENDING IN THE SUBSCRIPTION. THIS GIVES ANYONE A CHANCE TO GIVE US AN XMAS PRESENT, GIVE A FRIEND AN XMAS PRESENT, AND GET AN XMAS PRESENT.

ALL IT TAKES IS JUST A LITTLE WORK. CATCH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS AND GET OUT AMONG YOUR FRIENDS AND SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO GET SUBSCRIBERS.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

THE MERITS OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

At the request of the president of the college and with a desire to further the cause of my Alma Mater, I give the following meritorious features of Howard college, which make their just appeal for the Baptist boys of the state. I believe that every Baptist boy in Alabama who goes to college should attend Howard. These reasons why:

1. The faculty is equal to any in the state and rank among the best educators of the south. All of them have had special training for their work above and beyond their college and university degrees. They are not only well educated, cultured men, thoroughly qualified for the sanest and safest work, but they are consecrated, Christian gentlemen, always leaving an impression of morality and religious zeal upon the student body.

2. The moral atmosphere and the discipline are the very best. A boy never returns home the same as when he left, but is himself plus the things he has learned and imbibed. At Howard the Bible is taught, chapel exercises are held with scripture reading, song and prayer. Religious societies are encouraged, a ministerial class meeting is held weekly, lectures are delivered on Christian ethics, thanks are returned at the tables before meals and in every way the atmosphere is made decidedly religious, and with the splendid addresses of the president, made markedly Baptist. It is worth something for a boy to spend three or four years amid such surroundings. The value to his character is inestimable.

3. The students of Howard rank first in every profession. When the writer was a student at the seminary at Louisville it was discovered that the students from Howard stood better than almost any other college, due altogether to the thorough training received. A glance over the Alumni proves their standing in professional and business life. D. G. Lyon, professor Semitic languages, Howard university; John R. Sampey, L.L. D., professor Hebrew and Old Testament interpretation, seminary, Louisville; J. B. Hawthorne, L.L. D., prince of Virginia preachers; John R. Tyson, the able, talented chief justice supreme court of Alabama; C. A. Thigpen, specialist for eye, ear and throat, Montgomery; John T. Moore, Jr., author and poet, are only a few. They abound in every walk of life. Why should not your boy have the same advantages as these? He possibly has more native ability and will be a greater blessing to the world. If so, Howard is the place for him.

4. There is an unsurpassed earnestness and diligence in the student body. When I was a student there I well remember my impression upon entering. I thought I would have little difficulty in leading all my classes, having done so back at home. But three months' stay taught me that leadership and honors were won only by hard and laborious effort. The orderliness of a class or honors at the close of the session are worth something, for they must be won over the efforts of the brightest, most industrious boys of the state. The effort is to prepare for life, and little time is lost. Something inspires every one to try to win, and that ambition alone is worth a course there.

5. The work the college does for fifty or seventy-five young preachers each year is a commendable feature of the work. These young men will fill pulpits in Alabama, other states and in foreign lands. The college gives them free tuition. Thus it becomes a question of reciprocity to the Baptists of Alabama. Your sending your boy and paying his tuition not only gives him Howard's advantages, but probably enables the college to educate your future pastor or a Baptist missionary of world wide renown.

6. Again, the investment is Baptist money and makes a claim for Baptist patronage. The state schools have had thousands of dollars given to them, and in order to compete Howard must be put on the same financial basis. This can and will be done by crowding her halls and dormitories with boys and giving an endowment that will permit enlargement as well as reduced expenses.

Baptists need a conviction that there is a big place for a Baptist college in our denominational life, and

Alabama Baptists need the conviction that Howard is the college and my boy is the boy going there. Howard stands second to none, needs not to apologize for its finished product, nor beg for alms. It does, however, demand a liberal patronage of Baptist boys and is worthy of large donations to its support and enlargement.

One word as to President Montague: He is the right man in the right place. His wise leadership, mighty enthusiasm, splendid personality, eloquent voice, facile pen and persistent effort have lifted the college from a day of doubt and uncertainty to the noonday brightness of an ever enlarging career. Mothers, send your boys to Howard and let them catch the enthusiasm and inspiration from president and faculty and have Howard's splendid advantages given to them.

J. W. O'HARA.

Montgomery, November 28, 1907.

THE FLINT RIVER BRETHREN.

We published last week a series of resolutions passed by the Flint River Baptist church with reference to the proposed celebration of a century of Baptist history in Alabama. The Flint River brethren do not seem to feel very kindly towards us in this matter. Indeed, they speak in such terms that we are sure they themselves will regret, and, on the second thought, be glad to retract. The truth is, that this Centennial ought to make the several sects of the Baptists realize their kinship and fruit in something of good and helpful fellowship between them. A hundred years ago the Baptists were just Baptists, without feeling any need to further define their station in the kingdom of Christ. From this old Baptist stem has come during the century the Primitive Baptists, the Missionary Baptists (white) and the Missionary Baptists (colored), besides others; and they may well unite in this celebration of their beginnings in this State. Where on earth the Flint River brethren could have gotten the notion that this movement was an effort to "rob them of their name, and was a willful, malicious and premeditated move to deceive the rising generation," is beyond our ken. On the contrary, it is a movement to bring out just what has been the truth of history about the Flint River and all other churches for the benefit of the coming generation in all the churches. The Flint River brethren seem to have had a spell of indignation as unwarranted as that which infected the disciples when Mary anointed the Lord's feet; but it is apostolic to have indignation within one's self, and the brethren exercise their right in that regard according to their own liking. But it would seem that the brethren have proven that the Flint River church was originally in fellowship with the regular Baptist life, otherwise there would have been no occasion for them to have formally withdrawn their fellowship from the Missionary Baptists in July, 1842, as their records are said to show.

But let us not get this movement wrong. It is not a movement to celebrate the Centennial of the Flint River church, for it may be that there is not much in the hundred years' history of that church worth the trouble of celebrating. It is a hundred years of Baptist experience which we are going to celebrate, and a very small part of that experience is to be found in the Flint River church. Will not some one who is in position to have access to the data write up the history of the Flint River church, and let us see what God has wrought by her during the century? Will not others within reach of the data do the same for the other churches of the State?

Since this matter of the relations of the Primitive and the Missionary Baptists has come up, there are several things which ought to be said about it. We are now sufficiently removed from the heat of the controversy to consider the issue involved with a calmness and freedom from prejudice and factional feeling to do some good to both parties to the unfortunate division, and adjust their lives in relations which will prove mutually helpful. As in every such controversy in Baptist history, it will be found that both parties are prone to give too much place to passion and prejudice. It seems that any reader of that

excellent history of Holcomb, written in the heat of the controversy, will see that he does scant justice to the brethren on the other side; nor indeed could he have done otherwise under the conditions then prevailing. It is equally clear that the other side were as unfair to the Missionary brethren. We had not yet learned how to conduct ourselves in our differences so as to keep down injurious schism to the body of Christ. We still believed that we could best settle our differences by quarrelling over them. Yet nothing is more clearly shown by our experience and by the Scriptures than the opposite. We settle differences by outgrowing them in the ongoing process of life. If this review of a century of Baptist controversy shall only result in proving its utter futility and injurious effect on all concerned, it will be a blessing for the future worth almost any price. May the next century of our history be as marked for the spirit of co-operation and harmony as the last has been for contention and controversy. And this should be the natural result of the experience we have had, since all history shows that co-operation and harmony is usually attained by struggle and strife. That war is the price of peace is a truth abundantly attested in human experience. So we have hope that a review of this century of controversy from this distance will not in any wise tend to reopen the old sores, but, on the contrary, will but the more heal over the scars. Let the Centennial Movement proceed!

DEATH OF MRS. J. E. DUNAWAY.

At her home in Orrville last Sunday morning occurred the death of Mrs. Pink Ellis Dunaway, wife of J. E. Dunaway, of that place. For several weeks Mrs. Dunaway has been critically ill, but for the past few days it was thought that she had been improving, and her many friends and her relatives were hopeful of her recovery. Monday afternoon a change for the worse set in and the end came Sunday morning about 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Dunaway was the second daughter of Colonel and Mrs. B. F. Ellis and a sister of J. B. Ellis, of Selma, and of Mrs. R. L. Sutton. She was married to J. E. Dunaway about fourteen years ago and leaves four children, besides her husband and relatives.

She was a zealous member of the Baptist church and possessed all of those womanly characteristics that makes an ideal wife and mother.

The remains were carried to Selma on the Louisville and Nashville train from Orrville and the funeral took place immediately upon the arrival of the train. The remains were interred in the family plot in Live Oak cemetery.

"ASSETS."

There is a young fellow in Pittsburg who will undoubtedly "get along," although, as yet, he has not succeeded in amassing vast wealth. In fact, he receives a weekly wage of \$15. He is, however, an extremely good-looking and entertaining young man, and not long ago succeeded in making such an impression upon the daughter of a well-to-do manufacturer that it was decided between them that he "should ask papa." This he proceeded to do, and, to his surprise, was received not unkindly.

"Well, let's see, my boy," the old man remarked, pushing up his glasses. "What is your annual income?"

"Well, sir, I should estimate it at \$2,000," the young man replied.

"Well—not so bad, not so bad," the old man said. "That added to her interest at 4 per cent. on the \$50,000 I have always said I would settle upon Mary at her marriage would give you \$4,000. You should be able to get along."

"Well, sir, to tell the truth," the young man interrupted, "I took the liberty of figuring that interest into my estimate."—Harper's Weekly.

Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Miller request the honor of your presence at the twentieth anniversary of their marriage Friday, December 20, 1907, from 8 to 11.

By John H. Carson, D. D.

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."—
John 1:14.

It is an eastern story—whether fact or fable it matters not—which tells of a dying ruler who sent a message to his people announcing that his son would succeed him on the throne, and asking on his behalf their loyal allegiance. This they readily promised, and afterwards, gladly gave, for they found that the rule of the new king was beneficent and gracious. All the influences that streamed forth from the royal palace worked for the weal of the people. All marvelled at the king's knowledge of their condition and needs and wondered how it was that he understood them so well. A deep love for their new king moved all the people, and a great longing to see him took possession of them. They went one day to the palace gate and said: "Let the king suffer us to see his face." The king came forth in his royal robes, and when the people saw him they rejoiced and cried: "We know thy face." While a prince, he had moved incognito among the people. He had walked so often with them as their friend and had shown such love and kindness to all that he won their hearts. Now, when they saw him in the palace, his kingly robes did not disguise him. The king came to the palace gate and they knew him.

The eastern story feebly illustrates a world-wide fact. In the incarnation our King came to the palace gate and let man look upon His face. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth."

God was in this world before the incarnation, ruling in wisdom and love. But the world did not know Him. The light shined in the darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not. Then in one gleaming flash the light broke upon the world's darkness as when, on some still summer night, the lightning flits the sky with its broad, swift blaze. "Round the cape of a sudden comes the sun." There it is—there it glows; at a glance we have taken it all in. In one event the Light breaks upon the world. Christ is born. Heaven breaks into song, the night shivers over wondering shepherds. Men tingle to their last drop of blood over the splendor of the new Reality, the earth throbs with a new joy and every fiber of human nature quivers under the thrill. The King has come to His palace gate and men look upon His face. That is what the incarnation means—God's answer to man's imperious cry: "Let us see the King."

The manger-cradle of Bethlehem holds the thought and reverence and hope of humanity. The One Birthday which the nations and the ages celebrate is the birthday of Jesus—name about which center the fondest thoughts and the brightest hopes of humanity.

"Sweetest name on mortal tongue,

Sweetest note in Seraph's song,

Sweetest carol ever sung,

Jesus, blessed Jesus!"

—The Baptist Commonwealth.

CHRISTMAS DON'TS.

(Orison Swett Marden in "Success Magazine.")

Don't leave the cost mark on presents.

Don't let money dominate your Christmas giving.

Don't let Christmas giving deteriorate into a trade.

Don't embarrass yourself by giving more than you can afford.

Don't try to pay debts or return obligations in your Christmas giving.

Don't give because others expect you to. Give because you love to. If you can not send your heart with the gift, keep the gift.

Don't wait until the last minute to buy your presents and then for lack of time to make proper selections, give what your better judgment condemns.

Don't decide to abstain from giving just because you can not afford expensive presents. The thoughtfulness of your gift, the interest you take in those to whom you give, are the principal things. The intrinsic value of your gift counts very little.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

"Tis the night before Christmas"—
I whisper the rhyme
And wander in fancy
To "once on a time."
I see the big fireplace,
The girls and the boys,
The long, heaped-up stockings,
The drums and the toys.

"Tis the night before Christmas"—
So old and so new!
With all of its dreamings
So good and so true.
I see all the faces
Forgotten so long,
And out of the twilight
There murmurs a song.

"Tis the night before Christmas"—
And here, by my grate,
The past rises, glowing;
The years lose their weight;
The boy days come trooping
At memory's call,
And gleam in the embers
That flicker and fall.

"Tis the night before Christmas"—
Ah, could I but clutch
The gold of my fancies!
'T would go at my touch!
The shouts and the laughter
Now sweet to my ear
Would shrink to a silence
Too deep and too drear.

"Tis the night before Christmas"—
Remembrances stir
As sweet as the cherished
Frankincense, and myrrh,
And, hark! As the visions
Grow dim to the sight,
There comes: "Merry Christmas!
And, boy days, good night!"
—Chicago Tribune.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

We've given our tip to the postman,
The hallboy, the cook and the maid,
The groceryman, iceman and butcher,
(Of course, they all had to be paid).
It seems that we've tipped all creation,
But just at this time of the year,
We're under extreme obligation,
The holiday season is here.

The janitor almost seems willing
To treat you as one of his kind,
So meek and obliging and civil,
It seems he is out of his mind.
The hallboy responds to your greeting,
With words that are laden with cheer,
But beware of the warmth of the meeting,
The holiday season is here.

You find that your heat is adjusted,
You find that the water is hot,
Your protests are given attention
And 'tended to right on the spot;
The cook never makes an objection
If you say that the coffee looks queer,
And the watchman gives extra protection—
The holiday season is here.

Don't mind though the family be starving,
Give up, though the children are cold,
The suit that you wore all last winter
Still is good though it looks rather old.
Don't begrudge the last cent you are giving,
Let a smile on your features appear,
Be content with the fact that you're living,
The holiday season is here. —Puck.



ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Perhaps the oldest sacred idea in existence is of a world tree, a tree of life, whose roots reached into immortality. In the far north the ash tree was typical; in Germany and central Europe the pine was held sacred. Their branches played a prominent part in the rejoicings attendant on the holy season, which was known as Yule, Gule, Iul, and a number of similar names. These people brought the Yule tree into their Christianity, the missionaries little protesting, as a rule. In England the skin-clad Anglo-Saxons were made to hew their yule trees to pieces, as idolatrous symbols, and every good Catholic was bidden to burn the logs in token that the Holy Child had destroyed heathenism.

The converts asked nothing better. At that time of year a yule log was twice as comfortable as a yule branch, and much more conducive to good cheer. It has blazed on the Christmas hearth for more than a thousand yuletides since, and went out only when the hearth itself gave way to less poetic but more effective methods of heating. Many of the superstitions and traditions of the pagan yule tree were continued as long as the Christmas log was alight. In some parts of England the log was represented by a bundle of ash fagots bound together. In all cases a brand was kept every year to light the next year's log with. The careful preservation of the brand was a certain preventive of the destruction of the house by fire.—Evening Post.

A CHRISTMAS WISH.

I have been studying so much of late about our blessed Saviour, about His wonderful birth, his boy life, his three years ministering to suffering humanity, then His shameful mock trial, His crucifixion, burial and glorious resurrection. How can we who believe all this keep silent while the majority of our friends and loved ones are on the broad road to destruction? And my honest conviction is that we who profess to be his followers are not doing our duty. Oh, how many church members you see attending theaters, ball rooms and every other worldly amusement you can think of. Right here is where the trouble lies. The world has no confidence in us; we are not true witnesses; we are afraid to speak our convictions; we hear men blaspheming our dear Lord's name, and we are too cowardly to ask him not to do it. We see the holy Sabbath desecrated week after week and never open our mouths about it. Now I want to ask you in all candor, how can we expect God's blessings upon us when we are treating Jesus worse than old Calaphus and Pilate treated Him. You may say this is a broad assertion, but I can prove it. Calaphus thought Jesus an impostor; Pilate was a Roman and made no pretensions to Christianity. But how different with us who have confessed Him and have been buried with Him in baptism. Ah, it is sad, but it is true. Calaphus and Pilate will be beaten with few stripes, but we will be beaten with many. Christ's prayer on the cross was, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. Can He? and will He offer such a prayer for us? I am afraid not.

Now let us send up all over these United States one long, fervent prayer that God's holy spirit may come in each and every heart that has confessed Jesus, as it did in the heart of Peter, and then may we be as bold as Peter to witness for Christ. Then we will have a Pentecost all over this broad land, and instead of three thousand we will have three million to join the army of the Lord. God grant it may be so. Yours to work,
J. L. TROTMAN.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

I wish you a pleasant Christmas and a prosperous new year. I am so much interested in the orphans' home at Evergreen, let me suggest a plan for every Baptist Sunday school in the state: Have a special service on Thanksgiving or Christmas day and ask the children for an offering, and for several Sundays before the service let the superintendent talk to his school about the needs of the institution, then distribute the envelopes which Brother Stewart will furnish, and it will be a surprise to see how gladly the little fellows, and grown ones, too, will contribute. I hope a number of schools will adopt this plan; give it a trial Christmas day. We have been using Thanksgiving the past three years, and I like it. I believe if every Baptist family in the state would take the Alabama Baptist, Brother Stewart and Brother Crumpton would have less trouble in meeting their obligations. Your friend and brother, G. G. Lawrence.



"When Christmas bills are paid we'll see
The truth shine bright and clear,
And learn why holidays must be
The 'shortest' of the year."

THE GIFT OF HEALING.

A physician who had attended a sick woman, the wife of an immigrant, through an illness that lasted from December into January, in due time sent a bill. Some months later the husband came into the doctor's office.

"Mr. Doctor," he said, "dat bill you zent, he's all right; but one of dem visits you makes mein wife you makes him on Grismas Day. You should make me a present of dat visit."

The doctor said that the request was so original, so different from the more usual ways of asking for a discount, that he did make the man a present of the Christmas visit.

At first it seemed to him that that visit should have been charged for at double rates, for it had taken him away from his Christmas turkey. But the doctor enjoyed the joke and made good use of it.

On every Christmas Day since, when he has been called to a poor patient, he has told the story of the Christmas present visit. Thus he has brought a laugh into the sick room. Then he goes on to explain that the visit he is now making is to be a Christmas present, too. So the doctor has enjoyed his holiday even when he missed his Christmas dinner.

And now she struggles in the crowd
And as she bristles the tray
She vows the same old vow she vowed
One year ago today.
By all the gods she swears once more
That she'll next year remember
To buy her Christmas things before
The middle of December."

MR. DOOLEY ON THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

"Chris'mas comes but wanst a year, an' they ain't anny other time like it. All th' rest iv th' year, fish days an' feast days, holy days an' unholy days, all th' wurul is in a clinch. A gran' rasslin' match is goin' on in ivry corner iv th' civylized wuruld. We're all in a tangle, fightin', quarrellin', robbin', plundhrin' or mardhrin', accordin' to our tastes. I thrust no man. No, I wont' go that far. I'll say I pretind ivry man is honest, an' I believe none iv thim ar-re. In that way I keep me frinds an' save me money. Nobody thrusts me. Down th' stairs, through th' kitchen an' into th' parlor we go, all over th' house, sthrikin' high or low, no holds barred; no blows foul. It's what Hogan calls th' sthuggle fr' existence, an' it'll always go on while there's a dollar in th' wuruld, a woman or a ribbon to wear in our coats. We've frgotten ivrything else but poundin' th' man undher us, or kneelin' th' man on top iv us, whin suddenly we hear a voice: 'Gintlemen, gintlemen, not before th' childher.' An' we get up an' brush th' dust off our clothes an' shake hands, pretindin' it was all fun. Th' kids have come iv."

"That's what Chris'mas is for, Hinnlasy. But fr' that was twinty-four hours, whin there's a white flag up an' th' worst inimy I have or th' worst frind, cud come within stone's throw iv me without fear, we'd die iv exhaustion."

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.



Rev. Dr. William S. Plumer was for years pastor in Richmond, Va., and was later a professor in the Presbyterian Theological seminary at Columbia, S. C. He was a man of brilliant gifts and of extraordinary power in the pulpit. Like Rowland Hill and Charles H. Spurgeon, he did not always restrain his native vein of wit even in his preaching. An old friend and warm admirer of Dr. Plumer tells the following anecdote:

He was once spending his vacation at the Hot Springs in Virginia. The company was large and many fashionable people were there for amusement and for dissipation of various kinds. When Sunday came Dr. Plumer was invited to preach. The ball room was used as an audience room and the devotees of fashion crowded the seats. The preacher opened thus: "It is said that the manner in which these springs were discovered was somewhat peculiar. Two Dutchmen were driving their wagons along this road, and when they came to the spring they stopped, and one of them watched the teams while the other came to the spring to see if the water was fit to drink. Stooping down and applying his lips to the water, he was severely scalded. Rising from his knees and turning to his companion, he cried out in consternation: "Drive on, Hans; hell ish not far from dis place."

The audience roared with laughter, but the preacher was perfectly grave. Waiting a minute till quiet was restored, he drew his grand form up to its full height, and said, in a deep, sonorous voice: "And the Dutchman was right. I have been here for the past week, and the drinking, the gambling, the profanity, the waltzing and every description of worldliness and wickedness that I see here have convinced me that hell is not far from this place." Nobody felt like laughing then.

This last anecdote recalls one about Rowland Hill. Toward the close of his life, when well stricken in years, he rode to his church in a carriage. One Sunday he found on his desk an anonymous note charging him with pride, and saying: "Your Master was meek and rode upon an ass. Why don't you follow His example?" Hill read the note publicly to the congregation, and then said: "If the author of this note will saddle himself I'll ride him home after preaching."

We do not know who is responsible for the following anecdote, but it has a point that is worth noting: When Mr. Lincoln made his visit to General Grant's camp at City Point, Va., in 1864, he was met by the general and his staff, and upon being asked how he was, said: "I am not feeling very well. I got pretty badly shaken up on the bay coming down and am not altogether over it yet." "Let me send for a bottle of champagne for you, Mr. President," said one of the staff officers; "that is the best remedy I know for sea-sickness." "No, no, my young friend," said Mr. Lincoln; "I have seen many a man in my time sea-sick ashore for drinking that very article."

If you call yourself a Baptist and don't know why, is it not time for you to look into the question and find out the meaning of your name?

Brother Crumpton's List.

I have the minutes of the following associations: Alabama, Bethlehem, Birmingham, Cahaba, Clarke County, Coffee County, Columbia, Coosa River, DeKalb County, Etowah, East Liberty, Liberty (North), Marshall, Muscle Shoals, North River, Pine Barren, Selma, Shelby, St. Clair, Tennessee River, Tuskegee, Unity.



The Alabama Baptist for 1908

It aims to be what it has been for many years, the mouthpiece of the Baptists of Alabama, and proposes while featuring our state work as never before to record the significant events occurring in the Christian world; heralding forth the best things to those who rejoice in the progress of the Kingdom of Christ.

It seeks to retain all the good features which have characterized it in the past and to adopt and illustrate all the good things which the experience of these years has proved to be helpful.

A PAPER FOR ALL THE FAMILY

It will emphasize our organized work in a way to enlist more and more workers.

During the Centennial year it will be vigorous in defending the faith once for all delivered to the Saints, and hopes to win praise for its faithful adherence to the truth as it is revealed from heaven.

A YEAR OF BAPTIST PROPAGANDA

It will strive to lead in stirring our Baptist hosts to make themselves felt in the religious and civic life of Alabama.

ITS SUBSCRIBERS DELIGHT IN IT.

What it needs more than anything else is a doubling of its subscription list.

As we look abroad over the great state we feel that we ought to have certainly TWICE AS MANY SUBSCRIBERS AS WE NOW HAVE. or these we are dependent largely upon the friends and present subscribers of the paper. TO THEM WE NOW APPEAL.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Just as an evidence of approval and affection we beg each pastor and reader who receives the Alabama Baptist to get at least one new subscriber and send in the name with the cash as our Christmas present. This will not be hard to do. Some can send more than one. We will send the paper to January, 1909 for \$2.00 or to July, 1908, for \$1.00. We will anxiously await the coming of each mail.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

IS CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN

Christmas is near and the question occurs: "Is Christmas Christian?" If it is to be simply a big dining day, when the markets are ransacked for the choicest viands and the most costly delicacies, then it can hardly be said that the day is a Christian institution. Luxurious self-indulgence is not Christian in motive, nor in results. Self-indulgence naturally leads to selfishness. Self-sacrifice is the very genius of the religion of the Nazarene, who "gave His life a ransom for many."

Nor is Christmas Christian if it be made a day of display. The splendid and costly pageants, sometimes displayed by people who call themselves Christians, and in honor of the day of Christ's birth suggest a singular contrast to the life of Him whose birth was heralded to unknown shepherds and who was cradled in a stable. His life was singularly quiet and noiseless. He spent His time mostly in walking about the country, helping poor and obscure people whose very names are unknown. The grandees, the nabobs, the "society people" and the leading theologians of the day had little use for Him or for His doctrines. "The common people heard Him gladly." And the Christianity of today shows itself best not in gorgeous displays of wealth, not in splendid pageants, not in millions given ostentatiously to some overshadowing public institution; but by ministering to the real needs of plain every-day, homely people. "He went about doing good" is one of the finest pictures that inspiration itself has ever drawn of the founder of Christianity. If you claim to be his follower, "go and do thou likewise."

CHRISTMAS GIVING.

(Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.)

Two little girls were talking over what they were going to buy for Christmas. The wealthy girl said: "I have twenty-five dollars to spend on my family; how much have you?" The poor one replied, "I have two dollars and fifty cents to spend, but not on our family. They do not need it. I am going to buy presents for poor children who have no money for Christmas."

We are apt to think too much about Christmas presents for our own family, and too little about gifts for those who have no Christmas money to spend.

Most people seem to think that if they have no money they can not make Christmas presents. But even if they have no money they probably have something lying about the house or office which they do not need half as much as others less fortunate than themselves and which they could easily spare. There are plenty of things in many homes put away in the attic as rubbish, which would be of very great service to somebody.

The trouble with most of us is that we are so selfish that we think of everything in terms of self. We may have clothing that we are very sure we shall never wear again, yet we cling to it, as we do to books which we have read and many other things, simply because we think we may want it sometime.

It is a good time to clean house just before Christmas, and to pick out all the things which you do not really need. You will be surprised to see how many things you have to spare which would cheer and help somebody.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

The opening of the Woman's Headquarters in the Watts building on Thursday was a noteworthy and enjoyable event. There were some encouraging speeches by the pastors which, together with the hearty welcome of the good women, made the afternoon one to be long remembered. We pray God's blessing upon the Central Committee.

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.

SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

The Headquarters in Birmingham.

Of the Woman's Central Committee, of which the Alabama Baptist spoke last week, is now an accomplished fact. The Watts building, third floor, will be where Mrs. Malone, the secretary-treasurer, will be found. From that office will go out a stream of influence to bless all Alabama.

The furnishings of the room must be handsome—just any old thing won't do. Our women's societies will take a pride in paying for it. Not a cent less for missions, remember, but a free-will offering!

Dr. Patrick authorized me to say

The Judson Girls

would pay the first \$10. That is good! Who will be the next?

The Christmas Offerings

Ought to be especially large this year. We are trying to do more for foreign missions than ever before. The board has sent out new missionaries, counting on a large increase in contributions. Then the month of December, which has been foreign missions than ever before. The board has sent out new missionaries, counting on a large increase in contributions. Then the month of December, which has been foreign mission month in Alabama, has been unfavorable on account of the weather. Our country churches will fail to have large congregations. This will be against the collections, I fear. Therefore, I beg the Women's Societies to redouble their efforts on the Christmas offerings.

Two Urgent Requests.

I wish all the treasurers of the associations would send in their money. Most of them have done so, but some have not. Then some of the church treasurers have money in hand, which they have failed to send in. There never was a time when it was more needed than now. Will not the clerk or some brother in each association send me two copies of the last minutes, where the name is not found in the list published in this issue?

A Vacation.

If one is taken, must come in the winter. When the eyes of the reader falls on these lines I will be away from the office. The board granted me a month off. I am going to take it, if I can. My heart has been made glad by the prompt answers coming from many to my urgent appeals for the debt. The first letter brought me \$50 from a good brother who never fails me. The second from a poor preacher who sent \$1 for himself and \$1 from his wife. Some have written saying they could not help. Others have promised help later on. "Other some," the majority, have not answered. The Lord bless everyone whose heart wanted to help.

I am very sad over my failure to pay the missionaries before Christmas. I did my best.

God bless every Christian home in Alabama! May a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year be theirs.

W. B. C.

READ BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES.

Let us surprise him when he returns to the office. How easy it would be to wipe out that \$3,000 debt by everyone sending a small free will offering! Let it come in while the secretary is away. Let every church, Sunday school and society make a great offering for foreign missions.

The Baptist and Reflector says: We learned with deep regret of the recent death of Major E. E. McCroskey, in Birmingham, Ala. Major McCroskey was a citizen of Knoxville, and a prominent member of the First Baptist church of that city for many years. He had only recently gone to Birmingham. He was a genial, cultured, consecrated Christian gentleman. We counted him as one of our strongest friends and feel his loss very deeply. May God bless and comfort the bereaved ones.

Brother McCroskey had greatly endeared himself to the Pastors' Union and was a great help in the fight to put the saloons out of Jefferson county.

PARAGRAPHS

As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will!

—Tennyson.

When you wish your friends a "Merry Christmas" ask what can I do to make them one.

Never allow a gift to depart on its way, no matter what trouble, self-denial or chagrin it has caused you, without sending with it some thought of special good will.

Rev. C. A. Ridley has accepted a call to the First church of Beaumont, Texas, to succeed Dr. J. L. White. Brother Ridley has been pastor at Live Oak, Fla., for three years.

Ruskin says that God always gives us strength enough and sense enough for what he wants us to do, and that whatever we are doing we can not be pleasing him if we are not happy ourselves.

When perplexed in a choice of gifts for those whose particular needs are not known to you, choose something which you wish that some one else had given you. It will be sure to be just the thing which the other person wants.

Possibly many readers may feel that while it would not be convenient to canvass for names personally, they could make no more satisfactory or useful Christmas gift to a friend than a subscription to The Alabama Baptist for 1908. Give, for \$1, your friend or some one who owing to straitened circumstances is unable to take the paper the same delight during the coming year.

A dear little Child in a stable born,
Whose love is the world's salvation.

—Lucy Larcom.

The spirit of Christmas never cloys. We can not have too much of it. Morning, noon and night, for breakfast, dinner and supper, the first thing on awaking and the last thing on going to sleep, every hour of every day of every week of every month of the year we want the spirit of Christmas; for it is the spirit of ministration, of giving, of service, of doing for others.

"Dr. John Clifford, the famous English Baptist clergyman, says that Christmas may be summed up in one word, 'Emmanuel,' God with us. And therefore, if a soul always has God with it then to that soul Christmas is always present."

Charles Wesley composed his hymns at all times of the day and night, never knowing when a fine line or verse would strike him. In order that these ideas should not be lost he was in the habit of carrying about with him a set of tablets on which many of his hymns were written. He would then copy out these rough notes on a sheet of quarto paper, correct and finally copy "fair" into a manuscript book. Charles wrote a beautifully clear hand, bold and, as was his character, fearless and straightforward.

"Hark! the herald angels sing" is said to be found in more hymnals than any other of Charles Wesley's compositions, not even excepting "Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

"Christmas in de kitchen,
Christmas in de str,
Christmas in de dinin' room,
Christmas everywhere,
Christmas in de grocery str,
Got aroun' at las';
Christmas in de pocketbook,
But goin' mighty fas'.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS
Field Editor

PAY YOUR PASTOR.

What a pleasant thing it would be for the preachers in Alabama if every church would put the pastor's salary in his hands before Christmas, and give him an opportunity to make his loved ones happy. In making out your schedule of expenses, don't forget to include the amount you set aside for your pastor, and try and see that he gets it within the week. Many a preacher's home will be brightened if his members will only bear the above in mind. They have been faithful during the year, and richly deserve what was promised them, for we know that few feel more than enough to provide for their actual wants, and yet many of them would starve before they would make any outcry! God bless our faithful ministry and put it into the hearts of the good men and the devoted women not to neglect their plain duty.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

We wish all of our readers a happy Christmas. As we look back over the year, we thank God for His loving kindness, and deep down in our hearts feel grateful to every man and woman who has helped us in our work.

Mr. Bok closes his editorial on the proper observance of the day with the following good wish for "the best people in the world, his readers." May we pass it on to you?

To the Best People on Earth.

Our readers:
The wish for a merry, joyful Christmas;
May your minds be filled with the light of Love;
May your hearts be light and your spirits fresh—
fresh as childhood's own hours;
May you be young;
May Christmas love reach out to you and make warm
your heart and hearth;
To those upon whose household shadows have fallen
may the Star of Hope shine;
For making this Our Best Christmas, may this be
Your Best Christmas;
The Best Christmas, with a better Christmas still to
come:
A Children's Christmas for 1907!
If we have offended anyone, we ask their forgiveness,
as we hold no enmity toward any man, woman or
child!

GIVE FOREIGN MISSIONS RIGHT OF WAY.

Nothing ought to sidetrack foreign missions, either in thought or practical work. Millions and millions are dying without the bread of life. The doors of opportunity are wide open, and men and women in heathen lands hear the gospel and receive it in a way never seen before. It is a time of unparalleled opportunity of marvelous growth in our work abroad, and great responsibility upon our workers and givers at home. If we for a time must turn our attention to other things, we must let it be for a time only. We must come back to foreign missions, the mightiest, most spiritual, most inspiring, most tremendous work on earth. The end of foreign missions is the kingdom of God on earth.

DON'T GET MAD ON XMAS.

Don't get mad with us just because we want a little cash for furnishing you with religious literature for months and years. It is curious how some people pay their tailor, shoemaker, grocer, etc., as a matter of course, but kick if they have to pay for their religious paper. We are not mad, out just thinking some folks are mighty queer.

IN CONDITION TO FORGIVE.

It seems to be almost needless to say that all Christians ought always to be in the proper condition of mind to forgive those who have offended or injured them, and particularly so if the offending ones express repentance. It is evident that one reason for the refusal of some Christians to forgive others is because they retain a degree of harshness of heart towards the offending ones. A feeling of cold resentment is harbored against the one who has done wrong. We may admit that the mistreated one is fully justified in manifesting resentment at the person who has spitefully abused him, but he is not justified in continuing to be hard-hearted towards the offending brother if the latter express some measure of sorrow or repentance, or even sincere regret for his wrong-doing. It is the duty of the injured one to get into a condition of tender-heartedness, so that he can freely and completely forgive the other. There is a clause in Paul's letter to the Ephesian Christians which is intensely important to every Christian. He told them to be "tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as God also, in Christ, forgave you." Perhaps some of our readers have never noticed the close relation to each other of those two words, "tender-hearted, forgiving." The meaning plainly is that if one be in a tender-hearted condition, he will necessarily be at once ready to forgive the brother who has trespassed against him. And there must be a marked difference of condition in some Christians in order to be ready to forgive offenders. They must put away their hard-heartedness, and then put on tender-heartedness. There are those who would almost rather do anything else than to make such a radical change in themselves. It is a great deal easier for them to indulge in a hard-hearted temper towards one who has misused them than it is for them to put all of their mind and might into getting tender-hearted, and thus into a forgiving spirit. But it is one of the greatest and most serviceable duties that a Christian can perform. The influence of the example of it upon unsaved ones is exceedingly strong and lasting. Be ye tender-hearted, so that you may forgive others, even as God was tender-hearted when He forgave you of your many sins.

DEATH OF DR. E. E. CHIVERS.

It is with sincere regret that we chronicle the death of Dr. Chivers. The young people will remember that he accepted the office of general secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A. and editor of the Baptist Union, and served with distinction in this field for four years. At his death he was field secretary of the Home Mission Society, having served in that capacity for five years. Those who attended the great convention at Jamestown will remember with what pathos and yet terrific force he told of witnessing during his boyhood in Wales a Welsh Baptist family dispossessed for refusing to pay tithes to the established church. The Standard truly says:

"There were few men in the denomination better known or loved than Dr. E. E. Chivers, whose sudden passing away on the morning of December 2 has brought sorrow to a multitude of hearts. By native ability and temperament he was peculiarly qualified for leadership. He was a gifted preacher of the gospel, and when in the pastorate displayed a remarkable tact and charm of spiritual concern for his people. Possessed of the fervent Welsh spirit, he was strongly evangelistic as well as evangelical, and saw into the deeper things of the spiritual life and of the kingdom. He was a trained thinker and in public address was always virile, original and forceful. He kept himself in the heights of spiritual and religious movements, and so was among the first to discern the signs of coming events. He leaves a widow, three

sons and a daughter. One son lives in Oklahoma, another in New Orleans and the third is a civil engineer in the Philippines."

HOW DID THEY KNOW IT?

Notwithstanding the omniscience of the multitudinous politicians who "knew it all the time," the benighted masses who did not know it can point to numerous precedents which would naturally have caused them to suspect that Mr. Roosevelt might have been prevailed upon to accept a nomination for a third term, if that nomination had been strenuously pressed upon him.

When Thomas Jefferson was first nominated for the presidency against the elder Adams he wrote to a friend substantially as follows: "I hope Mr. Adams will be elected. I do not want the office. If any office is forced upon me, I should prefer the vice presidency, as that would allow me half the time at home." But he afterwards made two other races for the presidency; was elected and served his two terms.

When Andrew Jackson was first spoken of as a candidate he wrote to a friend who was urging his claims: "Drop it! I am not fit for the presidency." But he afterwards made three strenuous races, was elected twice and served two of the most turbulent terms that any president except Lincoln ever had.

It is believed that Zachary Taylor, when his name was first proposed, said: "I am not fit for the place." If he did say it, then he never made a more sensible remark in his life.

When Abraham Lincoln was first publicly proposed as a candidate he wrote his friend: "Drop it: I am not fit for the presidency." He afterwards throttled Douglass, out-manuevered Seward, secured the nomination against all the wiles of that wildest of politicians, was elected, served his first term, made his second race against McLellan, was again elected, though he had a most powerful presentiment of the terrible fate which befell him in the end. He did not believe that he was to be allowed to live through his second term.

Grover Cleveland is on record as saying that one term was all he would have, but he made the race three times and was in all probability ready for a fourth race if he could have secured the nomination. The presidential "bee" has a sharp sting.

OUR BILL OF FARE FOR 1908.

At this season men begin to think of the good things they are going to have put before them during the holiday seasons, and editors generally place before their readers to whet their appetites a table of contents for the coming year, and so, falling in line, on page sixteen we spread out before our readers the headings of some of the departments to be run during 1908. Space forbids us to tell the trouble and expense we went to to assemble the cuts and organize the matter to go under them, but in viewing the page we believe that readers of the Alabama Baptist during 1908 will have weekly as delightful, substantial and healthful a menu at \$2 per year as will be served by any southern Baptist paper. Following a custom of the Germans, as we place before you our feast, "we wish our readers a good appetite."

The Alabama Baptist, as heretofore, will issue no paper during Christmas week. The editors, printers and readers will have a holiday.

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

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

FROM THE ORPHANS' HOME.

A brother sent a check from his church, and his is one of the great churches in our state, which is to the front in all denominational work, but the check for our work is not half so large as it was many years ago, notwithstanding the many mouths we had to fill have been multiplied by four since the days of the larger support from this church. If the brethren recognize themselves from this note and see their way clear to help us more, we will appreciate their support. We can't make bricks without straw.

Here come a lot of little folks with their letters written to Santa Claus, and want me to send them to the ladies who clothe them, but I am uniformly declining to do so because I believe it is best for them not to expect to be remembered by them further than they have been already. We are in so great need of money with which to pay what we owe and secure food and education for them that we must not expect to get much in the way of presents this fall. Yet here are some of these letters that I must make some extracts from. Here is one that is mature enough for one much older: "Will you send me two irons to iron our clothes with, or either send the money for them. Two pretty white walsts to wear with my uniform and a blue belt. Now if this will not empty your bag, please send them. Please remember, Mr. Stewart the one who loves us so much. I will close with love to you and your family."

One little girl wrote that the "children all like turkey," but we are not looking for turkey. Still if any one wants to send us such delicacies we would not be unruly about taking them.

Brother M. A. Wood, in sending a check from his people of Shiloh church and community said they saw my appeal and the ladies thought something could be done, and he loaned them his horse, and they made a canvass of the community and secured thirty-four dollars and fifty cents. Brother Wood properly says "What has been done by this community can be done by almost any community in the state." If some one would only start to do the thing many would want to help.

We are likely to close the year with the largest debt we ever had. I will take the money the next time an association offers it to me, even if it is silver, for that collection has not reached me yet that I did not take because it was silver, and I was going away from home and did not want to take it in my pocket. Just try me again and see if I do not take it, even if it fills my shot sack. This has been a hard year on us.

JOHN W. STEWART.

A GOOD FIELD.

Please let me suggest a good field for some good man. Two Sundays at Pinkard, \$500; one Sunday at County Line, \$200; one Sunday at Clayhatchie \$200; evening at Bellwood \$100—all easy of access and a good people.

They called me, but I could not serve them. Also Shiloh, near Brundidge, is in line with this work, in the event one of these other churches do not call. It is an excellent church and community. All except Clayhatchie are accessible by rail; also Centreville, a good church, has written me. It wants a pastor. I give three Sundays to Samson and one to Goshen. For information concerning these churches write Taylor Clems, Pinkard; Frank Pouncey, Daleville; Dr. Frank Heath, Bellwood; Tom Spigner, Enterprise; M. A. Wood, Brundidge. About Centreville write J. C. Suttle, Vick.

R. M. HUNTER.

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.



HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR COTTON?

For nearly six years we have put our time, money, strength and prayers into The Alabama Baptist, and the Lord has been with us and given us the hearts of the people until today we reach more than fifty thousand Baptists each week. We feel that never before has the paper had such a hold on the pastors and people and such an opportunity during the Centennial year for usefulness; and yet despite these encouragements, we know that the paper cannot be what we hope it to be and what it ought to be until the consciences of the subscribers are aroused to the fact that they must make prompt payment if we make the improvements we have in mind, as the price of paper and labor has risen more than 33 1-3 per cent. in the last few years. We suppose our list is as clean as that of any of our Southern Baptist papers, and yet that only means that, like them, we carry from year to year many good men and true women who are amply able to pay, but through downright neglect fall to do so, thereby entailing a hardship on those who are striving to bring to them each week a message of cheer and hope. With a big list of subscribers, many wonder why we don't grow rich. We do, but it is on paper of a kind that is not negotiable, and no banker will take it as collateral, and we can't even use it as "scrip." We are rich in delinquents; our money is deposited in the pockets of preachers, deacons, Sunday school superintendents and wherever the sisters keep theirs. We have a great ambition for the Alabama Baptist. We want it to be the pride of every Baptist in Alabama, and if those who are amply able to pay their back dues and renew would only realize the injustice of causing us to continually play banker in order that they may "pay at a more convenient season" and start some cash our way they would be surprised to see how much of it would go into the paper to aid in making it the best of our denominational state papers. The sad part about this appeal is that it will be read by the very ones we are trying to reach, but they will pass it by, thinking it is meant for some other person. Brother, sister, it means you; it isn't general, but personal, and applies to every one who owes and fails to pay, either through neglect or from any cause whatsoever, unless it be downright poverty. All last fall many put us off because they were waiting, so they said, to sell cotton; but unfortunately they waited so long that when they did sell they forgot all about us. Please don't do this again, for we are not able to carry the cotton-crop of Alabama another year, but are willing to wait on those who really expect to remit as soon as they sell cotton.

Wishing our readers a happy Christmas.

Yours for service;

Frank Willis Barnett

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENCOURAGEMENT.

I have just recently completed a trip to southeast Alabama in company with Brother L. P. Leavell, of the Nashville board. We had a fine trip together, and I trust a helpful one to all concerned.

On Sunday, the 8th of this month, we were at Newton at the Baptist collegiate institute there. Brother Anderson, pastor of the Newton church, turned the 11 o'clock hour over to Professor J. T. McKee, who at the close of the service presented convention normal-certificates to a class of about forty young men and young ladies who had completed the study of Book 1 of our normal courses. It was indeed an inspiring sight to see these college students seated on the platform and receive the degree of "King's Teacher" from the hand of their college professor, with as much dignity as if it had been a collegiate diploma. The New Testament gift of teaching was honored and the work of the teacher was dignified in the eyes of the congregation as by almost nothing else.

Let me here relate a fact and pay a well-deserved compliment. So far as I am able to ascertain our school at Newton is the only school in the state, Baptist or anything else, that has included in its curriculum a definite course of Sunday school work. It is thus doing a thing that at no distant day will be done by every college and university in the land—not only denominational institutions, but non-sectarian. They devote an hour a day under one of their strongest faculty members to the Sunday school, its history, methods, results, teaching, etc.

The details of this normal study of the Southern Baptist convention has been very plainly set forth in a little leaflet which everybody can understand and put into effect. If any reader wants this leaflet and will say so on a postal I will gladly send it.

Yours for 100,000 in 1908, C. E. CROSSLAND.

DECEMBER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Alabama plan is most desirable. If all of our states would adopt some such scheme and work it vigorously it would relieve the Foreign Mission Board of much of the heavy burden of borrowed money. We are hoping for greatly needed help from this month's campaign in Alabama. It is no easy matter to borrow large sums of money to support our missionaries at a time like this. The banks are hard pressed to supply their regular customers and yet the Board must have money. We can not let our brave workers suffer.

We appeal to all the pastors and churches to make this month count mightily for our world-wide work. If one-half Alabama's gifts for this year could come in right now, no one can tell what a help it would be to our board. This amount, with the Christmas offering for the women and the money which ought to come from Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday schools on the third Sunday in January would tide us over until the contributions begin to come in from all the states. Will not Alabama do her best for us this time?

There are many reasons for earnest effort to enlarge the gifts for this year. In addition to the fact that this is Centennial Year and great things have been planned for Alabama, Dr. Willingham has just been in Japan, where that noble Alabamian, Dr. J. W. McCollum, is leading our force, and writes back that we need twenty more missionary families in Japan as soon as possible. Similar needs exist on all of our fields. We must enlarge. Mr. W. T. Ellis is quoted as saying to the ministers' meeting of New York city on his return from a trip of investigation through the foreign fields in the east: "You ought to do this job or chuck it." That is a newspaper man's way of saying that we are playing at what we have undertaken, and that we ought either to do serious work or quit the field. Brethren of Alabama, we are looking to you. Do not let our hopes be disappointed. Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

WE ARE NOT THROUGH.

It is undoubtedly true that the moral forces have had an inning in Jefferson county and in Alabama generally. Heretofore the opposition had counted upon our losing interest after a fight had once been begun. We had troubled them some, but we had not succeeded in impressing them with the fact that we had come to stay. They guessed—and not without some justification—that our indignation was rather a fit or spasm. But we have reached the state of development where such abnormality becomes normal.

We will, therefore, continue to inquire of those who express a willingness to have our votes for office, "What do you propose to do for morals?" But we claim a further indulgence also. We claim the right to inquire into the moral character of our candidates in order that we may see what promise there is of ability to fulfill a pledge made to the people.

The mere fact that a candidate is willing to stand upon a high moral platform during his candidacy will hardly continue to satisfy the voters of the State of Alabama. They will, I think, want to know something about how long their candidate has been interested in moral progress, and whether he has taken time to incorporate moral vigor into his private code.

In fine, we want to say that since Jefferson and Alabama went dry, we have not and do not intend to go to sleep. We are watching those gentlemen whose business it is to enforce our laws, and are at the same time keeping in mind that there will come other election days. A new day has come in Alabama politics, and new methods have come to stay.

J. M. SHELBURNE.

DEATH OF TWO GOOD WOMEN.

Our church has recently suffered a great loss in the death of two of our most faithful and loyal members. When the Second church was organized years ago they were among those who drew their letters from the First church to go into the new organization.

Sister A. L. Turner died November 7th. She leaves to mourn her an aged mother, three brothers, a sister, two children (Mrs. James D. Ray and William Turner) and many other relatives and friends. It might be said of her as it was of Dorcas: "This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

Sister Hattie Edwards died November 9th. There mourns her loss three children (Miss Bama Edwards, Mrs. John Lassiter and E. C. Edwards), several grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends. She rejoiced when she was able to attend services at the Lord's house. She was like the Psalmist who said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

S. H. BENNETT, Pastor.

We note with great pleasure that some of the country preachers are sending in their subscriptions in advance for 1908. They are setting the pace for their city brethren. Take them all and all we wouldn't swap our preachers constituency with any editor in the land—our heart is truly grateful for the many kindnesses we have received during our six years as editor at the hands of the Baptist ministers of Alabama.



DESSERTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

A settled idea has prevailed in America that the only pudding proper to serve at the Christmas dinner, is the time-honored English one; but modern housewives, who are never afraid to lead in the procession instead of following, are venturing to give their guests something new at the end of the feast: The holly trimmings and scorching hot puddings still find a place on these modern tables, without which the real Christmas atmosphere would not be forthcoming.

Americans have yet to learn how to appreciate the wholesome, light puddings made with suet. So many housekeepers have made a failure of the English affair, and set before their family a heavy, soggy pudding, that the mere mention of suet pudding is enough to make noses take an upward turn. The correct English pudding is not heavy, but it takes a master hand to correctly boil the mixture, which is the hardest part of this dessert, so that when it is brought to the table it will be appetizing.

In many households the heavy, hot pudding has been replaced by a lighter one in which fruit and spices have part in making it just as tasty as the regulation plum pudding, and the frozen plum pudding is a desirable substitute for any of the hot mixtures, usually served after this feast, which can appropriately be so called. The correct office of a dessert is to end the meal with a sense of satisfaction, instead of suffocation as too often is the case.

Surprise Pudding

Make a vanilla custard and freeze it. Take a brick mold and line it one inch thick with the frozen cream and fill the center with a whipped cream, in which mix chopped, candied fruits. Cover the top with the frozen mixture and pack in ice and salt. For a two quart mould, one pint of sweet cream and one-half pound of fruit will be required.

Fig Suet Pudding

Soak five milk crackers in one quart of milk until soft; then add one cupful of sugar, six eggs beaten to a froth, a generous pinch of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of cinnamon, a grating of nutmeg, two tablespoonfuls of chopped figs, one cupful of minced suet, flour enough to make a drop batter, one-half level teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little milk. Pour in a buttered mold and steam for five hours. Serve with a lemon sauce.

Ebony Pudding.

Place three-fourths of a cupful of molasses in a baking bowl with one-half cupful of chopped suet, three-fourths cupful of sour milk, two eggs, beaten until thick, one tablespoonful of melted bitter chocolate, one cupful

of pitted dates, one-half cupful of seeded raisins, one-fourth cupful of shredded citron, one and one-half cupfuls of graham flour, one teaspoonful of baking soda, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, half a teaspoonful of cloves and a grating of nutmeg. Steam in a buttered mold for five hours. Serve with a foam sauce.

Alaska Bake.

Make a cream of one quart of milk, scalded, one-half pint of sugar, one tablespoonful flour, wet to paste with a little cold milk, and cook until top wrinkles; then cool, and add two teaspoonfuls each of vanilla and strawberry extract, and fold in whip from one quart of cream. Then divide and color one-half red, and freeze separately. When stiffened, pack so as to marble in cylindrical pail and pack in ice and salt. Ten minutes before serving, unpack and cover with meringue Brown delicately by passing a red-hot griddle over it.

Potato Pudding.

Cook and mash three large potatoes, then add to them three eggs, one cupful of sour milk, one cupful of suet, one pound of seeded raisins, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of allspice, one cupful molasse, one-half teaspoonful soda placed in one-half cupful of flour. Steam in a buttered mold. Serve with fruit sauce.

Sauces for Frozen Puddings.

Cream Sauce.

Cream the yolks of two eggs and two tablespoonfuls of confectioner's sugar, then place this in a basin and set the latter in another of hot water, and stir the mixture until the yolks thicken but do not harden. Then remove from the fire and beat until the mixture is cold. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla and a grating of nutmeg, and when ready to serve the pudding beat into the yolks the whip from half a pint of cream.

Chocolate Sauce.

Melt three ounces of bitter chocolate, adding a half cupful of cream and one cupful of sugar; then stir over hot water until it is smooth. Flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla and add enough more cream to make it thin.

Sauces for Hot Puddings.

Foam Sauce.

Cream one and one-half cupfuls of pulverized sugar with one-half cupful butter; then add one cupful of boiling water and stir in one scant tablespoonful of corn starch wet with a little cold water. Cook until transparent; then beat in the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs and one tablespoonful of lemon juice and the grated rind of half the fruit. Beat until foamy and serve at once.

Jelly Sauce.

Beat one jar of jelly until smooth; then add the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs.

PARAGRAPHS.

Now that Mr. Roosevelt has broken his long and mysterious silence, and has positively declined a third term, it is really funny to see how many of the prominent politicians—democrats and republicans—who "knew it all the time."

Please change Alabama Baptist from Alexander City to Ashland, Ala. Took charge here two Sundays ago. Moved here last week. The saints here have "pounded" us until we are almost "beside" ourselves. It feels real good to be "pounded." Fraternally, J. W. Hamner.

The third midwinter evangelistic and soul-winning conference will be held in Chicago Avenue church, Chicago, beginning Tuesday evening, December 31, and ending Thursday evening, January 2. A number of leading evangelists, Bible teachers and mission workers are planning to be present. Mr. A. P. Fitt, 80 Institute Place, Chicago, is secretary of the conference.

We had an institute at the Baptist church at Eutaw December 3 to 8, at which missions, Sunday school work and education were discussed by Bros. P. V. Bonner, A. J. Dickinson, Montague and Crumpton. Mrs. Vesey also spoke to the ladies one afternoon. It was a great pleasure, privilege and benefit to have had them. Sunday morning a collection of about \$38 was taken for the Centennial fund.

I am now in Madison, Fla., with my wife and boy, and write to ask you to send The Alabama Baptist to me here instead of to Maysville, Ky. I resigned the care of the church at Maysville November 3d, my resignation taking effect December 1st. It was with regret that I left Kentucky, for my work was progressing well, and we had made many warm friends there, but the rigorous climate made it impossible for me to remain longer, and so I am here to supply this church for the month of December and give this climate a test. With best wishes for you, a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, fraternally yours, W. K. Ivey.

We had good revivals at the following churches: Hebron, situated in a beautiful valley of the Cahaba; Pine Grove, in Shades Valley; Central, on the A. G. S. railroad, and Springville, baptizing a goodly number. We had Brother George R. Jordan, pastor of Wylam Baptist church, with us in these good meetings most of the time. He is a fine revivalist, and gives strength to the church wherever he goes to assist his fellow pastor. We need more such warm-hearted Christian revivalists to visit our churches, sound in doctrine, feeling in expression and fervent in spirit. At Pine Grove we are building a new church, having been called for half time. This is a great people, and God has wonderfully blessed them in the period of seven years that I have been their pastor. I hope to hear of more churches calling their pastor for more of his time and being prompt in looking after his temporal side also. J. L. McKenney, pastor.

SEND IN BACK DUES AND RENEWAL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

MOBILE'S NOTED AUTHOR,

Augusta Evans Wilson, on the Wrong Side.

(By Lida B. Robertson.)

The Baltimore Sun of November 18 has this to say of her:

"The noted author leads the list of one thousand women of Mobile, representing wealth, society and literary and church circles, in a signed petition to be presented to the state senate urging that no statutory prohibition bill be passed."

Mrs. Wilson's charming self, home and books are an ensemble of unusual culture and purity. In all my experience, I know of no one more charmingly gracious at her own fireside, nor whose home has excelled in lofty ideal love and duty, and where absolutely no foothold of worldly frivolity has ever trod. The entire atmosphere of her life is noble and rare—a life fallen in pleasant places amid books, ferns and flowers and the plaudits of success. Her existence has been lived altogether apart, like unto another world, from the under-current of the populace, with its heart-aches and heart-breaks, poverty and hopeless degradation of drunkards' wives, mothers and ragged, hungry children; so how is it possible for her to know the great cry for reform going up from the bruised lives about us for "prohibition"—anything which will, if not altogether, measurably stop intoxication and its train of miseries? Shielded and protected always from the Nemesis of Vice decoyed and fostered in men's hearts by liquor, it were impossible for her, viewing the Mobile situation from her lofty pinnacle, to realize what it means. She accepted the plausibility as a defense of our "public education" in the city and county. Wonder if she saw or knew about the boys of Barton Academy marching about the school in rank and file in boyish loyalty, bearing a banner on which was heralded: "Fight Prohibition; it is Death to Our Schools." Boyhood being trained to look to whiskey as their only resource for an education, and the incipients of manhood being impressed with sobriety as an enemy and liquor as a benefactor! Can this ominous sequence be resultant in aught but moral decay? And truly it seemed a strange coincidence that three of the lads of a suburban school should have entered the building and rived it with theft, and when caught, here what they had! "A half-pint flask of whiskey!" Can a psychological calculation convince those lads it were wrong to buy whiskey, since it supports our schools?

One night our front door-bell rang with a sudden jerk. We opened it hurriedly, and a terrified wife stood before us, and in stammering fear appealed for our help. She had come many blocks for our aid. Her husband had forcibly ejected her from their room, shutting her out and himself in—alone with the sleeping baby girl in the crib. Brother caught up his hat hastily and accompanied her back home, and found it true. He listened at the key-hole, and heard no noise. He listened keenly to catch any sound, and heard the drunkard breathing in heavy slumber. It was quite cold, and he knew that to arouse the intoxicated man would not remedy the matter, but only aggravate it, so he planned for the wife to kindle a fire in the bathroom and sit and wait in there until the drunken sleep had sobered the husband, and she could awaken him and beg him to open the door for her to get to her baby. She and he felt in the dark for kindling sticks of the woodpile to build the

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

MISSION ROOM.

The opening of the mission room in the Watts building was an occasion of inspiring interest to the many friends of Woman's Work who gathered to greet the Central Committee in their new quarters. Many of the pastors were present, and gave us a word of cheer and good fellowship.

An enjoyable little program was rendered, Dr. Hiden presiding.

Miss Byrne, of Selma, sang a beautiful solo, and Drs. Sheburne, Barnett and Dickinson talked to us. In a happy little speech Brother Barnett presented a beautiful picture, Hoffman's Christ, for the adornment of the room.

This new move is in line with our motto, "Larger Things," and we hope it is the beginning of an epoch in our work. Will not the societies all over the State send such contributions as they can to help defray the expense of furnishing?

The mission room is next door to the Y. W. C. A. in the Watts building. Anyone visiting the city who may find it convenient to visit the Central Committee's headquarters will be warmly welcomed by Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Hamilton or Mrs. Vesey. Office hours from 9 to 3 o'clock every day.

Out-of-town shoppers will find it convenient to rest with us a while and take lunch at the Y. W. C. A., next door.

Mrs. Malone will be out of the city until after the holidays. Her address is Consul, Ala. The mission room will be open, however, during her absence.

fire. He left her to wait and listen and watch until she could procure admittance. From the petition which Mrs. Wilson signed this is all right, since it means the future education of the little one in the broken home.

The foregoing are mild facts; now for deeper tragedies. Scarcely more than a year ago two of Mrs. Wilson's sex fell murdered by drunken husbands. One was attacked with her baby in her arms and shot, for which her husband paid the penalty on the gallows. The other murderer, to defeat his capture by the sheriff and his posse, committed suicide.

Facts are stubborn things, and are not those mentioned of the vast drama of it which goes on throughout the State, a sufficient cause for those seeking to uplift and steady "weak natures" and protect the helpless from misery and rags, to plead for and work for a better state of things for them?

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The calendars are here. Please send in orders as promptly as possible.

Since our popular organizer, Mrs. Vesey, has been in the field, the Young Woman's Societies have increased from 35 to 71—more than doubled. The pins are ready now. They will cost 65 cents, and must be ordered from Baltimore headquarters.

Our beloved president, Mr. Stratton, is still too ill to be present at our meetings. May the Lord bless her and keep her; the Lord make His face shine upon her and be gracious unto her; the Lord lift up His countenance upon her and give her peace. In our week of prayer, let us make special petition for her and thanks for her beautiful and useful life.

into action and wisdom against it—against its perpetuity by training and shielding the on-coming generation in sobriety?

Mrs. Wilson's pure and beautiful life needs not the safeguard about it to guarantee its safety, but oh! the wives and children against whose homes and lives liquor hurls poverty, misery and murder—what about them?

Which were aught—the petition which her distinguished name headed, or that of those craving to see men and women in Mobile step up upon higher ground, and the whole state, too, in principles of self-control by removing incentives and abounding temptations on every hand?

We hardly deem it necessary to beg our readers not to forget the Orphan's Home during the coming week, for we are sure that pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies will see that the fatherless and motherless little ones are well provided for.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Foreign Mission Board has wisely requested certain efficient workers in the State to act as associational vice-presidents. Some of these have been largely instrumental in ushering in a new day for the cause in their territory. I am going to risk making a few suggestions to these already useful men.

First, I would say, "Make use of the machinery which you already have."

It may be that you have a weekly, monthly or quarterly pastors' conference in your territory. If so, and you happen to be a member of the conference, this will give you a fine chance to press the cause. Suggest foreign missions as the topic of discussion. Be sure to make your associates feel that you are vastly interested in the cause of foreign missions.

If you have no pastors' meeting, it is almost certain that you have some kind of denominational meetings at least once a year. If you should study your subject well and watch your opportunity, you could capture the meeting for your cause.

It is almost certain that you have a county paper which is read by hundreds of the very people you want to reach. If you will prepare a good, live article on your cause, your editor, who is perhaps a friend of yours, will be glad to publish it for you. You might do this three or four times during the year.

If you chance to have access to any organization of a literary character, a school, a debating society or a literary club, propose "Foreign Missions" as a topic of study or subject for debate.

Second, I would suggest that you devise new means for getting the question before the people.

If you are a minister, suppose you exchange pulpits with your brother ministers as often as possible. Many of them, both pastor and people, will welcome the opportunity of having the subject presented in an attractive way.

Then you might invite yourself to visit the Saturday meetings of the country churches. You might prevail on the brethren to buy some good books on foreign missions. At least you could so speak of the work that they would think and pray more earnestly about the conversion of the lost, both far and near.

Another splendid thing you might do would be to interest some young person in the reading and distribution of tracts. It would not be difficult to find as many as a dozen young women and men in any association who would be glad to be of service in this way. You could occasionally drop them a card, tell them of some live fact you might get bearing on their work, and ask them how they are getting on.

The above are some of the ways in which associational vice-presidents might increase their usefulness. But by all means be sure that your own interest is genuine, and that you know something interesting about your subject. Sincerely and fraternally,

J. M. SHELBURNE.

Scattered over Alabama are a number of godly old preachers who have worn out their lives in religious work and are quietly waiting for the summons from their Master to come up higher! Some we could name, but we won't but brother, if one of these old soldiers of the cross happens to live in your town see to it that he is not forgotten at Christmas.

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LAYMEN'S MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE DEC. 27, 28, 29.

Program Night of the 27th.
6:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises by Rev. John Gilbert.
6:45 p. m.—Importance of Christian Giving, by Rev. T. M. Nelson and others.
7:45 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Swindall.
Program for Saturday, Dec. 28th.
9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises by J. C. Dunlap.
9:45 a. m.—The Greatest Need of Each Church of Our Association; As to Its Officers—First, the Preacher, by Rev. J. D. Gwaltney and O. P. Bentley.
10:30 a. m.—Second, The Deacons, by Ira W. Rhodes, D. P. Oden and others.
11:15 a. m.—As to Its Members in General; As to the Men, by G. H. Thigpen, Rev. C. J. Bentley and others.
Dinner served at the church.
1:30 p. m.—As to the Women, by Rev. A. C. Swindall and J. C. Williams.
2 p. m.—Results of a Thoroughly Consecrated Membership, by W. B. Castleberry and others.
2:30 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons. Adjourn.
6:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises, by Rev. J. H. Pope.
6:45 p. m.—Centennial of the Baptists of Alabama, by G. H. Thigpen, J. W. Minor and others.
Program for Sunday, Dec. 29th.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School Work: First, The Importance and Object, by J. A. Woodward and others.
10:15 a. m.—Explanation of Lesson and Best Methods, by J. B. Castleberry and others.
11 a. m.—Ordination sermon, by Rev. O. P. Bentley. Ordination of preachers.
Noon.
11:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises, by Rev. T. M. Nelson.
1:45 p. m.—Laymen's Movement, by J. W. Minor and J. A. Woodward.

PROGRAM.

A Centennial Baptist rally will be held at Dogwood Grove church, on the B. B. B. railroad, four miles from Montevallo, commencing on Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1907, at 9 a. m.
9 a. m.—Prayer service by Walter Carlton.
9:30 a. m.—Colportage Work, by J. L. Busby and B. C. Hughes.
10 a. m.—Christian Education, by Dr. A. P. Montague and H. C. Reynolds.
11 a. m.—Centennial Movement, by J. J. Haynes, W. W. Lee and J. F. Avery.
2 p. m.—Laymen's Movement, by Dr. T. W. Palmer, J. L. Peters and A. P. Longshore.
3 p. m.—Woman's Work, by C. C. Heard and George Freeman.
Sunday.
10 a. m.—Sunday school address by C. E. Crossland.
11 a. m.—Missionary sermon by C. C. Heard.
Visitors from sister associations cordially invited. C. W. O'HARA, For Executive Committee.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Program of the fifth Sunday meeting of the Selma Association, to be held with Town Creek church December 29th:
10 a. m.—Sunday school mass meeting, conducted by superintendent.
11 a. m.—Historical address, "The Progress of the Baptists in Alabama for the Last Hundred Years," by Dr. W. B. Crumpton.
Dinner.
2 p. m.—"The Centennial Movement, and How to Make It a Success," led by J. J. Johnson.
3 p. m.—"The Laymen's Movement," by C. C. Redmond and D. B. Edwards. Everybody is invited.
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From Cedar Bluff Brother Montague and I drove to Gaylesville, six miles away, and there we held services at 3 o'clock. It was thought best by some of the brethren not to take a subscription for the school here, as the people here and near here had given to often and so recently.

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Second, That we tender our Christian love and sympathy to her loved ones, and commend them to the love of the One who has strength and willingness to comfort them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the church book, a copy sent to The Alabama Baptist for publication, and a copy furnished the family of the deceased.

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Committee.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father hath been pleased to call home to Himself our sister, A. M. Turner, who was a charter member of our church; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we wish to bear testimony to her consistent Christian character, her faithfulness to the church, her work in the Sunday school, so long as her physical ability permitted. "She hath wrought well."

Second, That we tender our Christian love and sympathy to her loved ones, and would ask them to look to the Source of everlasting strength for comfort and consolation.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be put upon the church book, a copy furnished the family of the deceased, and a copy sent to The Alabama Baptist for publication.

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Our friends will have already learned of the sad accident that occurred at our home last Monday morning, but some will want to know something of the particulars. It was about 5 o'clock in the morning, and Ethel Spence was in the kitchen with the other girls whose duties were in the kitchen for the week. She was heard to say she was going to make the fire burn faster, and suiting her actions to her words, she picked up the oil can and poured oil into the blazing stove. No one can account for her doing it. No one can account for the oil can being there. Mrs. Hitte is very careful about such things. The child was burned so badly she died a few hours later. She was about 14 years old, and was strong, healthy and well grown. She had been a Christian for about a year. Her terrible death has cast a gloom over our family, yet we believe our Father is guiding. John W. Stewart.

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I say "our orphans," and would place the emphasis on the "our." They are ours, for we have adopted them. I mean the 165 children in our Orphans' Home at Evergreen.

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