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We wish our Readers a Happy New Year

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## FOR THE YOUNG YEAR.

Out of the utmost east  
At dawn a stripling came,  
Bright clothed as for a feast  
With robes of flame.  
Forth from his morning eyes  
There beamed high desire;  
His brow glowed, radiant wise,  
With Hope's pure fire.

"Love to mankind!" thus swelled  
His heart-song without cease,  
And in his hand he held  
The flower of peace.  
Blow 'round his pathway, blow,  
O Heaven, your softest airs!  
And with him ever go  
Our praise and prayers!

## NEW YEAR PRAYER.

New Year has come:  
Through all its days,  
With heart and voice  
I'll sing thy praise.

Help me to be  
For right and thee  
Whate'er thou wouldst,  
And faithful be.



## A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT.

Do you wish the world were better?  
Let me tell you what to do:  
Set a watch upon your actions  
Keep them always straight  
and true.  
Rid your mind of selfish motives,  
Let your thoughts be clean  
and high.  
You can make a little Eden  
In the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were happy?  
Then remember, day by day,  
Just to scatter seeds of kindness,  
As you pass along the way;  
For the pleasure of the many  
May be often traced to one,  
As the hand that plants the acorn  
Shelters armies from the sun.

## A YEAR 'IS BORN.

(With apologies to Tennyson.)  
Sing out the old,  
Sing in the new;  
Sing out the false,  
Sing in the true.

Sing out regret,  
Sing in good cheer;  
Welcome with joy  
The glad New Year.

## AN ELECT LADY CALLED HOME

From The Age-Herald.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Lucy F. Stratton, one of Birmingham's widely beloved women, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Hillman hospital. Her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Dwyer, of Richmond, Va., and a grandson, Mr. James Dwyer, of this city, were at her bedside when the end came. The remains were removed last evening to her residence, 1135 South Twelfth street, from where the funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Hiden, pastor of the South Side Baptist church. The interment will be at Oak Hill.

The following gentlemen, deacons in the church, will act as pallbearers: Captain W. C. Ward, E. H. Cabaniss, George H. Estes, S. Perry Fowkes, T. H. Johnston, Richard Holman and Colonel T. A. Hamilton.

The death of Mrs. Stratton was not unexpected. For some months she had been in failing health and members of her family and her friends were sadly conscious of a noticeable decline in her strength. About six weeks ago she suffered a complete collapse, and her physicians considered her condition at that time as exceedingly grave, although she responded for a time to restoratives. She was conveyed at once to the Hillman hospital, where she had the attention of special nurses. Despite all the constant and tender nursing she received, she grew weaker daily, and for several days it has been known that the end was not far off. She was conscious within two hours of her death. The end came peacefully.

The passing of Mrs. Stratton will bring sadness to a large circle of devoted friends. She had resided in Birmingham since 1882, removing to this city from Indiana, with her son, the late Mr. James A. Stratton, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dwyer.

### MRS. L. F. STRATTON.

President Central Committee of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union.

The notice of the death of the beloved president of the Central Committee which appears elsewhere on this page, and copied from the Birmingham Age-Herald, will bring widespread grief, but especially to the sisterhood who have loved and served her for many years and who have learned to lean upon her for guidance in the woman's missionary work of the state. Again the Central Committee has been

called upon to witness the translation of another member of their little circle to a sphere of larger usefulness and of incomparable blessedness. God grant that the blinding tears may not obscure our vision of that glory that is theirs who have now entered into the rest prepared for the children of God who this day we believe are beholding the King in His beauty and who have received the "well done" promised by their Lord to the "good and faithful ones." Shall not each one of us who remain strive to follow them, even as they followed Christ, ever pressing on until we too have attained unto like blessing and like reward?

Mrs. Stratton's birthplace was Aurora, Ind. From the time of her coming to this city to her death she was identified with church and charity work. Her whole life was consecrated to good deeds. She was a woman of deep piety, devout, absolutely and entirely devoted to the church she loved so well and in which she remained a steadfast and zealous worker to the last. No task was considered too great for her, her hands were always extended to the poor or unfortunate, her voice ever lifted in behalf of those who needed assistance. Working actively and through the changing years for the good of her church, leading a church organization and actively interested in the various branches of mission work undertaken by the church societies which looked to her for guidance and inspiration, she was an example for young and old.

Outside of her devotion and personal work in the church has been her work in charitable organizations in this city. Not a few of them but have known her as an earnest worker and generous friend. Philanthropies started in the earlier days of the city's history were aided by Mrs. Stratton and she had been identified with the early struggles of institutions that she lived to see permanently established or endowed. Hers has been a wonderfully active life of beautiful piety, but the piety that enriched not only herself but others.

Mrs. Stratton's personality, too, was remarkable. It was a radiant and cheery one, her face singularly sweet and lovely, her manner particularly fine, her whole personality one of directness, one of sincerity as well as strength.

Deep sympathy will be extended the family in their bereavement. Besides a daughter, Mrs. Stratton leaves three grandchildren, Mr. James Dwyer, of this city; Mrs. Price McKinney, of Cleveland, O., and Holman Dwyer, of Richmond; Mr. Richard Holman, of this city is a nephew.



DEPARTMENT OF METHODS; Motto: "Not What, But How."

Some Things Worth Trying.  
By Kerr Boyce Tupper.

In the simplest manner and with the fewest words practicable the present writer, at the request of the Commonwealth, would, through this article, make prominent certain things in connection with church work and worship which he would commend to his brethren in the ministry as perhaps worth trying. Each is a small thing, but small things are hinges on which may turn great things. Of course, it is recognized that much here suggested is not new to many.

There are no few advantages in:

1. A division of your church work into several distinct departments of activity. Under a general committee of efficiency, to include all your workers—explained in a card sent to each worker—divide your forces into, say, four specific spheres of labor, as follows: Missionary, evangelical, social and prayer meeting. Seek to enlist every man, woman and child in your church in the work of at least one department. You will be surprised to find how many persons will enter into the scheme and how quickly and successfully latent power will develop. A Philadelphia pastor has just sent out by mail to every member in his church the following letter:

"My Dear Friend:

"With the fresh and vigorous opening of our fall and winter work your pastor wishes to address you—as every other member of our church—personally through this letter with the earnest purpose of securing the co-operation of our whole membership, young and old, in more definite, effective work for the Master. It must be recognized by us all that if, through the pastor's generalship, under the guidance of God, this purpose can be executed, our church will become, even more conspicuously than at present, one of the most potential factors in Christian work among the ecclesiastical bodies of America. Nothing is lacking to make us what we, as a church, should be, save a stronger sense of personal responsibility on the part of each of us and a fuller measure of esprit de corps in our ranks. And your pastor is strong in the conviction that these two elements of success will be ours in a most gratifying degree if each person to whom this letter is sent will, both early and earnestly, comply with the suggestion herein contained. Will you hear the suggestion, prayerfully consider it and if found practicable, put it into execution?

"The plan now proposed looks, as has been said, toward the enlistment of the entire membership of our church in specific Christian work, and the suggestion is that each member among us subscribe himself or herself as willing to be counted on in at least one department of our church activities. That it is the duty as well as the privilege of every one of us to be found thus engaged, unless illness, absence from the city or some like condition prevent, must be conceded by all. The only question is whether we shall be found in the line of duty, and this question each must answer for himself, in the fear and love of God.

"To aid in a helpful decision of this important matter there will be found annexed a complete list of the different organizations or departments of work in our church, and it is the pastor's sincere and hopeful request that every member, after reading carefully this list, will check off the organization or department in which he chooses to work during 1902-3, and either mail or place on collection plate the paper he signs. Of course, where members are at present engaged in certain work, they are to check off these just as though they were subscribing to new activities. The idea is simply to get a calculation of our present working force, and to add to that force fresh material.

"My last word to you, beloved, is in the language of Paul to the church at Corinth, 'I rejoice that I have confidence in you all in all things.'

"Your devoted friend and pastor,

"October 1, 1902.

Attached to this letter was the following blank for the members to fill out:

"Dear Pastor:

"You may count on me during 1902-3 to be active as far as practicable, and as opportunity presents, in the organization or organizations which I check off below:"

(Here occur the names of the different organizations—14 in number—with their several departments of work; and this also:

"N. B.—And I shall conscientiously endeavor to sustain by my presence the Mid-week Prayer Service and the Sunday services, particularly when the weather is inclement.")

Address.....

It is too early to give full results that must accrue from this letter, and yet, as illustrative of the response it has met it may be said that during the last two weeks no fewer than 637 favorable replies have been received from this letter and no fewer than 2206 departments of work checked off by the members.

2. The assignment to each of your deacons of a certain district in your city or town, over which to have supervision, and a certain number of the church members with whom to become acquainted, and respecting whom, as occasion may require, to make reports. By this means your church roll can be kept in good order and added to, as from time to time, the record is made of changes in the residence and names of members and of the removal of any Baptists into districts identified with your church. And then this will give deacons something to do.

3. The classification of your prayer meeting material, so that you know whom to count on and for what. Make, say, five lists of your members, thus: Prayer meeting non-attendants, prayer meeting attendants, prayer meeting readers, prayer meeting speakers and prayer meeting pray-ers. Ascertain from each, through a card explaining your plan, what part, if any, in this week service he may be counted on to take. By this means the prayer meeting can be made large in attendance and spiritually uplifting in character. (A sample card for this will gladly be sent by the writer to any one applying to him for it.)

4. An uncompromising insistence that no person be ushered to a seat in the church during scripture reading. Why allow this interruption during the reading of scripture and not during the offering of prayer? Is our word to God more than God's word to us? Few things so mar the effectiveness of church service as this parading of people down the aisles when a pastor is seeking to impress, through sympathetic perusal, some scriptural passage. Try to read next Lord's day morning the fourteenth or eleventh chapter of John as a dozen or so persons march down the aisle. Or rather, try not to do it!

5. The absence of monotony in the prayer meeting service. One secret of small attendance on mid-week services is that generally the prayer meeting is thus: Two prayers, a hymn, another hymn, scripture reading, the "same brother" called on to pray, another hymn, too long a talk by the pastor, invitation to some brethren to "say something," a long pause or a long talk, another hymn, benediction. Afraid of such monotony, determine to have no two prayer meetings in the month alike. Try this: Missionary concert first week; lecture by pastor second week; song and prayer service the third week; covenant meeting fourth week; reports from all departments of church work each fifth week. Open the service occasionally by repeating in unison the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation (and don't let the people say Revelations); have as many Bibles in your prayer meeting room as hymn books; regularly have scripture read responsively by the pastor

and people; on some occasions leave the platform and sit among the people, thus leaving the meeting with no leader but the Holy Spirit. As a general thing the pastor should do no more in the way of an address at this service than to give the keynote of the meeting in a five-minute talk.

6. The introduction among the members of the Home department of the Bible school. Seek to enlist each member of the church who is unable through age, illness or duties at home to attend the school, to engage at home in studies of Bible school lesson at the same hour, if practicable, during which the Bible school is holding its session. Many you will find, will go into this arrangement. And to teach your people to call it Bible school, and not Sunday school. A school for teaching anything, if held on the Lord's day, is a Sunday school.

7. The announcement from week to week, from the pulpit, of the homes to receive pastoral visits before the next Lord's day. This should be done without giving names of persons, simply by mentioning street or number of house. The advantages of this plan are: First, it will insure largely the presence of members at home when visited; second, it will make you visit when you do not feel like it; third, it will let your people see what you are doing in the direction of pastoral work. Every systematic pastor can so arrange his work as to carry out generally the schedule announced. If called out of the city unexpectedly or unable for other reasons to do the visiting announced, send word to that effect to the families to be called on.

8. The establishment of a series of free lectures each winter under the auspices of your young people's society. In every community can be found gifted men who will gladly assist here. Have, say, a banker to talk on interest and usury; a merchant on conditions of business success; a physician on anatomy or physiology; a teacher on astronomy or literature of the stars, or best books, etc. Thus you could have your church a center of social and literary activity, as well as of evangelical agencies.

9. The administering of the ordinance of baptism at the opening rather than at the close of the service. Why? Because by this arrangement, first, you do not keep the candidate in suspense; second, you take away from the congregation a looking forward to the baptism which may interfere with attention to the sermon; third, you have not a succeeding service to think of during the preaching; fourth, you are in better condition physically—because not warm—at the opening of the service than at the close, for the administering of the ordinance; fifth, you increase the punctuality of the church upon church attendance. And, then, have baptisms not infrequently, after prayer meeting during the week. There are many advantages in this.

10. The holding of Thanksgiving service in your own church with your own people. We have lost much by sentiment in this matter which has led us from year to year to hold union services on Thanksgiving day. As a rule the union services are not successful, either in the matter of attendance or interest. No church in the combination is impressed with anything like a full sense of responsibility to be present. Let a pastor have it as a rule to preach on each Thanksgiving day to his own people and those who will attend his service in his own church; let him select each year some live subject and treat it in a live way; let him have faith that his people will come out on that day as on the Lord's day, and let him express that faith to them; and he will find that by degrees the church as a whole (unless there be some peculiar condition to prevent) will become thoroughly interested in the annual service and the pastor be encouraged yearly by a large, enthusiastic congregation, made up of church members and visitors.

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### THE WAY BROTHER O'HARA DID IT LAST YEAR

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1, 1907.

My Dear Brethren:

**Greeting:** It is with a sense of profound gratitude to God that I send you this, my third annual message. Your loyalty and co-operation have been much appreciated by me and I am sure well pleasing before our Lord.

**Church Attendance:** Our congregations have grown encouragingly larger. This means increased responsibility to us. It is, however, with much regret that I note the continued absence of some. The instructions from the Book are "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." I trust each of you will make it a point to attend at least one service each Sunday and both if possible.

**Giving:** God is blessing his people in material wealth. They in turn ought to give in proportion to Him. It has been a source of joy that I have noted new contributors and increased contributions to missions and current expenses, but there is yet room for improvement. Some who can and ought to give, don't give at all, and others give too little in proportion to their means. God loves a cheerful giver, and expects every one to give something.

**Reading:** Baptists to be efficient must be informed. To be informed one must read. The best papers for Alabama Baptists are the Alabama Baptist for state news, Our Home Field for home mission news, and the Foreign Mission Journal for foreign mission news. Every Baptist home should have and read these. I am rejoiced to know that we have 54 subscriptions to Alabama Baptist, 28 to Home Field and about as many to Journal. The best Baptist literature is the Bible. Try to read it through this year.

**Work:** Your labors in every department have been efficient and faithful. Only let us do better teaching and preaching and working this year.

**Prayer:** It is exceedingly important. Pray without ceasing. Pray for your pastor, the teachers and officers of Sunday school and church, each other, the Alabama Baptist, the Orphans' home, our boards and secretaries, our colleges, the missionaries, for larger gifts and larger religious life and souls saved.

Trusting that you have had a merry Christmas and wishing you a happy New Year, praying that you may be kept in peace, health and plenty and that all will grow in grace and usefulness, I am your affectionate pastor,  
J. W. O'HARA.

Dear Brother Barnett: This shows you not only what we aim to do, but how I value and appreciate your work. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, yours fraternally, J. W. O'Hara.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION.

The Second Free Baptist Church, Corner Grant and Ferry Streets.

Buffalo, N. Y., December 20, 1905.

Dear Friend: The Second Free Baptist church and Sunday school will celebrate Our King's birthday at 6 p. m. on Christmas day.

Once upon a time the people of Cathay observed the first birthday of their beloved Ruler by a White Feast. They entered a white room and offered white gifts to show that their love and loyalty were without stain. The rich brought pearls, ivory and white chargers; the poor brought white doves and handfuls of rice. The King did not regard one gift above another as long as the gifts were white.

The observance of Our King's birthday this year will be a white festival, and shall not each one of us place some gift to our King in the enclosed white envelope and present it to Him on His birthday?

We suggest that our gifts to our King be in two forms. First, pledges for new or better service for Him. For suggestions for new or better service for our King, hear our pastor at the morning and evening services on Sunday before Christmas. He will preach at both of these services on "White Gifts to Our King." The evening service will be especially for the young people.

After hearing our pastor let us write on a piece of paper the statement of our New Consecration to His service as our White Gift to our King, and then sign our names to the paper and put it in the White Envelope. These consecration gifts will be mentioned by our superintendent and then laid on the altar, and a prayer offered that each person whose name is signed to a consecration gift may have ability to keep the pledges made and may find new joy in new or renewed service for our King.

But we can make other gifts to our King. Our second suggestion is—money. One year we gave our Christmas money to Christ's servants on the foreign field; for two years we made our money gifts to home missions. The money we give this year will be used to purchase new hymnals for use in our own church. To get the kind of books you would like to see in our church we shall need about \$100. (We would suggest that pastor make their gifts this year to the orphanage.)

Let our gifts be white—without stain. Place in the white envelope. Purify the gift with love and seal the white envelope with prayer. Bring the envelope with you to the white festival.

You are invited to join us in this collection and to bring friends with you to enjoy our Christmas exercises.

Other white envelopes for friends who would like to celebrate our King's birthday with us may be obtained from our superintendent the Sunday before Christmas.

We wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas. Sincerely,

REV. BENJ. FRANKLIN, Pastor.

HERBERT H. SMITHERS, Supt.

### A NEAT PRAYER.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, Ga.

Our Covenant:

I take God as my Everlasting Father,

I take Christ Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

I take the Holy Spirit as my Comforter and Teacher.

I take God's Word as my Guide and Counselor.

I take God's people as my people henceforth, forevermore.

I do this in humble reliance upon Him "whose I am and whom I serve."

(If you will join us in the above covenant sign your name and keep this.)

Greeting:

May the New Year be fraught with rich blessing,

To you and to yours, as your need may demand!

The Lord spare thee and keep thee, His favor possessing,

And lead thee safe on by His own guiding hand,

May the church of our choice have a year of great increase,

A year of success in blessing the land.

To answer this prayer, may I count on your service?

If so, God bless thee—give me thy hand.

Beloved in Like Precious Faith: Another year of this wonderful twentieth century has passed and we stand on the very crest of fulfilled prophecy. God has kept his promises with men. We are living in an hour of superlative achievement. "To be living is sublime."

Ordinary, average Christian character and life will not do for us. What was reasonably satisfactory for an earlier discipleship will not justify twentieth century believers. By so much as we know more and have larger opportunities, must we be more and do more.

What may we not be? It is what we are that counts after all. How much of concentrated divinity do we represent? "Emmanuel, God with us." That has been our cry in the days immediately past. It is truly so? Then all hail! What are you that you were not? What will you be this year that you are not now? The sole limitation lies in your will and faith.

What may we not do? Nothing is impossible. What do you strongly desire to see accomplished for God? Then set about it in His name. Things come to pass in the kingdom only as one unswervingly follows the pillar of cloud and fire. Seas divide before such folks yet and manna falls to feed them. Then, attention; eyes to the front; double quick; March!

The best is good enough for us. Nothing else is. The best in church renovation, in church life, in personal experience, in Christian conduct, in the world that now is and in that which is to come. "All things are yours." Then be good. Tell the truth. Watch your lips. Guard your heart. Live in the open. Stand four square to everything. Scorn duplicity. Forget how to whisper. Live in truth with God. Will you try, and try hard? Will you daily ask God to help? If so, give me thine hand! We shall get on well together and God will bless us.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

### LOSING IDENTITY.

May I sound a note of warning to grown up church members? We have many children coming into our churches. Many of you who are older swear and get drunk. The example lays down a precedent for the children. Many members bite and devour and the churches tolerate it. When we consider ourselves as the true church and have seven-eighths of our members hearers only and not doers, can we hope to keep our identity. The world sees no defect in the lives of many, but they are rapidly losing confidence in the upright, for the reason the scriptures command the wicked to be put from among the disciples and it's not done. Whoever heard the subject of church cleaning discussed? Our plea is for money. That is all right, but we are running the gauntlet for financial success at the expense of purity. Purity is a guarantee to success. To willingly ignore cleaning with an open Bible means speedy destruction.

Pastors, do you advocate the fifth chapter of I Corinthians? Pastors may lead to ruin by preaching around purity. We will lose our identity if we continue to fill our churches with ungodly people and children and retain the wicked crowd we have to teach them by example to lead open, rebellious lives, as they are doing today. For it is as common for Baptists to swear and get drunk and frolic as it is for non-church members to. Indeed, the ungodly are ashamed of much of the conduct of our members who get letters in good standing and in full fellowship. If a church never goes off for advocating plain facts it is a church like the organization the Jews had that persecuted the disciples from city to city. If the leader is afraid to preach the gospel, what will he preach? What he thinks will please, of course. If the blind lead the blind, both go into the ditch. After we were warned to keep our church pure, we fail to follow our instructions, indulge all manner of sinners. What can we hope for the young people to hold as a church in their older days? Our sins embolden our enemies. Preach the word and practice it is the only way to do a permanent work. Our enemies are boldly denouncing us as false teachers, call us the devil's preachers. They preach it to our children; it's in print right here in our midst. Why keep our wicked members? We are holding for money and popularity members that deny day by day the sanctity of God's people. We hold at great peril, while we could put them from among us and do the cause great good. Fraternally,

W. H. CONNELL.

### THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

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

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### AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

The December magazines are full of holiday stories and descriptions and are giving exceedingly interesting announcements for the year to come. There are in store numerous features which will provide for readers of these monthly periodicals a high class of literature, such as for years has given American monthlies a position unequalled by those of any other land.

#### PUTNAM'S.

The promise of success conveyed by the announcement of a revived series of Putnam's Monthly (absorbing the Critic) has been so thoroughly made good during the past year that the accomplishments of 1907 need not crowd the announcements for 1908 in the recital. A notable feature begun this year will, however, continue for several months—the series of thoughtful papers by Arthur C. Benson, who has renewed to a remarkable degree the lagging art of essay writing.

Putnam's will print an article on The American Diplomatic Service, by Herbert H. D. Pierce, United States minister to Norway, discussing the question—or questions—"What is Diplomacy?" and "What the Practical Use of Such a Service?"

There will be several illustrated papers of travel or description, and W. L. Alden, Miss Agnes Repplier, Miss Mary Moss, Mrs. Meynell, Professor Brander Matthews and others will contribute literary essays and reminiscences. The more important books of the year will continue to be grouped for discussion in Essay-Reviews, signed by well known critics and Charles de Kay and Charles H. Caffin will continue their illuminating papers on art topics. There will also be several other important contributions on art.

#### Suburban Life.

Is a delightful and expensively gotten up magazine of 64 pages or more, 12 by 14 inches, printed entirely on coated paper and beautifully illustrated with often as many as one hundred fine half-tone engravings. Each number breathes forth the true spirit of suburban living. Suburban Life, the magazine, is indispensable to the man or woman living the suburban life. Its practical treatment of practical topics; its suggestive value to the home maker, its solutions of housekeeping problems, its short cuts to garden success, its discussion of every important question which has to do with the health, happiness and improvement of suburbs and suburban people make it unique among publications, and without precedent in the field of magazine making. Suburban Life, at \$3 a year, is bigger and better than ever before, with many new features which place it in the very front rank of magazine forces.

#### THE CENTURY.

In the Century the Recollections of Lady Randolph Churchill, already begun, will scintillate through the year and will be a typical presentation of the career of one of our smart American girls who have made good in England. There will be innumerable reminiscences of the great of all nations, with many photographs of historical import.

Robert Hichens, the author of The Garden of Allah, that romance of the African desert, has prepared a number of papers on The Monuments of Egypt, to illustrate which Mr. Jules Guerin has visited Egypt and prepared a series of drawings in color. Admirers of the fictional writings of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell will be pleased with the announcement of a new serial by him, The Red City, in which Hugh Wynne reappears in the time of Washington's presidency as the patron of the hero, a young Huguenot emigre. Historical characters are introduced and the yellow fever epidemic of 1793, so startlingly set forth in Brockden Brown's "Arthur Mervyn" will be given another presentation by Dr. Mitchell. \$3.00.



## Tips for Magazine Buyers

### OUTING.

The magazine of the moment. Are you, reader, alive? Do you like fresh air and wholesome living? Do you like strong people? Do you like animals—the horse and the dog? Do you care for nature—fruits, flowers, the bounty of the earth? Do you like wholesome literature—that which breathes of the outdoor world? Do you like travel and adventure and exploration and fiction that is throbbing with the pulses of real people moving among big scenes? Do you care for art—pictures which really illustrate the characters of fiction, the scenes of mountain and plain, of city and wilderness? These are the things that you get in the Outing Magazine—the big, handsome, brilliant magazine of outdoor life. Its literature and its art cover every field of outdoor endeavor in which men and women live, whether it be play or work. This outdoors may mean a game of golf or tennis, a drive down Fifth Avenue, the story of a round-up on the plains, the hammering of a drill in the mines or the story of some of the great playgrounds of the people in the mountains or by the sea. \$3 a year.

### TRAVEL MAGAZINE.

Readers of the Travel Magazine fully enjoy the many beautiful illustrations and the entertaining features of the text, as well as highly appreciating its educational advantages. It is even more fascinating than the best fiction published. Its subscribers see people, places, conditions and things the world over through the eyes of experienced travelers who are also most entertaining writers, and they also see them through the cameras of these same travelers. It brings the whole world to your library table. It captivates and charms every member of the family. Usually but one copy of the Travel Magazine is necessary to produce a subscription order. It is almost irresistible. Try it. \$1 a year.

### M'CALL'S MAGAZINE.

McCall's Magazine, published in New York city, is the leading fashion magazine of America. It is a most interesting magazine in every way. It is an ideal woman's magazine. It keeps them well informed on the ever changing styles, besides being very entertaining as a literary magazine. It is published monthly and in every issue there are over 100 illustrations. If you wish to know what is going on in the World of Fashion, and if you enjoy really good articles on interesting subjects, you must have McCall's Magazine. 50 cents a year.

### M'CLURE'S.

Space will not suffice for more than a brief summary of the extraordinary list of good things provided for in the McClure program for 1908. Of special interest in this most memorable year will be the series of articles dealing with the making of great American fortunes. Group by group the great fortunes of this country, varying from twenty-five millions to many hundred millions, will be taken up. These articles are written by Burton J. Hendrick of the magazine staff.

McClure's will publish a serial in 1908 for the first time in several years. The publishers think that in offering Mary Stewart Cutting's "The Wayfarers," a story of American life, they are presenting an important contribution to literature. There will also be more "Ezekiel" stories by Lucy Pratt, and fur-

ther "Troop of Shorty" stories by Will Adams, which are sufficient in the announcing. Scientific articles on the edge of the future, will include a paper on the gyroscope and its possible use for accelerating railroad travel by Cleveland Moffet, and aeronautics and other scientific questions of the day will be taken up by other writers.

"The History of Christian Science and the Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy" will be resumed by Georgiæ Milmine.

### THE DELINEATOR.

The December Delineator, with its message of good cheer and helpfulness, will be welcomed in every home. The fashion pages are unusually attractive, illustrating and describing the very latest modes in a way to make their construction during the busy festive season a pleasure instead of a task and the literary and pictorial features are of rare excellence. In addition, there are the regular departments of the magazine, with many special articles on topics relating to woman's interests within and without the home. It is a mistake to look on this as merely a fashion magazine, as it contains special departments of great human interest and its stories are unique in their literary flavor. \$1 a year.

### CURRENT ANECDOTES.

Current Anecdotes is a preacher's magazine of illustrations, homiletics, sermons and methods of church work, and is published by the Current Anecdote Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. F. M. Barton, the editor, has the happy faculty of making a magazine of interest to ministers. \$1 a year.

### OUT WEST.

Out West, a magazine of the old Pacific and the New, published at Los Angeles, Cal., at \$2.00 per year. The only recognized monthly in half the area of the United States. Its volumes form such a library of Western life, scenery, romance and history as has been printed for no other part of the Union. Its editorials are very much alive, for Charles F. Lummis has views and also the art of setting them forth in a most striking way. We saw him once and heard him talk at a public meeting and have never forgotten his picturesque personality and his power of putting things.

### THE NATIONAL.

A magazine for every member of the family. Once a reader of the National Magazine and you will always watch for it. Publishes the best current fiction and verse; articles on travel, science and the home—reflecting life of today.

Editor Joe Mitchell Chapple contributes a department, writing each month about "Affairs at Washington," giving you a real chatty, entertaining and instructive letter concerning the statesmen with whom he rubs elbows, and telling of the important things that are happening in the affairs of the nation.

Each month Mr. Chapple talks to his flocks of "Happy Habits"—as he calls them—and advocates the cheerfulness that makes many sunny days enduring and dark days endurable.

Joe Chapple is a live wire as an editor and does not promise things—but can always be depended upon to watch for the great things of today for his readers, and his happy, easy manner of telling of these things delights National subscribers. \$1 a year.

### SUNSET.

This magazine not only comes breathing the spirit of the West in its strenuous life, giving to the effete east a needed tonic in grit, but it also comes bringing pictures of beautiful places, showing what a play ground for the rich Southern California has become. It is filled with much that is novel and new and intensely interesting. Price, \$1 year. Add it to your list, for the Pacific ocean looms up big just now.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER

Sunday, January 5. Sermons, The Promises of God.

For how many soever be the promises of God, in Him (Jesus Christ) is the yea; wherefore through Him is the amen, unto the glory of God through us.—2 Cor. 1:20. And I say unto you, ask and it shall be given you.—Luke 11:9.

Things Unseen and Eternal.

Monday, January 6:

Praise: For the revelation of spiritual realities in God's Word, and supremely through God's Son, our Saviour-King. Praise for the divine forgiveness of the penitent, the sanctification of the trustful, the giving of eternal life to the lovingly faithful.

Prayer: For a re-quickened spiritual discernment; for a more vivid apprehension of a holy, loving God as revealed in Jesus Christ; for grace to give to things eternal their just control over all the things of time and sense.

For our light affliction which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 Cor. 4:17-18.

The Triumphs of Faith.

Tuesday, January 7th:

Praise: For the incomparable trophies of the faithful who have "endured as seeing Him who is invisible", for the prophets who have spoken in God's name and feared not; for the ministers and missionaries who, "through faith, have subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises"; for the martyrs who have counted not life dear to them, so that they "might testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Prayer: For a like purifying, comforting, invigorating faith on the part of all disciples; for that well grounded, practical belief which shall make each disciple an unashamed, persuasive witness for Christ and his gospel; prayer for the abounding fruits of such spiritual perception and devotion.

And this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—1 John 5:4. By faith he forsok Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.—Heb. 11:27. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.—Rom. 8:37.

The Church Made Truly Glorious. Wednesday, January 8th.

Praise: For a church whose one foundation has ever been "the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone"; for a church which, in spite of worldliness and denominational rivalries and ecclesiastical alienations, has so largely

held "the pattern of sound words, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus"; for a church in which the evangelistic spirit, and the personal effort to win souls, more and more abound.

Prayer: That the church may be altogether devoted in her ministers, completely faithful in her membership, poor and rich alike, the leader in a universally Christlike in her spirit of love; prayer that the church may

Praise: For the degree in which the Spirit of Missions animates all branches of the church, for the glad response which cultured young men and women are making to the call for missionaries, for the almost universally opened door, and for the successes that attend the entrance therein.

Prayer: That still higher devotion and wisdom may characterize modern missions; that in the home field there

righteousness is acceptable to him.—Acts 10:34-35. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.—Matt. 28:19. Intemperance the Master Social Curse. Friday, January 10.

Praise: That the consciences of the people are the more awakened to the temperance issue; that the general canons and customs of society forbid such gross indulgence as was not uncommon in older times; that it is increasingly admitted that while "men can not be made moral by act of parliament," it is the province of law to render difficult such wrong-doing as manifestly leads to crime.

Prayer: That the curse whose annual victims fill tens of thousands of drunkards' graves; whose money-cost, borne chiefly by the so-called laboring classes, is appalling; whose direct products include crimes multiplied, families devastated, womanhood and childhood ruined, manhood degraded to a level lower than that of beasts, and the whole social condition largely marred and blighted; that against that curse may everywhere be arrayed the forces which promise readiest, greatest, most permanent relief. Let prayer and action be in harmony.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink; to thee that addest thy venom, and makest him drunken also.—Hab. 2:15. Be not among wine bibbers, among gluttonous eaters of flesh, for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.—Prov. 23:20. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.—1 Cor. 6:10.

Christian Unity.

Saturday, January 11.

Praise: That the longing for the right understanding and perfect realization of our Savior's petition is spreading and deepening; that the denominational strife of former days is in constant amelioration; that in practical co-operation good will is increasingly shown and the coming of the kingdom increasingly hastened.

Prayer: That Christian love may lead the denominations to a co-operation still more effective and to a spiritual unity still more profound; that the measure of unity already realized in more than one foreign mission field may inspire like unity at home; that pure devotion to a common Savior and a common kingdom may be the motive of all attempts at organic union. May the universal motto be, One body in Christ.

That they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us. I in them and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me and lovedst them even as thou lovedst me.—John 17:21-23.

Sermons.

Sunday January 12.

God Revealed.—God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God; also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth loving kindness, for thou renderest to every man BAPTIST—THREE

according to his work.—Ps. 62:11-12. God having of old time spoken unto the Fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in His Son.—Heb. 1:1-2.

INVITATION OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE FOR THE WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER—JANUARY 5-12, 1908.

Brethren in Christ:

The approach of the New Year reminds us of the time-honored and divinely blest week of prayer. During that week Christians in all lands will unitedly pray. Such an institution is itself a witness to the central truth that "God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that seek after Him."

Worldliness, the ascendancy of things visible, the pre-eminence of things material, characterizes the present age. It is widely affirmed that what is beyond our own consciousness and sight is purely speculative, and therefore negligible. "Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His; and, Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord, depart from un-

The relation of the soul to fundamental fact. The union, by a righteous, loving God is still the functioning Savior, is the decisive aith, of the penitent believer with the through purposed obedience, of possibility. The soul's welcome, for which there is no equivalent, the sanctifying Spirit, is the reality applied, is humanity's hope. In this threefold truth, accepted and righteousness."

The certainty of the endless life; the tendency of character to become fixed in the line of the once prevailing choice; the rewards and retributions which here and hereafter await the responsible individual; therein also is the hiding and the-revealing of measureless spiritual power.

Faith must, indeed, be proved by works. Christian social service is clearly indispensable. What may be called institutional Christianity is highly requisite. Ethical reform is essentially invaluable. Yet the life, the energy, the fount, the fire, underneath all these gracious and necessary manifestations, is the mystical, transcendent reality of God manifest in Christ for the saving of the individual and the things which are seen are told. The revelation of God in Christ seen are eternal." ing or a falling church, but also of a

God will hear earnest, con- siver will be as abundant as His offered for an adequate apprehension Me, and I will answer thee and raths; that they may be recognized supplication of a righteous manmotional recognition, but with verita- In behalf of the Alliance for this and of power;" that thus upon the

LEANDER me inspiration in all its fullness; that spiritual re-creation of the wor-quickened by a more intense faith in is the article not only of a standmankind may comprehend that "the restorec or a ruined race. poral, but the things which are not

Accordingly, let prayer be of these abiding, fundamental tscientific, united prayer, and His an- not merely with intellectual, a promise. His word is: "Call unto ble "demonstration of the Spirwill show thee 'great things.'" "The ministry may descend the supre avalleth much in its working." "The believers may everywhere be ge United States. invisible realities; and that all T. CHAMBERLAIN, D. D., Pres.

prove herself to be the true friend of social regeneration which is thoroughly Christian, the untiring, unselfish servant of the Kingdom of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask for or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever, Amen.—Eph. 3:20-21. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.—Rev. 2:7.

Missions, Home and Foreign.

Thursday, January 9.

may be more nearly adequate preparation for the immigrant millions, and a still more effective ministering to the dwellers on our frontier; prayer that in the foreign field there may be a still finer recognition of the truth that God has not left Himself without witnesses in any nation or religion; while, at the same time, the centrality and universality of the Cross of Christ are gently, lovingly, devotedly set forth.

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh

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#### NEW YEAR DAY IN DIFFERENT LANDS.

Longfellow in the Poets' Calendar says:

"Janus am I; oldest of potentates;  
Forward I look, and backward, and below.  
I count, as god of avenues and gates,  
The years that through my portals come and go."

It is said of an archway under which the Roman armies passed as they went forth to war, was sculptured the head of this ancient deity with two faces, the one looking eastward, the other westward. He was called Janus, the god of beginnings, of gateways, or openings, and it is after him that the first month of our year—January—is named.

This is the gateway of another round year, and under it we pause today, looking, as the old Roman deity was represented as looking, both ways.

The present calendar used by all Christian nations is founded on that used by the Romans, which was revised and perfected by Pope Gregory in the sixteenth century. The Romans first began their year with the spring equinox, then when the year was divided into months, with the opening of the month next following the winter solstice. The nations of the north of Europe long opened the year with the winter solstice. The early Christian nations first kept Christmas day as New Year's day, then Easter day, and then, for convenience, took the Roman day. The Jewish new year is not a fixed date, and occurs in September. The Chinese New Year comes in September and that of the Mahomedan in July, the day being fixed each year by lunar changes.

The custom of celebrating the first day of the year in a festive manner seems to have prevailed from very ancient times. The Jews, the Egyptians, the Chinese, the Romans and the Mahomedans, though differing as to the date from which they reckoned the commencement of the year, all kept the day as a holiday. The reason is similar to that which has made individual birthdays an occasion of congratulation; that is, rejoicing that all have lived to see the opening of another year. Among the Romans there was always feasting and an interchange of gifts, and we trust that many Alabama Baptists will celebrate the day by paying up and renewing.

#### THE CALL OF THE NEW YEAR.

The missionary enterprise is the most noteworthy, as it is the noblest expression of the highest life of the modern world. It sounds the keynote of a symphony yet to be, which is to awake and sweep into its majestic harmonies all the chords of purified human thought and feeling around the globe—love, trust, joy, service, adoration, blending and rising to the throne of God. To this Christ calls us by his loving, masterful voice. For this he animates us by the things we hear and see, these new and glorious marvels of a vitalizing and redeeming gospel. Why tarry we in a dim, chill prison of incertitude? Out in the open is our place, where God is on the field, and the conquering Savior leads ever onward.

#### GONE TO THEIR REWARD.

The Baptists of Alabama have sustained a grievous loss in the death of Brother W. T. Smith, the royal giver, and Mrs. L. S. Stratton, the queenly worker. The former has a monument in China which will endure forever; the latter has a monument in the hearts of the women of Alabama that will ever be kept green. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the bereaved ones.

#### THE PLAGUE OF PESSIMISM.

We read that it is no less true that when hope dies the man is dead. Henceforth he is but a cumberer of the ground. The light has gone out of his eyes; the nerve out of his step; the erectness out of his carriage. He stumbles and blunders on like one who has lost his way and has no definite good in view. During the recent Boer war a town, held by a small British garrison, was beleaguered by a host of Boers who, swarming about the town, resolved to starve it into surrender. The odds against the little English garrison were tremendous. The stoutest heart might well have concluded that it was useless to hold out against such overwhelming numbers with no hope of relief in sight. And so it happened that some of the soldiers in the garrison became chicken-hearted. Day by day and night by night they propagated their dreary pessimism among their comrades. The result was that the whole garrison became gloomy; depression and despair settled over the place. The report of this sinister influence in his garrison reached the ears of the commandant. He ordered the miserable pessimists into his presence. He lectured them soundly for their traitorous conduct and then ordered them all to be shut up together so that they could not further poison the garrison with their owl-like screechings and hootings. The commandant was a wise man.

A writer whose name is unknown to us in commenting on the above says:

Suppose the opposing forces are insuperable! Better far go down with colors flying, courage in your heart, your face to the foe like steel or flint, than to sneak away or surrender stupidly and cowardly like a whipped cur.

It were a consummation devoutly to be wished if all the pessimists in our churches, our civic life, our homes, could be transported to some barren island in midocean where they could commiserate one another and indulge in their godless caterwaulings to their heart's content. Your practiced chronic grumbler and pessimist in home, church or state makes life miserable for all about him. He is a nuisance in society, a plague to his friends, a burden to himself. What an inspiring picture will the children have to carry with them through life if stamped on their memory is the recollection of a moping, joyless father, and what is worse, a soured, scowling mother. There are some places where the motto, "Home, sweet home; there's no place like home," would be the most grotesque and bitter irony imaginable.

#### LET US PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

Let us pray for a genuine and great revival through the promised power of God's Spirit—a revival which shall fill each Christian heart with a missionary devotion like that which filled the Savior's heart; a revival which shall revivify the truth that while "in every nation he that feareth God worketh righteousness, is acceptable to Him," a crucified and risen Christ, made known to all the world, is still the "power of God" for the world's salvation, the only "name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved;" a revival which shall fill each renewed soul with a holy passion for the Christianizing of the homeland and all lands.

In Christian lands and in missionary lands there is a strong movement towards Christian co-operation and the removal of manifestly needless separations among Christ's friends. The prayer of our Lord "that they may all be one" should be offered by an ever increasing number of faithful disciples during 1906.

#### THE TRUE BAPTIST RING.

Governor Hughes, of New York, at a public dinner at which it was intended to launch his boom for the presidential candidacy next year, put a quietus upon such efforts when he declared that one of the fundamental principles of his administration has been to vindicate the adequacy of our institutions, to put an end to abuses without tumult or disorder, without injustice or demagoguery, and in a judicious, deliberate but not the less vigorous manner to insist upon the enforcement of public rights. Continuing, he stated: "To avoid any possibility of misapprehension regarding my own course, I may say this further word: I do not seek any public office. The majority of the people doubtless think that the distinction and power of office bear an irresistible attraction. If you have been constantly in my company during the last nine months, you would see that quite another point of view is possible. To me public office means a burden of responsibility, a burden of incessant toil at times almost intolerable, which under honorable conditions and at the command of the people it may be a duty and even a pleasure to assume, but is far from being an object of ambition. I have not sought, nor shall I seek, directly or indirectly, to influence the selection or the vote of any delegate to any convention, and with reference to the action of any delegate to any convention there will be no suggestion or thought of influence, protest or reprisal in the executive chamber. Those whom I have appointed to office have been counseled to have some regard to the efficiency of the work of their department. I asked no man for favors, but on the contrary, I have constantly insisted that the work of government shall be carried on not with reference to the selfish advantage of any one, but exclusively in the interests of the people."

Governor Hughes is a loyal Baptist and is proud of Brown university, his alma mater, although he taught at Cornell university. It pays to educate our sons in Baptist institutions.

#### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Elsewhere we publish the list of topics for the coming week of prayer, as suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

"And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto the Lord."

We often wonder at Luther, who spent three hours each day in prayer meditation; at Bishop Andrews, spending the greater part of five hours every day in fellowship with God; at John Welsh who thought that day he spent which did not witness eight or ten hours of closest communion.

F. B. Meyer well adds: It seems to us as if such prolonged praying must involve an endless monotony of vain repetitions. We forget that when men are sent to market with a host of commissions from their neighbors and friends, they must needs tarry longer than when they go only for themselves. It would be a very wholesome thing if the causes of others were to detain us more constantly before the Lord.

The men who have had success in leading souls to Christ have been men of prayer. Often, when riding along the road, D. J. Moody would begin to pray aloud unconsciously. Nearness to God was the secret of his great power over men—a position which we may all attain if we choose.

If we want to make this centennial year memorable, we will have to do it by getting close to God. If we will pray and work and give, our God will bless our efforts. If holy zeal, fervent prayer and sincere consecration mark our people all the other difficulties and problems that lie before us will find a very quick solution. It strikes me that we as Christians and Baptists at this time ought to be in unusually earnest prayer for a great reviving.

## THE CLARION CALL TO THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

For many years it has been in the mind of our people to celebrate in some suitable way the hundredth anniversary of their existence in this state, which anniversary falls, as is well known, in November of next year.

The laudable sentiment reached a definite and official expression at the Talladega convention of 1906, when on motion of J. M. McCord, a committee composed of W. B. Crumpton, C. W. O'Hara and M. M. Wood, was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report at the convention at Dothan. These brethren, after going over the ground intelligently and carefully and with an evident sympathy with the movement, submitted a report at Dothan in July last in which they recommended in enthusiastic and eloquent terms that we enter upon a centennial observance, with due historical celebrations and raising one thousand dollars for missions for each of the years of the century. They recommended "That each fifth Sunday during the year be devoted to the centennial movement; that the pastors in city and town churches having preaching every Sunday be asked to preach on suitable subjects for the occasion on that day; that the churches in the country appoint delegates to union meetings to be held at central points where discussions may be had on the subject; that the largest contribution possible be taken in town, city and country churches on that day for the centennial celebration to be added to the mission contributions which are taken in the churches or the place of the regular schedule."

The report was referred to a special committee,

of which Charles A. Stakely was chairman, for further consideration, and was brought back to the convention with a recommendation that it be adopted, which was done unanimously and with marked enthusiasm, together with the following amendment, offered by A. J. Dickinson: "That during the year special effort be made to collect for the library at Howard college all monuments and documents useful for the preservation of the history and progress of Baptist people and affairs in Alabama during the past century; and to this end we request all persons having such sources for our history to aid us by contributing the same to this collection." Then on motion of John W. Stewart the entire matter was referred for execution to a centennial committee composed of Charles A. Stakely, Paul V. Bomar, J. H. Foster, Austin Crouch, Richard Hall, J. W. Sandlin, G. L. Yates, R. E. Pettus, W. B. Crumpton, C. W. O'Hara and M. M. Wood.

At a session of this committee in Montgomery on December 10th it was determined to subdivide the work as follows: Historical committee, Charles A. Stakely, Paul V. Bomar and C. W. O'Hara; missionary committee, W. B. Crumpton and G. L. Yates; press committee, Austin Crouch, A. J. Dickinson, J. M. Shelburn, J. H. Foster and Frank Willis Barnett, and Campaign committee, Richard Hall, R. E. Pettus, W. J. E. Cox and R. G. Patrick. The historical committee will have in hand the working up of the history of the 1893 churches in the state and the arrangement for the centennial exercises at the coming convention. The missionary committee will look

to the raising of the \$100,000 for Christian missions as a centennial offering. The press committee is charged with the publication in religious and secular papers of any and all matter relating to the movement. While the campaign committee will appoint and direct all meetings throughout the state in furtherance of the great objects in view.

The committee also adopted the following resolutions:

That the publication of such literature as may be necessary be left with the historical committee.

That the missionary and campaign committee be authorized to employ such agencies as may be necessary in carrying on the work.

That we recommend the Baptist state convention when it assembles in Roanoke in July to call an extra session of the convention to meet Friday, November 27th, in Montgomery.

We recommend to our colored brethren throughout the state that they inaugurate a centennial celebration in their churches also.

In these hundred years our people in the state have made history of which any denomination could be proud. In some respects the record has been a glorious one. Now let us work it up and put it in orderly and permanent shape. Let us prepare to celebrate our centennial in a way that shall be in keeping with the dignity and achievements of our people. And as a thanks offering to Almighty God for His blessing upon us in these hundred years, let us raise the proposed hundred thousand dollars for Christian missions. CHARLES A. STAKELY,

## FRACTIONAL CURRENCY; By J. C. Hiden

A preacher, riding by a piece of new ground land, saw a boy ploughing with a one-mule plough. The mule was restless and the stumps were thick, and now and then the boy gave vent to his temper in observations more emphatic than pious. The preacher paused and said, kindly: "Oh, my little fellow, you must not swear so." The boy glanced at the speaker and said: "You are a preacher, ain't you?" "Yes," said the gentleman, "I am." "Well, parson," said the boy, "if you were to try ploughing new ground land with a one-mule plough, I believe you would swear too." "Oh, no," said the reverend gentleman, "not at all." "Well," said the boy, "will you get down here and try it a bit?" "Certainly," and the horse was tied to a stake, the preacher dismounted and took the plough handles. Pretty soon the mule dragged the plough over a large stump, the preacher was thrown off his feet and dragged roughly over the ground, roots and stumps. This was repeated several times, and at each disaster the preacher would say, "Well, I declare, I never saw the like." Presently the boy came up, and seizing the plough handles, said impatiently, "Now, get away. I'd like to know which is the worst, swearing or lying. You keep on saying you never saw the like, and you are seeing it all the time." Moral: Put yourself in his place.

A Presbyterian preacher on one of his missionary tours in the back woods stopped at a primitive log cabin and asked the woman of the house: "Are there any Presbyterians hereabouts?" She replied: "I don't reckon there is, 'cause the boys went out huntin' tother day and catch and kill a lot o' varmints, and I never heerd 'em say there was any Presbyterians among 'em." We can not say that Robert J. Burdette was the originator of that story, but it sounds very much like one of his.

And here is one of Burdette's: When "Robert Elsmore" was making a great stir in the literary world, a certain publisher called upon a noted literary man, and said: "I want you to write a re-

ligious novel." "But," said the author, "I know almost nothing about the different religious sects. I can't tell a Unitarian from a democrat. I do know that the Baptists are in favor of infant baptism, and that the Methodists are in favor of close communion." "Oh," said the publisher, "that is enough for you to know; go ahead and write the novel."

There are probably not many subjects which more nonsense has been extracted than that of "the last words" of eminent men. Who has not heard or read of the "last words" of Daniel Webster: "I still live." And how often are the words quoted in such a way as to intimate that Mr. Webster was anticipating his own immortality? And yet it is reasonably certain that he was thinking of nothing of the kind; but that awaking from a state of unconsciousness, he expressed his surprise at finding himself still alive. Why did not some of the four evangelists tell us of the last words of John the Baptist? Jesus said that no greater prophet had ever lived, and yet, though we have an account of the manner of his death, we find not a hint given that he uttered a word on that memorable occasion. The evangelists were not given to the sensational style.

We are not living in any special dread of the socialists. Most adult natives of this country own something which they do not mean to surrender to any theorizing tramp who holds that property is a

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.

crime. Even of those who own nothing the immense majority hope and intend to become property holders, and thus have no sympathy with socialism. To an Irishman who was loudly claiming that there ought to be an equal division of all property, some one said: "And what would you do with your share?" "Faith, I'd spend it." "And what then?" said his questioner. "Call for another division," said Michael Mahoney, "to be sure." Most people who have sense enough to acquire any property have sense enough to see that at that rate there would soon be nothing left to divide.

One of the profoundest laws of historical criticism is thus set forth by Godwin in his work on "Political Justice": "What species of amusement or instruction would history afford us if there were no ground of inference from moral causes to effect, if certain temptations and inducements did not, in all ages and climates, produce a certain series of actions? The amusement would be inferior to that which we derive from the perusal of a chronological table when events have no order but that of time." We can almost imagine that Buckle's famous "History of Civilization in England" is but an elaborate, learned, but often misguided development of this thought.

The homiletical habit is sometimes strong in some preachers who have not so much as heard whether there be any homiletics. An old preacher of our colonial days had a way of dividing his subjects thus: "First, second, third and lastly." The habit had so strong a hold upon him that he would indulge it when speaking of every day matters. For instance, he would say: "I love to stay all night at Sister Scott's, because Sister Scott's beds have got all the p'int (points); first, clean; second, soft (soft); third and lastly, plenty of kiver." The best homiletical authorities could not improve upon that correct, exhaustive division. J. C. HIDDEN.

Idlewild, Birmingham, Ala.





A TRAGEDY.

He will not ever return, you say;  
But you can weep above your dead,  
While I must see my old-time friend  
Walk by me daily with averted head  
—Elmer James Bailey.

For the past few years our prosperity has amounted to commercial intoxication. Now we are recovering from its after effects. It is not that we are poor; there is as much real wealth in the country as there was a few weeks ago. Although prices have begun to fall, and some of the free lances of finance have lost their armor, the country at large has good crops and all but limitless financial resources.

Men who believe that the country is prosperous should show their faith by their works. Instead of hoarding cash, let them invest it. Every dollar taken from a bank and put into a safety deposit vault is a menace to commercial stability.

King Edward VII. has been having a very sociable time of late with his fellow monarchs and rulers. He began the season by dropping in on his relative-in-law, Alfonso, of Spain. Then, if we have kept his diary correctly, he went to see King Victor, and made a trip to meet President Fallieres, then home again to England for a little rest. Last week he started his royal gadding once more and went over to Germany, where he and William, another relative of his, embraced and kissed each other. Thence he went to see Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria. But the king's visits really do amount to something. They mark the growing cordiality England is cultivating with all the powers. The visit to William was a visible sign that the relations of the two countries are not so strained as they had been.—Southern Presbyterian.

Instead of curtailing credits, lenders ought to continue to extend credit. Our manufacturing concerns and our railroads need loans as much today as ever. Just now every grain of confidence in the solvency of the nation should be transformed into two grains of credit. We want to end speculation, but inability to borrow means the discharge of wage-earners. That means a reduction in consumption of products, and that in turn means hard times.

Confidence, we are told, has been shaken. But confidence in what? Not in crops, nor in the general financial soundness of the country, nor in the purchasing power of the average man or woman.

It is true there has been too much indiscriminate attack on wealth, but what really has been shaken is confidence in the ability of certain corporations to pay dividends on over-capitalization, and in the legitimacy of the methods by which some corporations have done their business. It would be mere stupidity to transform this attitude of mind into one of universal distrust.



W. T. SMITH,  
An Humble Christian, Whose Wealth  
Was Put at His Master's Service.

THE FACES OF OUR MISSIONARIES

The Foreign Mission Board is preparing a large group picture showing the faces of all our missionaries, giving the name and field of each one. The group is printed on a sheet of heavy paper, 28x40 inches, suitable for framing or hanging up, as it is in the Sunday school room, ladies' parlor, or some other room of the church. It will be of peculiar interest to all who love our missionaries and the great cause in which they are engaged. It will have also an educational value, as in this way our people will come to know the faces of our great band of brave workers.

The picture will be distributed in two ways:

First: We agree to send one of them to every Sunday school superintendent who will agree to observe Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday school on January 19th. We have a most excellent program for this day, and we would like to have the day observed in every Sunday school in the Southern Baptist Convention. Let each superintendent send us his name and address if he would like to have one of these pictures for his Sunday school.

Second: We will give one of these pictures to any one who will secure for us five new subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal. Our people are manifesting great interest in Dr. Willingham's letters from the Orient, and since these letters are to run for some months, we are anxious to increase the circulation of the Journal, so that many more people may get the benefit of them. Anyone desiring to secure a club will be supplied with sample copies of the Journal by sending us a postal card stating that fact.

WILLIAM H. SMITH,  
Editorial Secretary.

Of course more than a single cause has contributed to bring about the present stringency in the money market. Probably wild politics has had to do with it, and everybody knows that wild speculation and gambling have had to do with it.

There is another cause to be considered, which, in the recent flurry, seems to have been overlooked—the power of the "bears" in the money market. Spinners in New England and abroad have united with gamblers who have found it necessary to bring down the price of cotton. In order to bring it to pass, forces have united to bring on a panic and to thus withdraw from the channels of trade and concentrate in New York the money needed to buy and move the cotton crop.

There has been method in the madness that prevailed. There has been a gradual but desperate working up to the flurry, and the mischief-makers have not left off yet by any means.

This is our theory about and the results have already proven true.

In many places farmers with cotton to sell have been met with the explanation that buyers "were not in the market." They declined to buy at any price—to even bid at all. Of course these gentlemen are not to blame. They are reliable men, and regret deeply the withdrawal of their authority to buy cotton. It is the united powers back of them who are playing the game. These have determined to cut down the money supply, and even invite a panic as their chosen means of bringing down the price of cotton. The "bears" are leading the war that is now going on, both cotton and stock bear, and they have but scant opposition in the South, the natural home of the bull.—Cotton and Cotton Oil News.



Governor Folk, of Missouri; Governor Hanley, of Indiana, and former Mayor Jones, of Minneapolis, have been asked to take a hand in Chicago's Sunday saloon closing fight.

Invitations for the two governors to come to Chicago and speak on reform enforcement of the closing law were forwarded. With the governors and former Mayor Jones in Chicago, it is planned to have a monster mass meeting in which the sentiment of the public in regard to Sunday closing can be displayed.

The size of the locks on the Panama canal are now fixed at one thousand feet in length by one hundred in width, with forty feet of depth. These will easily take the largest ship afloat, even the two great Cunarders recently put in service.

The first International Missionary Convention under the direction of the Young People's Missionary Movement will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., March 10, 11, 12, 1908. As the Young People's Missionary Movement is the organized agency for co-operative missionary education of the home and Foreign Mission Boards of North America, the success of the convention is assured.

There is room in the Philippines for ten times the present population to dwell in happiness and comfort.

These great unknown islands spell neglected opportunity; millions and millions of acres have never known even the wild man's crude plow. One may, in regions, travel for days, even weeks, without seeing a native. He will pass through realms of extreme fertility and beauty, through vast upland meadows of rich pasture grass, growing knee-high and concealing a soil rich and black as that of Egypt; across quiet savannahs where strange trees dot the landscape as do the mountain oaks of the California Sierras. But for the lack of sleek cattle, one might here fancy himself in a deserted orchard pasture in New England. Streams, clear, cold and crystal, spring from the mountain heights and bubble through the mountain meadows.

The following advice from a daily paper is both wise and appropriate: "Pay small debts. Give the grocer, the tailor, the dressmaker and the servant girl the money which belongs to them. This paper early offered this advice as one of the best prescriptions for getting money into circulation. In many cities the idea is being urged with earnestness. Not only now, but at all times, the obligation of promptly paying small bills should be treated as one of the most urgent. Some people might with benefit to business pay instantly their church subscriptions. The preacher is sure to put his salary into circulation. Instead of curtailing, men might increase their church subscriptions and stiffen their consciences about quick payment. Business would improve not a little." To the above we would simply add that you might include also your denominational paper. You may be sure that the money paid to it will be put into circulation in a very short while to pay bills for printing, etc.—Baptist and Reflector.

# THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

## THE KING'S BUSINESS.

Citronelle.

The Lord gave us a sweet meeting here. This is an important point for the Baptists. Several hundred tourists come here every year. They attended our meetings in large numbers. There were between twenty and thirty conversions.

Headland City.

We have just closed our engagement here. Crowds were very large, and there were about thirty conversions. A positive decision was reached in regard to building a new meeting house. Brother Fleming, the pastor, will go to Howard college in January.

In Montgomery.

I am at home now with my family for a couple of weeks for the first time in three months, except a day at a time. I have only one more engagement in Alabama for January, February and March. If it is His will I shall be glad to have these months taken up in Alabama. If the Holy Spirit impresses any of the churches to write me I shall be glad to correspond with them in regard to meetings for any time after middle of January. My time is taken until then.

Finances.

Brethren frequently write me as to the cost of meetings. There is none. This part as well as all other parts of a revival meeting should be by faith. I am in this work because I feel He has called me to it. I want to go only where He can use me for His glory. There is no church so weak but what I am glad to aid in a ten days or two weeks meeting, if the Holy Spirit impresses them to invite me. Then the matter of finance is left for the Holy Spirit to manage, and that for His glory.

Christmas Gift.

Many of us are thinking about what we are going to give our friends. The best things for Christmas gifts would be, first, to send the Alabama Baptist for a year to some friend who is not able to take it; then send a check for a handsome sum to Brother Stewart for the orphans; then one to Brother Crumpton for missions, and also one to Howard college for the young ministers. I mean that the best Christmas gift we can make is to spend all we spend in making the Centennial movement a success for His glory. Lovingly,  
JOHN BASS SHELTON.

Guardian Sale

By virtue of an order of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, the undersigned, as the guardian of William F. Killough, a minor, will offer for sale, for cash, in front of the court house door of Jefferson county during the legal hours of sale, on Thursday, Jan. 16th, 1908, the following described real estate, the property of the said minor, to-wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of the N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-1 of Sec. 26, 15 R one W; thence run east eight hundred (800) feet, thence in a northerly direction one thousand and twenty (1020) feet to Birmingham and Springville dirt road, thence in a westerly direction along said road five hundred (500) feet to the western boundary line of said forty-acre tract, thence south along said western boundary line seven hundred and forty-five (745) feet to point of beginning, containing thirteen acres, more or less, and situated in Jefferson county, Alabama. BETTIE BRYANT, Guardian.

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IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND.

After suffering two weeks of fever on December 1, 1907, God called the soul of Ocie Bryant home. He was a member of our Sunday school at Corinth; had not united with any church, but expressed much regret that he had not, being born of the Spirit during the revival at Poplar Springs last August. This young man was bravely meeting the problems of life when God called him in the beginning of young manhood, he being twenty-three years and six months (less three days) old. His intentions were to unite with the Baptist church at first opportunity. May the One who doeth all things well heal the broken hearts, comfort the bereaved and help us all make ready to meet our Lord and loved ones.

A FRIEND.

MRS. MARY CARSON BURNS.

On the morning of November 12, 1907, at her home near Riderville, Ala., her spirit passed from its earthly tabernacle to the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Her long life of eighty-two years found her ready and willing to obey the summons, "Come up higher." Patient, submissive, chastened by suffering and sorrow, she looked forward to the rest prepared for the people of God. A member of the Baptist church from her young womanhood, her loyalty to its service never wavered, while her faith in God's mercy and forgiveness sustained her to the end. She is survived by two sons and five daughters and a number of grandchildren.

"Not gone from memory, not gone from love,  
Only gone to our Father's house above."

DAUGHTER.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our young friend, Anna Dixon Bass, in all the loveliness of youth, joyousness of a happy, sunny life and sweet, convincing influence of a sincere young Christian; be it

Resolved, first, That the loss to our church, Sabbath school and Sunbeams is peculiarly sad, for we are hereby deprived of one of our most devoted members, constant attendants and earnest workers.

Second, That our community has sustained the irreparable loss of a bright, sunny nature, whereby Dixie exemplified to all the joy of living.

Third, That we do most sincerely sympathize with the bereaved mother and other devoted loved ones, and commend them to a merciful God, who doeth all things for the best.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Alabama Baptist, Our Mountain Home and to the bereaved family; also that the secreta-

ries of both Sabbath school and Sunbeams be authorized to record same in their minutes.

Miss Mollie Oden, Miss Emma Keith, Miss Annie Moss, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. M. J. Clett, committee from the Baptist Sabbath school of Childersburg, Ala.

M'PHERSON.

Miss Josie Mary McPherson, the subject of this sketch, was born January 1, 1885. She joined the First Baptist church of Tuscaloosa just a few months before her death. She was purely inoffensive, truly kind-hearted and uniformly courteous to all, ever ready to administer to the needs of others. A nobler girl never lived. Oh, how we miss her. She was true to every relation in life, true to God. We mourn, yet we rejoice that her suffering is ended and she is forever with God. She died September 18, 1907, and after funeral services at Coaling was laid to rest September 19, 1907.

A FRIEND

Whereas, It has pleased God to remove from earth our friend and fellow student, Albert M. Johnson:

Resolved by us, the students of Howard College, in special meeting assembled.

1. That we, while bowing in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, do lament the death of our beloved friend, whose kindly presence we shall miss as we meet from day to day.

2. That we express herewith our profound admiration of his high gifts of mind and his sterling and beautiful character.

3. That in the midst of our sorrow we rejoice that we had the privilege of intimate association with this noble young man, whose memory we shall cherish as a sacred possession.

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to the Birmingham News and to The Alabama Baptist.

J. CLARENCE INZER,  
Chairman.  
JASPER C. HUTTO, Secretary.

DIED,

At the Inge-Bondurant Infirmary in Mobile, Ala., September 28, 1907, Mrs. Mariah J., wife of Elder S. J. Williamson.

Sister Williamson (nee Miss Tyner) was born in Macon county, Georgia, in 1844; moved to Alabama in 1858; married in 1866, and united with the Baptist church in 1870.

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As an encouragement to other laborers in the field laboring in the cause of Christ, I will tell, with your permission, through the columns of the Baptist, of Shiloh church, Tuscaloosa county. Some weeks since, when Brother Kerr resigned this church, he left an appointment for me to preach there the last Sunday. I went over there and was met at Buhl Station by that consecrated old brother, J. L. Ray, who has labored long and earnestly in the cause of Christ. We were carried fifteen miles from the station to his home. It was a rainy and cold night, but we were in the service of the Lord, hence it was all right. Saturday afternoon, though it was still inclement, a good congregation met us and gave the best of attention. I explained that I was a babe in the ministry, having only been in the work since September 6 this year, and asked them to give me their sympathy and prayers. And before I had finished my talk I felt that the Lord was with me, and we had a good service. At present the church has no pastor, since Brother Kerr's resignation. It is a strong church and a strong pastor should be called to the work. If I had some years of experience I would have been glad to have been called to this church. It is a live, progressive work church and the membership is doing a wonderful work for the cause of the Master. They have a large, flourishing Sunday school and an interesting B. Y. P. U.

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At the Sunday service a large crowd was present, and like the Saturday's service, all seemed to enjoy the service. The members have given us a cordial invitation to go back there, and if there is nothing to prevent we will be there the third Sunday in February. The Lord is directing my footsteps into many new places and at each place I go to I am greatly encouraged. The Lord has blessed the little mite that I have tried to do for Him, yet I often pray to God for help to answer for myself this question, "What shall I render unto Him for all His benefits to me?" Within the coming year I expect to take up regular work and do what I can for the cause of the blessed Savior. Success to the Baptist, that is doing so much for the cause we love so much.

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Third, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Great Head, who doeth all things well.

Fourth, That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved grandchildren and relatives, and commend them to the care and love of our kind Father above.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family and another be sent to The Alabama Baptist for publication; also to spread upon the minutes.

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The net increase in membership of the whole association was 1609. Our present membership amounts to 7221, a gain the past year of 1609. Our gifts to foreign missions was \$2,610.51, to home missions \$2,242.78, to associational missions \$169, to state missions \$2,224.78, to ministerial education \$1,314.86, to pastors' salaries \$24,551, for new property \$35,117, to Sunday schools \$3,294, to other benevolence \$1,810, making a total of \$66,622.10. Value of church property \$268,825, a gain over last year of \$10,250.

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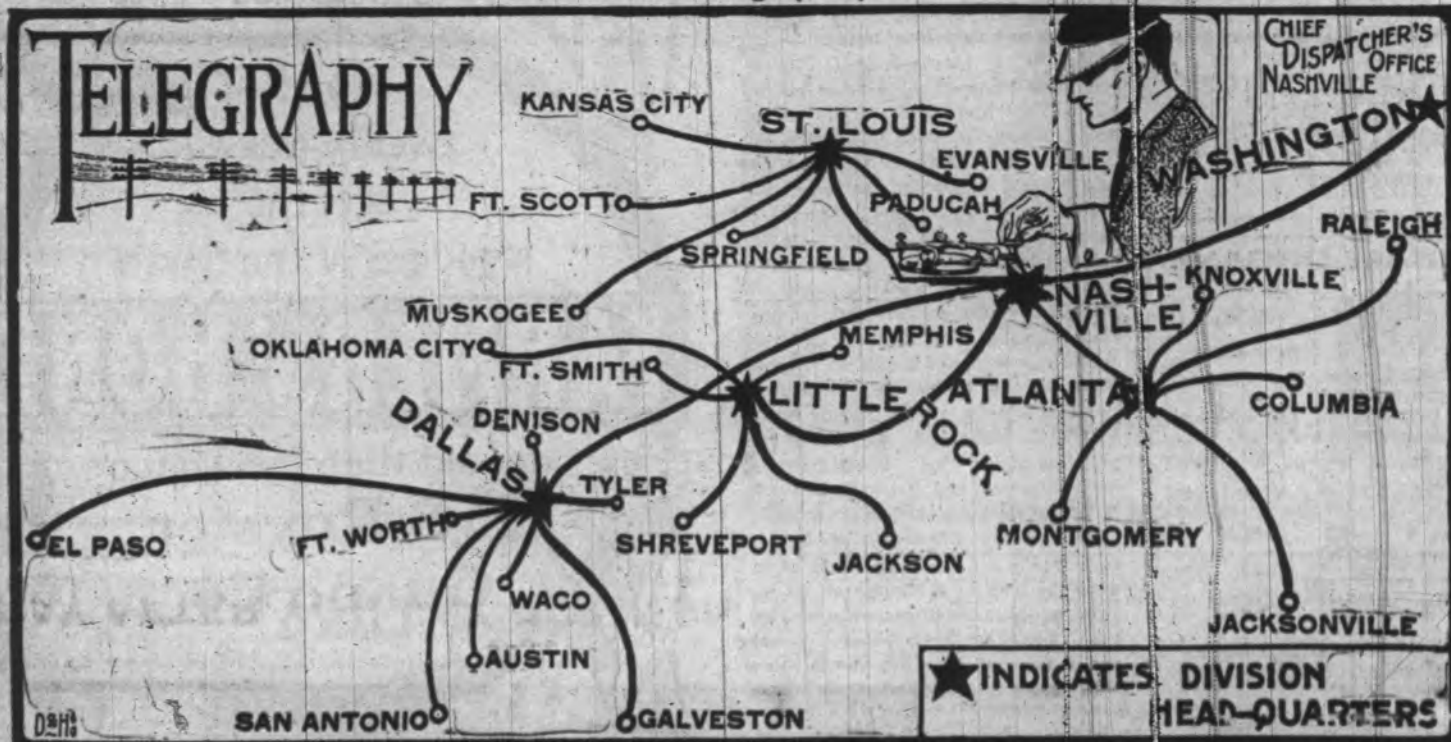


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