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PARAGRAPHS

God bless you and yours and the Alabama Baptist. Our work here is moving on nicely, and the Lord and our people are good to me and mine.—J. H. Riffe, Savannah, Mo.

We are in the midst of a great meeting at Highland Avenue church in Montgomery. Will begin a meeting at West End as soon as I am through here. Hope to send in new subscribers soon.—W. J. Ray.

Rev. D. P. Montgomery, of Charleston, Mo., recently assisted Rev. J. F. Savell at the First Baptist church of Poplar Bluff in a meeting in which 55 were added to the church, 40 by baptism.

By request of President Abercrombie, chairman of the Alabama committee of the Rhodes scholarship trust, I desire to give notice that the qualifying examination for a scholarship in Oxford university, England, will be held at the University of Alabama on January 21 and 22, 1908.—A. P. Montague, Member Alabama Committee.

The National Child Labor Committee invites the pastors and churches of America to set apart Saturday, Jan. 25, or the following day as child labor day, for the consideration of the subject. All needed literature upon this subject may be secured of the secretary, Owen R. Lovejoy, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York city.

The republican national convention, when it meets in Chicago on June 16, will contain 980 delegates. This number was fixed when the republican national committee met in Washington on December 6th and allotted two delegates to each of the territories. Each state has two delegates for every senator and representative in congress.

I send \$2.00 money order for renewal to your most splendid paper. I want to shake hands with Bro. Gavin for his timely article, "A Plea for the Babes." It is worth the whole \$2.00 to every mother and expectant mother in the land. He must be a grand man to be able to speak so plain to such an assembly on their every day duties and one which every mother should know and realize already. Wishing you a happy new year, yours for the paper, Mrs. O. J. Burson.

The National Board of the Y. W. C. A. makes its report for the first year of its history. It has organized six auxiliary territorial committees, for special work in cities and among students. The student department comprises 508 chartered associations and ten new organizations. Miss Frances E. Field is executive secretary and editor of the association monthly, with headquarters at 541 Lexington avenue, New York city.



William Booth

That wonderful old man, Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation Army, has concluded a three months' trip in this country and gone back to England. He is seventy-eight, and was reported at one time during his stay to be seriously ill. But on the last Sunday he preached in New York city, in the New Amsterdam theater, three times, and his sermons were forty-five to sixty minutes in length.

His voice was clearly heard in all parts of the crowded theater.

Gen. William Booth is now recognized all over the world as not only a good man, but as among the greatest men of the century. An English paper said that when he began his tours years ago he was pelted with mud. Now, going to the same places, he is

pelted with bank notes. And high and low delight to do him honor. Oxford University conferred the degree of D. C. L. upon him.

Of recent years the greatness of the general's service has been recognized by kings and governments, universities and distinguished societies of all kinds, and every honor possible has been conferred upon him. The reason of this success has been the constant presentation of Christ crucified. The cross has literally done it all, and the general is never tired of impressing that fact on those who are privileged to hear him. After fifty years' experience, he has told us that there is only one Power equal to doing the work in which he has been engaged, and that is "the regeneration of the individual by the power of God."

PARAGRAPHS

Rev. J. A. Howard, pastor at Hammond, spent Christmas with his daughter in Montgomery, Alabama.—Baptist Chronicle.

I can not travel much in buggy in wintry weather. I love the paper and will do all I can for it.—H. W. Garlington, Lafayette, Ala.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, of prohibition and hatchet fame, is now in Mexico seeking to start a temperance reform movement in that country.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, near Monterey, Ala., on Christmas day, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. H. E. Oswald to Miss Eva Thompson, the writer officiating. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.—H. R. Schramm.

Inclosed find \$1.00 to pay for your paper, the Alabama Baptist, to January, 1909. Bro. Barnett, I take eight papers, published in the north, south, east and west, and enjoy none more than yours. You have certainly made great improvement on the paper.—J. R. Lamb.

Dr. T. P. Bell, senior editor of the Christian Index, is to deliver one of two addresses to be made on Founders' day, January 11, before the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His subject is "The Future of the Seminary in the Light of the Past." The other address will be made by Dr. J. R. Sampey, who will treat of the character and work of Dr. Basil Manly.

The growth of the Y. M. C. A. for 1907 was phenomenal. In North America there was an increase of 2,000 organizations and nearly 500,000 members. Sixty-four new buildings were opened, valued at more than \$4,000,000, eighteen of these being for railroad associations. There was spent for the work last year \$5,900,000. The net property of the associations now aggregates more than \$50,000,000.

It gives me pleasure to announce that Bro. W. J. Slayden, of Asheville, N. C., has made a pledge to the jubilee endowment fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of \$5,000.00 on condition that I find nineteen other donors who will give \$5,000.00 each to make up the first \$100,000.00. This generous offer of Bro. Slayden I hope will meet with hearty response on the part of many. Will you kindly mention this in your columns, and see if there may not be found among your readers some who will come to our rescue in this great work? Yours very sincerely and fraternally, E. Y. Mullins.



WE NEED SACKS OF MONEY

WE BESEECH THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO PAY UP AND RE-NEW TO DO SO AT ONCE, AS WE ARE SORELY IN NEED OF MONEY. SEND COPPERS, NICKELS, SILVER, GOLD, GREENBACKS, SCRIPT, CHECKS, STAMPS, P. O. OR EXPRESS ORDERS; BUT SEND SOMETHING AT ONCE DON'T BOTHER TO REGISTER—WE WILL TAKE THE RISK.

"JUST START SOMETHING OUR WAY, AND HELP TO SAVE THE DAY."

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES.

Speaking after the manner of Kentuckians, it was "awfully" nice of the state mission board to grant me a month off. I took two weeks and found it very hard to kill that much time. I hear the secretaries of the Southern Baptist boards and of the States are to have a meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., about the 20th. I may put in another week of my time down there.

In New Orleans

I was with my children. Remained over on Sunday to tell those who assembled at the Y. M. C. A. hall "Why Alabama Went Dry." Brother Shelburne told a large audience that night at Coliseum Place "How Birmingham Carried for Prohibition." It is amazing to see how much interest the people in that great and wicked city have on the subject.

"Sunday closing" has been on a few weeks, a thing unheard of until just now. The efforts of the authorities and the editorials of the newspapers all go to show they are alarmed at the oncoming moral wave.

A Cartoon

In the Times-Democrat represented the moral wave rolling in while three fellows—the Saloon, the Gambling House and the House of Prostitution—with brooms in hand, were helplessly trying to sweep it back.

A large liquor dealer said to one of our preachers, "What do you fellows mean? Don't you know an election here now would go against you 20 to 1?" "Yes," said the preacher, "now, but not after we get in our work of agitation and education." The reply was: "That is the trouble with your crowd. You never give up; you keep a digging." Until recently it was the other side that had the reputation for persistency. It is a good sign when they lay it on us.

The Baptists in New Orleans

Are getting in better shape. The home board is fortunate in the young men they have put there. The determination to build good houses of worship is the wisest move ever made in that city by the Baptists. The first church building on St. Charles avenue is ready for the roof. It is on the best street in the city and will be a fine building. The consecrated spirit of the membership is beautiful. They are poor people, but they are joyfully sacrificing for the Master.

The following incident occurred after I left: A lady visitor writing it up, says: "Well, folks ought to give to New Orleans. If all our churches did as well as the First church the home board would never beg. Did Mr. E. tell you there was a deficit on the expenses for 1907 of \$400? He announced that they wanted to make that up today and in preparation for it three special prayer meetings were held last week. They were well attended and this morning Mr. E. went there with almost no money subscribed, and after telling them how hard he knew it was and how he hated to ask it, in less than fifteen minutes it went over \$400 and then on to \$526.50. That little room was about full. One man gave \$50, and they fairly fell over each other giving \$25. It came almost as fast as they could write it down. Most of this was cash, the other to be paid this month, with one or two to be paid later.

Help the Home Board!

should ring out from our pulpits and everywhere. Many thousands of dollars must yet be put in New Orleans; but it is money well spent. Reader, your children and mine are drifting to the cities. Some of them are going to New Orleans. We must provide spiritual homes for them there. The home board is our Baptist agency to do this. After we have passed away, our children, rejoicing in these temples, built by the generosity of their fathers will rise up to call us blessed.

Bayou la Batre,

In Alabama, was my next stopping place. It was a week of real rest and recreation. I know of no better place to rest. The fishing was good, considering there was so much rain. The Misses McLane, who keep the house, know exactly how to make their

guests enjoy their stay. Over-eating is the great danger. I remained and preached on Sunday. We have a neat church building and parsonage. Brother J. D. Anderson is the pastor, but he doesn't live there.

Over some as pretty country as one ever saw, in the pine woods, I traveled to Grand Bay, where I preached, on a rainy night in the half tumbled-down union church to a small congregation. The September storm of 1906 blew down the Baptist church just as it was nearing completion. Now they have another house nearly ready. When I think of this little band of Baptists and how they have struggled, without losing heart, I feel like they ought to be helped. Won't some one who needs these lines join me in helping them finish their houses? I make this suggestion, without their knowledge. Brother C. H. Morgan is their pastor and will do a good work once they get in their house.

The Grand Bay church, in spite of poverty and the loss of their house and the struggle to build again, kept up their monthly contributions to benevolence, averaging \$3.19 per member. This doesn't include pastor's salary or church building. Surely they deserve sympathy and help.

What a Country

Mobile county and all South Alabama will be when it is settled up! Will this ever be? Yes, if the grip of the land sharks can be unloosed. Think of one firm owning 40,000 acres of land, on which they pay almost no tax, holding it for exorbitant prices. The tax commissioners have it in their power to break the grip of these greedy monsters.

December Collections

For foreign missions were a failure in Alabama. Maybe they will round up \$1,500, when we hoped for \$8,000. The wretched weather prevented the congregations from gathering and the offerings were not taken. If we had things down to system in our churches, bad weather would not interfere.

In the Office Again,

And I am grateful to God and the brethren for the rest. What a blessed thing to be able to work! As I glance over this pile of letters, I am eager to get into them. What will they reveal? I am sure some will make my heart glad with offerings for the dear Lord's cause. I have peeped into a few. One each from the home and foreign boards telling of short collections. March and April are near at hand and Alabama is going to do something great for these boards. We always have and I know we will stand by the record we have made.

If the poor missionaries of the state board can only weather the storm until February, our state mission month, I feel certain the churches are going to enable me to make them all happy. How my heart goes out to them now in these hard times!

Pastors, let me beg you to be making your plans now for great things in February.

W. B. C.

PROHIBITION ABOUT TO PUT POLICE COURT OUT OF BUSINESS.

"Prohibition bids fair to put my court out of business," remarked Judge Feagin Tuesday morning. The remarks of the judge were occasioned by finding that his Monday morning docket only showed twenty cases, whereas, under the old regime, 100 cases were considered a small Monday's work.

The fact remains that arrests for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and afrays have fallen off 80 per cent., there being but two or three cases per day. On Monday morning four men showed up for drunkenness, and the judge assessed a fine of \$25 each.

When the present supply of liquor is sold out, according to the belief of court officials, the arrests for drunkenness and its attendant offenses against city ordinances will have fallen to one or two per day.—Ledger.

AS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

A Christian church is spiritually strong only as its individual members are strong in character and general influence. A church may have five hundred members, and it may have the reputation of being a very strong church, whereas in reality it may be very weak in respect to vital spiritual life. The moral influence of any church, in the vicinity of its location, does not consist in its membership as a body, or merely as an organization, but rather in the daily life of its individual members. The people of the world do not judge a church by the various meetings which it holds, whether they be held on the Sabbath or during the week. The preaching may be thoroughly Scriptural, the attendance may be large, and there may be a great deal of activity by the members in the sessions of the church, and yet these things have no convincing force on the outside world. We do not say that no good is accomplished by the services which are publicly held in Christian churches. We are sure that much good is done by those means; but the point which we are making is that it is through the individual lives of the members of a church that the strength or weakness of the church is expressed, and by which the body as a whole is judged. Not only so, but the salutary influence of a church upon the general community depends expressly upon the character and conduct of each individual member, as he comes in contact with unconverted people. It is the distribution of the true Christian members among the common masses which most effectually impresses the latter ones. It is the Christian salt, scattered throughout the community, which has the greatest salutary influence. It is the individual light, shining in the families, in the streets, in the shops, and by the wayside, which bears the most forceful witness to the virtues of Christianity. In all of this discussion of the subject we are thinking of the direct personal responsibility of every member of the church, and we say to each Christian reader that your church is strong and influential in the community just in proportion to your own strength of Christian character.

Rev. Jeff D. Ray, who resigns the pastorate of his church in Waco, Texas, to become professor of homiletics and assistant in English Bible in the Southwestern Theological seminary at Waco, has an interesting address in last week's Baptist Standard.

RAILROAD MAN

Didn't Like Being Starved.

A man running on a railroad has to be in good condition all the time, or he is liable to do harm to himself and others.

A clear head is necessary to run a locomotive or conduct a train. Even a railroad man's appetite and digestion are matters of importance, as the clear brain and steady hand result from the healthy appetite followed by the proper digestion of food.

"For the past five years," writes a railroader, "I have been constantly troubled with indigestion. Every doctor I consulted seemed to want to starve me to death. First I was dieted on warm water and toast until I was almost starved; then, when they would let me eat, the indigestion would be right back again.

"Only temporary relief came from remedies, and I tried about all of them I saw advertised. About three months ago a friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food. The very first day I noticed that my appetite was satisfied, which had not been the case before, that I can remember.

"In a week, I believe, I had more energy than ever before in my life. I have gained seven pounds, and have not had a touch of indigestion since I have been eating Grape-Nuts. When my wife saw how much good this food was doing me, she thought she would try it awhile. We believe the discoverer of Grape-Nuts found the 'Perfect Food.'"

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

SOME CRYING NEEDS AND DIFFICULTIES OF CITY MISSION WORK

All religious work has its special difficulties to meet. It seems to me, however, that the hindrances in the work of city missions are the most difficult to meet. The writer has had considerable experience in colportage and real mission work in three different states, among many classes of people, but the only opposition to real work comes from the "flesh and the devil" and is easy to meet compared with the difficulties in our city missions. The crying need of our southern Zion today is the evangelizing of our cities for the reason that our boys and girls from the country round about every large city are flocking to the city and even many, many families are "pitching their tents toward Sodom." The writer has for the last five years been preaching in small towns around Mobile, and is acquainted with the people and "pig trails" in the country surrounding Mobile, and the number of families that has moved to Mobile from the adjacent territory is alarming when we consider that for the most part these people have almost been lost to our churches, who were useful in the country church. And the holding, saving and using these people is largely the work of the city missionary.

The first difficulty he will meet with is that before he perhaps can locate them their minds have been poisoned against our city churches by some one whom they chance to meet, and they find that the change is so great from the service in the country to the service in our city churches that he does not readily take to the change.

The next opposition comes from the devil in all manner of forms peculiar to each locality with which he has to deal.

The two most serious difficulties in the work of the city missionary comes from our own people.

First, the Baptists living in the immediate community where it is desired to organize a church that will not unite with the new undertaking are a serious hindrance, in the fact that others who are inclined to do so hesitate because another refuses, and the reasons given for failure to assist the new work are as varied as humane experience.

The next comes from Baptists belonging to our

city churches in that they do all they can to keep a member from leaving them and joining the new work so long as he lives within street car connection of his old church. This opposition does not come from the pastors of these churches perhaps, but from the membership. The writer not long since was urging a large family of Baptists to cast their lot with a struggling organization that needed them as workers in her Sunday school and church. The family in question was of no benefit to the old church, save the giving of a little money to its current expenses, but meant so much to the new church and perhaps to them, too, that they might have active Christian work, no doubt failed to do their Christian duty by casting their lot with the little band at their door, because some of the members of the old church got around them and persuaded them not to do so, and one of the members of the old church, meeting me on the street, told me as much:

A good sister, meeting me on the street car, says: "There is a family on a certain street belonging to our church that I have advised to unite with your work at a certain place, as they are nearer to you." I thanked her for her kindness and the spirit manifested and suggested that there was also another family of their members living within two blocks of our church that should be advised to help us, as they were good church workers, but the lady could not do that. I felt like saying: "Yes, those who are worthless to you living as close to you as us, you advise to come to us, seemingly because they are not of your class, and the other that would be of great service to us, living close by, you hinder from doing their duty."

I lived for nine years in the city of Montgomery, and there was a Methodist brother (the late R. M. Berry) who always joined every new organization in order that he might help them, for he was a good man, and the highest tribute paid him at his funeral was that he had been a member of every Methodist church in the city of Montgomery and helped it in its first struggles. Mobile has a man of the same type in the person of Judge R. L. Maupier. What this man is doing for the coming generation in his

mission Sunday schools eternity alone will tell. His church letter now is with a struggling band that he might help them. May the God of Israel send us or raise us up more men with the spirit of our Master. Much has been done in the Mobile association within the last five years. The minutes will show about ten new organizations within this time, and I thank God that I have been permitted to have a hand in the personal work of these new churches with the exception of two. There is a crying need for more organizations in the city and suburbs of Mobile, if we had men and money to run them. It is easy for a man to think that his work and section is the most important. I do not mean to find fault with our boards; they have acted as best they could with the funds in hand, but large sums have been put in other cities in the upbuilding of their churches, and these investments have proved wise, but, brethren of our boards, I wish to remind you that Mobile city has never received one cent so far as I can learn from any mission board, while it has been a liberal giver to them all. Mobile's city directory shows a population of 70,000 and within a few years we will pass the 100,000 mark, and our boards must turn their attention to Mobile in the coming years or we will have a New Orleans to deal with.

Our brethren of the down town churches, busy with their own church work, do not realize the situation that confronts us, and some seem to resent the idea that we need help. Only about 40 per cent of the state mission money raised in the Mobile association is used in the association and none in the city, and we need at least the larger part for taking care of our growing city.

I do not mean to be egotistic, but I know more of the condition of our work in the Mobile association than any other pastor, as I have been in each and every community. I know its people, their environments and the condition of things by actual personal experience.

And I want to say that our coming work in this section touching missions is the city of Mobile and her suburbs. Wishing you a merry Christmas, I am yours for the Master.

GEORGE W. McRAE.

JUST LISTEN TO THIS.

Dr. J. B. Searcy, in retiring from the associate editorship of the Baptist Advance, says:

"I have been a pastor, a college agent and a missionary, as well as an editor, and I am free to say that no class of men have so heavy responsibility and do so hard work for so little compensation as our editors of religious weeklies. Our people respect them and do not mean to make it hard on them, but they are careless. Hundreds allow their time to expire and do not renew till an agent comes. They seem to think the little they owe amounts to very little, but when that little is multiplied by four or five thousand it amounts to a great deal. The Advance must and will live, but who will make it live?"

As a matter of fact, the men who finance our Southern Baptist papers have had a hard year of it. As editor and business manager this truth has been ever before us during 1907, but we had an abiding faith in the Baptists of Alabama, and kept putting money into The Alabama Baptist, as our desire is to continue to improve it. And yet the following words of Dr. Pitt, we fear, are suggestive of the attitude of some who owe us:

"Is it possible that the friends of the Herald do not care whether the editors have a merry Christmas or not? Judging by recent mails, it would seem that they are either indifferent about it, or else have united to make a 'merry Christmas' out of the question for editors and publishers. A word to the wise."

We had a pleasant visit during the holidays from Rev. E. O. Taylor, D. D., of Boston, Mass., the noted scientific temperance lecturer, who was en route to New Orleans.

GOOD FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

The following test of active membership, adopted at Portland convention in 1869, needs to be lived up to by our Y. M. C. A. If they expect to do the work that will last for time and eternity:

"Resolved, That as these organizations bear the name of Christian, and profess to be engaged directly in the Saviour's service, so it is clearly their duty to maintain the control and management of all their affairs in the hands of those who profess to love and publicly avow their faith in Jesus the Redeemer as divine, and who testify their faith by becoming and remaining members of churches held to be evangelical. And we hold those churches to be evangelical which, maintaining the Holy Scriptures to be the only infallible rule of faith by practice, do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (the only begotten of the Father, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in Whom dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and Who was made sin for us, though knowing no sin, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree), as the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved from everlasting punishment and unto life eternal."

I gave my lecture, "Jerusalem Under the Turks," in the Baptist church, Malden, Mo., to a very large crowd of men on Friday night, December 20th. Brother J. H. Penock, the beloved pastor, had worked the meeting up all over town. Every man had been invited. We had twenty-four men to stand and ask that the Christian men in the congregation pray for them. They also promised to confess their sins to God, as did the publican: "God, be merciful to me a sinner."—Frank M. Wells.

REIGN OF PROHIBITION.

This issue of the Age-Herald goes to press in a "dry" county, a county that declared at the polls its desire to be free from the sale of strong drink. The will of the people is the supreme rule of the county today, and it is to the credit of the county that practically all its citizens, no matter what their views may have been in the past, bow to the will of the people and the law of the state.

The opponents of prohibition will stand shoulder to shoulder with the supporters of prohibition in carrying out the letter and spirit of the new law. It becomes effective from the very start. It will be accepted by all because it is law, and in the course of the present year the value of the new plan will be tested by means of rigid enforcement. A law-respecting people will demand an honest execution of the statute. After the law has been fully and faithfully maintained its merits and demerits will become apparent, but that is a matter that goes over to 1911, when a new legislature meets. All that we need now know is the fact that there is an acceptance all round of the new law. It goes on trial this year, and all years, until 1911, and there is no need to anticipate the action of the lawmakers in that year. It is too far ahead for prophecy.—Age-Herald editorial.

The World's Sunday School Association will seek so far as possible to strengthen the Sunday school work in all parts of the world by encouraging existing organizations, and by the formation of Sunday school organizations in countries where they do not now exist.

ROBERT EDWARD LEE, THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Robert Edward Lee, the matchless, was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, January 19, 1807. He was the youngest son of "Light Horse Harry Lee" of the Revolution.

He was educated at West Point, served as colonel in the Mexican war, became superintendent of West Point in 1852, and in 1855 became colonel of four new regiments added to the army.

On April 25, 1861, he resigned from the United States army and followed the fortunes of Virginia in the civil war. He was placed in command of the military forces of his native State, and soon became the matchless leader of a matchless army—the army of Northern Virginia.

After the war he was unanimously elected president of Washington College at Lexington, Va. The name was changed to "Washington and Lee University." He died at Lexington in 1870. The body of the great man lies underneath a recumbent statue of him in the college chapel there.

To the world at large the fame of General Robert E. Lee rests upon his reputation as a great general. To a more limited number who knew him personally, or who have learned to know him through those biographies which have revealed his private life, his personal character as a Christian gentleman has outweighed even his skill as a military leader. By comparatively few has the greatness of General Lee as an educator been recognized, and yet this was the field to which he consecrated the best energies of his maturest years.

When the war closed General Lee was offered many positions of honor and emolument. In some of these positions his ability would have meant great success to himself and to those associated with him. Through other positions it was delicately sought to give him well-deserved rest and peace for his last years, where he would be free from all cares regarding an income. To all these he turned a deaf ear, but when the call came from a little struggling college in the valley of Virginia, a college rich in historic associations but poor in equipment and endowment—a college which had never looked to State for aid, and which, founded and largely patronized by the sturdy Scotch-Irish, had been free from denominational prescription and control—when this call came, the great leader felt that there was no higher call to duty, and no greater privilege, for him, than to spend the remainder of his life in endeavoring to influence young men in mental and moral and in spiritual development. So he became president of Washington College, and hither flocked the youth of the South. For four long years they had been largely deprived of opportunities for higher education, and even then few colleges and universities in the South were in a position to open their doors, closed by the ruthless hand of war.

During the five years that General Lee was spared



ROBERT EDWARD LEE.

to preside over the institution and impress his influence upon those committed to his charge, over nine hundred students were enrolled. His estimate of the importance of that influence in just one direction can be judged from the passage in his letter of acceptance, written in August, 1865, in which he writes: "I think it is the duty of every citizen, in the present condition of the country, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace and harmony. It is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the young to set them an example of submission to authority." Such sentiments, impressed by such a man on nearly a thousand picked young men, gathered from all parts of the South, could not fail to have counted for much toward "the restoration of peace and harmony," which he so earnestly sought.

Tribute of Benjamin H. Hill, United States Senator From Georgia.

"When the future historian comes to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he will have to lift his eyes toward heaven to catch its summit. He possessed every virtue of the other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was a Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward. He was as obedient to authority as a true king. He was as gentle as a woman in life, pure and modest as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles."

The Sword of Robert Lee.

Forth from its scabbard, pure and bright,
Flashed the sword of Lee:
Far in the front of deadly fight,
High o'er the brave in cause of right,
Its stainless sheen, like a beacon light,
Led us to victory.

Out of its scabbard, where, full long,
It slumbered peacefully,
Roused from its rest by battle's song,
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong;
Guarding the right; avenging the wrong,
Gleamed the sword of Lee.

Forth from its scabbard, high in air,
Beneath Virginia's sky,
And those who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear
That where that sword led they would dare
To follow—and to die.

Out of the scabbard! Never hand
Waved sword from stain as free;
Nor purer sword led braver band,
Nor braver led for a brighter land,
Nor brighter land had cause so grand,
Nor cause a chief like Lee!

Forth from its scabbard; how we prayed
That sword might victor be;
And when our triumph was delayed,
And many a heart grew so afraid,
We still hoped on while gleamed the blade
Of noble Robert Lee!

Forth from its scabbard, all in vain,
Bright flashed the sword of Lee;
Tis shrouded now in its sheath again;
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain—
Defeated, yet without a stain—
Proudly and peacefully.

President E. Y. Mullins, of the Louisville Seminary, has admirable felicity in putting a point. Read this: "Infant baptism is the broken rail in the Christian religion. It does a great wrong to the baby, depriving it of the privilege of obeying the Lord. Who does not remember the place of baptism? The baby has no such remembrance. Perhaps the song, 'Oh, happy day, that fixed my choice on Thee,' was sung. The one baptized in infancy has no recollection of the day, and he had no choice if he could recollect it. Like the responsibility in the case of the wreck, you can't locate the responsibility for infant baptism. Infant baptism is the gypsy moth and the boll weevil in the Christian world."—Examiner.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE AND THEIR KEY WORDS.

By Dr. David William Gwin, Atlanta, Ga.

I.

Old Testament Books and Key Words.

Genesis marks picturesque Beginning;
Exodus records Passover winning;
In Leviticus discern Atonement;
Numbers winds the Journey to enthronement;
True Obedience in Deuteronomy,
Ownership in Joshua's economy.
Lawlessness in Judges fiercely scheming;
Ruth, the tender Kinsman is redeeming.
Samuels, the two, the Kingdom tracing;
Kings, the two, show Royalty effacing;
Chronicles, Theocracy holds station;
Ezra-Nehemiah, Restoration.
Providence in Esther kindly shining;
Job through Trial bravely gains refining.
Worship glows the Psalms instinct with beauty;

Wisdom diamonds Proverbs urging duty.
In Ecclesiastes, Vainness seething;
Song of Solomon, Beloved breathing.
Great Isaiah heralds Christ's Salvation;
Warning, Jeremiah's proclamation;
Ruin mirrors through his Lamentations.
See Ezekiel for charming Visions;
Daniel's Open-Secret, God's decisions.
Brave Hosea bids, Return rejoicing;
Joel's Judgment, God's decree is voicing.
Punishment severe is told in Amos;
Edom shown, by Obadiah famous.
Overthrow in Jonah, dominating;
Micah's Controversy fulminating.
Nahum signals direful Retribution;
Living Faith, Habakkuk's contribution.
Zephaniah guards The Remnant surely;
Haggai says, Build God's house securely.
God is Jealous, Zechariah prizes;
Man is Robbing, Malachi chastises.

II.

New Testament Books and Their Key Words.

How Matthew, Mark and Luke and John, all please us,
See Kingship, Service, Man, and God in Jesus.
In Acts 'tis holy Witness hath sufficed;
Then Romans argues Righteousness in Christ.
Corinthians, the First, with Wisdom glows;
The Second speaks the Comfort grace bestows.
'Tis Justifying Faith in Paul's Galatians;
Ephesians, One in Christ, confirms relations.
Philippians displays the Christian's Gain;
In Christ Complete, Colossians makes this plain.
Two Thessalonians, to saints' debating
The Second Coming, urge their hopeful Waiting.
'Tis Doctrine Timothy for all is learning;
'Tis Profit Titus brings to hearts discerning.
And Intercession in Philemon's letter;
While Hebrews proves the Christian system Better.
By James believers' Works are certified.
By Peter Precious gifts are sanctified.
By John's Epistles godly life is laid
In Fellowship, true Walk, and brother's Aid.
The seal in Jude is, Kept through tribulation.
For Heavenly Glory dawns in Revelation.

SHALL WE EDUCATE HIM?

(L. O. Dawson.)

The demands made upon the mental and spiritual resources of the modern pastor almost pass belief, and are driving scores of our best men into nervous wrecks. Many an over-worked pastor would gladly lay down his work for a quieter and less nerve-racking calling, but for that impelling voice from within which makes him cry, "woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" He must hold on till holding is impossible, and then gathering what he can of shattered health, he must drag himself off the field of battle, and, with what patience and fortitude he can, await the end.

There is not a realm of scholarship known to men that does not at some point touch him, his work, his Bible and his people. He is keenly conscious of the impossibility of universal knowledge, but no matter how impossible it is, he must be ready to defend his message from any and every possible assault from the most unexpected quarters. He must be ready right now, or be able to get ready on short notice.

The work of administration in the modern church is an entirely different thing from the student side of the pastor's life. He must be a man of affairs; he must know human nature to the very center of all its motives, and be quick not only to discern, but to use, the strength and weakness of his people for the good of the whole and for the glory of God.

Such a man needs equipment of the highest order. He must be a full man, a versatile man, a man of reserve power, and withal well poised, evenly balanced and thoroughly equipped.

By all means, then, let the young man be educated to the utmost limit before he assumes the pastorate of a modern church. He may do much good without it, but the highest and best service is possible only to him who is fitly trained. While he "tarries at Jericho," the best schools of all grades and kinds ought to be open to him, and this costs money.

I am among those who believe that this money ought to be freely supplied by the churches. I have heard all my life about the possibility of ruining young preachers by helping them too much. The danger is theoretical. Few, if any, ever get enough from church or board to spoil anybody, and in an acquaintance with young preachers covering a score of years and including hundreds of individuals, those known to me as unworthy receiving help can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

I am a crank on the subject of the preacher's vital manhood. He ought not to be a pet. He should, like the young lawyer, physician and others, be self-reliant and learn to stand alone. But when the young lawyer, physician and preacher come out of college all deep in debt for their schooling, the two former look around for positions yielding the greatest and quickest profits. They are right. The people and their consciences approve. But not so the preacher. Such a course would quickly destroy him, and in the general condemnation no voice would be stronger than that within. He must despise money. Must turn his back upon it, and yet pay to the utmost farthing his every debt, new and old. The field he serves demands his early marriage, and in the benevolence of his church he must not only teach by precept, but illustrate and lead by example.

It is not right that such an one be sent out loaded down with old school debts. I plead for the young man's freedom. Let him stay in school, and let the churches foot the necessary bills. If he were preparing to serve himself, it would be a different thing. But he is to serve the churches. He is to be a missionary at home or abroad. He is to work on a salary that is limited to necessity. His credit must be as good as the bank. His promise to pay must be as good as a gilt-edge bond, or his work comes to nothing. Do not start him in his pastorate hobbled and shackled with debt.

Set him free. Let the churches educate and then turn him loose. It will not ruin him. It will help his work. It will help the churches. It is but just and right.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

DEBATE! DEBATE!

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

A WORD TO THE SOCIETIES.

The State Mission Board has taken the advanced step of establishing mission rooms for the Alabama women.

This distinction is a recognition of the women's work in our State, and an effort on the part of Dr. Crumpton and his co-workers to better equip the Central Committee for aggressive missionary operations. From their attractive workshop in the Watts building, Birmingham, they will be able to reach all portions of the State through their assistants and other agencies. From this center the messages and plans of Miss Heck, our peerless leader, will be sent far and near.

The mission room is a gift from the State Board of Missions to the Baptist women of Alabama. What is the part of our societies? Close co-operation with each other and with the central committee is a necessity.

If we, the individuals in our respective societies, would get a wide, practical grasp on the details of the methods of the W. M. U., it would be better for the cause. How? By studying the literature prepared for the purpose. The plans of the Central Committee must be put into practice to bring success. This pre-supposes knowledge of the plans by the individual societies; this knowledge is impossible without literature. To send the literature necessitates a small expense, and this very necessary item has sometimes been disregarded because the amount required was so small as to be overlooked.

Each society is requested to contribute to this expense fund the sum of 10 cents per member each year. This money is sent to the vice-president of each association in the State to be used for stamps and other expenses incident to transmitting the literature. The vice-presidents of the associations receive no compensation, gladly giving their time and their service.

Have we, as societies, been negligent in this matter? Let us begin the New Year with the resolution to comply with this request, and to do it now; otherwise we miss the stimulus of the literature and the work misses the help we might give.

Please find inclosed postoffice money order for \$2.00, for which change my subscription from January, 1908, to January, 1910. May God bless you and the Alabama Baptist.—Rev. J. T. Anderson.

(If all the preachers could do this what a lift it would give us for 1908.)

A religious paper that debars from its columns honorable controversy fosters the growth of heresy. There is no greater means of spreading truth, preserving unity and sweeping heresy from the field than the religious newspaper that is sound in the faith, and its columns rich with the doctrines of the kingdom of God. When we find our great Baptist ranks becoming divided on some fundamental question, we must know that heresy is taking root among us, and needs to be exterminated by the "sword of the Spirit" wielded by the might of the trained critic. I believe when brethren wish to wage a friendly war of words upon the cherished views of each other, which involves a controversy of a fundamental character, the columns of the religious papers should be open to them, in order that each may lay before the entire brotherhood his Scriptural reasons for the theory for which he contends. Heresy usually dies under the ordeals of just criticism, or is at least checked and put at great disadvantage. I believe, however, that before brethren are allowed to engage in a discussion in our religious papers, Hedge's rules of controversy should be briefly stated in the paper, and disputants required to agree to be governed by them. The editor and the public are sometimes imposed on by unmanly, charlatanical slang-whappers, who use terms designed to injure his opponent rather than to refute his arguments, and whose articles fume with the venom of a serpent. Such men have injured the cause of just controversy, and should be kept out of religious debate. Only men who have the grace and mental ability to meet an opponent's arguments with a fair, friendly and sober rejoinder should be allowed to engage in a public debate. Profound criticism, waged by men equal in intelligence, candor and frankness, and who are equally desirous of knowing the truth, is one of the best methods of discovering truth. It is a danger signal to the cause of truth to see a growing tendency among our religious journalists to shut out honorable controversy from the public religious news. It has been customary among Baptists to air each other's views in their papers, and this accounts largely for the sound and healthy growth of Scriptural theology among us, and for that unity which has characterized us in past years. In debate a preacher's manliness or unmanliness will soon become prominent. It is a good way to test a man. If he is narrow, jealous-hearted—in other words, if he is an unregenerate man—he will exhale the venom of his inward vicious nature in words to belittle and injure his opponent, and like a serpent with his tail chained in fire, strike at everybody who does not pander to his pet theory. But godly men can earnestly contend against each other's opinions in words that breathe out soul greatness, and profound respect for an opponent, at the same time dealing out the thunder bolts of unsparing criticism in a spirit of love. Never did the soul-greatness of Dr. Crumpton become more prominent than in his sweet-spirited reply in *The Alabama Baptist* to our Hardshell brethren a few weeks ago. Honest men are made closer friends by engaging in public debate, while notoriety seekers become enemies.

Brethren, I affirm: (1) That our State paper, *The Alabama Baptist*, is in a healthy state of growth and improvement, and has already taken its place among the leading Baptist papers of our Union. (2) That for any Baptist in Alabama who is head of a family, or an old bachelor, or an old maid, to refuse to subscribe for *The Alabama Baptist*, is disloyalty to the Baptist cause and the best interests of our State. (3) That to fail to pay our subscriptions promptly when due works a hardship on our beloved editor, and reflects discredit on the subscriber, for in all such cases the principle of common honesty is involved. (4) I further affirm that the best way is to pay for the paper in advance. J. R. LAMB. Trenton, Ala.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

The above subject has been upon my mind and heart for several months, during which time I have waited for the opportune moment to give for publication something concerning this important question. A few days ago I received a letter from Secretary Gray, of the home mission board, concerning a letter remitting home mission money, which ended with the following clause: "These regular gifts from you are a great help to us." Two or three months ago a similar letter was received which said: "You are a constant joy to my soul in this systematic, regular way in which you put the work of the Lord upon your people and stand by our great home mission work." These words were of course very encouraging, but it is not my purpose to speak of that or to take any self-praise for myself or people at Clayton street, but rather to express what I believe to be the desire of all our secretaries, namely, regular contributions from all our churches and the great Baptist host of the south.

A Word About the Schedule.

It is admirably adopted to the general work of the State. There is scarcely a church in all the land but that would profit by its use. It is simple, practical, easy and costs nothing to introduce, for the State board will furnish cards, envelopes and instructions free. It is specially adaptable to use in country churches and those of villages where one or two Sunday services are held. I think the city churches might do even better. They can follow it as to special offerings to orphanage, education, etc., but in reference to missions, why could they not adopt some plan that would bring in these funds every month? They pay their own pastors monthly, so why not pay the salary of one or more workers elsewhere each month? I am aware that many prefer the "whirlwind" and "high pressure" process. The objection to this method is that many do not "whirl" soon enough, often enough nor fast enough, and entirely too often the "pressure" is too low. Why not educate every member to systematically do something for world-wide evangelization each month? The plan works admirably with the Clayton street congregation as they fall behind no church of their size and financial strength and I may modestly yet proudly say they go beyond many who are more able.

The Necessity Of It.

Some one will say why take all that trouble and pains? Do it because it is a labor of love and is well pleasing to the Lord. It is an effort that will be amply rewarded with rich returns here and richer in His presence. It serves to enlist the whole church both poor and rich. It develops them in Christian liberality. It unifies the work and aim of a church. It simplifies the finances, yet fills the treasury. It will unquestionably relieve the tension on our boards and removes care and anxiety from the minds and hearts of our secretaries. It makes permanent and systematic what now is in a measure sporadic and spasmodic, and which must be whooped up more each year to keep the pot boiling. Oh, if we could but get a clear vision of the countless millions in need of the gospel and then rich and poor, great and small set ourselves to the task of bringing in the kingdom for them each day as the day demands and not wait until the year is practically closed.

Some Excuses.

How often churches plead indebtedness, a new building or something else to shift if not blind the responsibility! I recognize the weight of these pleas, but let me ask which debt takes precedence, the debt to a lost world and a Redeemer or the magnificent church house, or perchance even the small chapel? Paul's great words, "I am debtor to both Greeks and barbarians, both to wise and unwise," ought to answer. Referring to our work here, we are preparing to build, and are compelled to do it, but we will not decrease or neglect our offerings for a lost world, but hope to increase. We as Baptists need to feel toward the lost world, I am debtor, I am debtor, I am debtor. When we reach that condition of heart and conscience the debt will be quickly paid.

The Strategic Point.

On every battle field there has been some strategic point which must be held at any cost. Where is it in the finances of our churches and the redemption of a lost world? We have good and great men who belong to our churches who manage its finances, but they will not go far by themselves. They are a great help, well nigh indispensable, the pastor's comfort and strength. But the man above all is the preacher and pastor. It is his duty to enlighten the church on the great needs of the mission field. It is his to inspire to large giving and great sacrifice. It is his to bring in by wise leadership such system as will enlist every man, woman and child in not only great endeavor, but systematic effort. His is a very responsible position. Where he is silent the church is idle. Where he is mechanical the church is listless, but where he is alive, alert, earnest, assiduous, even impassionate, the church will grow, and thrive, and blossom and give as the rose. May I say this word to you, dear reader, pray for your pastor that God will lead him out into great undertakings. Then you support him in all things.

I trust these words will aid in securing the adoption of the schedule in all our Alabama churches, and if possible enlargement thereupon. To say the least, let us be regular in our contributions, and save thousands in interest each year.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. O'HARA.

Montgomery, Nov. 28, 1907.

THE ASSISTANT TEACHER.

(A rearrangement of an article written for our Convention Series of Quarterlies.—C. E. C.)

One of the most successful teachers it has been my pleasure to meet in the few months of my state work in Alabama uses a plan that will commend itself on sight to many of our wide-awake teachers who are on the still hunt for practicable ideas. * * * This teacher, a young matron who has a class of boys of the junior age, has associated with her an assistant teacher.

Some busy teacher may think such a person would be not only useless, but a positive nuisance. But let's see. Let me mention a few of her duties and privileges. On Sunday morning a young lady of the proper material and spirit in this position with a class of boys can

1. Come early.
2. See that the class room is in order.
3. Sit among the boys as their chum.
4. Lead them to sing heartily.
5. Take charge of class records.
6. Encourage boys to recite freely.
7. Help teach; use the blackboard.
8. Teach, if teacher is sick.

In the week days her work is even more important and necessary. She can

1. Help teacher plan the lesson.
2. Plan for next Sunday program, etc.
3. Visit the boys and their mothers.
4. Have the boys visit her.
5. Be their friend and confidant.
6. Help them get new members.
7. Help them look after absentees.
8. Study convention normal courses.

It may be said the teacher ought to look after all these things. Granted at once, but too often it is not done. It is a hard matter for the busy housewife or the business man to emphasize every important point. This systematic young assistant can meet the pupils without reserve or sense of dignity and be their chum; she can get nearer to them than an older person, though she may not be as capable of teaching the Bible to the class.

Furthermore, even if the teacher can do and does all these things in addition to her teaching preparation, I insist there is room for the assistant in that it trains a new worker for the Master's service.

Now notice a few results coming from this simple plan:

1. The teacher encouraged. (Big item.)

2. The teacher really assisted.
3. Teacher brought closer to pupil; not separated.
4. Pupils, each and all, benefited in countless ways.
5. Assistant strengthened in faith in God and Man.
6. Assistant brought into active Christian service.
7. Assistant made into a trained worker.
8. A blessing comes to all concerned.

Under the combined leadership to teacher and assistant, the class experiences a healthy growth in numbers. In due season the class is divided and the noble Christian young woman is called into that most high calling—that of teaching to immortal souls the King's own message. What greater glory than this?

FIFTY COUNTIES ARE DRY.

Prohibition went into effect the last night of the year in exactly fifty counties in the State of Alabama, leaving only five counties in which the saloon will be tolerated for another year, one of which also has a dispensary. The other twelve counties still have the dispensary. All will go dry January 1, 1909.

Saloon counties—Montgomery, Dallas, Mobile and Baldwin.

Saloon and dispensary county—Marengo.

Dispensary counties—Macon, Winston, Elmore, Bibb, Limestone, Madison, Cleburne, Perry, Barbour, Colbert, Covington and Coffee.

Prohibition counties—Lauderdale, Franklin, Marion, Lamar, Lawrence, Jackson, Marshall, Choctaw, Monroe, Clarke, Randolph, Houston, Chilton, Butler, Wilcox, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, Lowndes, Coosa, Fayette, Geneva, Blount, Crenshaw, Cullman, Walker, DeKalb, Cherokee, Clay, Sumter, Hale, Greene, Autauga, Washington, Escambia, St. Clair, Dale, Conecuh, Henry, Russell, Calhoun, Etowah, Talladega, Pickens, Lee, Chambers, Morgan, Shelby, Tallapoosa.

The closing of saloons in Birmingham was quite spectacular. Several of the larger saloons in the heart of the city closed their doors an hour before the midnight hour, having disposed of the bulk of their goods and having no further stock to hand out. In some places auctions were held, and the bottled liquor disposed of at almost any old price that was offered.

Prohibition was acknowledged on all sides.

SOME HARD KNOCKS.

Woman Gets Rid of "Coffee Heart."

The injurious action of Coffee on the heart of many persons is well known by physicians to be caused by caffeine. This is the drug found by chemists in coffee and tea.

A woman suffered a long time with severe heart trouble, and finally her doctor told her she must give up coffee, as that was the principal cause of the trouble. She writes:

"My heart was so weak it could not do its work properly. My husband would sometimes have to carry me from the table, and it would seem that I would never breathe again.

"The doctor told me that coffee was causing the weakness of my heart. He said I must stop it, but it seemed I could not give it up until I was down in bed with nervous prostration.

"For eleven weeks I lay there and suffered. Finally husband brought home some Postum, and I quit coffee and started new and right. Slowly I got well. Now I do not have any headaches, nor those spells with weak heart. We know it is Postum that helped me. The doctor said the other day: 'I never thought you would be what you are.' I used to weigh 92 pounds, and now I weigh 158.

"Postum has done much for me, and I would not go back to coffee again for any money, for I believe it would kill me if I kept at it. Postum must be well boiled like the directions on the package say, then it has a rich flavor, and with cream is fine."

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

MANAGER FOR INGERSOLL: NOW WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

(By Calvin Dill Wilson, D. D.)

Some time ago I met in Cincinnati a man and his wife who appeared to be overflowing with happiness. I soon discovered that they turned all conversation to the subject of religion in a way that was as bright as their faces. In the course of the evening they told me their story and the reason of their happiness. It sounded like one of the old stories we used to read, and proved that the same divine power that has wrought spiritual wonders in all ages lives and works in our own time. It is really an old story with new settings.

In 1876 this man was employed in the offices of the Cincinnati newspaper of which the famous Murat Halstead was the editor. It was in that year that Robert G. Ingersoll, then a lawyer of Peoria, Illinois, made his famous speech nominating James G. Blaine for president of the United States. This speech was delivered before the Republican convention then in session in Cincinnati. It was of such unusual eloquence in delivery, matter and language, that it excited profound attention, and its publication in the newspapers gave the orator a national notoriety. In this speech originated the famous phrase associated with Blaine, "the plumed knight."

Murat Halstead, in commenting upon the speech editorially, declared that anyone who would get Ingersoll to lecture and would become his manager could make a fortune. The man of whom I am writing told me that after reading this editorial he went to the editor and said he would like to take up his suggestion, but that he did not know how to go about it. The editor offered to give him a letter of introduction to Ingersoll, who was to lecture soon afterward in Dayton, Ohio. Armed with this letter, our friend went to Dayton, heard the lecture and visited Ingersoll afterward at his hotel. When the proposal was broached, Ingersoll said he did not think it would pay anyone to become his manager, as in many towns they did not care to hear him, and that he had never proved especially popular. He, however, signed a contract for a three months' tour.

Our friend, A., as we may call him, at once arranged the itinerary and began the lecture tour. He took Ingersoll to Cincinnati for two nights, and A. made several hundred dollars in that brief time. During the three months he made a considerable sum as his profit. Incidentally, we may record his statement that the lecturer was very fair and kind to him; that after the lectures he would sit about in the hotel lobbies smoking and talking; that he never knew him to go near a bar or do anything that was objectionable save his denouncing of religion in his public addresses.

A. says that the money he himself made never did him any good; that he began to drink, got out of touch with his regular work, wasted the money, and that altogether his contract with Ingersoll was the worst thing that ever happened to him. At the end of three months it became evident that the lecturer was a drawing card, and another man stepped in and became his manager. So far as money goes, A. would have been fortunate if he had gotten Ingersoll to sign a three years' contract instead of one for three months.

After this experience A. continued drinking, spent all his money, and when he began to work again lost job after job because of his bad habits. So matters went from bad to worse for himself and his wife for years.

Two years ago last New Year's day he was in the depths, out of work and money, and had been drinking hard. He and his wife walked out on the streets in the evening, and he told her that he thought he might as well go to the river, jump in and end it. Presently they came within sound of the voice of a street preacher, and stopped to listen to the man's story of his own redemption from drink. A. said to his wife, "Do you suppose I can ever quit as that man did?" She declared that she was sure of it and suggested that they enter a church that was

placarded for New Year's eve services. They heard a sermon at 9 o'clock and were interested. They waited and heard another at 11 o'clock by the pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, by which they were deeply moved.

On the next Sunday morning they attended the services led by the latter minister, became regular attendants, gave themselves to Christ, and soon united with the church. A. got work again. For two years or more he has had no disposition to drink. He and his wife are as happy people as can be found, and are ready day or night to testify to the power of Christ to save.—Interior.

SOME CHANGES AT THE SEMINARY.

It will be of interest to all prospective students of the Seminary to know that the faculty have made a change in the arrangement of the examination schedule, which will enable many brethren to come to the Seminary who could not do so heretofore. We have been having two examinations in each class during the session, one in January and one in May, known as the intermediate and final examinations, and the student had to remain long enough to take at least one of these examinations in order to obtain any credit for the work done in the Seminary.

The faculty have lately arranged to divide the Seminary session into four quarters of two months each and to give an examination at the end of each quarter. This will make four examinations during the session instead of two, but of course the examinations will be briefer than formerly. Credit for the quarter's work will be given to any man who spends two months in the Seminary and takes one of these examinations. Then he can return at any time and take another quarter and obtain credit for that, and so on until he has completed a full session of eight months. A man could, on this plan, take a two months' course each year for four years, and complete one full session of eight months, of course taking a different quarter each year. A student who thus completes his course at the end of any quarter during the progress of the session, can graduate at that time, the same as at the end of the session.

We learn that there are brethren who can remain only a short time, but who could obtain leave of absence from time to time for this purpose. Our classes and recitations will be adjusted to this plan. The courses of study in the various departments will be blocked off with a view to covering definite subjects during each quarter. It will not be difficult to arrange this, so that the man who comes to us for a brief course of study can feel that he has accomplished a definite result in the short time of two months, or even a little less than two months when he is delayed somewhat in coming at the opening of the quarter.

This plan will go into effect at the beginning of the second half of the present session, January 27, 1908, and examinations will be given at the end of March and the last of May, during the latter half of the session. In future sessions, the examinations will fall at the end of November, January, March and May.

Of course, brethren coming for one quarter only will be entitled to accommodations in New York Hall and all the privileges of the Seminary on the same basis as others. I shall be glad to correspond with any one desiring to take up the matter of coming for one quarter or for the second half of the session.

The third quarter of the present session will begin January 27, and end March 27, and the fourth quarter will begin March 28 and end May 26. The examinations for the third quarter will fall on March 24, 25, 26 and 27, and those for the fourth quarter will fall on May 20, 21, 22 and 23. Commencement will fall on May 25 and 26.

Students of former years who were compelled by ill health or other cause to leave the Seminary during the progress of the session, can avail themselves of this arrangement in order to complete their class work and take the required examinations. For example, if a man left about April 1, he could enter in

time to take the examinations for the third quarter, which begin March 24th, and obtain credit for the class work already done in the third quarter, and then proceed regularly with his course for the remainder of the session.

E. Y. MULLINS,
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ON JUMPING PAROCHIAL FENCES.

Few people are placed in the delicate position of pastors, who, in changing their field of work, must either burn all their bridges or use great discretion in continuing past relations. The Michigan Christian Advocate (Detroit) calls attention to the problem here involved, noting that "the evils growing out of the intrusion of clergymen into other parishes for various purposes . . . seem to prevail everywhere." It confesses to have thought at times that "even farewell receptions after conferences, with gifts and adulatory speeches, would better be dispensed with, though it is difficult to conceive how this can be done, especially in cases where the removal was not expected." Certain it is, this journal continues, "with the farewell reception all official relations should end." The problem as presented in places outside the Methodist denomination is treated in the following:

"In the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central New York the diocesan bishop, Charles T. Olmstead, recently served notice upon the clergymen of his church that he expects that they will confine ministrations to their own parishes, unless invited to officiate elsewhere by the regularly constituted officers of the church. He affirms that 'complaints have reached him of the intrusion of clergymen into the parishes of others,' and 'denounces the injustice of the intrusion in the case of performing marriage ceremonies, when the intruding minister not only has the honor attached to his service, but also pockets the fee.' The bishop declares that during the summer just passed there have been 'inexcusable breaches of the canon in this manner of a very flagrant character, and it has come to such pass that the bishop of the diocese has determined to give notice to clergymen, both within and without the diocese, that he will take steps to have men who offend in this way brought to trial for misconduct.' He makes an appeal also to the laity 'to consider this matter and to refrain from asking clergymen to do things that will bring them into trouble.'"

In this line the New York Christian Advocate makes this observation:

"Many gross violations of the principle of comity and amity have occurred in the Methodist Episcopal church. A minister died a few years ago who haunted all the churches of which he has been pastor. It was his habit to say to young girls something like this: 'Now, Jennie, when you are married you must remember me,' and he was continually visiting societies, baptizing the children and marrying. At last his reputation for doing this caused him to be almost ostracized by his brethren."

We hope none of our Baptist preachers are guilty of such things.

Dr. H. A. Porter, pastor of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, will preach the commencement sermon before Furman university and the Greenville Female college, next June.

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.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.



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STRENGTH FOR THE DAY.

In that great, farewell poem which Moses gave to his people he says: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Whatever way have been the precise thought which Moses had in mind when he wrote those words we may use them as a stimulus to our hearts under the stress of weariness and forbodings. For, however hard we may try to be buoyant and brave at all times, we do come to moments when our tasks seem to us to be greater than we can well endure. We grow faint in heart and dim in vision, and the spirit of despair lays hold of us. But stop! We must not wholly yield to dark enticements. Surely there is given to us strength from God for each day's testing, each day's burdens, each day's call to difficult duty. Let us not torment ourselves by the fear that tomorrow we shall not be able to surmount the obstacles which may lie across our pathway. Hopefully and happily wait until tomorrow shall come. Today was yesterday's tomorrow, and yet it is not so dreadful a day as yesterday we feared that it might be; and if we have found that it is equal to our former fears, we have also found that we have more strength today than we had yesterday. What we need is faith according to our day. This is a part of our strength. - God is not likely to give us special strength for any task, or for any trial, if we will nurse a weak and flickering faith. We are to meet God's strength by all of the faith in Him that we can muster and then His power will make up what we may lack in faith and strength. Some planning for tomorrow's work we may do today, but it should be free from the slavery of anxiety and fear. If we shall have an unusual burden tomorrow we can afford to wait till then for the greater struggle to lift it up and carry it to the end. We may anticipate, even with joy, the coming of the strength which will enable us to triumphantly meet every obligation and bear every cross.

May the blessings of God be with you in the great work you are doing through the Alabama Baptist.—J. W. Dobbs.

We need issues of April 3d to September 25 for our files. Any one having these numbers will favor us by sending them in.

The marriage of Rev. T. B. Ray to Miss Davie Bruce Jasper in San Antonio, Tex., on January 1st, was an event of much interest to southern Baptists, as the groom has a warm place in their hearts and will be congratulated on having won such a lovely helpmate.

The Alabama Baptist says: "Prohibition has sidetracked missions in Alabama for the past few months, but if we are a grateful people we will show our gratitude to God by rising to the occasion and raising the \$100,000 to properly celebrate our centennial." It is hard to catch up the lost opportunities for doing the work of missions in these months, but with such amazing ground for gratitude, the Alabama Baptists ought to raise the full amount.—Christian Index.

The Christian Index says: Rev. C. H. Turner, one of our old Georgia boys, has resigned the pastorate of the church at Grove Hill, Ala., to accept a call to Fairfax, S. C. Brother Turner is well equipped for his work, and has been quite successful." We are glad to welcome Brother Turner to the state and wish for him a very happy and useful pastorate. He comes to an important field, where he will find a royal and sympathetic people.

(Yes, and we are sorry to let him leave Alabama.)

OUR PREACHER BOYS.

God bless every one of them! I feel for them in their desire for an education. The study needed to prepare themselves for this great work is quite enough itself to burden heart and mind. How much more is the burden when they must battle with poverty also? Won't the pastors and churches help the Ministerial Education Board this month? Don't let a young preacher leave school for the want of money.
W. B. CRUMPTON.

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Again, I plead with you to pay now, though it may be hard to do it—though it may require real sacrifice. Yours fraternally,

A. P. MONTAGUE.

January 9, 1908.

A western editor is said to have hit upon a plan to keep subscriptions paid up which "takes the cake." Every time a delinquent subscriber is mentioned in his paper his name is inverted. For example: "nhoJ senoJ and his wife are spending a few days in Chicago." Every other subscriber understands what it means, and there is a grand rush to get "right side up" again.

THE OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The following by P. C. Parker, written for the Canadian Baptist some while back, will no doubt interest our readers, as Alabama Baptists are going to celebrate the centennial of the first Baptist church organized in the State:

"As many Baptists are going to the congress in London, I wish to point out that Hillcliffe Baptist church, which is the oldest Baptist church in the world, is only a short distance from Liverpool, and can easily be reached. The church is situated on the brow of the hill overlooking the town of Warrington. The trains leave Liverpool (Central Station) for Manchester every half hour of the day, and vice versa. Warrington is the only place they stop en route, time twenty minutes, price return from Liverpool about two shillings. During my college days I spent a summer on this field, and am sure it is well worth a visit.

"The church was founded by the Lollards. There is one grave stone in the cemetery dating back to the fourteenth century (I think 1345), several others date back to the sixteenth. Lord Derby (Edward the Great, as he was known), killed two of the members whom he found hiding in the baptistry. He himself afterwards was beheaded by Cromwell in the neighboring town of Bolton. General Harrison is said to have preached here with Cromwell as an auditor, and doubtless Milton, as it is well known he resided for quite a period with one of the lordly families in the district. The Germans have a novel based on the incident connected with his residence here.

"One of the Warburtons at this time was pastor of the church. The present pastor, Rev. G. S. Hughes, who was a fellow-student of mine in Manchester, will extend any courtesy to visitors."

We appreciate your efforts to give us a good paper very much indeed, and feel that your influence is far-reaching in the prohibition movement. Very truly yours, Mrs. J. E. Hughes.

Rev. Howard B. Grose says: When a minister writes an extra-fulsome puff about his great success in his present pastorate, I take it for granted, with no question asked, that he is ready to leave it for a new one.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—II Tim. 3:16-17.

The church of the Reformation in the sixteenth century wisely emphasized that side of Paul's conversion called justification by faith; the missionary church of the twentieth century, with equal wisdom, will lay the predominant emphasis upon the equally profound change which transformed Saul the Pharisee into Paul the missionary.—Bishop J. W. Bashford.

Maxim Gorki, the famous Russian novelist and socialist, is spending what may prove to be his last days in a little Italian village, in an endeavor to escape the ravages of consumption. Despite his many misfortunes, which would seem to have culminated in the enervating and almost necessarily fatal disease which has fastened itself upon him, he still keeps actively in touch with the movement in which he is most interested, and applies himself to literary work whenever his strength permits.

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A year ago we had a long holiday season, and we suffered for it, so the past season we determined that we would not subject ourselves, to the same extent, to the riotous romping of many scores of children with nothing to do. To be sure we set the limit quite far enough, allowing the youngsters almost a full week. In order that we might have no trouble with fire works, we arranged that the display should be on a certain night, and on that night we gathered in the middle of our grounds and had our illuminations with great merriment.

The main feature of the holidays was the Christmas tree and entertainment. The tree was beautiful with its many attractive presents, and one of the most interesting things about it was that there was nothing on it that was not sent in by friends. Some of them sent for lists of names and ages and sent presents for the whole family, with their names on them. Others sent presents, but omitted the names. I forbear to say anything about the entertainment, for others can not see in our children what I do. I enjoyed it, and I believe all who were there did.

The best of all our gifts for the holidays was the splendid car of corn which kept the boys busy several days. It is safe in the barn, and means much to us for several months. Just see! I had almost failed to say where the car of corn comes from. It has become so well known that friends in the Tennessee River Association send us a car of corn every year that I inadvertently left out that fact. It came from Jackson county, the same as the others for the last several years have done.

By the thirtieth of December Christmas was over with us, and we were back at our work with renewed earnestness.

The family has never enjoyed better health than they have for the last year.

JOHN W. STEWART.

You may say to my brethren in Alabama that I am still in the land of the living, and as an evidence of this fact, find enclosed my check for renewal. Having been born and reared in Alabama and getting my collegiate training in Howard College, I have no desire to forget the dear old State.

I have taken the paper regularly, beginning with the second year of its publication. Yours fraternally,

J. D. COOK.

Meridian, Miss.

MRS. JOHN E. DUNNWAY AS I KNEW HER.

She was a merry, bright young girl when I came from the seminary to take charge of Providence church, where the membership of the family had been for many years. I had the good fortune to find a home in her father's house during the term of my pastorate in the good county of Dallas.

She was about 14 years old, bright, merry, dutiful, a child of good health and beautiful spirit, gentle and strong. It was a pleasure to know her. I was greatly concerned about her religious welfare, and felt that I must speak to her. I found her at the foot of the stairway, as if waiting for my coming. The intercourse was brief. I could only say, "O Pink, I am so much concerned about your salvation." She made no reply, nor did she betray any change of feeling, but her bearing was one of dignified, serious politeness. A meeting at the old church was drawing to a close, and I believed the time had come when she must take her place among the people of God. She had not signified her purpose to join the church, and the last day was now come. Her father had gone to his plantation, but as the time for services drew on the thought came to him, "Pink may join the church today," and turning his horse's head toward the church, he drove over the ten miles of muddy road and reached the church just in time to see her rise from her seat and approach the pastor, and extend her hand in token that she wished to be baptized.

I baptized many converts in that good year of '87 in the churches to which I ministered, but if there had been none but this dear girl, the year would not have been lost. I remember when she first attempted to play the organ in church. Her face was pale, and her hands trembled, but her purpose was firm.

To her husband and children, her father, mother, brother and sister, a word of consolation. I do not mock your grief by saying weep not, but I can say with assurance, "Sorrow not as those who have no hope." She has only gone from you for the present.

Your loss is great, but her gain is far greater.

I many times have said, when there was no prospect, that I would ever write these sad words, that, considered as a child in her father's family, a pupil in the school, a music pupil and member of the Sunday school, and a young member of the church—in fact, from every standpoint that I had occasion to observe her—that I regarded her as the highest type of child whom I had ever known. I would unhesitatingly admonish all young girls to be like her. If they are able to see something of her from this poor tribute, I shall be glad.

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Accordingly, let prayer be offered for an adequate apprehension of these abiding, fundamental truths; that they may be recognized not merely with intellectual, emotional recognition, but with veritable "demonstration of the Spirit and of power;" that thus upon the ministry may descend the supreme inspiration in all its fullness; that believers may everywhere be quickened by a more intense faith in invisible realities; and that all mankind may comprehend that "the spiritual re-creation of the world. The revelation of God in Christ is the article not only of a standing or a falling church, but also of a restored or a ruined race.
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Bro. W. T. Foster is immediately my predecessor at all but Pittsview. Dr. G. S. Anderson was their last pastor. They say nice things of these and others who have gone before, such as the orthodox Dr. Edens, the sweet spirited Cumbee and others whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We are in the black belt and except in the towns there are few whites and the towns are not very populous.

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Some comment already on the mentioning of poundings. If you don't like to read such just lift your eyes. I just must render honor and thanks to whom they are due. On our arrival we were most hospitably entertained and heartily welcomed into the bright and happy homes of our brethren. And what they did for our own little unpretentious home was a plenty. Not the pantry only. Their generosity is of the ascending series—the progressive kind—the sort I like.

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Yours in Him,
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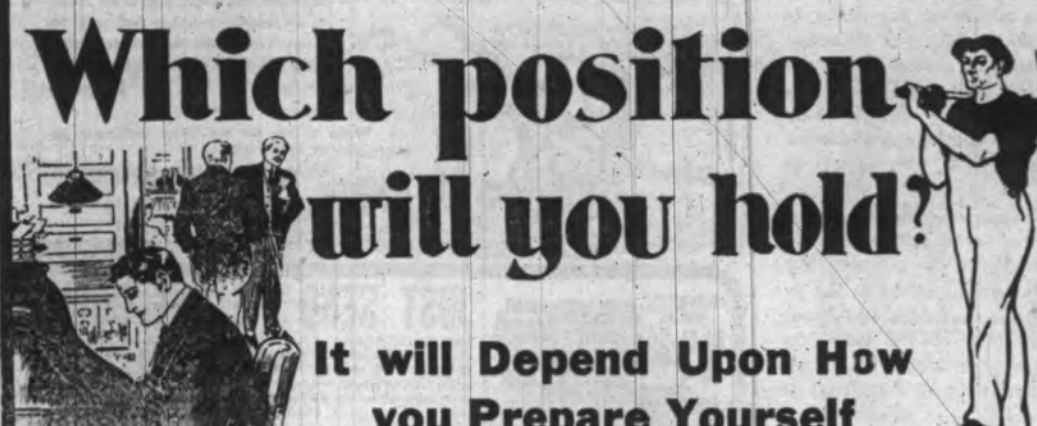
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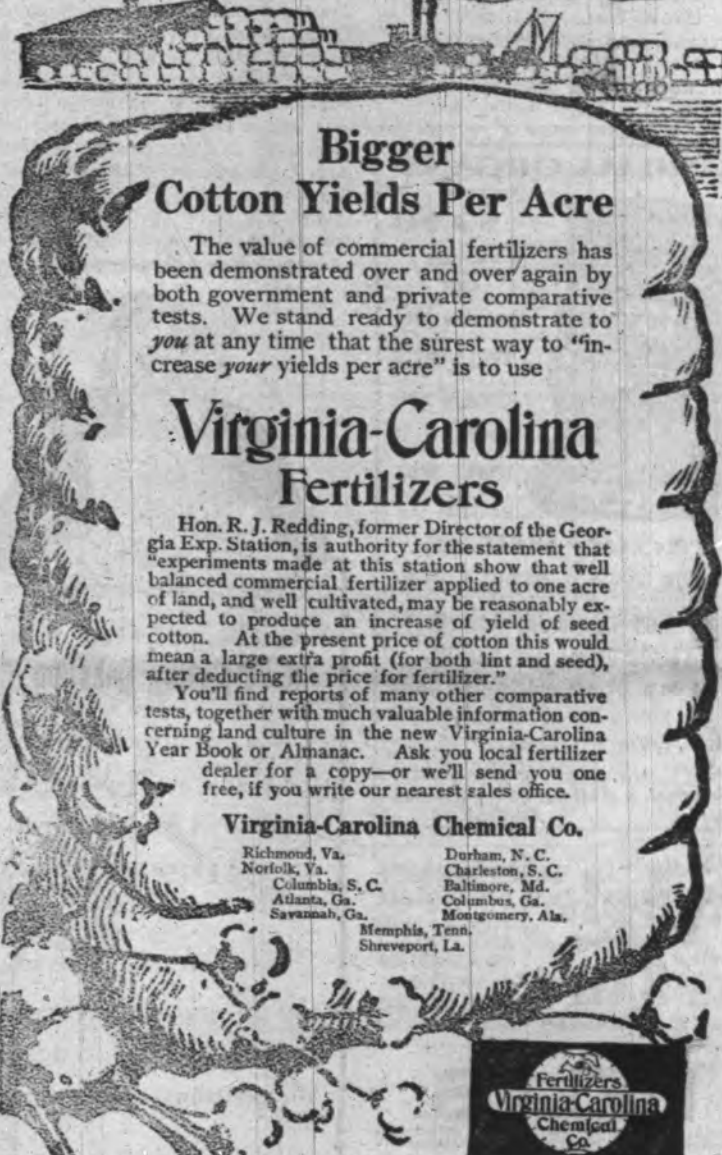
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