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Paragraphs

Pray that the administrative and executive leaders of the missionary propaganda may be increasingly transformed and set aflame with the saving purpose of Christ.

Rev. H. C. Moore, Sunday school secretary of North Carolina, has been elected editor of the Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh, N. C., and will assume his new duties February 1st. Brother Blanchard returns to the pastorate.

My work in Texas is being prospered of God. Have received 25 new members, and all departments of the work are looking up. The Alabama Baptist is a weekly letter from home, bearing to me welcome news of work in the dear old state. I. N. Langston, Henderson, Tex.

Dr. D. C. Burson, editor of The Atmore Spectrum, and president of the Alabama Weekly Press Club, stated in an interview today that he is issuing a call for the club to meet at Flomaton on Monday, January 27, at 4:30 p. m. All publishers of weekly newspapers in the state are invited to attend this meeting.

Secretary Taft has recommended to the president an increase in the width of the Panama canal locks from 100 to 110 feet. The largest warship now under construction is 92 feet in width. It is doubtful if this will be exceeded, but the increase in the size of ships has been so rapid that it is best to leave some margin. It would probably be impossible to widen the locks after completion without rebuilding.

I am glad to say that I have had the grand privilege of attending Howard college as a student for the past fifteen months, and I also hope to remain in college, as I regard it as being the proper place for any young minister. In addition to that I'll say just here that I have no pastoral work for the time being, and would enjoy the privilege of visiting any church having no pastor.—J. S. Hutchins, East Lake, Ala.

Perhaps the readers of the Alabama Baptist would like to hear a word from the First Baptist church of Dothan. We believe the past year under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Bro. W. M. Anderson, has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the church. The church and Sunday school have both greatly increased in membership. Mr. B. F. Farmer is the inimitable superintendent, which office he has held for years. There's none other like him. At our annual conference the church increased the pastor's salary to \$2,400, raising it \$600 from last year. Following out our New Year's resolutions we are planning to do greater things for Him in 1908.—J. V. Brown, Church Clerk.



HOW MUCH SHALL I
GIVE THIS YEAR
TO MISSIONS

C U T T I N G

Just now, of course, nearly everybody is "cutting." It is always so at this season. As we wish to be helpful, we suggest certain items for the programme of economy for 1908:

1. "Cut" your contribution to pastor's salary and church expenses. The preacher will get along somehow, and if he doesn't you can't help it. Besides, you can do this without let or hindrance. Nobody has any right to say how much you ought to give. You are a Baptist, free to do as you please.

2. "Cut" your contributions to missions, the orphanage and Christian education. If the heathen perish, if the orphans lack and suffer hunger, if Christian schools fade and fail—well, you are not responsible. Let them do the best they can. You must look out for Number One.

3. Of course "cut" out your denominational paper. True, it will save you only about a half a cent a day but what do you care about the life and movements of the denomination which it chronicles? Of what profit is it to you to know about the work and the workers? You are not interested or likely to be in these things. You care still less about the devotional and spiritual atmosphere which the paper brings. If now it told how to make money or was filled with stories of murder and other crimes, and printed pictures of the criminals, it would be of course a sort of necessity, but you really do not need or desire any weekly message to your soul about higher things and better things. So save your half-cent a day.—Religious Herald.

Paragraphs

Miss Fannie Jackson, of Sumterville, was married to Mr. John McBride, of Louisville, Miss. They are both fine young people, and we wish for them the best. J. E. Herring.

The Alabama Baptist is like the stolen rooster; when we get behind it is stolen till we pay up. Then it is like it in another way; it gets gooder and gooder every time mamma cooks him. Yours truly, J. N. Webb.

I love The Alabama Baptist and its editor. You are giving us a good paper and making a hard fight against one of the greatest evils our country has to contend with—whiskey. Hope you will continue to fight it until it is put out of our country. Fraternal yours, J. J. Garrett.

The fifth annual meeting of the Alabama State Horticultural Society will be held at Birmingham February 13 and 14, 1908. We expect to have the president of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, Prof. Samuel B. Green, with us at this meeting. An interesting program is being arranged. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend. W. F. Helkes, President, Huntsville; R. S. Mackintosh, Secretary, Auburn.

I enclose to you a check for \$6. \$1 for The Baptist for Brother J. D. Hudson and \$5 for myself, for the paper up to 1911. Brother Hudson has been to Texas seven years, and has returned to take up work with us again. He was a subscriber before he left, and is like me. He can't do without the paper. Let me hear from you. You are giving us a good paper, and may you continue to get better. Yours, D. A. Megginson.

We closed a good meeting at Highland avenue church in Montgomery last Sunday night with thirty-one additions and more than five thousand dollars raised for the new church house. Brother Bush is doing a good work there and is greatly loved by all the people. We begin a meeting at West End Wednesday night. I hope to make this the best year of my life. I wish for you a very happy and prosperous year.—W. J. Ray, Jan. 14.

The Scottsboro Citizen says: "Rev. W. T. Davis has resigned the pastorate of the Scottsboro Baptist church and will go to Colorado for the benefit of his wife's health. He has accepted a call out there. Brother Davis is a strong preacher, able and eloquent, and his friends here wish for him and his good wife health and happiness in their new home." We regret that Bro. Davis is to leave Alabama, as he is one of our strong young men. We pray that the sunshine of Colorado will soon restore his dear wife to her coveted health.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN.

Six Months in John's Gospel.

Yes, that's what we are to have—six whole months in the study of John's Love Gospel. There are 26 Sundays in the half year, and there are only 21 chapters in the Book of John. Doesn't that suggest to your mind the idea of teaching the whole book? Teacher, can you be satisfied to give your scholars 26 selections or scraps of ten or twelve verses each, or do you prefer to impress the whole book on their minds definitely? It will be a number of years before this opportunity presents itself again. Why not use it? Here is how it might be done:

The Method.

Below I give a little scheme, a very simple outline for teaching the Book of John chapter by chapter. It can be used either with or without the lesson quarterlies. Simply secure a small blackboard or sheet of heavy white paper and rule off, as below, the upright and cross lines, numbering the latter from 1 to 21. Do not insert the body of the outline all at once, but do that one line at a time. Explain your idea to the class, and as you finish a chapter in the lesson course have your pupils study out the "Key Word" (or chapter name), the "Key Verse" (or the topic-sentence, as the grammars call it in school), and the "Key Thought" (or brief synopsis, central idea). Then, during the lesson period write these "Keys" in the diagram.

Notes.

Every Sunday review very briefly from the beginning. Have them learn, learn, learn—just as the day-school teacher does.

By using this scheme you teach through the eye as well as the ear. That is teaching. They will remember much better by having seen as well as heard.

You might have each pupil draw off a black diagram on a sheet of common letter paper 8 by 11 inches. They can keep it in their quarterlies or Bibles. In this way you can easily incite home study and preparation. Ask them to get up their own "Keys," subject to class discussion and revision.

You need not accept my "Keys." Use your own originality in selecting them for your own class.

You might have the pupils write down the various "Keys" on the margins of their Testaments or Bibles opposite each chapter under discussion.

In some way recognize and honor the boy or girl or grown pupil who, at the end of the six months' course, can reproduce the outline from memory. They learn harder and less important things every week in school or business. Why not this?

Instead of making your work as teacher more difficult, I think it will lighten your load by making it full of interest and giving you a plan to follow.

The Plan.

Here is the diagram, which is a rearrangement of Professor Leavell's:

Blackboard Outline for Teaching the Gospel of John.

Chap	Key Word	Key Verse	Key Thought
1	"Word"	29	Jesus Indeed Divine.
2	"Wedding"	11&23	Jesus Sanctifies Home-Church.
3	"Love"	16	Jesus' Plan of Salvation.
4	"Well"	23-24	Jesus' Mission Universal.
5	"Pool"	24	Jesus' Power to Heal.
6	"Bread"	35	Jesus, the Bread of Life.
7	"Feast"	37	Jesus Teaches His Mission.
8	"Light"	12	Jesus, the Light of the World.
9	"Blind Man"	39	Jesus Heals the Blind Man.
10	Good Sh'p'd	11	Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
11	"Lazarus"	25	Jesus' Power Over the Grave.
12	"Palm"	28	Jesus, the Triumphant King.
13	"Supper"	15	Jesus, the Minister.
14	"Peace"	18	Jesus, the Giver of Peace.
15	"Vine"	5	Jesus, the True Vine.
16	"Sorrow"	6	Jesus, the Source of Comfort.
17	"Prayer"	20	Jesus, the Intercessor.
18	"Trial"	37	Jesus, a Willing Sacrifice.
19	"Cross"	30	Jesus, the Crucified Saviour.
20	Resurr'ct'n	28	Jesus, the Risen Lord.
21	"Peter"	17	Jesus Teaches Lesson of Love.

C. E. CROSSLAND, Sunday School Secretary.

THE WORD OF GOD.

Words are to convey ideas. Imperfect words cannot convey perfect ideas. On this basis, there are no perfect ideas in any words not prompted by the Holy Spirit. This fact accounts for the supremacy of the Bible over other books. We are told it contains 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses, 737,697 words, and 3,566,480 letters. I have often wondered if another book extant ever possessed interest enough to induce anybody to count its contents as stated. God made man, and made the Bible for him, on the basis that all things come from God, if no other. It is the embodiment of infinite wisdom to finite minds. This is an adjustment by the Creator that His creatures might reason infinitely, by the aid and direction of the Holy Spirit. The assumption that there are things in the Bible that can't be learned won't stand the test of the idea of a revelation from God to man. It is true, he may not be able to grapple with the infinite depths of infinite wisdom displayed in it, in a sense. In another, he can, and does for the reason that where infinite wisdom is finitely grasped, it is infinite truth, finitely adjusted, which is infinite truth thus as a safe and sure guide in "all" things religious. Bad men did not write the Bible, for they are opposed to the truth it sheds on their sins. It is against nature for a man to expose his own sins. The Bible is true for the reason that it spurns lies, and would not and could not tell what it so intensely spurns. We are told the original manuscripts are lost or destroyed. In the same connection we are told there are 2,000 copies extant of the original manuscripts, without any material variation in any of them. We see some good or special providence in this fact. Were the original available, hurtful contention might arise as to who should possess, or had a right to them. Further, the disposition of people to worship places and things might constitute them a source of idolatrous worship. The beauty about the book is that it stands for one God. Herodotus tells us, 500 years B. C., that the Egyptians had more gods than men. The Persians worshipped light and fire, etc. The Bible was 1,500 years growing. Its authors differed in nationality and language. They were shepherds, kings, priests, mechanics, fishermen, physicians, law-makers, learned and illiterate.

The skeptic who says it was not inspired makes men create their own doom with denunciations too frightful for the consideration of sane minds. Between its lids is where fathers and mothers love to inscribe the names of their dead. No other book invites so tender a place for lodging the sweet memory of the departed. Judges, lawyers and jurors who do not abide its teachings insist with unrelenting cogency on the correctness of the names and ages recorded in it in cases of litigation on the basis the love it inspires would write no falsehood. It holds its crowds on the Sabbath days as no book with any other interest could, so often read, studied and preached from. The Roman centurion said of the Lord, as the fulfillment of it, "Thou art the Son of God;" Judas said relative to Him, "I have betrayed innocent blood;" Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him;" Josephus denominated Him "the wise Man;" Celcus said He was a "miracle-working Magician;" Julian the apostate, "the helper for the lame," etc.; Porphyry called Him the "pious Man;" Diderot pronounced Him the "unsurpassed story;" Napoleon said He was the "emperor of love;" Strauss declared Him the "highest model;" John Stuart Mill said He was the "guide for humanity;" Leckey said He was the "highest pattern of virtue;" Pecant said He was "Holy before God, and terrible to devils;" Renon said He was the "greatest among the sons of God;" Rossan pronounced Him a "dying God;" Theo. Parker said He was "Youth with God in His heart;" Francis Cobb said He was the "regenerator of humanity;" Robert Owen said He was the "irreproachable;" Ingersoll said He was a "Star rising in the night of death," and here I stop with the encomiums pronounced by His foes, as a Savior thanking God for Him as the anchor of my soul, as He has stood so often with me in the conflicts I have waged for His gospel. I can go down to death with a perfect feeling of safety with him.

W. R. WHATLEY.

BAPTISTS FOR BAPTISTS.

No people have greater reasons for appreciation of what they are and for what they stand and for what they have accomplished than Baptists. No higher distinction or honor can be conferred on any man or woman than to say of them that they are true and loyal Baptists. Are you such a Baptist? Are you loyal? Do you stand by the institutions of the denomination? Are you in harmony with the brain and heart of the great denomination? Do you stand by your church and render such help as you may to see that your church is the very best in attendance, in social Christian greeting and welcome to all, or do you "divide your time"—attend your church at morning service and the Methodist, Presbyterian or Episcopal or some other at the evening service? Has the Lord blessed you with a good voice, and your good father helped you to train it for God, and then you use it to help some other church than your own? Have you musical talent on piano, violin, organ or cornet, and your good father has helped you to develop that talent, and then you give that talent to some other church? What is the price of your loyalty to Baptist principles and the success of Baptist churches? Do you sell your loyalty for a little praise and newspaper notoriety, or for a few dollars? Do you think that it is YOU that is appreciated when you are asked to leave your church to serve them? I tell you nay! Not YOU, but they appreciate THEIR CHURCH, and use you as a tool to draw people to their faith and to their congregations. You say you are a Baptist? Then you are interested in the Baptist cause. If God has blessed you with extra talent, and your parents have "stinted" themselves, maybe, to enable you to develop that talent, then be a LOYAL Baptist and use your God-given and developed talents for your own church and denomination, and thus win and hold the honor and respect of Baptists and of all other denominations, for all denominations appreciate loyalty in any one, and they have little respect for the "namby-pamby," "milk and cider," "soon be in one church as another" sort of church member.

If you are a Baptist, and believe in the Baptist principles and her institutions, then work for them, talk for them, pray for them, give for them and live for them.

Some one has said, "I had rather be a living dog than a dead lion." So I had rather be something than nothing. Let every one who reads these lines ask himself or herself if they are Baptists, and if so, are they loyal Baptists; and if they have not been loyal, let them determine now that they will be loyal and true. And for your own sake and the sake of the cause be something—not everything or anything, but be something in particular—and that best something is a true and loyal Baptist. O. P. BENTLEY.

"COFFEE GRUNTERS."

Ever See One?

Thoughtful people have a laugh on coffee cranks now and then.

"I had used coffee ever since I was a small child," writes an Indiana lady, "and have always had bad spells with my stomach."

"Last spring just after I began housekeeping I had a terrible time with my stomach and head. My husband bought a package of Postum and asked me to try it."

"I laughed at it because none of my folks would ever try it. But I made some the following morning, following directions on the package about boiling it well."

"I was greatly pleased with the results, and kept right on using it. Now I wouldn't drink anything else. I tell every old coffee 'grunter' I see about Postum, and all my folks and my husband's people, except a few cranks, use Postum instead of coffee."

"When put to soak in cold water overnight and then boiled fifteen minutes in the morning while getting breakfast, it makes a delicious drink."

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

WOMAN'S WORK

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 ham.
 (All contributions to this page should be sent
 to Mrs. D. M. Malone, Mission Room, Watts
 Building, Birmingham.)

Young Woman's Societies in Alabama. For the past one-fourth of a century we have given great emphasis to the preparation of our girls for service as teachers, clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers. They have gained a place in the business circle such as they deserve. Now we appeal to the mothers to help us put fourth as great an effort to prepare them for the service of our Master.

Fine training for much usefulness can be had in our auxiliaries by taking in connection with the regular study scheduled for us a mission study course. A long felt need has been supplied for special training to those who expect to go as home or foreign missionaries in our training school at Louisville, Ky., of which Miss Floy White has told us in her letter.

We ask that all contributions from the Y. W. A.'s of Alabama be sent Mrs. D. M. Malone, Watts building, Birmingham, designating for what purpose you send it.
 MRS. J. W. VESEY.

How I wish I could gather you all together and tell you about our Training School. I feel that I can not make you see the greatness of it by just writing. Our beautiful building at 320 East Broadway, I suppose you know, was given us by the Sunday School Board. It makes us so glad to know that Dr. Frost, too, is looking to the young women of the South, shall I say for the most efficient workers in the Sunday school? And we do need the training just as much as we do for teaching in the public schools. With this help from the Sunday School Board the W. M. U. has been enabled to do more toward equipping and furnishing the school. If you could only see the dainty little rooms so neatly and comfortably furnished and many other things that are for welfare, you would agree with me that they are doing all in their power to make us happy while here.

The studies and work in the school I will not mention, but will gladly send a catalogue to any who care for them. We also visit many of the institutions and do practical work. In connection with the work in the Training School we take two or three studies at the Seminary. I have this year Old and New Testament and Sunday School Pedagogy. These studies under Drs. Sampey, Robertson and DeMent have been of untold value to me. Now, to our home life. You know how happy a large family usually is—well, that is what we are in our home life here. A happier, jollier, more congenial band of girls you'll not find anywhere. Our joys and sorrows are borne in unison. There are twenty-five girls here now and we look for three others at the beginning of the second term. One claim we have above the other states is that our superintendent, Mrs. McLure, is from Alabama. She is indeed a mother to us all. So careful of us in every way. So full of real interest and sympathy in everything that concerns "My girls," as she calls us.

And now, dear girls, I could write more about our work, but will let this suffice for this time. Surely there are some among you who are thinking of coming at some time. If you are let me beg you to come on. The way will open for you as it did for me. In the words of Phillip to Nathaniel, I say, "Come and see." Come and know the Master better. Come and learn more of Him and how to serve Him. He needs and wants the best that is in us, and as He trained and prepared His disciples to carry on His work He could not stay to finish, ought we not also to be well equipped to do His service?

With a heart full of love to every one of you and trusting that you are entering into one of the happiest years of your lives, I am sincerely,

FLOY WHITE.

I am glad that I knew Mrs. Stratton. I am glad it was my privilege to live in her time, to know her personally and to be associated with her in the work for the Master. Hers was a most beautiful character. I remember on one occasion it fell upon me to go with her to finish filling and getting a mission box ready, and I thought as the sister just said, what a wonderful woman she is. I think that we all will be better by having known her sweet, loving, simple unselfish character.

MRS. J. R. AKIN.

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.

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ALABAMA.

Motto: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."—Dan. 12:3.

Y. W. A. Pins

are now on sale in Baltimore, 301 N. Charles street. Price, 65 cents.

A Young Woman's Auxiliary was recently organized at Wetumpka, with Miss Lucy Hall as president. We remember her so pleasantly as one of the teachers at the Judson last year, and welcome her as one of our leaders.

Miss Minnie Brooks, of Brewton, writes: "We have twenty members and each girl seems to be greatly interested in the work."

Pine Hill.

In a letter from Miss Belle Lowrey she says: "Have just received nine of the Y. W. A. pins and think they are beautiful. We are just delighted with them and will make another order soon. Our society is doing nicely. We meet every Friday afternoon. We have twenty-five members and expect more soon."

Judson

Girls have given \$40 to the support of Miss Floy White, besides the many other good things they are doing.

Good Water.

Y. W. A. sends this encouraging news through Miss Mary McCord: "We have between fifteen and twenty members. Meet twice a month. Regular attendance. Observed the week of prayer. Our girls seem very much interested and really want something

Cedar Bluff.

Miss Nellie Watt writes: "Our Y. W. A. will give \$25 for the support of Miss Floy White. I knew her at the Judson, and shall urge our auxiliary to do even more for her."

An encouraging letter has recently been received from Miss Emma McDaniel, of the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa. Fine work is reported of the Krisnapal Y. W. A.

Fayette.

Our Y. W. A. has been meeting regularly since we organized one year ago and we are glad to say that much interest has been manifested in the work, especially has this been true in our last two meetings. We have decided to have a regular mission study class connected with the Y. W. A., as we are anxious to know more of our work in heathen lands.

We are praying that all our young women may soon be engaged in active work for the Master, not only in our church, but in every church in Alabama. May we hear of "great things" for Christ in the future.—Clyde Metcalf.

I have no doubt, my sisters, but that each of you were bound to dear Mrs. Stratton by cords of love, but the ties that bound us to her were even closer and stronger, for she was a member of our family at the South Side Baptist church, where she was truly loved and highly honored.

With us her wish was law. She only had to make a request and we tried to carry it out just as she wanted it.

I have seen her raise large sums of money for missions, where it seemed almost impossible to get it, but she would ask in such a sweet, gentle way, and yet so earnestly, that no one had the heart to refuse. I know you remember now near to the throne she could get when she prayed. It made you feel that "there was a woman that walked with God." I thank God that in the journey of life He grants unto us the privilege of having such beautiful lives to occasionally cross our pathway. She will be sorely missed by our "family," and what will the "Ladies' Circle" do without their dear leader? This sacred subject lies too close to my heart, and I feel too humbly and unworthy to deal with it.

God grant that at least a portion of her mantle may fall upon some of us.

MRS. G. H. ESTES,

President "Ladies' Circle" South Side Baptist Church

CUBS' FOOD.

They Thrive on Grape-Nuts.

Healthy babies don't cry, and the well-nourished baby that is fed on Grape-Nuts is never a crying baby. Many babies who cannot take any other food relish the perfect food, Grape-Nuts, and get well.

"My little baby was given up by three doctors, who said that the condensed milk on which I had fed her had ruined the child's stomach. One of the doctors told me that the only thing to do would be to try Grape-Nuts, so I got some and prepared it as follows: I soaked 1-2 teaspoonfuls in one pint of cold water for half an hour, then I strained off the liquid and mixed 12 teaspoonfuls of this strained Grape-Nuts juice with six teaspoonfuls of rich milk, put in a pinch of salt and a little sugar, warmed it and gave it to baby every two hours.

"In this simple, easy way I saved baby's life, and have built her up to a strong, healthy child, rosy and laughing. The food must certainly be perfect to have such a wonderful effect as this. I can truthfully say I think it is the best food in the world to raise delicate babies on, and is also a delicious healthful food for grown-ups, as we have discovered in our family."

Grape-Nuts is equally valuable to the strong, healthy man or woman. It stands for the true theory of health. "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Some Notes

(By W. B. C.)

Getting Away From God.

"In the memory of the oldest inhabitant" has there ever been so many suicides? In the opinion of this writer, the caption above gives the reason. It is said Daniel Webster once said in answer to the question, "What is the greatest thought that ever came into your mind?" "My individual responsibility to Almighty God." The noted infidel, Bob Ingersoll, is reported to have said, "It is a manly thing, when health fails or disappointments crush you, to commit suicide." That is the logic of his religion—or irreligion. The tendency in the city especially, and in the country, too, to stay away from God's house is a very dangerous tendency. Suicides will become all the more common as the years go by if this tendency is not checked. Men and women are only safe when in fellowship with God and His people.

"More Religion on the Inside" is the name of a song. At the National Anti-Saloon League Convention at Norfolk a famous quartette from Philadelphia sang it, and it created a great sensation.

Come to think of it, ain't that about what we all need?

Preachers, are you falling in your preaching, in your study, in your visitations, in your own homes? Find that song and sing it.

Mission boards and secretaries, don't you guess that there would be better responses to your appeals, that the work would be better on the mission fields, if "There Was More Religion on the Inside?"

Christian colleges and schools, wouldn't you do better work for God among the students, wouldn't you reach more homes, wouldn't your endowment and equipment grow if there was "More Religion on the Inside?"

And Brother Editor, wouldn't it be a happy day for everybody if our religious papers had "More Religion on the Inside?"

TO THE REGULARS.

I want to thank the churches who are standing to the schedule. But for them, business here in the office would have been nil.

Here is a letter from the other sort: "Since the mill shut down, we have taken no collections." Another wrote something like this: "So many of our people are out of employment, we have given up our regular collections." Does it look heartless in me to write these two brethren down as wrong? I hesitate not to do it. In years ago I have frequently observed: "Often our most liberal years have been years when the people were in much distress financially." How did it come about? The pastors held up before the people a cheerful, hopeful view of the situation. They urged the membership, if needs be, to sacrifice, that the Lord's work be not hindered. Opportunity was regularly given in the churches for the usual collections for missions and other benevolent objects. The

spirit of self-denial led to the giving of the money, and at the same time the Lord's people were greatly blessed spiritually.

Brother pastors, you needn't talk to your people about hard times. They will talk about that enough without your help. If you go at it, you will make the case worse for them, and presently you will find you have lost hope yourself. Think of this sort of a speech by a leader of God's host: "Brethren, I know these are awful hard times. I see it on all sides. We will have to cut down on everything to make ends meet. We have been passing the baskets morning and night. We will do that only every other Sunday for a while. Our collections for missions, education and the orphanage we will leave entirely off. We will discharge the sexton and take care of the house ourselves. We have had preaching every Sunday. We will have it only twice a month now. This by the decision of the deacons, and the pastor approves of it all."

The end of such folly is not very far away—a dead church, a scattered flock, a preacher in search of another field. The preacher and the deacons were the cause of it all. W. B. C.

FAITHFUL EVEN IN DEATH.

That was a beautiful spirit in Judge Simmons, the old deacon who had loved and honored God so long. He remembered His cause to the last, and made a contribution even from his grave. See Brother Thompson's letter to Secretary Crumpton: Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., Montgomery, Ala.—

Dear Brother: On last Tuesday night at 8:10 Judge John W. Simmons, the father of W. H. Simmons, died suddenly of a stroke of paralysis. It was his request that he be given a very modest burial, and the difference between that and a more expensive burial be given to missions. The said amount has been put in my hands for that purpose. I send you a check for \$20 to be used in whatever way you or the board may regard as best. This amount was handed to me by W. H. Simmons, the son of Judge Simmons, asking that this request of his father be carried out. Unlike a great many other men, Judge Simmons despised parade and show, and he felt that the cost of an expensive funeral was not in keeping with the principles of the word of God, especially when there is so much need for means to carry the gospel to the far-off nations of the earth. Would that many more of the servants of our Lord could do just as this good man has done when they come to the end of their pilgrimage.

He was a member of the Baptist church for sixty years, and much of that time he was an active deacon. In 1880 he was elected probate judge of this county, and was a candidate for re-election again in 1886, and was defeated on account of his strong prohibition sentiments, but he lived to see the principles for which he stood enacted into law. Judge Simmons left a fine record. He was 83 years of age. Fraternally yours,

J. L. THOMPSON.

A REMARKABLE INDUSTRY.

A striking example of the rapid development of business when favored by honest methods and judicious advertising is shown in the remarkable success of the mail order cabbage plant business. Only a few years ago a few intelligent and industrious planters in the section near Charleston, S. C., realized the great possibilities in supplying cabbage plants grown in the open air to gardeners farther north. This idea is one that the average man would have overlooked; but these progressive planters saw that they could furnish, at very small cost, plants which would mature from three to five weeks earlier than those grown under cover farther north. With faith in their enterprise, they advertised through this paper and other religious weeklies, offering to send these plants by express at a low cost. The advertising was very successful indeed, and some of our readers will be surprised to know that plants grown in the open air in the lower part of South Carolina are shipped as far north as Kentucky and give perfect satisfaction. On arrival at their destination the plants look withered; but when set out quickly revive and will stand even the coldest weather. Plants grown in this way develop rapidly and are ready for the market from three to five weeks earlier than those grown locally.

The cabbage plant industry which is still in its infancy has grown to be a very extensive business, involving hundreds of thousands of dollars each season. No better example of the advertising value of this paper and other religious publications can be sighted than the remarkable growth of this industry, which from the beginning has used the religious press advertising most extensively. We take pleasure in recommending to our readers the cabbage plant dealers whose advertisements will be found in our columns. Plants can be ordered by mail direct from the grower at very small cost and are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

COLUMBIA.

We have just closed one of the best revival meetings Columbia ever had. Evangelist Raleigh Wright and his singer, Walter E. Rodgers, were with us for eighteen days.

Bro. Wright is a strong preacher of the gospel. He is safe and sound—true to the word of God.

The entire town was more or less touched by the revival spirit. Our church received seventy-five into her fellowship—fifty-four for baptism. We also have credit for \$347.24 for home missions as remuneration for a home board evangelist. A part of this amount was given by Bro. George L. Campbell for putting in tract form one of Bro. Wright's sermons.

With our house of worship newly painted, our Sunday school annex finished and occupied and with this great ingathering, we realize that our responsibilities as a church of Jesus Christ are very great.

C. N. JAMES.

A good brother writes:

"You can discontinue my paper for the present. I will pay you as soon as practical. Your paper is all right. I am taking more papers than I have time to read. You are giving us a very good paper and my only reason for wanting the paper discontinued is that I don't have time to read all of them. My time is not out with some of them. May take your paper again some time if I live."

Sometimes at associations we have asked men of means and standing in their community to subscribe for the paper to be told that they had no time to read it, but upon cross examination would own up to taking from three to six papers.

Dr. J. S. Dill, the popular pastor of the First Baptist church, Bowling Green, Ky., was in Nashville last Monday. He came to make arrangements for the publication of a book which he has written, giving a brief biography of his father-in-law, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, for many years the beloved secretary of the Home Mission Board. In addition, the book will contain some sermons and addresses by Dr. Tichenor. It will make about 150 pages and will give much valuable information. We are sure that it will be read with great interest and profit by the thousands of admirers of Dr. Tichenor throughout the South. Dr. Dill reports his work at Bowling Green as in quite prosperous condition.—Baptist and Reflector.

FREE

Trial Package of Wonderful Pyramid Cure

Sent to all Who Send Name and Address

There are hundreds of cases of piles which have lasted for 20 and 30 years and have been cured in a few days or weeks with the marvelous Pyramid Pile Cure.

Pile sufferers in the past have looked upon an operation as the only relief. But operations rarely cure, and often lead to fearful results.

The Pyramid Pile Cure cures. It relieves the swelling, stops the congestion, heals the ulcers and fissures and the piles disappear. There is no form of piles which this remedy is not made to cure.

The Pyramid Pile Cure can be used at home. There is no loss of time or detention from business. There is no case of piles so severe that the Pyramid Pile Cure will not bring relief.

We make no charge for a trial package of Pyramid Pile Cure. This sample will relieve the itching, soothe the inflamed membrane and start you on your way to a cure. After you have used the sample go to the druggist for a 50-cent box of the remedy. Write today. The sample costs you nothing. Pyramid Drug Co., 143 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

PRAISE FROM ANOTHER STATE.

Enclosed I send you a check for \$4, so please run my figures up to this amount. Hope this will help you over the tight place. I do not get to go to a Baptist church often, but read the dear old Baptist and enjoy it every week. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year,

Wish our Alabama readers would all show the same spirit of helpfulness and appreciation.

ANXIOUS TO MAKE IT RIGHT.

A brother with a just complaint writes:

Brother Barnett: I see from the label on my paper my figures are two years behind what I have paid. I have made it a point to pay each year in October before my time expired in February. Now, Brother Barnett, please place my figures to February 8, 1909. If you will not, then stop my paper. I have read The Alabama Baptist twenty years, and will be at a loss to be without it, but I want things set right.

We earnestly request our subscribers whose dates are wrong not to wait, but to notify us at once, so that we may correct them. We are more anxious to get the date right than are our readers to have them righted. We take special delight in moving up the dates on the labels.

DIDN'T GET MAD WHEN PAPER WAS STOPPED.

This from a preacher:
I think twice as much of the paper as I did at first. I don't remember how long it has been since you stopped the paper. I will send you two dollars and let you arrange that part of it. I guess your books will show when it was stopped. Wishing you great success, I remain as ever, your brother in Christ,

And yet, although preachers get it for \$1, some few got very mad when we cut them off when they owed over two years. The postal regulations allow us only to carry delinquents at pound rates for one year and require us to pay 52 cents.

A most successful revival at the Elyton Baptist church closed Monday night after eleven days.

The acting pastor, Rev. Frank C. Hicks, was assisted by the evangelist, Rev. John Bass Shelton, of Montgomery.

It has been many days since Elyton was stirred like it was during these meetings, if ever before, and as a result there were many conversions.

Mr. Shelton is strong in the denunciation of sin, and uses many strong arguments, and during the meeting received some hard criticisms, and when asked why he had used such remarks, his answer was that he wanted to split the hide and rub therein salt and turpentine to show the rottenness of the devil, and then to soothe it with the blood of Christ.

This is the fourth revival Mr. Shelton has held in the Birmingham district, all of which have proved successful beyond expectations.

He succeeded in getting the church together and able to call a pastor, which they did, calling our beloved brother and editor of The Alabama Baptist, Rev. Frank Willis Barnett.

Wishing you great success and prosperity this Centennial and New Year, I remain, yours fraternally,

WM. C. JORDAN.

(He sent in \$9 for renewals and new subscribers.)



PREACHERS GET IT FOR \$1.00.

We print the following letter in order to explain in regard to the rate to preachers:

Goodwater, Ala., Jan. 13, 1908.

Dear Editor: I write to you for information. Have you changed your custom of sending your paper to ministers for one dollar a year? If so, please tell me. If not, please tell me why you did not send the paper to my brother in Texas, who is also a minister. I refer to L. S. Newman, Winnsboro, Tex. I sent you \$2 on the 26th of December, 1907, expecting you to move my subscription up to 1909 and send a year's subscription to L. S. Newman as an Xmas present; or if you could not send it a year to him, send it to July, '08. Now if you have changed your old way of sending to ministers for half price, please change my date back to 1908, July 1st, and send The Baptist to L. S. Newman for the same length of time. This is provided you got the \$2 in money. I suppose you received it, because of the fact that the label is changed from 1908 to 1909. Yours truly,

W. L. NEWMAN.

The only trouble was that the printer put it Winslow, Tex., instead of Winnsboro.

Some of our leading Baptist editors think we do wrong in letting the preachers have the paper at half price, or \$1 per year, but we think not, and are glad to send at the reduced rate, but we do think that they ought to keep paid up to date, or in advance where they are able, and certainly ought not to get mad when we cut them off because they owe more than one year, in order to comply with the government's ruling. We can't afford to let them have the paper at \$1 a year, and then pay 52 cents for the privilege of mailing it to them.

THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT.

I paid my subscription to your paper up to January, 1908, and asked that it be stopped. I see it continues to come. I would be very glad indeed to continue my subscription, but am not in position to do so. You will please discontinue it. Yours truly,

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

A charming young woman writes:
I notice you have been trying to get the subscriptions arranged so that they will all expire the first of the year. So you may just change mine to the 1st of January instead of the 1st of February.
This is truly obliging. Willing to give us a month in order to help us in getting our expirations to end at the first of the year.

A GOOD ONE ON US.

Here is a good one on us. We sent a statement to a brother and received the following:
Enclosed please find receipts for my subscription to The Alabama Baptist. I have wondered why your subscribers did not pay you. I understand now—you don't give a fellow any credit when he pays.
Sometimes we make mistakes, but we are always glad to correct them, and on our statements we put the following: "If you have already sent the money, or if it is now on the way, drop a card and it will be corrected."

WILLING TO GET IT EVERY OTHER WEEK.

We have received many, strange letters in the six years in which we have edited the paper, but the following greatly touched us, as the brother was willing to get the paper every other week rather than not get it at all. Here is the letter:
Dear Brother: I read your notice; but let me say, brother, I wrote you word two years ago and told you how it was with me, and I asked you this: I want your paper, but being a poor man, I would rather you send me the paper every other week than to stop it. I don't feel like I owe you anything, as I told you I was not able to pay but one dollar a year. I know I have done it, and I am going to send you another dollar to pay for another year. If you can't do it, I will feel sorry to stop my paper. I hope this is satisfactory to you. Good-bye. I remain as ever,

An Illustrated Proverb.



A Fool and His Money is Soon Parted.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Religious Herald, which has just passed through a fiery trial, the printing house having had a serious fire. Its mailing list was burned and many of the delinquents perished, but the paid up ones escaped with little injury.

Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, is the president of the World's Sunday School Association; Dr. George W. Bailey, of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Executive Committee; W. N. Hartshorn, of Boston, is the American Secretary; A. B. McGrills, of Providence, is the Treasurer, and Marion Lawrence is the secretary to the committee.

Bro. Edward Churchill was born in Canada in 1824; was married in 1850; came to the United States in 1874; came from Illinois to Alabama in 1904. He joined the Baptist church at the age of 13. After a long life of active Christian service he was called home to his reward Dec. 1, 1907. May God give the consolation of his love to the bereaved.—C. H. Morgan, His Pastor.

Pulpit Manners and Mannerisms



John F. Gable

(A paper read before the Baptist Ministers' Conference, Birmingham, December 30, 1907.)

The discussion of so delicate a subject as this probably requires a few words of apology. The speaker in presuming to do so is entitled to either horn of a dilemma in the minds of his hearers, viz: He either knows what proper pulpit manners are, and hence has a right to speak; or else, having been commanded by the proper authorities to speak, he is entitled to an opinion, and thus has a right to be heard. Those who agree with him will doubtless take the first view; those who disagree are begged to indulge the second.

Having said this much, it may be well that the speaker by definition set forth the proposition he wishes to establish, and thus occupy common ground with his hearers. Of course it is Baptist pulpits we are concerned about; the decorum of ritualistic worshippers would hardly be considered a proper standard for a Baptist preacher. Here, then, is the proposition suggested:

Proper pulpit manners is such conduct as will most enhance the worshipful spirit of the congregation, and least blunt the edge of the preacher's message.

Mannerism I infer to be a term used to indicate whatever in appearance and conduct may detract the interest and attention of the hearer from the proper purpose of his presence to the preacher himself. Generally, though not necessarily always, the term is a reproach.

The characteristics and personal appearance of certain types of men will make a given course of conduct in them impressive to an audience, which from others would only give the impression that they are either crazy or acting for effect. So I judge that the man with a marked individuality does not really violate the spirit of my proposition, however much he may appear to cross the letter.

The impression that I would seek to make upon my congregation in general is this: A man is leading us in worship, and speaking to us from his heart concerning weighty matters, and (as nearly as may be right) a man of our own sphere in life.

This is to avoid two extremes which I consider harmful; on the one hand the priest impression, and on the other the platform lecturer. In the rear is to be discerned the "mollycoddle."

The priest will not evoke the best that is in a worshipping people, by reason of the fact that he appears to dwell in a different realm from theirs—their troubles are not his; he has not their difficulties to surmount in leading a worshipful life; he cannot truly appreciate their temptations. It was not so with Jesus. "We have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was tempted in all points like as we are."

The platform lecturer, on the other hand, makes the impression that his theories may be very good, but (as many regard the teachings of Jesus) he is idealistic and impracticable, not having attempted to work out his own salvation.

The preacher, then, who will obtain for his pulpit the respect and esteem of his congregation, and evoke by its instrumentality the best that is in their lives, will be: First, of manly bearing, so that his standing and attainments make his opinion worth hearing; secondly, in hearty sympathy with their daily lives, so that they feel that a friend is addressing them; and thirdly, with the will and the mind to lead them to the fountains which their thirst craves, thus appealing to their needs, and inspiring confidence in his ability to supply them.

Some Remarks on Mannerisms.

Unfortunately, we are not all so constituted by na-

ture and training as to fulfill the requirements of a common sense ideal. Some by observation, deduction or false training, become possessed with what we are bound to consider peculiar ideas as to what the preacher in the pulpit ought to be and to do.

The peculiarities of preachers, as of other men, are either natural or assumed. Censure, of course, must be confined to the latter; encouragement may be given concerning the former. If peculiarities are congenital, as a rule they will be, at the worst, but a temporary bar to the success of the preacher. The famous case of Demosthenes will occur to all. Occasionally a preacher by his pulpit awkwardness detracts the attention of his hearer, but he at once is noted as not being responsible for it, and due allowance is made. Where there is real worth, genuine sincerity and honesty of purpose back of physical or departmental peculiarities, they may become real helps to the effectiveness of his ministry. Let it be true of him as was said of Brutus:

"His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him

That Nature might stand up and say to all the world,

"This is a man!"

and none will be disposed to quarrel about his minor eccentricities. There is a kind of ecclesiastical mannerism which is worse than ordinary eccentricities, that rejoices in the superlative of tameness as the acme of pulpit propriety. This cuts out every thought of variety, spice, life or vigor from the church service—"as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end." This dead sameness depresses the spirits of the worshippers, runs them into ruts, and introduces the problem of how to keep the congregation awake.

But affectation, as a rule, is the consequence of either realized shallowness, inordinate conceit, or a twisted ideal of what is becoming in a public speaker. Imitation of the defects of some popular speaker is more common than copying his virtues. Imitators of Sam Jones are prone to copy his vulgarities without possessing his heart power. According to the individual bent preachers will develop mannerisms with more or less sincerity along several different lines—I mention a few:

There is the exceedingly modest and diffident preacher. His Bible reading is qualified by such remarks as "so reads, if correctly read," etc., and his sermons are "trying to preach." He needs emboldening.

Then there is the over-confident and supercilious preacher whose tone of omniscience would indicate utter impeccability and absolute fulness of resource. This man by nature is dictatorial, and needs to curb the tendency if he would do his best work.

Next I mention the bluffing preacher. His affectation borders on the hypocritical, and in general he is soon understood by his hearers. One phase of bluffing covers a poverty of thought and feeling with a lordly air and bombastic utterance which makes mountains out of mole-hills and perennial precepts out of platitudes. Akin to this is the handsome, distinguished-looking and oratorical-appearing man, who depends more upon his appearance and manner to carry him through life than upon genuine worth and power in his efforts to move men. Not that he has small ability, but that he makes too small use of what nature has endowed him with.

Another is so sanctimonious that everything he touches becomes iridescent with a halo of crystallized sweetness. He exudes sacred enthusiasm at every pore, tells publicly how much he prays and "reads the Bible on his knees," and uses such expres-

sions freely as "precious people," "sweet Jesus," "lovely hymn," and one said to his congregation, "When we read in 'dear' Hebrews this morning at family prayers." Affected qualities of any kind are like the sounding brass and clanging cymbal—they reveal a hollowness within and a thinness of metal veneer. As a rule, it doesn't take the general public long to locate such a man and to assign him his proper place in their regard.

Cowper in forceful language expresses the matter thus:

"in man or woman, but far most in man,
And most of all in man that ministers
And serves the altar, in my soul I loathe
All affectation. 'Tis my perfect scorn;
Object of my implacable disgust.

What! will a man play tricks—will he indulge
A silly, fond conceit of his fair form
And just proportion, fashionable mien,
And pretty face, in presence of his God?
Or will he seek to dazzle me with tropes,
As with the diamond on his lily hand,
And play his brilliant parts before my eyes
When I am hungry for the bread of life?
He mocks his Maker, prostitutes and shames
His noble office, and, instead of truth,
Displaying his own beauty, starves his flock!
Therefore, avaunt all attitude, and stare,
And start theatric, practiced at the glass!"

Some Remarks on Avoiding and Overcoming Mannerisms.

The preacher who is called of God to His work will not be likely to be hopelessly entangled in eccentricities. And yet there are good men who are shelved because they are not normal in temperament and method. Like Elijah's rough mantle, their peculiarities might become the symbols of their power. I suggest three considerations, which, if meditated upon, will probably set most men right before their congregations, the world at large, and God their Sponsor:

1. The Nature of the Preacher's Office.

He is an ambassador of God to the souls of men. His commission is signed and sealed by the most august authority known to humankind. If the United States embassy carries with it dignities and powers which command the respect of men, what should not the commissioners of God to the court of man's soul feel of weighty authorities, suitable to treat with the enemies of the Most High, and announce the blessings of His grace to His friends? "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

2. The Serious Condition of Those to Whom He is Sent.

The life and death of immortal souls in all likelihood hangs upon the delivery of his message. He is equipped with a free pardon for condemned criminals, and his task is to deliver it to those who are incapable of appreciating its value. Shall he "court a grin when he should woo a soul?" Shall the messenger have himself in mind more than the pitiable need which should speed the message? God forbid!

3. Suitable and Adequate Preparation for the Pulpit Will Probably Destroy Mannerisms by Inducing Self-Forgetfulness.

The man with a call of God ringing in his soul, after duly meditating upon its significance (like Paul, for three years if necessary), should then make full and careful preparation for the conflict of mind with mind and soul with soul which follows in the delivery of his message. I am inclined to think that lack of appreciation of its significance is mostly to blame

for inadequate and improper equipment by the preacher. This felt inadequacy is then the cause of various improper acts and habits. It would appear that the solemn "issues of a life to be" would, if even remotely apprehended, impress the most shallow soul with their overwhelming importance, and thus by sheer weight drive out of existence those habits which would tend to obscure their consideration. Of all men, a preacher should have a thoughtful and meditative mind. It occurs to me that Paul's warnings against ordaining a novice, and laying hands suddenly on men, have this in view. Two longshoremen dropped into a church one day, and soon one noted with much interest that the preacher was weeping copiously. "What's the man crying about?" he asked his friend. "You'd be crying, too, mate," responded the other, "if you were up there before all these people with no more to say than he has."

"Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching," says Paul, and to this end a knowledge of conditions, a definite purpose to be helpful and a right conception of an end to be attained are essentials. In the prayerful arming of self with the proper weapons for use at the right time, objectionable mannerisms will in all probability take their flight. Their root lies in a lack of right purpose. Better Hamlet's lament:

"The time is out of joint;
O cursed spite! that ever I was born to set it right!"
than the parson who

"Skips up, cries Hem,
And then skips down again."

With the three-fold duty of evangelizing, indoctrinating and exhorting his people kept before his mind, it would seem that the conscientious preacher ought never to be at a loss for a theme of heart-compelling interest both to himself and his congregation, whether the gathering be large or small. In the smallest assembly there will be more souls than he will be willing to answer for at God's judgment bar. Let him hide himself, then, behind his message and his mission.

Hands Scarce Seen.

Let him hold the lamp of truth that day
So low that none could miss the way;
And yet so high, to bring in sight
That picture fair—the World's Great Light—
That, gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He held the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below;
Then raised it to the weary saint,
And bade him drink, when sick and faint!
They drank—the pitcher thus between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear,
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then, with louder note and bold,
To raze the walls of Satan's hold!
The trumpet coming thus between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

But when the Captain says, "Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant—come!
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp;
Lay down the trumpet—leave the camp"—
The weary hands will then be seen,
Clasped in those pierced ones—naught between!
—Anonymous.

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.

**LINK PIN MUST NOT BE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS
HEREAFTER.**

There will be no more Sunday golf at the Country Club. The new game called link pin will also be prohibited. It is said to be very much like golf, and is played upon the same links.

The following communications are self-explanatory:

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 18, 1908.

Mr. W. W. Crawford, President Country Club, City:
Dear Sir—Complaint has been made to me that persons supposed to be members of the Country Club have been violating the criminal statute against golf playing on Sunday.

It is just possible that the members of your club are not cognizant that golf playing on Sunday is a violation of the law, and if this has been indulged in in the past, I wish you would call the attention of the members of the club so that no violation of this law will occur in future, beginning tomorrow, Sunday, January 19.

I shall have a regular inspection of the links of the Country Club, and will arrest anyone found violating this law. Yours truly, (Signed)

E. L. HIGDON, Sheriff.

Mr. Crawford's Reply.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 18, 1908.

Hon. E. L. Higdon, Sheriff, Court House, City:
Dear Sir—Your letter addressed to me as president of the Country Club, relative to golf playing by members on Sunday, has been received and same has been posted. I have also instructed our secretary to show your letter to anyone attempting to play golf on Sunday so that they will have due notice of the consequences. Thanking you for your kindness in placing me upon notice as president for the benefit of the members of the club, I am, with best wishes, Yours very truly, (Signed) W. W. CRAWFORD,
President Country Club.

Developments Follow.

When it became generally known at the Country Club Sunday that an officer of the law was likely to put in his appearance at most any time, some of the members telephoned the sheriff's office to send an officer out. They wanted to find out whether or not the members could play link pin. Lucien Brown went to the club, and he said that he would have to take the names of any persons playing link pin and furnish them to the grand jury. As a result there was no game of link pin.—Birmingham News.

"It is as much a violation of the law to play golf on Sunday as it is to play baseball.

"To throw craps for dinners is gambling, just as it is gambling to throw craps for money.

"It is gambling to match coins for the payment of street car fares.

"The laws of the State of Alabama will be enforced in Jefferson county."

The above was a statement of Sheriff E. L. Higdon made to a representative of the Age-Herald.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT

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

LETTER FROM BROTHER BREWER IN KANSAS.

Dear Brother Barnett:
In my last letter I spoke of my little Sunday school. Well, we sent a Christmas box to the poor of Kansas City. In that box were clothing, toys, dolls and \$15 in money. I wish some of the little boys and girls in the Sunday schools of Alabama could read the letters of appreciation that have come in answer to that box. That \$15 paid the house rent for three poor families and kept them from being driven out into the cold, besides buying warm clothing for two poor little waifs. The clothing sent was made to fit other little children whose feet were on the ground, and who had

nothing to keep their little backs warm. If you would like to see the faces of some who were made glad by my little school, I will send you their photographs. In two of the families, each of six persons, a little girl of 15 years was earning the living. These girls only made from \$3 to \$4 per week, and the whole family had to live on this amount.

My usual routine was interrupted this afternoon by a lady on the Post wanting me to come to her quarters and christen her babies. I have been asked to do everything but christen babies heretofore, and when I refused, they thought that it would only be gentlemanly for me to oblige, as the other chaplain was a Catholic priest; but not being up to date in this line of duty, I steadfastly refused.

My congregations are still increasing. On last Sunday evening we had something over 200 present. May the Lord continue His blessings to us, and may we win the hearts of these men and lead them to Christ. Pray for me, brethren, and pray for the work. In answer to my last letter two have responded. God bless them for their encouraging words:

Out of the enure number in the Post I have found eight women who are baptists. Not a single officer. Among the enlisted men I have found five excluded Baptists. Two of these are from Alabama. A large per cent. of those who belong to any church are either Catholics or Episcopalians. A lady who is an Episcopalian told me yesterday that she did not think she could come to services any more, because the altar was so bare. She said that I ought to put the candles and the cross on the altar. Poor soul! Pray for both of us.

We are still camping here. Our furniture has not come. It is rather hard on my wife, because she can't arrange her house. Of course the people are beginning to wonder if the chaplain will ever do anything for his family, but I can only refer them to Mr. Comer and ask, "What is the matter with the railroads?"

Two of my children are right sick, but I hope nothing serious will result from it. Pray for us.

Brethren, don't let the Centennial movement lag for a moment. Remember how good God has been to you, and try to show your love to Him by giving the \$100,000. I shall send my little pittance, and may it be used to His glory in the work of my own dear State! Fraternally,
CHAS. M. BREWER.
Fort Riley, Kan.

BLAKE TO BECOME SOUTHSIDE PASTOR.

Well-Known Baptist Minister of Lexington Accepts Call to Church in Birmingham—Assumes Duties on March 1st.

The Rev. Preston Blake, D. D., of Lexington, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of the Southside Baptist church, and will come to Birmingham to assume his duties in that capacity on March 1. A call was extended to Dr. Blake several weeks ago, and he was in this city Sunday before last to look over the field. While in Birmingham he expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the conditions and future prospects here, and his acceptance of the call has been received by wire.

While the First Baptist church of Lexington, of which Dr. Blake is now pastor, is much larger than the Southside church here, the Lexington church having a membership of over 1,200, Dr. Blake is convinced that the prospects here are most promising. He preached at the Southside Baptist church last Sunday week and made a most favorable impression.

Dr. Blake is a man of about middle age, and has been in the pulpit for nearly twenty years. He has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Lexington, one of the largest in Kentucky, for ten years, and devoted the remainder of his time to another church in another city. He is one of the most prominent ministers in Kentucky, an earnest and convincing talker, and decidedly a pulpit orator.

The new minister will come to succeed the Rev. Dr. J. C. Hiden, who acted as temporary pastor, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Hugh Pendleton McCormick, who is now serving as a missionary in Europe.—Age-Herald.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
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A. D. GLASS
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U. S. NEW GOLD COINS.

We have read much about the motto, "In God We Trust," being left off our gold coins, and also have noted much irritation on account of the general appearance of the five, ten and twenty-dollar pieces, but we have no personal knowledge of the matter, as none of our delinquents have sent us any gold whatsoever. Will some brother or sister who owes us several years' subscription give us an opportunity to criticise the new designs by the late Augustus Saint Gaudens?

LET US BE ENLIGHTENED WITNESSES.

Dr. Wayland Hoyt says:

"In the museum of the University of Pennsylvania I was permitted to handle some of those cuneiform tablets exhumed by Professor Hilprecht from the mounds of Nippur. One tablet was a contract, I was told. It was perhaps more ancient than the time of Abraham. Accurately the contract was drawn, and duly witnessed. 'See here,' said the learned scholar showing me, 'one of the witnesses could not write, so he pressed his thumb nail into the soft substance of the tablet, and some one wrote after it that this was his true witnessing.' I became thoughtful in the presence of the fact that we cannot live without leaving some trace of our living. Here the trace of that man's ignorance and inability stood out after these thousands of years."

And when we remember that our risen Lord just before His ascension, in that tender farewell address in which He opened the minds of some loved ones that they might understand the Scripture concerning Him, said, "Ye are witnesses of these things," it makes us want to know more of Him, that we may make Him better known and not put Him to shame by our ignorance.

A GOOD LETTER FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION. Sulligent, Ala., Jan. 13, 1908.

You will find a check in this letter for the Baptist. The longer I read it the better I like it. I wish it was read by every Baptist in the State. R. S. Gaylin on ministerial education carried my mind back to the ministers' institute at East Lake. There and then I saw myself in the old ruts and not able to get out. I was 30 years old when my church liberated me to preach. I have been trying for 30 years to serve churches. Twenty of that at my home church (Shiloh), 25 at Pleasant Ridge church, together with other churches. If my brethren had seen years ago what I see now I would have been worth more to the cause and an honor to them. Brethren and sister churches of the living God, help the preacher while young that he may give his life to the great cause. I hope that none of the young men will have to leave the Howard for lack of means, and when they go out to preach that the Lord will direct some of them this way. We have few preachers in this section that are giving their time to the work. We are looking forward to this new year when our churches will be revived and our Sunday schools made better. The churches were greatly helped last summer by the help of Brethren Jones and Darden, who spent several weeks with us. I hope we may have them again next summer or some one who has the cause of Christ at heart. I believe the Lord blessed our labors last year. As labor is the fruit of faith, we ask the prayers of God's people that we may have more faith. We will try to get some new subscribers for the Baptist. Respectfully,
W. C. WOODS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND



CAN'T PREACH WELL WITHOUT IT.

A preacher brother whose name was dropped writes:

I am lonesome without your paper. I cannot preach well without it. Please send and oblige,
And he enclosed his subscription.

WANTS US TO CLOSE OUR EYES.

A brother writes:

Enclosed find P. O. order for five dollars. Please close your eyes and move my date up as far as you can. Would ask you to stop the paper, but hope I can be able to pay for it some time if you send it.

We moved him away up, and he will get it for quite awhile.

CUT OFF, BUT WILLING TO HELP.

This is pretty good from a preacher who was cut off:

You will find enclosed two dollars, which you say will put my subscription to the paper up to January, 1908. I will see what I can do for the paper as soon as I can get out. You did your duty in cutting out the delinquents. Yours for the fight until the end.

HOLDING HIS COTTON.

A brother writes:

Brother Barnett: You will find enclosed a post-office money order for \$3, being the amount due you to January. Well, I have been careless about sending it to you, but I have not sold my cotton yet, and money is scarce.

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SHOWS A WILLING SPIRIT.

A good sister, with whom we had a little controversy as to the date which she had paid, instead of getting mad, went into details, winding up her letter as follows:

Now if this does not convince you that I have paid up until February, drop me a card and I will remit. I cannot do without the paper, nor can I let you keep me on your blacklist. If I had known you considered me delinquent, the paper would not have been enjoyed half so much. If you find that I have really made a mistake, it will be a pleasure to correct it. With best wishes,

We just accepted her version, for any woman who, under provocation, can write in such a spirit, can be counted on for the absolute truth.

Somewhat back that sterling layman, Hon. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, in enclosing us \$2 for a new subscriber, wrote:

"I hope those delinquents are no longer on the 'N. G.' list, but are now on the 'D. P.' (done paid) list."

WOULD BE NO BETTER.

One of the main reasons which is given in favor of a union of all professed Christians in our land, to be known by one name, is that unconverted people would thereby be more certainly convinced of the truths of Christianity than they now are. It is argued that such a union would be the strongest kind of an evidence that Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. But we reject such a view. It has no real basis in Bible teaching, nor is it deducible from anything which Christ said in His prayer for the oneness of believers in relation to Himself and to God. At that time there were not various bodies of Christians having different names. Hence Christ was not praying for a disuse of "sectarian names" and a union of various bodies. He prayed that His disciples might all be in Him, even as He was in the Father. It was a purely spiritual unity that He prayed for, and we say that the cause of Christ would be no better, in power or in general influence, if all professed believers were to simply bear the name of "Christian" than it is now. The people of the world are not particularly influenced in any way by the name of Christian. What they care the most to know of the one who says that he is a Christian is whether he conducts himself as a real Christian should. They want to know whether or not the man gives evidence of being united to God and to Christ. Professed Christians may be cordially united to one another, but that fact does not signify anything more than such a formal agreement as exists in many fraternal societies. Agreement in doctrine does not convince unsaved ones that the gospel is true, and that Christ came from heaven. Their natural and reasonable question is, "Does the man who calls himself a Christian fulfill his moral obligations? Is he truth-telling in his dealings with others? Is there any difference between his daily life and ours? No kind of Christian union can keep unsaved ones from asking such questions. Many of the leaders of those who plead for a general union are unworthy of the confidence of others.

AT THE FRONT.

I have been in close touch with Howard College for forty years past, and have watched with unflinching interest its struggles toward the front place among the colleges of the South. During these years I have given the college my sympathy and help as far as possible. I have turned many of our boys towards its portals, and in so doing I have felt that I was doing the very best thing for them. Now the Howard is at the front; it has taken its place among the best institutions of the land. The advantages of educating boys in a denominational college have been threshed out over and over again, and I will not go into that matter now, but I wish to give emphasis to the greatest of all arguments, viz: the formation of Christian character. I have lived long enough in Alabama to note the success of Howard College men in every department of life's activities, and I am persuaded that the strong element of success is to be found in the Christian character developed in the college.

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ously been mentioned by anyone in a satirical vein as having no sounder foundation than the caprice of some effervescent faddist, the illusion (or delusion) vanished to the "goneness of forgetfulness" in the attractiveness of the service and in the unusual sweetness of the aftermath; for, touched by some impulse, strong men with great feeling gave soulful expression to resolves made by them as they well recognized the importance of the matter, and were overcome by the influence of the service. A gem of expression is that "the supreme excellence is simplicity," and, like other things, a service is most pleasing when it is simplest—most pretentious, unendurable. Be that as it may, in this service there was an utter absence of all straining after effect, so naturally conducted was it, which made it all the more genuine, and speaks all the more in favor of it, for the mere striving after effect or the bringing in of so-called effects at all hazards and costs cannot be sanctioned or even allowed to pass without a protest. True methods, not artificialities, claimed attention, and a noble, reposeful spirit was demonstrated throughout the hour. The singing of the hymns, "Is My Name Written There?" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," appealed to the hearts of the audience, and instead of proving a slumber song, they forever contradicted that "there is no again."

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Counting another milestone of time, each one present seemed "remembering—to remember that a new year is the great girdle which binds together a sheaf of three hundred and sixty-five fresh beginnings," for "Every day is a fresh beginning; Every day is the world made new."

With Him, however, there is "neither end of days, nor beginning of years," and as a crowning touch a glad note sounded like something very sweet in our hearts as it seemed to breathe the prayer:

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Witness my hand this the 13th day of January, 1908.

J. W. ALTMAN,
Register in Chancery.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Estate of William T. Smith, Sr., Deceased.

Letters testamentary upon the last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of January, 1908, by the Hon. S. E. Greene, Judge of the probate court of Jefferson county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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FROM ATHENS.

Our work here is progressing very nicely. Yesterday, January 19, was a good day with us. We have our new furnace paid for, and will in a few days pay the last note (\$575) on the church house. We have a committee appointed to buy pews and one to buy carpets for the church house in the next few weeks. We expect to dedicate our house some time in the spring.

This section, which has been so scarce of preachers for the past few years, is now better supplied. Rev. W. T. Cobbs was here already, and has a country field. I came in August last. S. S. Hacker was licensed to preach in August by New Hope, and is now in school here in Athens and is doing some preaching. Rev. J. E. Merrill moved in Christmas week from Elkwood, Ala., and has churches in the county. Then Rev. F. M. Yeager, of Elkton, Tenn., is talking of coming here. Besides these, we have Brother T. C. Abernathy with us, who is ordained, but has no pastoral charge, yet does some preaching.

A. A. HUTTO.

OBITUARY.

Monday, December 2, was a sad day for Coffeerville Baptist church and the community, and beyond all measure a sad day for Dr. Waite McCorquodale, for at 6:20 a. m. of that day the death angel visited Dr. McCorquodale's home, and with relentless purpose snatched away his beloved wife, the friend of all, and one of our brightest and best church workers and co-laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

Sister McCorquodale was the daughter of Brother George Harris, of Marengo county. She was born November 24, 1882; was converted while at school in Thomasville, Ala.; was baptized by Rev. S. A. Adams, who was at that time pastor of the Baptist church at Thomasville.

Miss Daisey, as we all called her, was married to Dr. Waite McCorquodale October 25, 1905, and lived only two short years to make glad his life, and to scatter the sunshine of her bright Christian character in home, church and social circles.

She will be sadly missed. Her place is vacant in home, in Sunday school and in church. Our heads are bowed, our hearts are smitten; our sympathies run out to her husband, father and family.

May her sisters emulate her noble example of Christian devotion. May the memory of the dutiful daughter be a special balm to the hearts of parents, and the gentle influence of her devoted wifehood be to her husband as the voice of Divine love calling him to her side in the many mansioned home of God, in the sincere prayer of her pastor, who appreciated her willing heart and ready hand for all work that would honor her Lord.

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THE FIGHT IN GIRARD.

On January 1st Girard became dry, but the liquor men were not satisfied. They applied to Judge Evans for a writ of mandamus to compell Judge H. T. Benton, probate judge of Russell county, to grant a license. Judge Evans denied the writ and the liquor men retired, not wishing to carry the question to the supreme court. Some of them embarked in the blind tiger business. But several months ago, through the efforts of myself and Rev. R. W. Greene, the Methodist pastor, we had organized a law and order league. When the tigers began operations we brought the league into requisition. Through the president we employed a detective and as a result within five days we had eleven warrants in the hands of the sheriff, eight of which were executed yesterday. Of course the tigers are catering terribly, but the league is complacent.

Last Sunday was truly foreign mission day with us. The W. M. U., who were rained out on the previous Sunday with their program ending the week of prayer and self-denial, held their meeting at 3 o'clock p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the program of S. S. missionary day was carried out. A large chart containing the pictures of all our foreign missionaries was conspicuously placed and very much intensified the interest in missions.

The result was a fair contribution at both services for missions. At 11 o'clock a. m. the pastor preached a sermon on foreign missions.

L. N. BROCK.

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We take great pleasure in announcing to our readers that Dr. Coffee, the famous Eye, Ear, and Nose and Throat Specialist of Des Moines, Iowa, offers to send any one afflicted with Deafness, Catarrh, Falling Sight, Sore or Weak Eyes, his 128 page book free of charge together with instructions how you can cure yourself at home by a simple harmless method. In addition to this if you will write a description of your case he will make you a proposition whereby you can get a full month Treatment on trial free of all cost if it fails to satisfy. Accept this unusual offer today Address: Dr. W. O. Coffee, National Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dept. 240, Des Moines, Ia.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County. In Chancery. City Court of Birmingham.

Nettie Prince vs. William Prince.

In this cause it being made to appear to the clerk and register of this court in term time by the affidavit of James M. Russell, agent of complainant, that the defendant, William Prince, is secreting himself so that writ of process can not be served on him and that his residence is unknown to affiant; and further that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of 21 years, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson county, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said William Prince, to answer plead or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 14th day of February, 1908, or after thirty days therefrom a decree of pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 11th day of January, 1908.

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Mr. J. W. Wise, of Blocton, and Miss Edith Mae Bourland, of Pinckard, were happily married in the Baptist church at Pinckard, Ala., on the morning of January 22, the writer performing the ceremony in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Miss Bourland is one of our most valued members, whose interest in and sympathy for her church was of the telling kind. She will be greatly missed by those with and for whom she labored so unselfishly. Mr. Wise holds a responsible position with the A. C. L. railroad, and is a man of many fine traits of character. We wish them much happiness as they journey together over life's tempestuous sea. J. W. Malone, Jr.

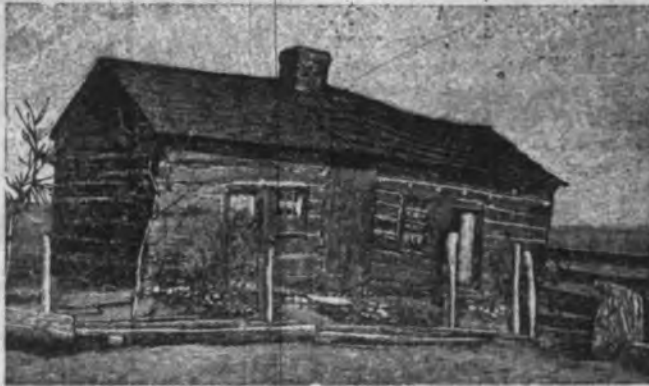
OUR ORPHANAGE AT EVERGREEN.

At the last session of the Baptist Zion Association the undersigned was appointed chairman of the committee on orphanage, with instructions to report at the next session. In order to have something to report, we have formulated an outline of the work. This outline and plans we propose to get out in the form of a circular letter which will be forwarded to the clerk of each church composing the association. This will be done early in the spring, and in the meantime we would urge upon the pastors to take collections in the month of February and forward the amount to J. B. Jones, Heath, Ala., and he will give receipts and forward to Brother J. W. Stewart.

I intend to see this year that much more is done by the Zion than ever before for our boys and girls who have no parents and are so much loved by Brother and Sister Stewart. Dear pastors, give me your co-operation. I shall visit the home soon, and Brother Stewart will have me visit each boy and girl in person. Pray for the work.

WILEY F. MARTIN.

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS
HOW MUCH MONEY AND INFLUENCE CAN YOU GIVE TOWARD BETTER BUILDINGS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



The above may not represent the average rural school house in Alabama, but the editor of the Baptist can point out a number of them not as good as the above.

It does represent the building to which the children of those who pay the taxes go.

Poor school buildings, bad roads, poorly paid teachers, lack of interest and patriotism on the part of the patrons are a few of the causes for no better school conditions.

Can't you afford to join the Baptist campaign for better country schools and improved country roads?

To help give the little children who plow and hoe an equal opportunity to battle with life's problems with those of other people?

Let us get interested in our country schools. Let us not keep depending on the state for aid, but let us do something ourselves.

If we go at the work with a grim determination to accomplish something we will surely win.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the directors of the Citizens' Savings Bank: B. F. Roden, president; R. C. Middleton, vice-president; Charles M. Spencer, secretary and treasurer. General E. W. Rucker was elected a member of the board. Mr. Roden, who is a man of large means, has been identified with the banking business of Birmingham from the beginning, and is looked on as one of the safest and most conservative bankers in the city. Mr. Middleton was for years a leading coal operator, and is one of our aggressive young business men. Mr. Spencer is a young man of fine habits, and is well qualified for his responsi-

That young man who thinks he is poor because he has no bank account, little understands the value of God's free gift of health and strength, little appreciates the fact that the brightest and best of the country are self-made and come to the notice of the world from just such beginnings. Not by idly moaning that they are poor, but by going carefully to work, perfecting themselves in their chosen pursuits and becoming so useful to those about them that their services are always in demand, whether it be on the platform, in the shop or in the kitchen, for all are honorable alike.—Coosa Argus.

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

Park Nicholls was in last week, and says Roanoke wants the Baptists to be sure to attend the state convention in July.

Union, Ala., Jan. 22, 1908.

Mrs. Rebecca Stone was born in Chatham county, North Carolina, April 3, 1833. During the winter of 1870 she moved to Alabama. She joined the Baptist church at Uniontown. Brother George S. Anderson was pastor. Hers was a beautiful, quiet Christian life. Though a great sufferer for years, she bore it with great patience and cheerfulness. She was always interested in her church's welfare. She peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on December 21, 1907, and was buried in the cemetery at Bell's church by the side of her beloved companion. She left four children and a host of friends to mourn for her. How happy she would have been if her two unsaved sons had been saved before her departure! May God's grace sustain and comfort the hearts of her loved ones.

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Our little church at Highland Avenue has refrained from putting herself much before the public, but the Lord has been so good to us that we would like to give you a few items.

Highland Avenue Baptists worked for more than a year without a pastor, but in May of last year the writer and wife came over and began work with them as pastor and wife. Our labors have been very pleasant indeed, and the Lord has very graciously blessed the work of our hands and our people. Until the last Sunday in December we had been worshipping in the Methodist house of worship, and that in the afternoon only. Quite a number were added to our membership, both by statement and letter, and for baptism. In the meanwhile we had been hard at work to get somewhere to worship, and so we worshipped the last Sunday in the year in our new Sunday school room. This is only the lecture room of the building we hope to complete in the next two years. It is only 28x35 feet in size, neither plastered nor painted, yet the Lord is crowding it with people anxious to hear the gospel in all its simplicity. There are additions almost every week. The additions for baptism range from youths of tender years to men almost sixty years of age.

On New Year's day Brother W. J. Ray, who lives here at Highland Park, Montgomery, came over to place his membership with us. The Lord seemed to be in his coming, and a revival spirit was in the air, so without conferring with flesh and blood we announced a continuation of the services from day to day, and the Lord very graciously gave us a revival. Brother Ray tenderly and faithfully preached the gospel, and the membership was increased by 31 additions, 15 for baptism and 16 by letter. Our membership now numbers 149, a net increase of 93 in seven and one-half months.

At the close of our meeting, under eloquent appeals, our people responded nobly and subscribed more than five thousand dollars with which to continue their building. Nearly two thousand has been invested already, and when it is finished we will have a plant that means a great deal for God's cause both here and to the State at large.

To give you an instance: At Sunday school recently we had 139 persons crowded into this small room, but we are going, under God, to succeed. This field is second to none in all our great State, and some great loving-hearted man or woman could do no better thing than to fit up one or all of our Sunday school rooms as memorials to be named for some loved one, or better still, from simple love to the Master.

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STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Alabama Sunday School Association will be held in Birmingham on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-30. All pastors and superintendents of Sunday schools are ex-officio delegates, and each school is entitled to two other delegates.

The committee on program announces that Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, Ill., international worker; Prof. L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss., Sunday school field worker of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., of Richmond, Va., general superintendent of the Sunday school work of the Southern Presbyterian church, will attend the State convention and take part in the program.

A number of the best known Sunday school workers of Alabama will take part in the program.

Application has been made to the railroads of the State for reduced rates, which will be announced later.

Whereas, in the providence of God, He has seen fit to remove by death our beloved sister and vice-president of our Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Daisy McCorquodale:

Be it resolved, That we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, asking for grace in this our time of grief, that we may all imitate her noble example of fidelity to the cause of Christ. Furthermore, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereft husband and relatives.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Alabama Baptist and a copy be given to Dr. McCorquodale, and also a copy be spread on our minutes.

MRS. DR. ROBINSON,
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A Design For an Editors Monument

HE ALWAYS KEEPS PAID AHEAD.

Enclosed find money order for \$1 to continue my paper. Brother, you have done well—splendidly—with The Alabama Baptist. I wish all who are in arrears with you would pay at once. The Lord help you. Very truly, John P. Shaffer.



The Standard says: "It is related that when Robert Burns' mother was told that it was proposed to erect a monument to the memory of her son she declared: 'He asked for bread and ye giv' him a stone.' It is announced that a monument is to be placed over the grave of a distinguished Baptist editor—a most appropriate tribute to his services. We suggest that the work of

HE HEADS THE LIST.

Stanton, Ala., Jan. 24, 1908.
Dear Brother:
Enclosed find money order for \$5 for Alabama Baptist, and move me up to January, 1913, and oblige,
Yours fraternally,
W. H. CONNELL.

"SO I'VE RENEWED THE PAPER."

By Annie White Lisenby.

(These lines suggested by reading "So I've Stopped the Paper.")

Yes, sir, I've stopped that paper, sure I did,

An' went on home that night;
But when I saw my wife, sir,
I didn't feel jest right.

She came out to the wagon—
As all good wives will do—
An' helped me to unhitch, sir,
An' feed the creeter, too.

I tell you, I was glad, sir,
'Twas so dark you couldn't see;
She said she'd bring a light, sir,
But I said, "No, let it be."

I fumbled with the harness,
I fumbled with the horse;
I began to feel some twinges
Of that thing yer call remorse.

She finished up her side, sir,
Then come 'round to the 'tother,
'Twas then that I let fall, sir,
The word I couldn't smother.

But, sir, she's used to my rough ways,
An' only come the nearer,
An' said, as she got close to me,
So low I scarce could hear her.

"Why, what's the matter, dear?"
In er voice jest like er song;
'I'm sure you'd not er said it
'Less somethin' had gone wrong."

'Twas then I could hold in no longer,
sir,
That thing jest had to come.
So I mustered all my courage up,
An' then let fall the bomb.

She never said a word, sir,
But I heard her ketch her breath,
An' I vowed right then and there, sir,
I'd renew as sure as death.

So now you know, sir, why I've come
To see an' tell yer this.
I want that paper to come on,
Not narry one to miss.

For when I married her, I said
I'd never give her pain.
Yer may call me what yer please, sir,
But jest send it on again.

ANNIE WHITE LISENBY.

other editors be remembered by some suitable memorial. Why not make the journals which they created their monuments? Many a Baptist editor is struggling along hampered by the conditions which retard every denominational journal. Nor would it be a bad idea to erect this monument before the editor worries himself to death. An artist friend suggests the following design: Let the foundation be well laid of good-sized helpful deeds cemented together by friendship and co-operation; the pedestal should be a solid, compact mass of old subscriptions promptly renewed; the shaft may be composed of new paid-in-advance subscribers, to a height to be in good proportion with the pedestal and foundation; there should be certain letters, which may take the form of commendation and approval of help rendered and should not be added until foundation, pedestal and shaft are erected.

We confess that we were just the least bit shocked at the following editorial in the Christian Index, for it is one of the best edited and financed papers in the ranks of Southern Baptist journals. We sincerely hope that Brethren Bell and Graham will not lose by the Neal Bank failure, and feel sure that the Georgia Baptists will rally to the help of the paper which for three-quarters of a century has been instrumental in leading them on to higher and better things:

"In the years that are past we have not been given to crying 'wolf' whenever we were in financial straits, so as to work on our subscribers and make them think we were about to fall unless they came to our rescue. We have faced difficulties and met them quietly and overcome them. So now, when we make a special request of the brethren whose subscriptions may have expired recently, or who may be due us for two years or more, we feel that we deserve their kindly consideration.

"In the recent failure of the Neal Bank, of our city, we have had locked up for a season—nobody knows how long—a sum of money whose present use is a matter of importance to us. We do not expect to go to the poor house, or even cease to send out the Index regularly, if we fail to get it. But with a carload of paper ordered, we shall seriously need some ready money. And we shall feel greatly obliged to those who owe us if they would send us the amounts they owe at once. Look at your labels, and remember that your subscription expired at the date given on the slip. Calculate the time to 1908, and send us the money at the rate of two dollars a year.

"The matter of from two to five dollars will not greatly inconvenience any one person; but if a number can send us each the small sum due, the aggregate will greatly aid us in tiding over a season of difficulty, and our sincere thanks are hereby expressed in advance to those who do so."

We sympathize with the editors in their predicament, but confess we have never ceased to wonder how on earth they ever got enough money ahead to get it tied up in a bank failure. We know many editors who owe banks, out few whom banks owe, and so we take off our hats to the Georgia editor capitalists. We were not kept awake at nights during the recent panic for fear any of our money would get locked up in a bank failure, and we hope no banker lost any sleep for fear we were hoarding any money. Our friends saved us the trouble by keeping what they owed us in their pockets.

FOR PUBLICATION.

I have read in the Alabama Baptist of this week with amazement, and, allow me to say, with righteous indignation, the notes which you publish from several people who tell you to stop their paper.

The writers of these notes have a singular conception of the canons of taste and the requirements of ordinary courtesy. I venture, moreover, the statement that they read our paper too carelessly to learn its merits; and I also hazard the guess that these same people do nothing for their home churches, nothing for missions—nothing for the cause of education.

Upon reflection, I believe the righteous indignation which possessed me at the start is giving place to amusement. One man does not want our paper "at the price." He is unwilling to pay four cents for a copy of a paper which gives him news of the Lord's work in this state—in the world as well. One of Willingham's letters is worth many times the price of the year's subscription; so was one of Cox's articles on Romanism. So with a score of other articles that have appeared in the last six months.

Another person "has not found time to read it." What wondrous work engages all his time that he cannot afford thirty minutes a week for tidings of the progress of the kingdom? What will the worldly interests of such men be worth to them when the sum of life is told and the hour comes to say farewell to cotton, stores and sawmills—to possessions of earth that loom so large that heaven is forgotten and eternity is but a dream?

Fortunately, my brother, these growlers are few, and you and your work, which grows better every day, are in the hearts of many thousands of our loyal and royal people of Alabama. In my many travels over thousands of miles in our state, how often come the questions, "How is Brother Barnett?" "Why doesn't he visit us?" And then follows the sweet thought, "I love that brother."

Please publish this note. Out of the love I bear you, in the interest which I feel in your work, I want to go on record that, in my humble way, I am with you, heart and soul; that I am loyal to you and to the service to which our good paper is pledged.

Yours fraternally,
A. P. MONTAGUE.
Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 23, 1908.