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**"The Blue of Heaven is Larger than the Cloud."**

When We Read these Letters

## A GOOD EXAMPLE TO ALL.

You will please find enclosed check for \$5 to be placed on my subscription to The Alabama Baptist, and I trust every other subscriber will feel enough interest in his or her church paper to do the same. J. W. Lawrence.

## A GREETING TO THE FAMILY.

May God bless you and Sister Barnett and little Frank. May heaven crown you with the best success with your paper, and may those who read The Alabama Baptist be wide-awake Baptists. Let our watchword be onward, Christian soldiers. G. H. Shadix.

## NEVER EXPECTS TO STOP IT.

Enclosed you will please find post-office order for \$2 for the continuance of my paper, which I want to take as long as I live, for I love to read The Baptist. It is a welcome visitor. Don't think I will ever stop the paper. I have been taking it ever since I joined the church, which has been over 30 years.

Wishing you happiness and great success in the future, Mrs. C. C. Westbrook.

## FROM A YOUNG LADY.

Herewith I send you \$5, which pays all back dues and carries to January, 1909. We cannot do without the paper. Sorry I allowed this matter to fall behind. Success to you and yours. Yours truly,

(We would give her name, but fear she would be troubled by too many young men who are on the lookout for somebody to take care of them.)

## AN INTERESTING BILL OF FARE.

Enclosed find a check for one dollar to pay for a renewal of my subscription to The Alabama Baptist for the year 1908, and with it I send you a New Year's greeting that you may have a prosperous year both for yourself and family and The Alabama Baptist. You gave us quite an interesting bill of fare for 1908. I have no doubt the readers of your paper will enjoy it. Jos. Shackelford.

## WILL SOMEONE ELSE DO LIKEWISE?

Please find money order for the renewal of my paper. My time will not be up till the 1st of January, but I have the money now, and will send it on, as I see you need it. The paper gets better all the time. Mrs. J. B. Terry.

## THINKS BAPTISTS OUGHT ALL TO STAND BY US.

Enclosed find \$2, which pays my subscription to February, 1909. Times are very hard, but I can't afford to do without The Alabama Baptist. You are giving us a good paper, and our Baptist hosts should stand by you in your fight for truth and righteousness. J. E. Vaughan.

## This takes the Sting Out of Many a Mean Letter

Dear Brother Barnett:

The date on my Baptist warns me that my subscription expires with this week's issue. Since I cannot afford to do without the paper, guess I had better send in my renewal forthwith before one of your now famous "gentle reminders" reminds me that I, like a number of your other delinquents, am "highly insulted and positively indignant" even at the fact that it takes all sorts of people to make up a world. 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true" that some of them can condescend to be so "little."

SINCE YOU ARE TRYING TO DATE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR SUBSCRIBERS FROM JANUARY 1ST, YOU MAY CHANGE MY DATE FROM FEBRUARY TO JANUARY IF YOU LIKE.

Enclosed please find \$2 for renewal, and you can continue the paper. Your paper continues to grow better and more interesting, and I enjoy reading it every week.

With best wishes to you and yours, and also for the success of The Alabama Baptist,

MISS A. AUGUSTA BICKERSTAFF.



## Love Letters

Wishing you and family and our dear paper a happy New Year, Miss S. L. Daniel.

You are giving us a good paper, and I long to see the day when all our people will appreciate it. F. M. Woods.

God will hear us when we ask with faith. We are praying that you may keep on doing good. Frances Gunter.

I find I can't get along without the paper. I appreciate its arrival very much. Mrs. M. C. Means.

With a deep desire for your success, I beg to remain, as ever, your brother in the cause of our Lord, Y. B. Cook.

Long live the editor, and the best of success to the paper, which is our best factor for good in our denominational enterprise. W. T. Davis.

You are giving us a good paper, and I enjoy its reading matter very much. The Lord bless you and your work. W. G. Baker.

You are giving us a good paper. It is food for thought. Its weekly visits are a great comfort to me in my old age. W. L. N. Wylie.

I hope you won't lose many of your subscribers during the money panic. Hoping you a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year, Cassie Hawthorne.

I am always proud to get my paper, as I can't get out to church but little. I am the only Baptist in the house where I live. I love The Alabama Baptist, and expect to take it as long as I live. Mrs. S. J. McCarra.

With the hope that the New Year may bring many new joys into your life, and that it may be the most prosperous and happy of all the past, and that as the years come and go each may bring to you sweeter pleasure and greater usefulness. J. G. Lowrey.

With best wishes, and congratulating you on the splendid work during the past year, W. G. Robertson.

We like our Alabama Baptist more each year. God bless you in the work. Mrs. J. T. Caine.

I appreciate The Baptist very much. It is the best paper of them all to me. Rev. H. J. Carlisle.

I do enjoy reading the dear old Baptist, and look forward to its coming each week with pleasure. Wishing

We do not believe in reading the paper on credit. We hasten to renew. Thanking you for the good paper you are giving us, Laura Bishop.

We enjoy your valuable paper very much and feel like we could not get along without it in our home. J. C. Maddox.

You are giving us a good paper. I think our people are coming more and more to appreciate it. Success to you. T. E. Tucker.

The Baptist people ought to feel proud as well as thankful for the fine religious paper you are furnishing us. J. R. Cowan.

Your paper continues to grow better. My prayer for you is that you may live long to continue this good work. Mrs. D. V. Williamson.

I heard a preacher say once if we go to church with a desire to receive a message, then we surely will. So it is by reading your paper. Mrs. W. H. DeWitt.

We are proud of The Baptist and what it stands for in our denominational and spiritual life. We are going forward in our work for the Master, and hope to do much to His glory. H. H. Friar, Pastor Hunter Street Baptist Church.

## A COMFORTING PRAYER.

The Alabama Baptist is a welcome visitor in our midst, because it always brings us such soul-inspiring and uplifting things to cheer us on our way while on pilgrimage here below, and may God's richest blessings rest upon the editor while he is feeding the Lord's people, is our soul's earnest prayer for him. W. M. Hall.

## THIS COMFORTS US GREATLY.

Have been taking the paper since about 1885, and would not try to do without it. It is very helpful to me, but I shall not take it much longer, as I am getting old and do not want to die in debt to my paper. (She is paid to August, '08.) I wish for you prosperity and success for your paper, which is so helpful to me. Merry Xmas and happy New Year to you and yours. Mrs. A. J. S.

## A BLESSING IN HER LONELY HOURS.

Many thanks to you for your kind offer. I will send in my renewal to The Alabama Baptist for another year. Knowing God is my helper, I trust Him with all my business, knowing He does well for me. I will truly speak a good word for the paper, for it is a blessing to me in my lonely hours. May the Lord bless you in your great work. Mrs. E. Churchill.

## FROM A YOUNG PREACHER AT HOWARD.

I send my dues in card and envelope you sent me. Thanks for your kindness in reminding me of my tardiness in this matter. Am in Howard College trying to make preparation for greater usefulness in the kingdom of our Lord. God bless you in the great work you are doing for the Baptists of Alabama, and for the spread of the gospel through the columns of your excellent paper. A. C. Yeagan.

## WISH MANY COULD SAY THIS.

The Baptist has been coming to my home since the first issue, and has been paid for all the time. Now my time expires the 1st of January, 1908. I send my check for \$2, and you will please extend my time. May God's richest blessings be with you in your work, and many years of usefulness in the Master's cause. J. P. Harris.

## A KIND WORD FROM GEORGIA.

I would beg your pardon and say a lot of other things about letting my subscription run over time, but I suspect others have said my speech, etc. Hence I call your attention to the enclosed check, which speaks for itself. You may run up my figures two years. The paper comes as a letter from home, and I follow with unabated interest the progress of Baptist affairs in my native state. C. C. Pugh.



## Some Very Interesting Baptist History

By R. S. GAVIN

Brother J. A. Erwin, senior deacon of the First Baptist church of Huntsville, has in his possession a complete record of the doings of what is now called "The First Baptist Church of Huntsville," from the date of its organization to the date when it was moved to Huntsville. The two dates are "Saturday before the first Sunday in June, 1809," and "Saturday, 16th of March, 1861." It covers a period of little more than half a century of as interesting Baptist history as one cares to read. And it is especially interesting just now, and for two reasons—first, because we, as Alabamians and Baptists, are entering upon the celebration of our centennial year, and want to learn all we can of our early history; and second, because our Primitive brethren are claiming that we have no right to celebrate now, and resolved in their conference in September, 1907, that they believe "this move of the Missionary Baptists is a willful, malicious and premeditated move to deceive the rising generation."

I have done my best to get from this old record the line of history running through it. It develops the fact that I have the distinguished honor (because it is a real honor) of pastoring the oldest church in the Missionary ranks of the Baptist faith in Alabama.

## Historical.

The church was constituted on the first Saturday in June, 1809, on Flint river, about 12 miles north of Huntsville, under the name of the "Baptist Church of Christ on the Brier (or West) Fork of Flint River," and the officiating presbytery was composed of Brethren John Nicholson, John McCutcheon and John Canterbury. One month later the name was changed to Enon, and so remained until the dedication of the church house in which we now worship, 1895. The first services were held in the homes of the people. In August after the constituting of the church Rev. John Canterbury was called as the first pastor, and a committee consisting of Brethren Box, Pruett, Pugh and Grayson was named "to view a place to hold church meetings."

June, 1811, another committee was named to "view a place for the location of a meeting house," and the committee reported at the July conference, and a building committee was named. The following December Brother Canterbury tendered his resignation; the matter was carried over to next meeting, and in the record of that meeting this item appears: "The church does not wish to bind you, Brother Canterbury; but gives you up to your will." Brother Canterbury did not leave them, for in April, 1813, the church "heard a petition from Bethel of Flint church requesting the labor and membership of Brother Canterbury," and the petition was granted, provided Brother Canterbury requested it.

In May, 1813, delegates from Flint River, Jones' Fork and Bethel of Flint churches met with the Enon church "to confer on the request of the Association as respects the division of the same," and they decided by a majority vote to divide.

This was evidently the first steps in the organization of the present Flint River Association of our Primitive brethren, which will hold its 94th session this fall.

March, 1815, the church was without a pastor, and in June Brethren Zadok Baker and Shackleford were asked to "serve the church in her present need." It seems that these brethren were not called as pastors or as "supplies," but as leaders in their devotional services. At the December meeting, however, Brother Shackleford became pastor. December 4, 1819, the Legislature of the State was petitioned to incorporate the church.

Nothing more of an historical nature appears until March 5, 1825, when it was agreed to move into the new brick meeting house, which had a brick floor, as well as brick walls.

At the first conference in the new meeting house Brother Nacy Meeks was called to the pastorate. Brother Z. W. Baker (the Zadok Baker who helped to

constitute the Flint River church) was for many years a prominent member of the Enon church, serving on committees to adjust differences, attending the meetings of the Associations, etc.; but in June, 1827, he was granted a letter of dismissal.

March 6, 1830, Brother John Smith became pastor, and served until the beginning of the year 1833, when Elder David Jacks was called as his successor. Brother Jacks was succeeded by Rev. William Manning, who was elected by ballot December 5, 1835. The State convention was asked to meet with the church in 1837, and the records of our State convention show that the invitation was accepted. Elder H. Holcombe (author of the history of Alabama Baptists) was president of the convention at that time; and in May of this same year he became pastor of the Enon church and served to the end of the year 1840. Upon the resignation of Brother Holcombe a committee on pastoral supply was named. Rev. Jesse Seale visited the church, and was called at a salary of \$100. He served but one year, and was succeeded by Rev. Bradley Kimbrough, who, in turn, was succeeded by Rev. R. H. Tallaferra in April, 1846. Brother Tallaferra served one year and resigned, or rather declined to serve them longer. Elder Davis was then called, but did not accept. Then the church recalled Brother Tallaferra, and he accepted and served them until the last of the year 1853. His successor was Rev. James Humphrey; and it is yet in the minds of some of the older settlers in these parts that Elder Humphrey was a full-blooded Irishman. He served the congregation for one year, and then this item appears:

"The church, believing that she cannot raise the amount Brother Humphrey asks, unanimously elects Elder P. T. Henderson as pastor."

Brother Henderson was a blind man. He served the church for several years. In the meantime the shifting population began to tell on the attendance at the church services. It seems that for awhile they were without a regular pastor, Rev. E. Strode serving them occasionally as "supply preacher."

Under date of March 16, 1861, is this record: "After a sermon by Elder Strode, the church met in conference, there being but few in attendance." The following preamble and resolution was adopted: "On account of the scattered condition of our membership, the sparseness of the population of the community, the small attendance on divine service, with little or no prospect of future usefulness, we think it best to meet hereafter as a church at Huntsville, where most of our membership reside and where a wider field of usefulness is open to us and our pastor."

April 20, 1861.—"The Enon church held her first conference meeting in Huntsville. After a feeling discourse by the pastor, transacted the following business: Appointed Brother J. W. Steel and wife deacon and deaconess. Appointed Brother J. M. Jett church clerk, and regular conference meeting appointed for Saturday before first Sunday in each month." The pastor was Rev. E. Strode.

Since Brother Strode's pastorate, the following have served the church as pastors: J. E. Carter, B. W. Bussey, W. F. Kone, W. O. Bailey, A. W. McGaha, W. H. Smith, L. D. Bass, J. L. Thompson, W. T. Johnson, Oscar Haywood, J. L. Sproles, R. Brett, M. R. Murray and the writer, who is in his second year here.

## The Relation of This Church to Flint River Church.

The resolutions of the Flint River church, already referred to, state that that church was organized in 1808 as a Primitive, or Old School, Baptist church. The facts, however, are that it was organized only as a Baptist church, and the Enon church was organized only as a Baptist church, too. That was enough then. The Flint River church may be able to show a history as complete and unbroken as what is now the First Baptist church of Huntsville shows; but it is not possible for it to show a history more nearly complete or with less breaks in it.

As surely as the history of the ear of corn may be traced back through the grown stalk and the tender blade and the planted seed, so surely can the history of the First Baptist church of Huntsville be traced back to that little band on the West Fork of Flint River, in conference assembled, and, "as members of the Baptist order" (that is the way the first line of this old record reads), constituting themselves into a "church capacity." I am sure the records of the Flint River church, if they are complete, show substantially the same sort of beginning.

At the beginning Enon was just a Baptist church, and the Flint River was just a Baptist church, too. Later on in this sketch it will appear how the qualifiers "Primitive" and "Missionary" came to be used.

In our centennial movement we are not celebrating the "One Hundredth Anniversary of the Flint River Church," as the resolutions of that church go on to affirm. We are celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the "Planting of Baptist Principles in Our Fair State." The Flint River church cuts a figure in the celebration because it happened to be the first church in Alabama, so far as the records show, that was planted upon the principles of Baptists. Before I have finished this sketch I hope to be able to show from this old record before me that the Enon church was also planted upon Baptist principles, and that for a long time Flint River and Enon regarded each other as sister churches.

The Flint River church was constituted October 2, 1808, and the Enon church the following June; and the officiating presbytery in the former organization was Brethren John Nicholson, John Canterbury (Enon's first pastor) and Zadok Baker. The first two of these brethren were also members of the presbytery constituting Enon church, and Brother Baker was a member of the Enon church until June, 1827. It is hardly probable that these two organizations, so nearly the same age, and inseparably connected with the same men, should have been founded on a set of principles materially differing from each other. Furthermore, both churches belonged to the same Association in 1813, for in May of that year the Flint River church was one of the churches sending delegates to meet with the Enon church to confer about a division of the Association; and Enon went with Flint, as the record will show further on.

The two were sister churches in June, 1817, as this record shows: "The helps from the sister churches proceeded to consider the differences between Enon church and Jones' Fork church (they were not differences in doctrine, but matters of non-fellowship caused by the conduct of Enon church in the matter of receiving a brother dismissed from Jones' Fork church—Gavin), and their report was as follows: We, the committee, considering that Brother Birdwell might have erred in some respects, yet consider that Enon church could not have done otherwise than she did with their brother." This report is signed as follows: From Flint River church, Bennett Wood, Ebenezer Biram, Jr., Samuel Hockaday, Ebenezer Biram, Sr., Levy Lawler, John Henry; from Bethel of Flint church, Sturday Garner, Jonathan Baker, Wm. Edkins; from Richmond (Va.) church, Herman B. Stead.

April 6, 1822, a branch of the Flint River church, known in those times as an "arm of the church," petitioned Enon church for ministerial aid in organizing themselves into a regular Baptist church; and our brother Zadok Baker was sent to them. They must have been the same in principle then. In 1829 the Enon church had some difficulty with one of her members. At the December conference this record was made: "The brethren appointed by our sister churches, with some other brethren, were invited to seats with us to assist in settling the difficulty between the church and Brother Wm. Nichols." And of the sister churches represented, Flint River is named first.

That the two churches were in fellowship June 4, 1826, is evident from the following item: "Resolved,



That this church (Enon) take the sacrament quarterly, and invite a correspondence with her sister churches.

"Resolved, That we request Brother Logan and Brother Willis to visit Bethany; Brethren John Ford, Penny and Taylor to visit Flint River church and Warford Section, for that purpose on communion days."

It has now been 27 years since Enon church was constituted, and 27 1-2 years since Flint River church was constituted. During all these years their association has been of the most intimate, hearty and sisterly kind. They must have been standing on substantially the same Articles of Faith.

#### Enon's Articles of Faith.

The first two pages of this old record contain the Articles of Faith upon which the Enon church was established. Let me give them:

"1. We believe in one only true and living God; the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

"2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

"3. We believe in the guilt of original sin by the fall; justification by the imputed righteousness of Christ; the final perseverance of the saints in grace; the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. We also believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

"4. We believe the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of the gospel.

"5. We believe that water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the gospel, etc.

"6. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

"7. We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God, and that no work or worldly business ought to be done thereon; works of pity and necessity only excepted."

Now, I submit that if these Articles of Faith are not good Baptist doctrine, then I am no judge of what we believe.

And if things which are equal to the same thing are equal to each other, then also things which are equal to each other are equal to the same thing. Evidently Flint River church and Enon church regarded themselves as equal to each other for more than a quarter of a century; they must have been equal to the same thing as regards their Articles of Faith.

#### Not in the Same Ranks Now.

But while the Flint River church is still a Baptist church, and the First church of Huntsville (originally Enon) is still a Baptist church, yet they are not now in the same ranks of the Baptist faith. The Flint River is now known as a Primitive Baptist church, and the First church of Huntsville is now known as a Missionary Baptist church.

The two sisters are living in different houses now. Why are they not living together today? I think this old record from which I am gathering this history is evidence beyond the cavil of anything short of prejudice that both churches had the same beginning. Why is it necessary now to designate the one as "Primitive" and the other as "Missionary"? Suppose we let this old record answer that question for us. Certainly its age entitles it to a respectful hearing.

#### How the "Divide" Came About.

At the meeting of the Flint River Association in the fall of 1836 some very radical steps were taken by the Association. In those days it was customary for some brother to read an article of his own production, and known as the "Circular Letter." At the meetings of our S. B. C. now we are having some one of the older brethren deliver an address on some theme of fundamental importance to the Baptist position. These annual addresses are not exactly the same to us what these "Circular Letters" were to the Baptists of the times about which I write. The "Circular Letter" was intended to give a general di-

rection to the business of the Association. The Circular Letter in the fall of 1836 evidently touched upon the subject of missions, and it was rejected by the Association. Let me quote from the old record under date of December 3, 1836:

"The church (Enon) appointed Brethren Sandidge, Ford, Penny, Willis and Wright to meet brethren of other churches at Bethel in Limestone to take into consideration some of the actings and decisions of the last Association as relates to the rejection of the Circular Letter without giving a reason; also the corresponding letter from the Canaan Association, together with the rejection of a resolution presented to the Association declaring individual rights that have not been given up by individuals when joining the churches, among which is the right of appropriating their property or money to any purpose not derogatory to plain Scriptural injunctions."

The above item tells more than it says. It is clear that the meeting of the Flint River Association in the fall of 1836 was characterized by the stormy times that have characterized so many Baptist gatherings. The question about which the storm gathered was, "Is the missionary principle right or wrong?" The Association went on record in the negative. It was purely a matter of majority. The question must be settled. It was a fight among a sisterhood of churches. And those in the negative were mightier in number than those in the affirmative. That is why the Circular Letter was rejected; that is why the corresponding letter from the Canaan Association and the resolution bearing on individual rights were both turned down without so much as giving a reason therefor.

The delegates from the Enon church met with delegates from six other churches on Friday before the second Sunday in December, 1836, and discussed and acted upon the matters for which they had come together in the following way: "The committee on arrangement reported the following queries, all of which were answered in the affirmative:

"1. Is it the sense of this body that the Association should have given a reason for the rejection of the Circular Letter?

"2. Is it the mind of this body that the cause of the petitionary letter from the Canaan Association being rejected should have been spread upon the minutes?

"3. Does this body believe that the resolution offered to the Association by Brother Tucker relative to the rights and privileges of members to use their own money, etc., ought to have been received by the Association, and spread upon the minutes?"

If the fight was not for personal rights as touching the missionary principle, then what was it? Liberty in matters religious is the principle the brethren were contending for. After answering the above questions in the affirmative, the brethren then adopted the following resolution:

"Notwithstanding the above proceedings, we believe that the churches should continue in the Association, bearing and forbearing with each other, and hoping the Association will pursue a different course, and act with more precaution for the future."

But the Association did not pursue a different course. The majority of the sisterhood of churches said that because the minority said that the missionary principle was right, they must be ousted from the body. So the meeting of the Association in the fall of 1836 witnessed the sad spectacle of one set of sisters (because they were mightier in number) turning the balance of their sisters out of doors. That is a serious charge to make—so much so that I do not care to assume the responsibility of making it without substantial backing. Let the old record speak again:

"November 2, 1838.—Church (Enon) in conference. Upon information that a non-fellowship resolution had passed at the last Flint River Association against all missionary and other benevolent operations, it was unanimously determined not to submit to such unconstitutional and oppressive resolutions; and the church forthwith appointed Brethren H. Holcombe, Ford and Sandidge to meet in convention with Brethren from other churches in order to form an Asso-

ciation upon a more permanently liberal basis."

It is clear that those who opposed missions were in the majority at the meeting of the Flint River Association; they were in the saddle, and were riding an anti-missionary horse that "backed" at the very appearance of anything that looked like the missionary principle. If the missionaries had been in the majority, Flint River Association would not have turned any of the sisters out. That is clear from the resolution adopted by the brethren in conference in December, 1836, and already quoted. And notwithstanding the fact that we were turned out, there never has been a time when we could not meet our sisters with open arms and take them in when they come to the doors of our homes.

But it was not long before the non-fellowship spirit which cut off the heads of all the missionary churches began to knife the individual members who advocated the missionary plan of spreading the gospel.

And so it comes to pass that the resolution of the Flint River church last September goes on to say: "The old records show that in July, 1842, this church (Flint River) declared a non-fellowship for the Missionary Baptists."

That is how it came about that the Flint River and what is now the First Baptist church of Huntsville divided. Today one represents the Primitive and the other the Missionary wing of that "Baptist order" spoken of in the first line of this old record. For my part, I am glad to have the world know just why the two children are not still living in the same house.

#### The "Liberty" Association.

Perhaps my readers would like to know what came of that meeting of the representatives from different churches who had gathered themselves together "to form an Association upon a more permanently liberal basis."

You will remember that Brethren H. Holcombe, Ford and Sandidge represented Enon church. From a history of the present Liberty Association, to which the First church of Huntsville belongs, I gather this bit of information: The brethren met with Enon church on Friday, November 2, 1838, but transacted no business until Saturday morning. Evidently Enon church held a short conference Saturday before the representatives from the sister churches convened, and appointed the three brethren already named to represent her. She then had 63 members. The sister churches represented were: Round Island, 43 members; Poplar Creek, 38 members; Warford's Section, 22 members; Liberty, 12 members; Athens, 52 members; and Enon with her 63 members. Rev. Jesse Seale was chosen president, and Brother G. L. Sandidge secretary. The former was from Round Island church, and the latter from Enon. Saturday morning the convention met, adopted a constitution and rules of order, and then adjourned sine die. The first meeting of the body as an Association was with the Forks of the Mulberry church, Lincoln county, Tennessee.

And thus was born the Liberty Association. I quote from the old record of the history of the Association: "This being the first session of the Liberty Association, it is necessary that the causes why this body was formed be mentioned briefly. The several churches composing this body were formerly members, in fellowship and union, with Flint River and Elk River Associations, but were non-fellowshipped and driven from them by what was termed 'Non-Fellowship Resolutions.' From these resolutions it appears that if any of their members shall unite with any society for the promotion of the cause of benevolence or moral reform, they shall, 'ipso facto,' be expelled from the fellowship and communion. The Missionary, Bible, Tract, Sunday School and Temperance Societies are especially named. And a sweeping clause is added, embracing all the so-called benevolent institutions of the day. These prohibitions extend not only to actual membership in these bodies, but to any contributions of their own personal funds for their support. No collections for any of these objects can be made in any of the churches where these Non-Fellowship Resolutions are in force, nor

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## THE THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT.

Good news! The report this quarter is glorious. We hope this will cheer the hearts of the workers over the state and set as an incentive for larger things next quarter. One month of the new quarter has already gone by, and the work that is done and the money that is given between now and April 1st means everything to our work. The books close April 1st, and we shall then know whether Alabama has done her part in raising the money the Foreign and Home Boards have asked the Woman's Missionary Union of the South to give. How our hearts will rejoice and sing praises if, in spite of hard times and our enlarged apportionment, Alabama will not only reach, but go beyond her apportionment. How proud we shall be of our children, our girls, our women! For this year giving has meant sacrifice, and we don't realize how sweet it is to give until we deny ourselves for our Saviour.

The report is so bulky that the brethren and the editor think we had better discontinue publishing it in The Alabama Baptist. The report is in the mission room ready for inspection. There follows a summary. The Christmas offering amounted to \$992.68, and since the books closed the amount has been raised to \$1,237.16. Isn't this good news?

## A Summary of the Third Quarterly Report.

## Amounts contributed by societies:

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| Christmas offering.....              | \$ 807.13 |
| Foreign Missions.....                | 637.26    |
| Home Missions.....                   | 399.11    |
| Margaret Home.....                   | 21.00     |
| Training School, support.....        | .....     |
| Training School, endowment.....      | 98.75     |
| Training School, Miss White.....     | 10.00     |
| Home Mission boxes.....              | 1,028.60  |
| State Missions.....                  | 539.04    |
| Ministerial education.....           | 50.55     |
| H. C. Library.....                   | 104.80    |
| H. C. Endowment.....                 | 40.00     |
| Mission room.....                    | 26.00     |
| Expense fund.....                    | 20.80     |
| Missions in Birmingham district..... | 41.90     |
| Miscellaneous.....                   | 83.90     |
| Orphanage.....                       | 1,745.24  |
| Church aid.....                      | 6,915.01  |

\$12,668.09

## Amounts contributed by Auxiliaries:

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| Christmas offering.....          | \$ 63.67 |
| Foreign Missions.....            | 86.24    |
| Home Missions.....               | 54.35    |
| Training School, endowment.....  | 22.50    |
| Training School, Miss White..... | 92.25    |
| Home Mission box.....            | 78.00    |
| State Missions.....              | 32.20    |
| H. C. Library.....               | 10.00    |
| H. C. Endowment.....             | 2.00     |
| Mission room.....                | 5.00     |
| Miscellaneous.....               | 1.50     |
| Orphanage.....                   | 75.53    |
| Church Aid.....                  | 669.80   |

\$1,193.04

## Amounts contributed by Sunbeam Bands:

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| Christmas offering.....               | \$ 120.88 |
| Foreign Missions.....                 | 27.57     |
| Home Missions, El Paso School.....    | 67.50     |
| Home Missions, Scottsboro School..... | 1.00      |
| Margaret Home.....                    | 1.00      |
| Training School, endowment.....       | 1.00      |
| State Missions.....                   | 12.00     |
| H. C. Endowment.....                  | 2.50      |
| Miscellaneous.....                    | 1.00      |
| Orphanage.....                        | 106.77    |
| Church Aid.....                       | 36.35     |

\$ 378.57

Grand total, \$14,239.70.

## WOMAN'S WORK

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

## HOW MISSIONARIES LIVE.

The London Daily Mail gives the following from F. A. McKenzie:

"Does the Chinese missionary live in unnecessary luxury? According to some treaty-port stories he is lapped in comforts that he could never hope to enjoy at home, and his days are relieved by many holidays and long furloughs. I have stayed in many missionary homes in the interior in the course of my travels. I know only one which would be called really well furnished, from a middle-class English point of view. In the others, everything showed that the housewife was attempting to make a brave show on very moderate expenditure. The notion that the foreign missionary should try to live all the time like a Chinaman is, I am convinced, a mistake. His work, if successful, will compel him to be away for many months each year, living in native inns, exposed to all weathers, eating what he can get. Unless, at the end of such journeys, he has a reasonably comfortable home to go to, where he can procure relief from noise, fair sleeping accommodations, and digestible food, breakdown is certain. The notion of many good people in England that the missionary should live all the time as the natives live is wrong. It would be dangerous to his health and fatal to his influence."

We ought to provide as far as possible for the comforts of the men and women who are on the firing line. The east is hard enough on the health of women and children without making it uselessly hard.

## WISE CLERK

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The noonday lunch for the department clerks at Washington is often a most serious question.

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## THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT

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## LETTER FROM MISS HUEY.

To My Dear Sisters in Alabama:

Another day in China has just closed. As we go to bed, we go to the sitting room to hold family worship with the servants. Some one suggests that we sing "One More Day's Work for Jesus."

How my heart thrills with joy and gratitude as I hear those men who have so recently emerged from heathen darkness singing about another day's service for the Saviour.

Singing with them are my two sisters, while I join with them in my own mother tongue. The song finished, they read from God's Word the fourth chapter of Acts. I can only listen. That song comes back. One more day's work for Jesus. I wonder if each one has used the day for Him.

First, there is the old man, who, like a dear old grandfather, takes care of us and our home. He is faithful in every detail, even in the drudgery, for is he not serving God's children? Now at the close of the day he comes to worship the same God we adore. His rugged, brown old face fairly beams with love for his Master. What matters it if his voice is cracked and off the key? Jesus, listening, can hear the songs he cannot sing.

There is the boy whose mother is in the training school for Bible women. He, simple and weak as he is, has he done anything for Jesus? Who knows? I'm sure I saw him carrying water for the women in the school.

Next comes the stalwart young fellow who is cook, laundryman—in fact, man of all work. For a time he was afraid to confess his Lord—afraid of persecution. Gradually he became stronger in the faith until he was able to say, "I want to be baptized." A few nights ago he led us in prayer. Now he can sing from the heart, "Jesus loves me—this I know."

Miss Williford—ah! surely she has put in a full day for the Master! Gathered here from all parts of the North China mission are 20 women studying the Bible, the Sword of the Spirit. Miss Williford, as principal of the school, has many and various duties; a heart to heart talk with this one, counsel and advice for that one, encouragement for another. In her class-work she often has mountain-top experiences as she sees signs of mental and spiritual growth among the women. With her "Tis joy, not duty, to speak His beauty."

There is our own Cynthia Miller serving her turn at housekeeping, responding to many calls, going to the dispensary to treat some poor, afflicted one, giving hope and comfort to those who brought a little one too late to be healed; back to the house trying to snatch a few minutes in which to study the language—strong and brave through it all. She can sing from a full heart, "Oh, yes, a weary day; but heaven shines clearer, and rest comes nearer, at each step of the way."

I, the little sister, feel like I have done nothing. True, I tried to learn my lesson. Perhaps I learned a few characters and forgot many more I thought I had learned. I'm still trying to learn the lesson set me by my Master—the lesson of patience in waiting. Pray that I may endure the waiting time. Thus far I have been blessed with good health. Pray for my co-laborers, who have trials and hardships that people at home cannot appreciate.

Pray for the Chinese Christians that they may be strong amid persecution and develop into strong men and women in the gospel.

The people around Laichowfu are responding to the gospel invitation. Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers over to this station. My interest in the work at home is deep and abiding. May God prosper and bless your efforts toward enlargement.

Pray often for one who wants to be of some service to Him in China.

ALICE HUEY.

Laichowfu, China, via Tsingtau, December 16, 1907.



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### MY FIRST VALENTINE.

Now dawned the day of all the year  
When Cupid's cruel bolts were sent.  
And pictured hearts in true-love knots  
Are sent upon their way.  
To bear a tender message from the  
lovely, love-burnt maid  
Unto his chosen lady-love, her favor  
thus to gain.  
Then backward through the mists of  
years my thoughts are prone to  
stray.  
Though fifty milestones mark the  
path, it seems but yesterday—  
As dreamily I muse upon the ardor  
that was mine  
When I, with mingled hopes and fears,  
sent my first valentine.

She was my favorite at school—a winsome little maid,  
With nut-brown hair all plaited in a smooth, ribboned braid.  
Still graven in my memory are the colors that she wore,  
The checkered pink sunbonnet and the snowy pinafore;  
And when the shops resplendent shone with arrow-punctured hearts,  
And roguish, chubby Cupids making havoc with their darts,  
I fain would render homage to the little miss of nine,  
And breathe my admiration in a dainty valentine.

My capital was limited—'twas counted o'er and o'er;  
As with a financier's craft I sought to swell my store  
Of well-earned pennies, till at last with boyish taste I bought  
A highly-colored work of art, most wonderfully wrought—  
A pair of snowy doves therein, a spray of glowing pinks,  
And, underneath, a little rhyme in golden script—methinks  
No sonnet that in after years the poet's hand might pen  
Bore half the tender sentiment that filled this couplet then:  
"The rose is red, the violet blue,  
Pinks are pretty, and so are you."

Ah, me! what changes time has wrought since that bright winter day  
When in my charmer's desk I placed my valentine so gay.  
Where once the little school house stood, a modern structure towers,  
And there my children's children spend their busy schooltime hours.  
The little lass? Why, bless your heart! she sits beside me now;  
The nut-brown hair is silver, banded low upon her brow;  
Fair sweetheart of my boyhood's days, my heart is still her shrine—  
Though fifty years have flown since then, she's still my Valentine.  
—Katherine L. Danhier in the National Magazine for February.

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## THE MODERN PHARISEES.

## Is the Church Played Out?

In these days along with new science, new psychology, new thought and new theology, we have a new Pharisaism also.

The Jerusalem Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: "God, I thank thee that I am not as the rest of men \* \* \* or even as this publican."

The up-to-date twentieth-century American Pharisee stands and prays thus with himself:

"Lord, I thank thee that I am not as the rest of men, or even as this church member."

The modern Pharisee avows, he is not selfish, proud, exclusive, hidebound with creed, mummified with formalism, wrapped up in his own interests, indifferent to the suffering, contemptuous of the poor, unjust to workers, hypocritical or sanctimonious—which is to say, he's different from church members.

The old-time Pharisee was a pillar of the church. Our contemporary Pharisee is too good for church.

This winter a queer thing has happened. A man not at all of the same sort has written a tract for the encouragement of this modern too-good-for-church religion.

The book is Dr. W. J. Dawson's novel, "A Prophet in Babylon." It is the story of a minister of a fashionable congregation in New York city who suddenly awakens to the isolation of himself and his people from the poor, the wretched, the outcast. He determines that he will preach a gospel of human service to human need in the name of Christ on the cross. All the influential members of his church save one resent the change from his accustomed essays on Browning.

Discouraged by this opposition, and counselled by a friend who declares that the "church in its present form is on its deathbed," the hero of the tale chooses to abandon his church connections altogether in order to unite men of every shade of belief in a "League of Service," with the motto:

"A union of all who love in the service of all who suffer."

The whole implication is that such an organization could not be formed out of the rank and file of church membership because the spirit of service does not pervade the church.

As far as the book affects church people there is no particular reason to complain of it. It will doubtless do good. The church is always the better for being stirred up on the vital question of its loyalty to the ideals of its Master, even when the stirrings are reckless as well as rude.

But the influence of the book in confirming that modern Pharisaism which is already so well convinced that "the church is played out," is more serious. Men and women of this self-satisfied cult needed no new work of fiction to intensify their prejudices.

Is it possible, we wonder, to pierce the infallibility of their condemnation for the church with this bold and unhesitant testimony?

The typical American church of today is not in religious spirit nor in practical attitude toward humanity at all similar to the church of Dr. Dawson's story.

Oh, yes, to be sure, there are churches as cold and haughty, ministers as time-serving, church officers as puerile, as Dr. Dawson describes. If it's just a story about some churches, then it's a mighty good story. But Dr. Dawson generalizes—all are as this. And that isn't a fact.

He has simply done what in one place in his book he says is not conceivable—he has written "a thing that is true which produces an impression that is false."

Here is an example—the description of the "deathbed" of the church "in its present form"—"lights and incense and moving music, and all that kind of thing." There are in fact Protestant churches in America which are dying to "lights and incense." They number perhaps one in a thousand of all. Yet Dr. Dawson argues from them for the church life of the country.

The story treats the "League of Service" as incompatible with the selfish exclusiveness of wealthy

churches and the bigotry of rival denominations. Soon after the "Prophet in Babylon" appeared, its author joined Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in "simultaneous evangelistic campaigns." Wherever they have gone, all the churches, rich and poor and of all denominations, have rallied to help them. And wherever they have gone, Dr. Chapman has organized "Leagues of Service."

These leagues have been organized in the churches, men and women of all denominations have joined them, and Dr. Chapman has given them all Dr. Dawson's motto to work by.

There is true serving spirit in the churches—some of it active, more of it latent. The preacher who has any faith in it finds it.

When Chicago workingmen began to lose their jobs wholesale, it was a church member who first turned public attention to the condition by passing out coffee and rolls on the street. Immanuel Baptist church followed suit. When lodging houses were opened for the penniless, it was two church members—one a minister—who were put in charge. The overwhelming majority of the settlement workers in Chicago are church members.

The "big brothers movement" in New York city—one of the finest examples of burden-bearing by the strong—originated in the men's club of the Central Presbyterian church. Judge Cleland, of Chicago, who used the police court to save 800 men from drunkenness, is a United Presbyterian elder.

The church isn't played out. It still "dwells in a house by the side of the road and is a friend to man."

Yes, we know its shortcomings; it ought to be a hundred times better friend to everybody than it is. And if you insist, Mr. Pharisee, we'll grant, for argument's sake, all the indictments you wish to heap up.

IT'S STILL TRUE, ISN'T IT, THAT THE CHURCH IS THE MOST FAR-REACHING SOCIAL INSTITUTION ON EARTH? It's the widest door to get at the kind of people that are stable enough to hold good impulses in their characters and to work good impulses out.

Wouldn't it be wiser of you to stick to the church and try to mold it into an institution of service rather than to go your way alone and spurn it?

Come join in, Mr. Pharisee.  
At the very worst the church is worth saving.—Interior.

## GOT MAD

## When Told That Coffee Hurt Him.

One of the evidences that coffee is injurious to the nervous system is the fact that many persons who are addicted to its use grow wrathful when the suggestion is made that coffee causes them to "flare up" so easily.

A doctor writes:

"Coffee three times a day—I thought I could not get along without it. I was never well, prone to get excited and often trembled, but any suggestion that coffee was not good for me made me furious.

"I noticed the tendency to become excited was growing on me. My hands and feet were cold, fingers looked shriveled, liver inactive, constipated, coated tongue, bad breath and general lower vitality. (A perfect picture of caffeine poisoning.)

"A friend strongly advised me to give up coffee and use Postum, so I tried the change a few weeks and found a marked improvement in temper, nerves and general condition. I felt so firm that I thought I could go back to coffee. Three times I tried it, but always had to quit coffee and return to Postum.

"Being a physician with a large practice and plenty of experience, it was hard for me to believe that coffee could have such a profound effect on my system. Perhaps my fondness for the beverage made me loath to admit its ill effects.

"For several years now I have ordered hundreds of patients to quit coffee and have prescribed Postum instead with good results to the patients and more prompt response to my medicines." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

## ALA-BA-MA.

"Ala-ba-ma—Here we rest"—

One of many among the best;

Though now of loved "Mississippi,"

Ala-ba-ma, good enough for me.

Ala-ba-ma I'm loving still,

For there I learned to do God's holy will;

Brothers all to love, and not to hate and kill—

This love, head, heart and hands now doth fill

Ala-ba-ma, one of a glorious Union,

All now in constitutional communion.

Thus I wish to see our loved race

Obey God's law and order, and see His face.

God's law, the ten unchanged commands—

God's constitution for this and for all lands;

God, Christ, man, woman, His universal order,

To be observed in this and earth's land and border.

This, God's universal order and constitution,  
Obeyed, frees and gives universal, full absolution;

God's law, truth and love, surely will subdue  
and win.

And redeem rebellious men from strife and sin.  
T. E. WILLIAMS.

Meridian, Miss.

## IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE.

Not everybody realizes that the newspaper business, religious or what not, is a business. The paper on which the Recorder is printed alone costs more than \$3,000 a year. The postage is just a fraction below \$100 a month. The typesetting and presswork are two items which required \$2,736 last year. The publication of the Recorder necessitates a round outlay of \$1,200 a month.

To maintain the office workers necessary; to see that 95,000 "ems" of type filling the Recorder are fresh and full and straight; to have at hand every Friday a clean 15,000 sheets (32x45 inches) of machine finished book paper; to keep an accurate account with present subscribers and be on the alert for yet other thousands—all of this, and much more, requires an abundance of business energy and acumen.—Baptist Recorder.

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are the members allowed to cast in their mites when the box goes round in any neighboring congregation in which they may be present."

I know of nothing more ironclad than these Non-Fellowship Resolutions—no, not even in the creed of the Roman Catholic church! One thing is sure; as long as these drastic resolutions were in force, the Flint River Association could never be named "the Liberty Association." There was no such word as "liberty" in her vocabulary; and because there was not, she dealt the blow that "ex-communicated" the minority of the sisterhood of churches. And when these few non-fellowshipped churches met to organize themselves into an Association "upon a more permanently liberal basis," what is more natural than for them to have decided to organize themselves under the name of "Liberty?"

Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time;" and said Benjamin Franklin, "Where liberty dwells, there is my country." So said these liberty-hungry, "turned-out" Baptists of 1838. The Liberty Baptist Association is one instance, at least, in which there is something in a name. Let us push the centennial movement!

Our Primitive brethren have as much right to celebrate as we; but we certainly have no less right than they. If the Flint River church will let me have her old records I shall be glad to sketch her history as a companion to this, just to show how much alike the two babies were, however much they may differ in appearance now, since they have put away their swaddling clothes.



SUBJECT: "ONE TRUE UNITY."

Sermon of Rev. W. W. Wilson Preached at Bowden Grove, Ashland, Ala.

Text, I. Eph., 4-5.

In this text and context I wish to present to you seven truths, which are in direct unity with the blessed book of truth, each of which is an unexpanded argument in favor of one true unity.

1. There is one body; one true body, and only one—no more.

The text said, "One;" then it is a fact. Fact is what we want. Is it not so? We have it. One—this body—is the called out. Sinful man called from darkness to light, to liberty, to fellowship, to eternal life.

2. There is one spirit.

This one spirit is in the one body. It dwells in the one body. It is the third person in the Trinity. Its office work is to guide the one body, to lead, to teach, to protect. Think of this construction—this one body. There is one body and one spirit, and no more, in true unity.

3. Hope. This hope is produced by the one spirit. This hope is in Christ. This one hope unites to Christ, as the branches connect with the vine. "I am the vine; ye are the branches."

4. One God. The one God is the Father of all. The First Person in the Godhead—the great generator of the soul of man—the Deity—He is the one to glorify, and if we glorify Him we must agree in the one, then concord and peace is in our souls. Joy in the Holy Ghost.

5. One Lord, the Second Person in the Trinity. The term means Master, Prince, Ruler—one; He is our Master because He is the Head of the one body. He bought it with a price. He poured out His soul unto death. He paid the debt for us. Our life was due to God's law. He fulfilled the demand. He is the one Lord. When this one Lord dwells in the one body there is true unity. This one Lord said preach the gospel to every creature. Are you in unity? If so, you belong to the one body. All should have the gospel, because the one Lord said so. All we need to do is what the one Lord said do. But we should be sure that we do that. Will you?

6. One faith.

This one faith is in the one Lord. Faith is a substance; hope for evidence of things not seen; the expectations of the redeemed; reliance on the one Lord—the channel in which leads to Christ. The efficacy is in Christ, but faith must be in you to please God. Then if God is pleased there must be unity. The boy is not older than his father; neither is the boy the head of the family. The father is the law-giver; children should obey.

As the child relies on his father, so does the child of grace by the one faith rely on the one Lord; one faith then in God through Jesus Christ. This brings me down to baptism.

7. One baptism.

The origin of this baptism was divine. It was instituted by Jesus Christ. It is in direct accord with the commission to the Disciples. "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach

the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Baptism is going under the water—burial, immersion. This is what Jesus did. It was divinely instituted. It is a divine law. One baptism—only one. This one baptism has never been repealed. No divine law can be repealed only by divine authority. There is only one mode of baptism. Yes, I know there are opinions that sprinkling will do, but the text said one. Yes, the text said one. Will you have that? If there are two baptisms there are two subjects. This one baptism is connected with the Trinity. It is a confession; it is a righteous act, a mark, holding forth that you are killed to the love of sin and alive to righteousness. Some say that is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. What do you say? I am talking to you. Listen; can man baptize with the Holy Ghost? Do you know of any preacher that can baptize with the Holy Ghost? No. Christ said baptize. Well, what did He mean? Did He mean anything? Truly, He meant what He said. Baptize, then, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Well, what will do? To obey the command, of course. I would baptize in water. What do you think? Are you in unity with that doctrine?

FROM BRO. PRESTON.

It may be that some of my friends in Alabama would like to know my whereabouts. Permit me to say that I am now in Tupelo, a beautiful little town of about 4,000 inhabitants, in northeast Mississippi. We have been here one month, and we are now beginning to feel at home. The church here seems to be working in perfect harmony, and the outlook seems good. We have had ten accessions to the church since we came. Our prayer-meetings are well attended, and the Sabbath school is doing a fine work. Rev. R. A. Kimbrough, one of Mississippi's best preachers, was my predecessor. He did a fine work here and left the church in excellent condition. Pray that I may be able to carry on the good work so admirably begun. One thing has impressed me very forcibly here, and that is the earnestness with which our people study the Bible. Many of them bring their Bibles to church, and will turn to the passages of scripture as they are presented. We are now studying the book of Hebrew in our Wednesday evening meetings, and much interest is being manifested.

On January 21, 22, I attended the Northeast Mississippi Bible Institute at Ripley, Miss. There I met Revs. W. A. Lusk, J. E. Buchanan, E. L. Weason, D. W. Bosdell, S. V. Gullet, J. A. Rodgers, W. E. Berry, J. A. Bell, J. S. Berry, J. L. Wilson, J. J. Pannell, and a number of others whom I have not space to mention.

Bro. B. G. Lowrey, president of the Blue Mountain Female College, was also present, and discussed the "Layman and His Pastor." These meetings, as their name indicates, are for the purpose of studying the Bible. In our meetings at Ripley we had for our study I Thess. We also had lectures

on "The Pastor and the Young People," "Restricted Communion," "The Holy Spirit," and "Missions." This was a most interesting and profitable meeting. Here is an outline for my next Sunday's sermon, which may be of interest to some. You may publish it if you see fit.

THE GREAT COMMISSION—THE SUPREME DEMAND OF CHRIST.

(Matt. 28:18-20.)

Introductory.—These words were intended for Christians of all ages of the world. They are of the most vital importance to the life of our churches. They are our only authority for making and baptizing disciples. There are the greatest variety of opinions as to their meaning.

1. Some Points of Agreement.

1. As to the authority of Jesus. Luke 1:32; I Cor. 15:25; Phil. 2:8-10.

2. That disciples should be made of all nations. Mark 16:16; Acts 1:8.

3. That the provisions are ample and suitable. II Cor. 5:14-15; I John 2:2.

4. That the invitations of the gospel are intended for all. Isa. 45:22; 55:1; John 7:37; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17-23.

2. How the Great Work is to be Done.

1. By right living. Matt. 4:19; 5:16; II Cor. 3:2.

2. By a goodly conversation. Heb. 13:5; Phil. 1:27; Jas. 3:13; Pet. 1:15.

3. By preaching the gospel. Rom. 1:16, 10:17; I Cor. 1:21.

3. God's Plan for Having the Gospel Preached.

1. He calls men into the ministry. II Cor. 5:20; I Tim. 1:12; I Cor. 9:16.

2. He calls men from all other pursuits. Matt. 4:18-19; John 21:3, 15-17; Matt. 9:9; Acts 6:4.

3. He called some to preach at home and some to the heathen. Gal. 2:7.

4. God's Plan for the Support of the Ministry.

1. Peter, James and John were supported with their wives. I Cor. 9:4-6.

2. Paul maintains his right to a support on the principle of remuneration.

3. Paul rests his claim for maintenance on gratitude. I Cor. 9:11.

4. Paul argues from the support of the Levitical Priesthood to the support of the Christian ministry. I Cor. 9:13-14.

5. The missionary has the same right to expect a support as a pastor. Paul took wages of other churches to serve the heathens at Corinth. II Cor. 11:8.

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EATON MONUMENT FUND.

Most of the readers of the Alabama Baptist doubtless know that an effort is being made to erect a monument to the memory of Dr. T. T. Eaton.

It seems fitting that the coming generations should look upon monuments erected to religious leaders as well as on those to the memory of men of political and military renown.

The style of the monument, as planned, is to be a portrait statue of Dr. Eaton, of heroic size, to be executed in bronze. This statue will be not only a testimony of affection for a great and good man, but it will be an inspiration to all who look upon it to make the very most of their lives.

The purpose is to raise five thousand dollars—twenty-five hundred from the city of Louisville and twenty-five hundred from the Southern States. A committee has been appointed to raise this amount. Dr. Henry Alford Porter—Dr. Eaton's successor as pastor of Walnut Street church—is the chairman of the committee. I have been asked to be the member of the committee from Alabama. Those who would like to give something towards this work of love can send me either the money or a pledge of the amount you will pay by June 30, 1908, the anniversary of Dr. Eaton's death.

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Field Editor.

#### SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL.

It was the practical refusal of Adam and Eve to keep in submission to God's will that resulted in their moral fall and spiritual ruin. Hence God demands of every unconverted one that he shall submit to His will, so that he shall receive the life which will place him upon even a higher plane than the one that was occupied by our first parents. The very fact that many unsaved ones refuse to submit their will to God's will is sure proof of the truth that man fell in the Garden of Eden, and that he is still in a depraved state. He who insists upon indulging in his own will, rather than commit his ways to God, is widely alienated from Him, even though he may profess to be a follower of God. The spiritual desolation which prevails in many churches is owing most largely to the fact that the formal members refuse to freely submit their will to God's control. It is certain that the person whose will is constantly submitted to God's will is never in a cold or backward state. He never needs to be revived. He continues in a normal spiritual condition. Not only so, but he is all the while advancing in Christian life, power and capability. Reflect on the fact that all of the stalwart believers of Bible times were explicitly submissive to God's will. Although tempted from within themselves, and also from without, to relinquish such submission, yet they yielded not. This is one reason why God sustained them mightily in their work for Him. It is why He gave them victory over foes and over obstacles. It is why He trusted them with great responsibilities. Moses would never have been the great leader of Israel that he was had he not continued in full submission to God's will. His own preferences were kept back, and God's will was kept to the front. And the man who does that is sure to come in conflict with the stubborn wills of his fellows. Moses and all great leaders found it so. And it was because Christ tenaciously submitted to His Father's will that He had much trouble from the formalists of His day. Think it not strange that, while being true to God's will, you should have opposition and abuse.

#### SUN DIALS YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

The oldest system by which men have told the time of day is sun dials. There are sun dials still in existence since long before the Christian era; in fact, they have been found in Egypt dating before the Pharaohs.

The Indians and wild nations told the time by the position of the shadows of trees or mountains. The Chinese have carried the art of sun dials to perfection, and even today use pocket sun dials instead of watches. One Chinese watch-maker has arranged his front porch in such a way the shadow of the posts tell the time by which to regulate the watches.

The sun dials in ordinary use, of which there are many in England and Germany, are horizontal in gardens and on terraces or vertical on the sides of houses and inns. The mottoes employed are many and curious. One Greek dial exists, the Greek letters of "time flies" being used in place of numbers.

"I mark only happy hours" is a favorite one, but perhaps one of the most exquisite is that at Yaddo: "Hours fly, flowers die, new ways, new days pass by, love stays."

The modern dial is very accurate, marking always the quarters, as well as the hours, and often the minutes. Sun dials are made engraved to mark time, say in New York and Paris or London and Peking, at the same time, also showing the months or appropriate flowers for each month, which are etched on the dial plate. But if you have no sun dial, just look at your watch or clock, then observe the calendar, and find the day and month and year, and glance at the yellow label on your paper, and see if you are paid to date. If not, kindly pay up and renew.

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

July 1, 1906, to Feb. 1, 1907—  
Received for state missions ..... \$6,687.57  
Received for home missions ..... 4,678.94  
Received for foreign missions ..... 7,564.72

July 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1908—  
Received for state missions ..... \$5,367.69  
Received for home missions ..... 4,552.92  
Received for foreign missions ..... 7,047.86  
Will the brethren study the figures?

According to the information in this office, we are behind last year for everything. We planned to give more this year than last. Are we going to do it? These figures do not indicate it.

We have had a wretched winter. Collections from hundreds of country churches, who use the schedule, have been cut off on account of the weather. Of course all the congregations have been cut down. Let us hope that we are now to have some good Sundays, great congregations and liberal offerings. W. B. C.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CANVASS OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM.

The organization for the work of making a Sunday school canvass of Greater Birmingham is now nearly complete. The city proper has been divided into twenty districts, with a district superintendent appointed over each. Each of the suburbs also has a district superintendent who has charge of the canvass in his district. The Sunday schools have all been asked for volunteers, who will undertake the work of making the visitation on the day appointed, and a large number of names have been received. These visitors will be assigned to work in the various districts according to the number required in each, and in the meantime instructions have been mailed to each visitor whose name has been received at the central office.

On Tuesday morning, February 18, the canvass will be made, and every family in Greater Birmingham will be visited by a representative of the Sunday school work. The object is to ascertain who are in Sunday school and who are not, and to give to each pastor of the city the names of those not in the Sunday school who could be reached by his church. This is a great undertaking, and the Sunday school workers engaged in it ask the co-operation and prayers of all Christian people that the work may be a success.

#### THE MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

The excellent young men who constitute our ministerial contingent are gravely in need of pecuniary aid, and I beg you to publish this note, in which I do earnestly appeal to the Baptist brotherhood of the entire state to render help to these young preachers.

A number of them have families; and I know that they are finding it very difficult to buy supplies for their homes. They need help; and they need it now.

Most earnestly I beg our people to send without delay to Prof. J. A. Hendricks, treasurer of the board of ministerial education, East Lake, goodly sums to help our young preachers.

Yours fraternally,

A. P. MONTAGUE.

#### THE GREEK CHURCH.

It is surprising to know how many Greeks there are in Jefferson county. The following from one of our dailies published some time ago shows that they have come here to stay:

"The members of the Greek church, who have purchased the edifice formerly occupied by the Simpson Methodist church at Nineteenth street and Avenue C, are making extensive changes in the building. About \$1,000 is to be expended, and when the repairs are completed it is expected to be one of the prettiest of the smaller churches in Birmingham.

"The Greek church has a large membership in Birmingham, which is rapidly growing. They have been holding their services for some time in the Greek hall on Third avenue, but decided some time ago to build a church. When it was found, however, that the Simpson Methodist church could be purchased, it was decided to secure it and make changes to meet their requirements.

"The Greeks are very fond of attending their church services, and as a consequence their religious gatherings are always large. It also forms a place where they can meet their fellow countrymen, and the social feature forms a prominent part of their meetings. They are expecting to get into their new church next Sunday, June 1."

#### THE CRY FROM THE CONGO.

From the Congo still comes the piteous, mute appeal of Leopold's miserable slaves. While the nations delay to intervene, the merciless robber regime goes on and the Congo natives suffer and die. There is little hope that Belgian annexation, unless supervised by the powers, would be more than a nominal change. The terms of annexation which are now under discussion in Belgium leave the control of the Congo still in Leopold's hands. The effort in this country to hasten international action and secure genuine reforms is represented by the Congo Reform Association, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. That Association is severely in need of funds for immediate use. Though the prosecution of a vigorous public agitation must necessarily be delayed till Belgium's definite policy becomes more evident, it is by all means advisable to issue and distribute literature dealing with recent evidence and pending developments. The officers earnestly appeal to the readers of this paper for financial help. Orders should be made payable to Mr. John Carr, treasurer.

#### INTERESTING BAPTIST HISTORY.

Elsewhere we publish an article of special interest to all of us just now. It is some "provable history" pertaining to the beginning of Baptist effort in the State. We feel sure our brethren will enjoy it, and especially since it comes to them directly from the records.

While Brother Gavin does not intend it as a reply to Brother Lawler's resolutions published some time since in connection with his letter to Brother Crumpton, yet the thread of history crosses his resolution several times, and always casts a shadow. It is just a bit long, but we could not find it possible to abridge it more. It cost Brother Gavin much hard work to trace the historicity of the old records so as to give it to our readers just like it happened.

Brother Gavin writes: "If Brother Lawler will let me have his old records, I want to sketch the old Flint River church history also. But if I do, will try to make it shorter than this."

We hope he will be permitted to do so. Few can realize how hard it is to get at the facts, and Brother Gavin deserves the thanks of the Baptists of Alabama for his patient research.



## BRO. RICHARD HALL SAYS:

Rev. Richard Hall says: "The Evergreen Baptists have a beautiful, commodious, completely appointed edifice. To the splendid audacity, wise planning and persistent energy of their former pastor, Bro. A. G. Moseley, they are largely indebted for it."



Rev. Richard Hall; Pastor.

## EVERGREEN BAPTISTS AND THEIR NEW CHURCH BUILDING.

One of the most encouraging signs in denominational circles is the tendency to build better houses of worship than formerly. The new building of the First church, Montgomery, is a notable example. I never see or dream of that magnificent pile but that I think what a master workman Stakeley is, and I thank God for the providence that brought him to Alabama and Montgomery. No less notable in its way is the new house of worship of the Baptist church, Evergreen, of which Richard Hall, declared by his people the best all-round preacher in the state, is pastor. If I were an architect and an artist, I would try to describe faintly the beauty and worth of the building; but as I am neither, I can merely say that it is in every way satisfactory—variously named a beauty, a gem, a model of convenience and excellence. The main audience room is octagon-shaped, and is capped by a dome which lets in the light from all directions through "many-tinted" windows. The entire interior arrangement is most excellent. The seating and wainscoting are of quarter-sawn oak, the walls a delicate cream color and the painting of the trimmings white. The lights are in the ceiling, and the effect is very beautiful, while even Dawson would be satisfied with the Baptistry, which is so situated that all may see. This room

seats about 400, and the Sunday school room, which can be "thrown into" the main auditorium, seats about 300. In the Sunday school department there are 15 class-rooms, an arrangement that commends itself to every one desirous of the best class-work. In the basement there is a commodious assembly room for social purposes. The building committee, to whom much credit is due, was composed of J. W. Stewart, W. C. Crumpton, W. B. Ivey, W. C. Reynolds and Richard Hall. Brother Reynolds came in after the building was started, but rendered such valuable assistance that the building committee "caned" him. The cane was presented with suitable words by J. W. Stewart. So the Scripture was again fulfilled, and the last was first. The opening day, February 2, was clear, calm and cool, and the large audience gathered promptly. The music, in charge of Prof. R. E. Black, known and loved by his brethren from all parts of the State, was worshipful and uplifting, and the sermon, "Your Debt to the Church," preached by the pastor of the Siloam church, was well received. Then, when the building committee had made their report, Pastor Hall in a few well-chosen words, in which he paid just tribute to the former pastor, N. G. Moseley, to whose "splendid audacity," he said, the present building was due, asked the congregation for some money towards the \$6,000 debt. More than \$2,000 was cheerfully given. The building cost approximately \$20,000. At the evening service the Siloam pastor said a few words,

and then the man whom all the Baptists of Alabama love and honor, W. B. Crumpton, stirred the hearts of all as he spoke of the past and the future of this noble church. Thus ended a notable day in the history of Evergreen Baptists—a day long to be remembered. And now just a word about the

## Orphanage.

I was glad for the privilege of visiting the home. It is a great institution, and ought to be dear to every Baptist in Alabama. Superintendent Stewart is a great soul. The new building is most admirably arranged. Sunday afternoon the Orphanage Sunday school, of which Brother C. S. Rabb is superintendent, assembled for the first time in their new room, seated with the pews from the old church. And how well and happy they looked! More than 160 children, and they were all present. It was Foreign Mission Sunday, and some of the children represented missionaries from the various fields and made their reports. They did their parts well. And such whole-souled singing and good behavior! It was an inspiration I shall not soon forget. And then they took a mission collection. I understand many of the children worked for the money they put in. That's right. The child ought to be trained to give, and to give the money that is dear to him because he worked for it, and he ought to begin early. It's a sin and a shame if we neglect to bring our children into the joy of giving. May God bless the orphans who gave out of their poverty!

PAUL V. BOMAR.

## The Ground Hog Crawls Right out and Sees His Shadow and Crawls Back In Again.

The origin of Ground Hog Day is accounted for in The Housekeeper for February in the following way: February 2, or Candlemas Day, was a favorite holiday, marked by public gaiety and ceremonies in Europe during the Middle Ages. It is still marked there by the closing of banks and offices, but not otherwise, outside of the reading of church services. In the Church Calendar it is known as the Feast of Purification of the Virgin, and was first instituted by Pope Sergius, about the year 648 A. D. The popular name of the day is derived from the early custom of lighting up the churches with candles and carrying these in procession on this festival.

As to the weather superstition that gives to Candlemas the name of "ground hog day," that is a world-wide fable. In Germany it is the badger that breaks his winter nap on this day to essay the thankless task of weather prophecy; in France and in Switzerland it is the marmot, and in England the hedgehog. Observation shows that none of these small animals do thus observe the date fixed, also that the weather on this date does not accurately foretell that of the



following two months, as is supposed. But it is a general truth that in temperate latitudes, warm and sunny weather in the first half of February is apt to be followed by a change and a cool spring, and on this fact our ground hog and badger stories are founded. Dr. Folk takes a philosophic view of the matter, saying in the Baptist and Reflector:

"And the ground hog saw his shadow on February 2d. He then went back into his hole, and there are going to be 40 more days of bad weather. Well, all right, let it come. We would rather have winter in February and March than to have it in April and May. It is better for the fruit and for the crops and for health."

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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### A BANKER'S ADVICE

The recent financial flurry, which has been succeeded by a period of stagnation in both the industrial and commercial world, has stirred up our writers on economic questions, and has resulted in the contribution of a great many articles of our newspapers and magazines bearing on the subject. Some of these articles treat of the cause of the disturbance, and others of the effect on capital and suggest plans for the protection of the leading financial interests. As a rule, these plans recommend economy and retrenchment, together with a reserve for emergencies. Another class of these articles treats of the effect of this general backset to business on those who are dependent on their daily, weekly or monthly income, as the case may be, for their living expenses. As this district has a large representation which comes under that category, articles dealing with that phase of the subject and suggesting a course for the relief of the hardships which follow the loss of employment should prove of interest to a large number of our subscribers. Having this in mind, we reproduce below an editorial which recently appeared in one of our afternoon papers, and an answer to it from one of our representative business men. These articles are as follows:

### KEEP A RESERVE.

"The present depression following the recent panic has a lesson in it, in that it shows in times like these the necessity of having something laid by for stress. While the depression has been severe, if it teaches all the people, or even a small part of them, the importance of laying aside a bit of their income during productive years, so that when a general or even a personal depression, or sickness comes, as sickness will, it will do good."

"The successful people are those who profit by errors and omissions. Many people think that they can not save now because their pay is reduced, or income cut down. The time to save is now, without regard to when the 'now' comes. Whether the saving be much or little, now is the time. A number of banks pay interest on deposits and they grow while we sleep. It is the most comfortable of feelings to know that there is a savings account growing, to be ready on rainy days, or for times of depression. It will grow as long as it is cared for."

### Keep a Reserve.

"Editor of the Birmingham Ledger:  
I read last night with much interest your editorial in the Ledger under

the heading: 'Keep a Reserve.' In urging the people to the habit of saving, you indeed point a strong lesson. The trouble with us people in the South is not that we do not make enough money, but that we do not save enough money. It is true that the financial and industrial depression which has overspread the whole country has been, and is now, great. The large number of men out of employment, and the resultant hardships, should bring home to the minds of all the great importance of, and the necessity for, savings. It might be said that the large number of men now out of employment are divided into two classes. In one class is the man who has been wise and thrifty and saved a part of his earnings during all the period of good times. In the other class is the man who has shown less wisdom and thrift. While receiving possibly as high wages, and working as regularly, he has nevertheless laid aside none of his wages for the inevitable rainy day. No doubt the man in the latter class is saying to himself and to his family that if the works ever start up and he gets another job he will at once start his savings account. It is to be hoped that he will stick to this resolution.

"The next strong point in your editorial is the pointing out by you, that now is the time to begin to save. The little word 'now' indeed contains the whole argument and theory of saving. All there is in it is simply to make the start, and right now, when is felt the need of savings, is the time to begin. If we once get the habit of saving, no matter how small the beginning, it is then easy enough to accumulate money."

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Yours truly,

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### HURTSBORO MEETING.

The first winter season protracted meeting during which all stores in our town were closed is the one through which we have just come.

State Evangelist W. J. Ray did the preaching charmingly and to the satisfaction of the people. They seem to have fallen in love with the big, jolly fellow. There were thirty-one additions to the churches. Sixteen of these came our way.

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## MONTGOMERY NOTES.

I have been intending to give you the happenings of the capital city since the new year, but pressure of work has prevented.

You had last week in your columns a most excellent letter from the pastor of Highland avenue Baptist church, the youngest church of the city. Bro. Bush very modestly signed himself "Pastor." He can well afford to sign his entire name, for there is no pastor in the city doing better. He and his wife are loved by all the people out there and his work continues to grow.

Rev. Albert Jones has resigned at West End and the church has called Rev. C. W. Henson. Recently a meeting was held by Rev. W. J. Ray, which did great good. There were no additions, but the church raised pledges on salary from about \$300 to \$1,200 per year. The leading members think there will be enough of this good to enable them to dispense with the board's assistance soon. It is altogether probable that Bro. Henson will take the work.

Bro. Cowan, at South Side, is in high favor with his people. The increase since his service began has been good. The treasurer reports all expenses paid and money in the treasury. They use the duplex system.

Adams avenue has had 35 or more additions since Bro. Fancher took charge. He finds some difficult questions to deal with, but in the midst of all, keeps the eyes of the people to the future and is planning for larger things.

Tomorrow (February 2) the First church people will hold their first service in the new building. The assembly room in the basement has been filled up and all services will be held there until the auditorium is finished. The members feel the weight of their enterprise, especially now since the money market has been so close, yet they are moving on as usual.

We have many encouraging things at Clayton street. I have now between ten and fifteen taking the Readers' Course of the Sunday school board. The W. M. U. has just finished the "Uplift of China" and will take up the "Challenge of the City." Tomorrow I review the whole book, "Uplift of China," before my congregation with two lectures, "Vision of an Empire" and "Progress in an Empire." I find great profit in the study and heartily commend it to pastors and societies. I hope to lead some of our classes in it soon. Much study and interest is manifested in missions. We have received during January three for baptism and four by letter.

Rev. J. A. Jenkins has been called to Wetumpka and has moved there.

Rev. W. J. Elliott reports Romer and Fitzpatrick in good condition and says he is selling many Bibles.

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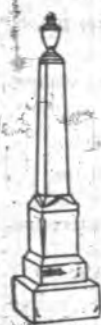
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sweet disposition of his daughter and had the visit of some angel spirit descend into his bosom and console his soul with joy. This very forcibly presents to my mind the part that character performs for one's self and for others. I believe that girl went straight on to heaven. Too good to remain here. He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

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The boys and young teachers will smile when they read this, and say he was a fool, but he has taught in the great University of Alabama.

We believe in working with the hands to make a strong body. The men that must do things need to be strong in body. See the men that bear the burdens in any age and you will learn that they have labored with their hands. I am making this letter too long and will promise to finish it some other time. Yours truly,

J. N. WEBB.

Jamestown, Ala., Jan. 28, '08.

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 29th day of January, 1908.

Estate of Minnie K. Randall, Deceased. This day came L. E. Hunt, administrator of the estate of Minnie K. Randall, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 26th day of February, 1908, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.  
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Dear Brother Pastor:

The mission situation in Alabama is alarming. It looks as if we were going to fall down on the record of past years and not make any advance.

Do you think the contributions on your field for missions will be greater this year than last? What about conditions in your section? I mean for the year ending with April 30th. Do you think the mission spirit is growing? Can you utilize the Centennial movement to excite more interest? Is there anything I can do to advance the cause in your section?

I wish you would call together those who are interested and have a conference with them about the situation, then write me freely.

The Lord bless you and all yours!

•Faternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Here are some of the brave words in response:

S. A. Adams, Jackson: "I feel moved by your appeal for counsel, and I never felt so poorly prepared to advise. The cry of hard times is distressing. It has come so suddenly the people are dazed. Business people are cutting out everything they can to economize. From a human standpoint, it would seem that our Lord's cause is to suffer. But, my brother, our God is mighty, is infinite in resources—can use all such conditions for His greater glory. Shall we not trust Him just the same and try the harder to come up? It affords such an opportunity for doing Him an honor by trying to do what we started out to do. It will take much self-denial as His children have never made. Therein will be the blessing. I feel that we should consider it an opportunity to do something really great for our God. If everything was flourishing, it would be easier to do, but would the Lord be as much honored, would we receive so great a blessing, and would as many souls be saved as the result of the sacrifice we make? If we succeed with our plan, and I believe we will, this will be by far the greatest missionary year in our history. We are talking and praying about missions more than formerly."

J. R. Curry, Atmore: "We are in the act of accumulating funds for the purpose of building a pastor's home, but you can safely count on us for more than we gave last year."

J. M. Green, Nicholasville: "You may count on us to do our best on the third Sunday this month. Through all the rainy Sundays we had services in my churches all but one, the 4th in December, and then I rode through the

rain on horseback ten miles. I would not exchange places with Roosevelt."

J. H. Creighton, Whatley: "You have not heard from me lately, but I am everlastingly at it. My churches follow the schedule strictly. Have not missed a collection for years. I missed one appointment in December on account of an all day rain, but I did not miss a collection for foreign missions. I hope my churches will come up all right in the home stretch."

W. M. Blackwelder, Greenville: "I assure you my efforts will be exerted continuously to redeem the situation if possible. The almost unprecedented succession of rainy Sundays has practically paralyzed all collections in the country churches of our Association, so write the brethren from whom I have heard. I know the burden you carry. We want you to feel that we are carrying it with you."

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### Surprised at One Thing.

I asked the pastors in my letter to get the interested members together and confer with them. Not a letter thus far received indicates that such a conference was called. I want to insist upon it. If the pastors will call a special meeting, have a heart to heart talk with their members and ask for heroic action, we will have it.

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### One Pastor:

writes, sending me a copy of a letter he is sending to each member before his collection. Why not all do it? Call to your assistance two or three girls, and they can in a little while write hundreds of letters. The letters will thrill your collections, brother. Remember we must

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