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Paragraphs

A new year's card sent by Dr. Willingham to the editor from Hong Kong bearing Christian love begins: "Hurrah for Alabama and prohibition." So our great victory cheers the workers in China.

Rev. Edwin M. Poteat, president of Furman university, has been called to the Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, Ky. He is one of our most scholarly preachers. We greatly enjoyed hearing him when at Yale, as he was then pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New Haven.

We have just closed a great meeting. Dr. Hubbard came to us on the 19th of January and for ten days he preached with great power. His earnestness as well as his great intellectual power was used of God. Since his coming our church sees a new vision, is throbbing with new life and begins a new era. There were twenty-three accessions. Dr. Hubbard carries with him the affection of the people he served so well.—D. P. Lee.

One of our choicest young teachers, Mr. Albert Lee Smith, son of Prof. A. D. Smith, who served long and with distinction in the faculty and for one year as its head, has had, by reason of trouble with his eyes, to resign his assistant professorship. He enters into business with his excellent father, Mr. Smith, by reason of character and ability, stood very high with us, and he carries into his new work the respect and affection of faculty and student body alike. Mr. W. A. Berry, a fine young man and a successful teacher, takes his place until the end of the session. A. P. Montague.

Regular speakers and teachers at Tabernacle Bible Conference, March 5-16, Atlanta, Ga.: Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., London, England; Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Elmore Harris, D. D., Toronto, Canada; Rev. James Buchanan, D. D., formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland; Melvin E. Trotter, rescue evangelist, Grand Rapids, Mich.; W. R. Moody, East Northfield, Mass.

Besides these there will be a number of special addresses on various lines of Christian work.

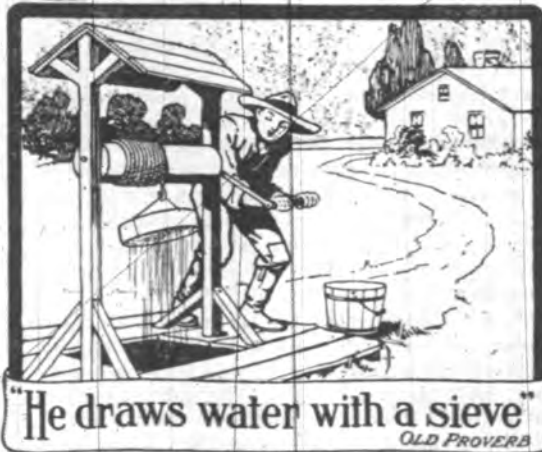
We want the key note of the conference to be "Power for Soul-winning," and we urge all Christians to be much in prayer that the Holy Spirit will be in complete control, and that a soul-winning Pentecost may abide when it is over.

Arrange to be present at the beginning and stay until the close.

For full particulars about board, etc., write Mr. E. H. Peacock, secretary, Tabernacle office, Atlanta, Ga.

WE CANT AFFORD TO SPEND OUR TIME IN

"Dropping buckets into empty wells
And growing old in drawing nothing up."



"He draws water with a sieve"
OLD PROVERBS

AND WILL DIE OF THIRST AS SURELY AS THE EDITOR WHO TRIES TO RUN A RELIGIOUS PAPER ON A CREDIT WILL BE BLEED TO DEATH BY THE PARASITIC DELINQUENTS WHO FATTEN ON HIS BLOOD. THE YOUNG MAN AT THE WELL NEEDS A BUCKET IF HE HOPES TO MOISTEN HIS PARCHED LIPS, AND THE EDITOR WHO HOPES TO HAVE A HEALTHY CIRCULATION MUST OBEY UNCLE SAM AND CUT OUT THE LEECHES. THIS IS WHY WE DO IT.

Paragraphs

Everybody should have our woman's missionary union calendar of prayer for missions. The literature department of the Woman's Missionary Union having had a second edition of 4,000 calendars printed, is prepared to fill all orders at once. Communicate with headquarters, 301 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Price 10c.—Literature Committee.

Hon. H. L. Martin, editor of the Ozark tribune, has a very readable account of his visit to Birmingham to attend the Bryan reception in a recent issue of his paper, paying his compliments to us in the following paragraph:

"While in Birmingham we met the ugliest man in Alabama. It was no less a personage than Frank Willis Barnett, the editor of The Alabama Baptist, and we did enjoy talking with him so very much. He can't be beat on the road."

We regret very much the misfortune of one of our fellow students, F. H. Farrington. On January 10th he had an operation performed for abscess in the right cheek bone, having suffered for several months. He missed all examinations, intermediate, senior and junior. His eyes are so weakened that he can't take up regular work. Subject to the wisdom of his doctor, he has dropped out for a few days to recruit up, and has gone to Brandenburg, Ky., for a few days. If able he will return to complete his work for the degree of Th. M.—Western Recorder.

We know his many Alabama friends will join us in our sympathy for Bro. Farrington in his trials.

Those who think the seminary is merely a place where men go to study books will have their eyes opened by the following:

Our missionary day was Saturday last. The meeting was largely attended by the seminary constituency and friends. Tabulated report for the month of January: Missions supplied by students, 11; resident teachers, 33; students engaged, 43; enrolled, 693; attendance, 769; collections for Sunday school, \$22.65; preaching, \$62.90; meetings for Sunday school, 35; prayer and praise, 20; preaching, 22; visits, 45; conversions, 33; sermons, regular, 222; supplies, 55; revivals, 3; funerals, 11; addresses, missionary, 8; Sunday schools, 23; prayer meetings, 54; Sunday school classes taught, 60; total, 125; conversions, 4; received by letter, 23; religious books sold, 9.—Wilbur H. Mahaffey.

BROTHER CRUMPTON PRAISES THE PAPER

"The Alabama Baptist is the right arm of Baptist Power in Alabama."

I HATE TO CONSUME SO MUCH SPACE IN THE PAPER, BUT EVERYTHING IS DEPENDENT UPON THE PAPER. EVERY DAY I AM MORE AND MORE CONVINCED THAT THE ALABAMA BAPTIST IS THE RIGHT ARM OF BAPTIST POWER IN ALABAMA. THERE ARE THOUSANDS WHO DO NOT READ IT, BUT THE THOUSANDS WHO DO READ IT ARE THOSE WHO ARE DOING THINGS. TO REACH THEM WITH FACTS TO STIMULATE ONE MUST GO BY WAY OF BIRMINGHAM, SO I WANT YOU TO BEAR WITH ME AND INDULGE ME AS FAR AS YOU CAN. IF I DID NOT THINK THE THINGS NEEDED TO BE SAID I WOULD NOT WRITE THEM. GOD BLESS YOU AND RALLY OUR PEOPLE TO YOUR SUPPORT.
Fraternally,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

STUDY THIS SCHEDULE CAREFULLY

1907-1908	
Alabama Baptists are asked for—	
For state missions	\$ 25,000.00
For home missions	23,000.00
For foreign missions	40,000.00
For church building	7,000.00
Total	\$100,000.00
We have given—	
For state missions since July 1st	\$ 6,567.87
For home missions since May 1st	6,180.33
For foreign missions since May 1st	9,043.77
For church building since May 1st	508.00
What is before us?	
For state missions to June 30	\$18,432.13
For home missions to April 30	21,819.67
For foreign missions to April 30	30,956.23
For church building to April 30	6,492.00
Can we do it? Yes, easily, if the pastors and churches will press the matter vigorously. Every day we lose now makes the end more doubtful.	
W. B. C.	

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

WHY SUPPORT HOWARD COLLEGE?

The above question should provoke serious consideration and a candid answer from every Baptist in Alabama. You may never see the college; your son may never attend the college; you may never meet a member of the faculty, still you ought to consider the above question most seriously.

There are several ways of supporting Howard College. First, pray for it. Pray for the faculty, students and trustees. God will hear prayer. Spurgeon said, "Half the work is done when it is brought before God in supplication." Real prayer will be followed by effort. Pray for the college.

2. Talk for Howard College. Talk of her splendid past, of her beautiful and healthful location, cultured faculty and many students and thorough work.

3. Send your boys there. That will be a direct and material support. No school can be run without pupils. A full school is a fine advertisement. You can help give the college a fine standing by patronage.

4. Give money to the college. There is need of money for current expenses, for repairs and new buildings. With a large endowment current expenses could be met with the annual income, but there will be no end to new buildings, repairs and other improvements if our college fills the place it ought to fill in our denominational life. We ought to give this support.

1. Because it is our college. It was founded in the hearts and nourished by the tears and blood of our Baptist fathers. It has been given to us as a legacy, and well may we be proud of it. Howard College belongs to the Baptists of Alabama. It being ours, we should cheerfully support it as our own. The merchant looks after the interests of his own store; the farmer cares for his own farm; the teacher gives attention to his own school; the pastor shepherds his own flock—just so should the Baptists of Alabama support our own college. I don't mean that we have no other schools, but Howard is our own and is filling her peculiar mission, and has a particular end.

2. We should give Howard College our support as a matter of denominational pride.

Some years ago a hard-shell Baptist visited Howard College, and after having been shown over the buildings and grounds, was profuse in praise of Baptist enterprise, and said, "They surely ought to be proud of Howard College." What the college is today it is by Baptist efforts; if it grows to the gigantic proportions it should, it will do so by Baptist nourishment; if it should ever decline, it will be to the shame of every Baptist in the State. We ought to have enough pride in our college to make it, by our support, equal to any denominational school in any Southern State. This we could do, and this we ought to do.

3. Howard College is a pillar in denominational life. Baptist ignorance was once proverbial, yet I am sure Baptists never had a corner on it. We knew little enough, and do yet, but today because of our schools and their stimulating influences we stand side by side with the most intelligent and cultured of every community. I believe the Baptists of this State have more college graduates than any other people. Baptist boys go out from Howard College stronger in the faith, with more fixedness of character and broadened views of life to be Baptist leaders in their communities. The Howard graduate or student almost invariably becomes a moral and religious leader. Hence the college is a strong factor in denominational life.

Then Howard College is the school for our young preachers. A larger per cent. of the graduates of Howard College were or became preachers than of any other calling. Think, if you will, of the Howard men now occupying pulpits in this and other States, and likely you will be amazed. I will not try to name them; they are too numerous. Howard College has furnished many of the pulpit and lay leaders of our Zion in this State. I have said, and here repeat it, that Howard College is the most potent agency in Baptist affairs in Alabama. These are my strongest reasons for giving hearty and increasing support to Howard College.

A. H. HUTTO.

THE ENCAMPMENT.

(L. O. Dawson.)

It was a source of genuine sorrow to me that I could not attend the Dothan convention, and I am not a little embarrassed that I do not know, except by hearsay, what was and is the mind of the brethren touching the encampment. What I shall say in this article, therefore, is expressive only of my individual feeling, rather than the opinion of any group of brethren.

I have been informed that the convention appointed a committee with myself as chairman to arrange for an encampment for 1908. Whether this was a mere formal vote, or whether there was any real enthusiasm and purpose in the action, I do not know. In either case it seems to me next to impossible under existing circumstances to make what we had hoped out of the encampment. I am profoundly convinced that in this movement there lie great possibilities for our people. We need all the various stimuli that are to be had in and from great gatherings, and we know that our State convention can never be made a really great affair. The same is true of our B. Y. P. U. convention. If either of these gatherings should assume the proportions of thousands, or even of many hundreds, very few churches in the State could entertain them.

Those of us who had the encampment at heart thought such gatherings could be had annually at some convenient point where the matter of entertainment could be cared for, and where our midsummer outing could combine both pleasure and profit through the social and educational features of the meetings. There were and are a number of difficulties in the way. One is the multiplicity of general meetings upon which many of our people would feel some sort of obligation to attend. Another is the meeting of our State convention at or near the time when the encampment would have to be held. Another is the serious financial risk which must necessarily be assumed by the committee in charge. Last year the committee assumed the risk in hope that the first difficulty might be removed by the B. Y. P. U. authorities enlarging their plans to include many workers for a ten days' meeting instead of a few workers at a two days' convention. But this idea did not impress the B. Y. P. U. meeting at Montgomery, and they adjourned to meet at Troy rather than at the encampment. This took away the hope of having our annual educational rally without multiplying meetings.

Manifestly two general meetings such as the encampment and the State convention cannot be held annually within a few days of each other. The encampment committee arranged its meeting for last year in the hope that the regular State convention would see fit to change its date to some time in the autumn. This the convention at Dothan by a decisive vote refused to do, and in that refusal it made the encampment a practical impossibility. After that vote the appointment of an encampment committee was a useless proceeding.

We thought last year that even under these conditions it would be possible to have one great meeting as a start. Nor were our calculations far from the mark. Up to the very hour of its annulment everything pointed to the greatest gathering of Alabama Baptists known in the history of our people. But under the existing circumstances the permanency of such a movement is clearly impossible. So far from intending a criticism upon the action of the Montgomery and Dothan conventions, I concede their wisdom. The assembled wisdom of the brotherhood is always of more value than the individual opinion of the unassembled brother. I merely write this to show that so far as I am personally concerned, I see no way to do the work laid on the encampment committee by the convention. Last year we did an immense amount of work and assumed large financial risks because the convention had not declared its adherence to its summer date, but I see no use in repeating the work and the risk after such a declaration has been made.

I may be allowed to add that last year the finances

of the encampment were in the hands of Brother Shelburne and the local committee. The two or three checks passing through my hands were endorsed and passed on to them. There were very few contributors, and all the preliminary expenses were just as great as if the encampment had actually been held. Brother Shelburne has doubtless made, or soon will make, a financial statement to those who sent in their cash. He and his local helpers deserve all praise for the perfection of their arrangements and for their self-sacrificing labors.

METHODISTS OF MONTGOMERY.

My Dear Brother Barnett:

I had the honor to represent the Baptists of the city at the Methodist Centennial meeting of their church in this city, which was held today at the Court Street Methodist church. I enclose you manuscript copy of what I said.

My time was limited to three minutes.

With very best wishes, I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN R. TYSON.

Responding in behalf of the Baptists of this city, I bring to you their fraternal greetings and their best wishes that the great work being done by you in this city and the State may be as potential in the future for the accomplishment of good as it has been in the past, and bid you God-speed in every good word and work.

Your denomination has wrought a great work in the State in the past hundred years, and the Baptists, who have been one among your allies in the great cause during that period of time, extend to you their most cordial congratulations.

These two denominations, since the beginning of their organized existence in this State a century ago, have been in the forefront in the battle waged against vice and ignorance, and for the propagation and perpetuation of religious doctrine and education. They were the pioneers of Christian evangelism in Alabama. Hand in hand, during this long period, they have stormed and carried many citadels of iniquity, and planted upon their ramparts the flag of joy, peace and good will to men. As organizations they have been potent factors in the advancement and elevation of the citizenship of the State.

In view of the past history of these two great denominations and of their centennial organized existence in this State, to be celebrated by each of them during this year, and for the promotion and advancement of the cause of religion, it is important that the bonds of fraternal sympathy and co-operation heretofore and now existing between them should be cherished and maintained.

Methodists, you have a right indeed to be proud of your church, of its work and of your people—of the influence you have exerted in shaping the destiny of the State and of the nation; and the Baptists, I assure you, rejoice with you in all that you have accomplished.

COFFEE DRINKING.

A Doctor Says It Weakens the Heart.

"In my opinion," says a well-known German physician, "no one can truthfully say that coffee agrees with him, as it has long since been proven that caffeine, contained in coffee, is an injurious, poisonous substance which weakens and degenerates the heart muscles.

"For this reason the regular use of coffee, soon or late, causes a condition of undernourishment which leads to various kinds of organic disease.

"Convinced of this fact, I have often sought for some healthful beverage to use instead of coffee. At last I have the thing desired in Postum. Having had occasion to forbid people using coffee, whose hearts were affected, I have recommended Postum as a beverage, since it is free from all injurious or exciting substances. I know this from results in my own family and among patients.

"Hundreds of persons who now use Postum in place of coffee are greatly benefited thereby." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"BEN HUR."

Dear Brother Barnett:

I am not given to much writing, but the above subject and its kind I have been making quite a prayerful study of for the past 12 months. What about the theatres, operas, etc., anyhow? I find we all rise up against many things, and no doubt justly raise a big hue and cry, and often rid the public of the same; but it seems we are all silent about that part of the world called the "theatrical world." Why is it? Is it because it has such a powerful hold upon our church life that we, as ministers of the gospel, fear to speak out—or is it a good thing? One thing sure; it has a mighty power over our people. Is it for good or bad? Does it strengthen us spiritually, mentally or financially? Does it cause us to love our church work and our Saviour better?

One year ago this church was organized, and there was practically no spiritual life in action in this community, and the people of our denomination that make our church what it is were, many of them, regular theatre-goers. The Lord seemed to open my eyes to the cause of this spiritual depression. In Matthew, 7, 17-18, "A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit," is certainly applicable to the theatre and its numerous evils, such as matinees, vaudevilles and moving picture shows. Some who are in sympathy with this part of the world may rise up in indignation against this, but by personal experience in years past I know it to be one of Satan's agencies to deal out discord, discontent, unhappiness and spiritual lethargy. The theatre world in Birmingham today has chased us, in our church work, more trouble than any saloon ever licensed in the city. Further, I challenge any church in this or any other district to find among our theatre-goers a consecrated soul-winner. Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world," and were he living today I think he would permit us to render this as "Be not conformed to the theatres, operas and its kind, with their conscience-killing work of blighting Christian characters."

This is all a world of its own, and seems to have a magnetic power that weans God's children from their first love. You might take the most useful Christian in our work today, and let Satan get him in his coils by giving his time to the modern rot that makes up these plays for one month, and he will be a drag up on our church. Ministers of God, this is a terrible havoc-working power that is in our midst, and I think we should speak out against it with all our might, as we have ample proof that the great theatrical combines of today are as corrupt as can be, hence how can anything but dissatisfaction spring from such association?

In our work we have succeeded in diminishing our members of theatre adherents to two, one of which has not been to church in five months, as she cannot get ready in time, but from one to five times per week is found at the play. What I have to say for this tree I have to say for its branches.

"Ben Hur, A Tale of the Christ." Have you ever stopped to think what these people are doing? Christians who bear the name of Christ? They are making capital of the name of Jesus Christ—capitalizing upon His own shed blood. I had rather today have used my influence to further a play of shame, disgrace and open sin than to have been a party to such as, by their attendance and influence, keep this thing in the field. Oh, mothers and fathers, what are we doing? We are sending our boys and girls to see Jesus our Redeemer uplifted again by a sinful world as of old. Look upon your hands! My God, followers of God, what have we done? Beware, beware; we must reap as we sow. Who are the people who bring to us so kindly the tale of the Christ? Do Shaw & Erlanger, the great combine, and its agencies have sympathizers of our Saviour to speak His name and tell us of His life? Where do these characters come from who picture to you the power of Christ in "Ben Hur"? Do they come from our good country homes? Do they come from our peaceful city cottages? Do they walk out from our colleges and halls of learning? Oh, think who is picturing to you Jesus and His power! Never having known His sin-killing power, many of them even destitute of character, blaspheming His

very name, and then making capital of His death and suffering. Oh, Christians, have we been a party to such an act? God forbid.

Mother, that sweet, trusting girl of yours for one hour has sat and drank in that intoxicating portion which was prepared by the very devils in hell, and associated her name with others. That noble, hopeful boy, the pride of your life, has had his brain fired as never the gospel can do, more by the characters, of course, than by the Christ. You need not be surprised if in the hours when your heart is breaking over your wild boy and careless girl, you feel that your cry to Jesus is unheard. "Whatsoever a man soweth, so shall he also reap." Think, O think! They mocked Him and blasphemed two thousand years ago, and only this week they repeated it.

Our B. Y. P. U., to a vote, went on record against "A Tale of the Christ" as played in Birmingham by the enemies of our Redeemer. H. H. FRIAR,
Pastor Hunter Street Baptist Church.

A brother from Selma told me the other day the great old First church was going to give state missions a lift. So many have written, "We will remember you on the fourth Sunday." The Lord give us sunshine on that day! A good sister at Union Springs sends \$175. Parker Memorial, Anniston, sends \$219. A committee from the Woman's Missionary Society of the First church, Montgomery, waited upon me and presented a check for \$1,500. It was a legacy left by Miss Follansbee, lately deceased, to the society for missions, \$500 to each of the boards. The Society is probably the oldest in the State. Mrs. Waller has been its President more than forty years. Miss Follansbee was long a member. She loved and served her Lord while she lived and dying remembered Him in her will. Dr. Stakely, her pastor, promises something more about this.—W. B. C.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DELEGATES.

The first annual convention of the Young People's Missionary Movement will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., March 10, 11 and 12, 1908.

This convention will doubtless be one of the most remarkable missionary conventions ever held on the American continent. The Young People's Missionary Movement is organized for the purpose of producing literature and methods for advancing missionary education in the churches. It is not a mission board. Its one single object is to put out missionary literature and help train missionary leaders in the churches. Its board of directors is made up of the educational secretaries of the various mission boards. It is, therefore, a creature of the boards for the purpose above stated.

At the Pittsburg convention the most up-to-date methods of teaching the subject of missions will be considered. There will be also placed on exhibition one of the greatest collections of missionary appliances for mission study that has ever been brought together. There will be some of the greatest speakers upon mission topics in all the world. The convention bids fair to be one of unusual interest in every way.

There can be only 3,400 delegates from the whole of the United States and Canada. Southern Baptists are allotted 266, and we are extremely anxious to get this number of delegates from the bounds of our convention. It will be a rare privilege to be permitted to attend this convention. We suggest that pastors, laymen, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., Y. W. A. and Sunday school workers, who have in some degree the qualification of missionary leadership, should go to this convention.

Delegates to this convention will be admitted by ticket only, and only the number indicated can attend. It will be necessary for those of our number who wish to attend this convention to have their credentials signed by T. B. Ray. I am extremely anx-

ious to get into communication with those who may desire to go to this convention. I believe that it will mark an epoch in the life of any person who might attend, and I am very anxious to see our full quota of delegates present. There will not only be the general meeting, but special sectional meetings for the Baptists. If any one goes, it will be necessary to send in the name promptly to me, in order that I may secure the tickets. I hope that any one interested in attending this convention will get into communication with me without delay, that I may send more detailed information and reserve the tickets. T. B. RAY

HOWARD COLLEGE.

In this intensely practical age there is danger of bearing too strongly toward the dollars and cents in preparing for future usefulness, rather than toward character. Man is a trinity of elements, physical, intellectual and spiritual.

Christian education affirms that something more is requisite in human training than mere development and instruction. It insists that a new life force that is spiritual must be introduced in order that its high end may be attained. Can we safely apply the principle of the division of labor and assign to the gymnasium the physical, and the school the intellectual, and the church the spiritual? The best Christian thought of the times says no. Man is a unity composed of elements above referred to, and as a unit he must receive his education.

It is in the recognition of this fundamental idea that Christian education is radically and irrevocably distinguished from secular education.

In the education of our boys as Baptists, Howard College stands for the symmetrical development of the man—the perfect readjustment to his whole environment, spiritual and material.

Consequently we as Baptists cannot be otherwise than most deeply earnest and active in giving to Howard our boys and money. With pardonable pride we point to the record of the past of our college, to the splendid achievements of the present, and to the larger vision of the future.

The bugle call is sounding clear and unmistakable. It is the call of opportunity and duty. What a day is ours in joining hand and heart with our noble president and faculty to do honor to God and to ourselves! M. M. BLACKWELDER.

STOPPED SHORT

Taking Tonics, and Built Up on Right Food.

The mistake is frequently made of trying to build up a wornout nervous system on so-called tonics—drugs.

New material from which to rebuild wasted nerve cells is what should be supplied, and this can be only obtained from proper food.

"Two years ago I found myself on the verge of a complete nervous collapse, due to overwork and study, and to illness in my family," writes a Wisconsin young mother.

"My friends became alarmed because I grew pale and thin and could not sleep nights. I took various tonics prescribed by physicians, but their effects wore off shortly after I stopped taking them. My food did not seem to nourish me, and I gained no flesh nor blood.

"Reading of Grape-Nuts, I decided to stop the tonics and see what a change of diet would do. I ate Grape-Nuts four times a day with cream and drank milk also, went to bed early after eating a dish of Grape-Nuts before retiring.

"In about two weeks I was sleeping soundly. In a short time I gained 20 pounds in weight, and felt like a different woman. My little daughter whom I was obliged to keep out of school last spring on account of chronic catarrh has changed from a thin, pale, nervous child to a rosy, healthy girl, and has gone back to school this fall.

"Grape-Nuts and fresh air were the only agents used to accomplish the happy results." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

AN APPEAL TO THE ALABAMA W. M. U. FOR
THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-
DENIAL IN MARCH.

My Dear Sisters:

We feel like shouting over the good news that our Christmas offering has to date reached the sum of \$1,287.16! You who have had a part in the offering will rejoice with the members of the Alabama Central Committee. This is for our encouragement, to keep heart brave and nerves strong for the last and final strain that this quarter holds for us if we would meet our apportionment and the extra work that in this year is planned for our Women's Missionary Union. We realize that "the times are out of joint," and that the financial stringency has been as disastrous and as paralyzing as fire or flood would have been and has been equally unforeseen. But, instead of succumbing to seemingly untoward conditions, let us rather feel that God has put us to a great test in these troublous times and that whatever else is, of necessity, cut down, His work must go unhindered; and that our love for Him should make us willing to give until it hurts. Hear what our wise and prudent president of W. M. U., Miss Heck, has to say in warning:

"Two hundred thousand dollars has been written so often as our aim that I imagine each union worker has it deeply engraven on her mind. Let us look the facts in the face and see how the present reality compares with this ideal.

"The year is almost gone. In the two quarters already reported we have given in cash only \$54,974.20. Of this amount, leaving out the odd cents, \$26,971 is for foreign missions; \$19,995 for home missions. Compare this with our aim of \$100,000 for the former and \$75,000 for the latter, and you see how far we are from our hopes. Of the remaining \$7,996 the Margaret Home has received \$660, or \$60 more than the amount due for half the year's support; \$1,120 has been reported for the Sunday school board Bible fund, which, while by no means what it should be, is more than twice as much as for the whole of last year, and \$6,216 has been received for support, changes, furnishing and endowment of the training school."

In the two quarterly reports of the union already made, the Sunbeams have reported \$2,713.36 to foreign missions, \$1,421.41 to home missions, of to both objects \$4,134.77. They have, therefore, quite a journey to go before May. Not so long an acre as the whole union, however. Note these round numbers and let them tell their own story. Cash amounts reported to union for first and second quarters, 1907-'08: Foreign missions, \$26,971; alm, \$100,000; home missions, \$19,995; alm, \$75,000. And again, with regard to the endowment of the W. M. U. training school, she says:

"God has done great things for us and through us of which we are glad. He stands ready to do far larger things for us and through us in 1908. In this year we shall celebrate our twentieth anniversary; ere this year is half out we expect to lay before him by far the largest offering ever made by Southern Baptist women; we expect to round out the sum of \$20,000 for the endowment of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School as our special twentieth anniversary gift; we expect to double the number of Young Women's auxiliaries, we expect to enlarge in numbers, knowledge, organization and gifts—we expect to do these larger things by larger things in prayer, in self-giving to answer those prayers, by becoming, in a word, better worthy to bear the high title which we claim of workers together with God. If all this is so—and it can be so in no other way—we call to you to keep the week of prayer—such as you have never kept before. The Union will meet in daily prayer in many hundred groups, in town and village and country during the month of March. See that your link in "the golden chain of prayer" which binds the world around the feet of God is not missing. You, yourself, need the blessing."

Our new and sagacious corresponding secretary of

WOMAN'S WORK

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

First V. Pres.—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.
Second Vice President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson;
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(All contributions to this page should be sent to Mrs. D. M. Malone, Mission Room, Watts Building, Birmingham.)

W. M. U. Miss Crane, adds her testimony:

"True, our demands in other ways are larger than ever before this year; but so are our numbers; so, we trust, is our clear vision of the need of the world for Christ."

The secretaries of our home and foreign mission boards call us to duty in clarion notes. Theirs is no uncertain sound, for the battle is on. Our W. M. U. is recognized as a factor in the great cause of missions. Says Dr. Smith, of the foreign mission board:

"There are two things that give us hope of financial relief soon. One is the Christmas offering for China by our women. If it has not already been done, we urge that during the week of prayer this offering be carefully and prayerfully planned, and made just as large as possible, and that as soon as the offering is taken, the money be sent forward through the regular channels. We can not hope for much money from regular church contributions for the next month. We must depend largely on the Christmas offering."

The other thing which will give us great relief is the taking of offerings on foreign mission day in the Sunday schools."

Sister, did you urge your pastor or your superintendent to observe mission day in your Sunday school? If so, your "skirts are clear" if the collection was taken. If not, "woe be unto us if we cry and spare not."

Our own Mrs. B. D. Gray, in the Home Field, speaking of the El Paso school, says:

"The board showed its implicit faith in the loyalty of the Sunbeams and young people by going ahead and building the school. Now, Brother Daniel writes that the building is completed and the contractors are ready to turn it over February 1. But, of course, they want the \$5,000.

"Dear helpers, won't you rally to the support of the board just now? Can't you send a contribution at once for this school?"

Dr. Gray has this to say:

"Our contributions for home missions during December, 1907, were only a little more than half what they were for December, 1906. As we go to press the contributions for January are much less than they were for this period last year. We know that the financial panic will be given as an explanation of this serious falling off in our receipts. But that does not relieve our situation, which has become acute."

From the Richmond mission rooms comes this serious question. As answered in the affirmative or in the negative, we keep faith or else betray a trust. How does the sensitive conscience of our Alabama W. M. U. reply?

"Shall the corresponding secretary return on the first of April encouraged, rejoicing over the financial condition of the board? Or shall he be disappointed and dismayed, and feel that the brotherhood have not stood by the work in his absence? * * * It would break Dr. Willingham's heart to come home next spring and find the board hopelessly in debt. * * * An exceedingly vigorous campaign must be carried on for the next two months. Only two months! But a great deal can be done in that time to redeem the

situation. The secretaries are doing their best."

And as though a voice from another world were calling us to faithness, so different is sin-cursed China from our own God-favored America, comes the sonorous voice of our beloved secretary, Dr. Willingham, across the ocean and this broad continent. Listen! He speaks to you and to me:

"* * * During the meetings we received papers with telegrams in them from America telling of the financial distress in the home land. The missionaries joined in earnest prayer for God's help for our business men at this time, and they also agreed that they would voluntarily take off one-sixth of their regular salaries till these troublous times be passed—of course, some of our missionaries with large families can not do this, but it was decided that all would cut down who could do so. This action on the part of our worthy workers is highly commendable and should stir the hearts of all in the home land to more liberality. * * *

"Again, I hope that the funds are coming in well for foreign missions. The November Journal has come to us here. It is very enjoyable until I come to 'Receipts,' to find out how far many of the states are behind last year. To make a man see all of the needs here and then the small gifts there is—But, God open the hearts of our people."

The paths of it all touches your tender hearts and fills your eyes with tears, and we, the Alabama Central Committee, hear your quick reply, "God helping us, we will do our whole duty," and we feel you will, dearly beloved.

To add emphasis to what has been quoted from our secretaries and from our W. M. U. workers, read these extracts from letters received from two of our Alabama missionaries in reference to this problem that is confronting them and us. From our own Miss Huey comes these words—they are for each one of us: "I am sorry about the financial panic. Surely it can not be as bad as some of the papers say. The workers in our mission agreed among themselves that they would go back to the reduced salary until times are better. We are planning to support ourselves, if necessary, by teaching English. Seriously, though, I do not believe we shall be left stranded. God has sent us here, our people at home are preparing for us."

And this from her co-worker, dear Miss Cynthia Miller, who, having said regarding their mission work, "The Bible Woman's training school is homeless, as are also the Girls' school and the Boy's school," adds: "Miss Willford, Miss Huey and I have no home; just living in some small Chinese rooms until our prayer is answered and we have a home."

What consecration! What patient enduring, what sacrifice! What faith in God and in us! Shall we disappoint by allowing ourselves to become benumbed by fear when these on the far-flung firing line are so heroic? Shall we be rendered so callous by our own anxieties that the vision of world-wide evangelization shall be obscured and its horizon which is bounded only by the need of the nations and the love of God in us be contracted to suit our petty ideas? God forbid. We will arise to Duty's call, and taking up the cross of self-sacrifice, if needs be, "press forward" as never before. Let us enter upon the "week of prayer and self-denial" in March with reverent and holy desire to "bring" more than "the tithes into His storehouses." May it be a season of "refreshing from the Lord" and may "His people be willing in the day of His power."

ALABAMA CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GIVE FOURTH SUNDAY TO STATE
MISSIONS.

If the pastors will make an earnest appeal on the fourth Sunday for state missions there is a chance for the board to meet its obligations. Will you help?



DON'T FORGET THAT BROTHER CRUMPTON SAYS:

"The Alabama Baptist is the right arm of Baptist Power in Alabama."

This From a Colored Brother.
I have read your paper for six months. I feel it has made me stronger and a better Christian. Please send me the paper six months more. I will send you your money the 20th of March.—Freeman Edison (Col.)

Will Pay When He Sells Cotton.
A preacher writes: "Dear Editor: I have not forgotten you. I will send in my back dues as soon as I sell cotton. Please continue my paper. I thank you for your kindness. I feel that I could not do without your paper. Yours truly,"

Sweet With the Perfumes of Violets.
The following from an elect lady came fragrant with the odor of fresh violets, carrying me back to my happy boyhood days in dear old Eufaula:
"Dear Frank: Please find a check for two dollars to renew my subscription to the Alabama Baptist.—Mary B. Thornton."

From Millennial Cottage.
Inclosed find postoffice order for \$2. Please place same to my credit and forgive tardiness.
Christians must love and forgive, forgive!
Loving Father sees, hears, forgives; thus we live! we live!
Lovingly your brother in the loving Christ, Thomas Eldridge Williams.

Helps in the Dark Days.
Please find inclosed \$1 for six months. Part of our mill work has shut down at Tallassee. I must leave for the country a while. But can't afford to be without my paper. Can't see how any one can live without some kind of religious literature. It always helps me over the dark days and hard times.—Miss Jimmie Adams.

A BANKER ADVANCES US CASH.
D. C. Cooper, that most excellent layman and banker of Oxford, knows how to sympathize with a poor editor in these panicky days and encloses a check for \$5.00 to move his figures to January, 1911. We hope this will meet the eye of some other banker who will be moved to make us a small cash advance.

Responded Graciously to the Appeal.
For some time I have thought of sending some money, but carelessly have failed to do so. Yesterday I received your urgent appeal, so I will at once send \$2 and you can run my figures up to their proper place. I enjoy reading your good paper and can not do without it. It is growing better all the time. Some copies are worth half of the subscription to me. May you live long and a happy and prosperous life and may your dear children fill your place when you have gone to rest.—S. F. Holloway.

Drops Work to Read Paper.
I wish I could tell you how I enjoy my Baptist. Often when it comes I feel that I am too busy to read at once, but just that often comes to me the words of our Master, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and down goes the work till my Baptist is pretty well read. I am sure the denomination is abundantly blessed in having you at so important a post, and I pray that you and yours in turn receive His richest blessings.—Annie Hendrick Ashcraft.

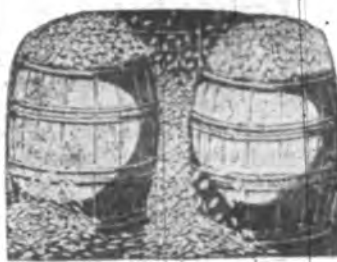
SOMEBODY TRIED TO COPPER US

But we are growing wise having learned not to

Despise the day of Small Things



IN REPLY TO OUR PRESSING CALLS FOR MONEY SOME ONE, NO DOUBT TO PLAY A PRACTICAL JOKE, SENT US TWO COPPERS THROUGH THE MAIL WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTE: "EDITOR BARNETT—HERE IS TWO CENTS TO APPLY ON MY ACCOUNT. (Signed) "MONEY PANIC." AT FIRST WE WERE THE LEAST BIT CHAGRINED, BUT THE MORE WE THOUGHT THE MATTER OVER THE MORE COMFORT WE GOT OUT OF THE PENNIES. FOR WE BEGAN TO DO A LITTLE FIGURING AND FOUND OUT THAT IF ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS PAID JUST 2 CENTS PER WEEK IT WOULD FURNISH NOT ONLY ABOUT \$200 PER WEEK REVENUE BUT SHOW EACH SUBSCRIBER JUST WHAT A SMALL AMOUNT IT TOOK TO PAY FOR HIS RELIGIOUS PAPER. WE NOW LOOK ON THESE COINS AS OUR "LUCKY PENNIES," AND IF ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN THE PAPER IN THE PAST SIX YEARS HAD SENT IN TWO COPPERS WEEKLY WE WOULD HAVE BARRELS OF PENNIES.



Sends It To Methodist Aunt.

I am sending you a check for one dollar to pay for the subscription of an old maid aunt of mine who is a Methodist. She is very much pleased with the paper. So please, as usual, keep the paper going to her. I need this money very much, as I am here in school, but as auntie gets so much comfort out of reading the paper will pay up again for her.—A. F. Loftin.

REFUSES TO STAY ON FREE LIST.

W. A. Davis, of Anniston, is a man of some striking virtues and does things in his own way. Having known him back in the old Eufaula days, he having been the first young man to make a public address on a Christian theme that we ever heard, and from the fact that he was the secretary of the state convention and serving without pay, we put him on our complimentary list (a small one) over his very vigorous protest by simply refusing to accept his money. Well, a few weeks ago he came in the office and against our wish left \$2.00, saying he wasn't going to read the paper free any longer. We know full well he will be displeased when he sees this, but we think he ought to be exploited

Home Not Complete Without It.
Inclosed find money order for \$5.00. Please place this to my credit on your books and continue to send me the Alabama Baptist, as we have been taking it so long that our home would not seem complete without it.—Mrs. M. J. Jackson.

The Paper Was Not Stopped.
One year ago my mother had the Alabama Baptist sent me, and I have never paid for it. My husband is a poor farmer and a cripple, and it is all we can do to keep out of debt. I have managed to get two dollars to send you. This is the best I can do, so you will have to stop the paper.

WILL HELP TO PUT IT IN EVERY HOME.

Brother Barnett, you are giving us a good paper. I would to God it was in the home of every Baptist in Alabama. I join you in my weak efforts to still increase the circulation of your paper. May the blessings of God rest and remain with you in the work for the furtherance of the gospel. J. M. Allman.

What Do You Think of This?

I sent you \$1.50 in December. You wrote me that that paid me up to July 1909. You make a mistake when you move my figures up. You moved them up to January, 1909, instead of July, 1909. I know this is an oversight. Am not kicking, for I am not a kicker. God bless you in your work. The paper gets better.—G. B. Boman.

"The Label Agin Him."

Here is two dollars. Like the rest of mankind, "I am busted," but seems to me we ought to "whack up" with the newspaper man. My opinion is that I am really paid up to the middle of this year, but the label is agin me, and I am willing to settle by that. Nearly every mail I get I receive pitiful appeals for money—from all the boards, colleges and everything else. The time has come for prayer and sacrifice. Out of all this good will come.—L. O. Dawson.

THIS IS HARD TO BEAT.

Please accept my thanks for your reminder. I am glad you called my attention to the expiration of my subscription to The Alabama Baptist. I take pleasure in sending you the required amount to continue my subscription until January, 1909. I dearly love the paper and its editor and all its readers, but more especially the cause it stands for, that of our Lord Jesus Christ. I offered at the Big Bear Creek Association to refund any man's money in twelve months; if he would subscribe for The Baptist and read it and be dissatisfied at the end; William Lindley.

She Couldn't Pay, But Will Get Paper.

May the good Lord be with you in your noble work and kind deeds. I feel very sorry to answer and not send you any money, but I haven't got any to send, for it is all we can do to live, and I won't be mad if you stop the paper, for you have borne with me and I have surely enjoyed your good paper and thank you forever, and you can stop the paper and I will not think hard of you, for I can not pay for the paper. My husband is so old he can't do much work. My kindest wishes to you and many blessings in your good work. As ever your sister in Christ,

For some unknown reason our mailing list had "Rev." before the name of Bro. Roberts and he was billed out at preachers' rate. Read what he says. It is enough to make us forget for the time a lot of the fellows who have "sponged" on us for the paper:

Dear Bro. Barnett: Your card came to me today and will herewith inclose you check for \$4.00, regular price. I am not a reverend, as your valued paper claims, so I won't take advantage of you in that way, but will pay you the regular price. My paper run out in June, 1907, so this \$4 will run me until June, 1909. I don't know how you all got me down as Rev. O. Roberts. My name is G. C. Roberts, and I am a real Baptist with the "Rev." left off.—G. C. Roberts, Opelika, Ala.

A Potent Factor for Prohibition.

Enclosed please find \$2, amount of my subscription to the Alabama Baptist, which we love dearly, because it has been such a potent factor in the prohibition wave, which has in a great measure rid our state of that "damnable" stuff (whiskey). Let your Herculean strength, spiritually and mentally, be felt on all moral questions, as it was on the subject of temperance, and the Baptist will be a great leader in moulding sentiment for good in Alabama. Wishing you a prosperous year, I am, fraternally yours, J. D. Owens, Sr., M. D.

MANY THINGS.

Robert Jones.

Two years ago I began a series of articles for publication in a secular weekly on "Many Things." In the initial article I emphasized the importance of "folks and things" and the necessity of contact with them. I also claimed that as a writer the supreme advantage was mine—I could not digress from my subject, "Many Things," in answer to said articles I received a number of grateful letters in evidence of good accomplished thereby, hence my consent to write about Many Things in the Kingdom of Prince Immanuel.

We make much of thought, and well we do. Think is derived from thing. This is true in all languages. Nearly all we have to think about and write about is things. Men, most of them, are things. Some of them are very common things. But it is knowledge of men and things and contact with them that counts. Shakespeare saw "tongues in leaves, books in babbling brooks, sermons in rocks and good in all things." Shakespeare was a genius. John the Baptist had a knowledge of nature. He was purified by communion with nature. He drew his illustrations from nature. He knew men, real men. He lifted up his voice in the wilderness and they came. His was a voice that shook the world. This is my introduction.

We are having some good strong articles in the Alabama Baptist now. Why do not more of the brethren write brief news notes? They are enjoyable. Oftentimes obituaries and other news notes are published without giving the location. This lessens their value. Do not lose Brother R. M. Hunter's article on "Wearing Mourning." It will bear reading more than once. Some time last year Brother Hunter wrote an article on "Cruel Treatment of Dumb Animals" that I want to see in tract form. Brother W. H. Connell, over at Stanton, is one of those brethren that speaks out his mind, and it's usually the truth. You may remember he is the preacher that sent our editor \$5 and had his figures run up to 1913. (Some of us wonder where he got so much.) Now and then a preacher sets an example in financial affairs that a few other preachers and droves and droves of laymen ought to follow.

On the first Sunday I preached for Pastor R. H. Hudson at Coosada. In spite of the biting cold, the attendance was pretty good and a nice collection for state missions. This is a small, weak flock, but the shepherd has a firm conviction that the wool belongs to the owner of the sheep, and he does not hesitate to shear them. That's a fine community, with room for several good Baptist families, who are needed and who would be appreciated. Bro. Hudson has two Sundays not filled. He is too good a man and preacher to be idle.

Second Sunday and Saturday before I was with Pastor T. J. Deason at Coopers, Chestnut Creek church, one of the oldest in the state. What a crowd met us Saturday morning! It looked like they were dead in earnest

Oh, how I do wish the Baptists of this state would rally to Howard. We are making a great mistake to neglect Howard.—A. A. Hutto.

In the notice I sent you of our meeting I failed to say what I fully intended saying about the very efficient services of Bro. C. W. Henson, who sang so sweetly.—H. T. Crumpton.

Dr. F. D. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church, Wilmington, has gone to Fort Myers, Fla., to spend several weeks in recuperation from his recent illness. We hope the soft breezes will soon restore him to health.

I have been called to and have accepted the Abbeville, Ala., Baptist church. They gave me a most hearty, unanimous and enthusiastic call. I will take charge the first Sunday in April. Whenever you need my services call on me. I regret to leave Georgia, but feel the Lord has need of me at Abbeville. May God bless you.—E. S. Atkinson.

We welcome to Alabama Rev. E. S. Atkinson, late of McDonough, Ga. He comes to Abbeville for full time April 1. Brother Atkinson is a native Alabamian, though his pastoral labors have been mostly in Georgia. Now, if Brewton, Laverne, Scottsboro, Wylam and a few others can get good men Alabama will be pretty well supplied again.

and hungry for preaching. Fine service Saturday night also. Before ten Sunday morning, notwithstanding the rain, the crowds were gathering and ready for business. Two sweet services. They promised to reorganize their Sunday school next Sunday and to help in the centennial movement—100,000 in Sunday schools and \$100,000 for missions. Good! They are more able than they know. Deason is every inch a man and one of the best preachers in that country. He preaches to four churches with an aggregate membership of near 600, and they pay him about \$200. "Ain't it a shame!" But they are improving. They will send their pastor to the Hot Springs convention; then they will do still better.

As I find time and opportunity I am holding "consecration services" in the churches here and there, from one to three days. There seems to be a long felt need for such services. I hope also to organize and in some cases conduct mission study classes. These are much needed and can be as successfully done in the country as in the town churches.

Oh, if our people could awake to a realization of the fact that God is withholding great blessings from churches simply because of their failure to discharge plain duty. Hear ye the battle cry: "100,000 in our Sunday schools! \$100,000 for our Master to use as He pleases!"

PERSONAL & OTHER NOTES

I have accepted a call to Spring Garden. Find our people there to be true to the cause we represent. God bless you and the Alabama Baptist.—G. W. Palmer, Leesburg, Ala.

We extend sympathy to Dr. J. B. Gambrell, secretary of the state mission board of Texas, and to his dear wife upon the death last week of their son, Eric Gambrell, at Fort Worth.

Please announce in the Baptist that we begin a meeting March 1, Sunday. Bro. W. J. Ray is to do the evangelistic work and I the pastoral work. I hope by this time he has secured a good singer. I ask the prayers of men of faith only.—R. M. Hunter.

Recently Prof. C. J. Usery, principal of Fayette high school, read a splendid paper before the faculty on the "Personality of the Teacher." Prof. Usery is not only a capable teacher, but is an earnest church worker. Press of space prevents us from giving the paper to our readers.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, former editor of the Recorder and one of the brightest, brainiest men in all the land, has completed his law course at Wake Forest, stood with honor his examination before the supreme court and opened an office with his brother-in-law, Mr. W. N. Jones, a very successful Raleigh attorney.—Biblical Recorder.

We predict a brilliant future for this consecrated young Baptist layman.

Brother Crumpton says that he needs \$6,000 for State Missions this month in order to meet necessary expenses. Some of us may have already sighed on account of that statement. Well, it does seem a little large to some, but we have 157,400 Baptists in the state. So \$6,000 is hardly 4 cents per member. My, we ought to raise at least six times the amount needed. Now let every pastor insist on the poorest of his members giving of their tithes and their wealthy members giving of their abundance.—J. N. Vandiver.

How I delight in the weekly visits of the Alabama Baptist. I love the paper better it seems since I have strayed of foot here. I like Texas fine and Texas Baptists better. They are doing large things. While attending the state convention I couldn't help feeling that it was the Southern Baptist convention and not a state convention. I have preached some since being out here. While visiting my kin people in Vanzant county I preached six times. Since that time I have visited two other places, Chilton and Holland. Also supplied one service at night for Dr. A. B. Ingram, Columbus street church, in this city. I thought I knew something about mud till I came out here and struck the black land. What a great country this is for farmers and Baptists.—A. F. Loftin, Waco, Tex.

Now, some people will snarl their noses and frown their faces and scratch their heads because it requires some of our money to carry on the Lord's work that He has assigned to us to do, but if the same people will just think for one moment, it is the Lord's money that He has entrusted us with. It is not ours. So we come to the conclusion that we ourselves are not our own, but we are bought with a price; therefore, we should glorify God. Now, some one says that these are hard times, and money is awful scarce. Well, if it is, it is the best time to do the Lord's work with the greatest results.

Why do I say that? Because in times of plenty people are inclined to get farther from God, but in times of oppression they will draw nearer. For that reason at this time we should urge the people to give liberally to missions, and not feel that they will lose by it. They will not lose anything, for the Lord is not going to forsake His people, for He has said He would not. So we should not be discouraged. Brother, don't study the bad side all the time. Take the Alabama Baptist and do all you can for missions. WM. LINDLEY.

THE TIME IS SHORT.

The time is getting short and the brotherhood ought to know the condition of our home mission board in order to save the denomination a humiliating failure. There remains at this writing but two and a half months of the time in which to take home mission collections and get them reported at the coming convention. Nine and a half months of the year have already passed, and of the \$500,000 Southern Baptists set out to raise for home missions we have received \$88,331.34. Early in the year the board made large appropriations, basing its action upon the instructions given by the convention at Richmond. These appropriations are falling due every day and brethren and churches to whom help has been promised are insistent that the board shall meet its obligations. They can not be blamed for this. In many cases churches themselves have assumed large obligations and entered into contracts in order to meet the conditions on which the board made appropriations for church building. These churches find themselves greatly embarrassed and some of them threatened with litigation, but the home board positively can not give them relief until the denomination responds with general and liberal contributions for the cause. The board is already more heavily in debt than ever before in its history and has gone to the limit in borrowing. Nothing short of a great rally of our Baptist forces from one end of the south to the other will save us from defeat and the crippling of our work seriously and the cost of strategic positions in mission territory. I am giving these facts and beg the brethren of Alabama if they will not, one and all, rally to our assistance immediately and with liberality. In every other respect the work is in excellent condition and God is bestowing his blessings upon the work and the workers. Will you give us relief, brethren? B. D. GRAY.

Can you use Food When You get it?

Thousands of Stomachs Starving Where Mouths Are Well Fed. Costs Nothing to Relieve This Condition.

Eating is fast becoming too much a part of the daily routine, if not a mere tickling of the appetite—a thing to be gotten out of the way as quickly as possible. Little thought is given to "what kind of food," its effects upon the system, and whether it will be of use in building up the tissues of the body.

Your stomach will revolt, if it is not already doing so. It must shut up for repairs. What of the dizziness, and sometimes pain, which stop you after a hurried lunch? What of the general distress after a heavy dinner, a feeling of pressure against the heart which calls a halt and makes the breathing difficult? Is it common for you to be oppressed with belching and sour eructations? Are you constipated and then do you laughingly toss a dime to the druggist for his most palatable relief? Beware of temporary cures that are but palliatives. Many antidotes for the common ills which our flesh is heir to seem at first to relieve, but in reality, if not injecting poison into the system, lay the foundation for a deeper-seated and more far-reaching disorder.

Three-fourths of all diseases originate with a breaking-down of the digestion and nine-tenths of all digestive troubles originate with one or more of the symptoms named above.

Beware, then, of indigestion and dyspepsia. If you find yourself aching, listless, lacking in ambition when you should be on the alert, do not doctor the stomach.

It needs a rest from food and drugs. Do not flush out the bowels. It takes more than forcing food through the passageway to make blood and tissue and nerve.

Do not starve your stomach. Food is a thing to be worked for all there is in it and your stomach will do the work if you will help it in Nature's way.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain nothing but the natural elements which enter into the healthy stomach and intestines to perform the function of digestion. Governmental tests and the investigations and sworn oaths of expert chemists attest this fact. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets go to the source of the trouble and positively restore the glands and fluids of the mucous membrane to their proper condition. They promptly relieve the distress of all troubles originating in the stomach or bowels (with the one exception of cancer.)

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are recommended by physicians and all reliable pharmacists. If you are a sufferer from indigestion or dyspepsia, try a fifty cent package today. At all druggists, or if you prefer send us your name and address and we will gladly send you a trial package by mail free. F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

Notes from Brother Crumpton

The Prettiest Church in Alabama.
Where is it? I really could not say without going around the State every few months; but the Evergreen people are dangerously near to having the church. I was with them at the opening. It is a gem. A. G. Moseley, their former pastor, planned wisely and well, and the finished structure stands as a monument to his far-sighted wisdom and energy. Pastor Hall and his people are well housed and are happy. It would be well for those who contemplate building to see the church at Evergreen. The cost will probably be something beyond \$20,000.

Why Not All Observe the Schedule?
Of course, with Baptists, every church is free; nobody has a right to dictate, but everybody among us is free to make suggestions. The convention suggested a schedule of collections for all the churches. Probably four or five hundred churches observe it. Why not all? I am getting money in February, the month for State Missions, for almost every object on the calendar. There are reasons for the times selected. March and April are given to Home and Foreign Missions, because the books of these boards close April 30. June is given for State Missions, because the convention fiscal year closes with that month. December for the Foreign Board, because the Woman's Christmas offering comes in that month. November is given the Orphanage, because Thanksgiving Day is in that month. January for ministerial education, because it is near the beginning of the second term in college, when the board will be most in need. September for denominational education, because the college is just opening.

It seems to me it would be so much better for all to work for the same thing at the same time. Numbers of churches have times set for other objects, slightly different from this, who could, without inconvenience, conform to the schedule. Won't the brethren consider it?

But for the Bad Sundays
I would be real happy over the prospects. I am getting some money and any number of encouraging letters.

Some brethren write such blue letters I can't pick out a single line to print. For instance, in the midst of the bluest sort of a letter a sentence begins: "I am going to do my very best." With red pencil in hand, I mark the beginning of the sentence as a choice morsel to publish to provoke others to good work, but the sentence closes, "but I see nothing encouraging ahead." Sad it is, when I can't find an encouraging sentence in a whole letter. The brethren need to study anew the story in the sixth chapter of Second Kings.

I Am Paying the Missionaries.
I am borrowing the money. It must be done. Some of them are really suf-

fering. One lost his horse. I am paying him something in advance. Another brother had made a note in the bank in an effort to finish the church building. The panic came on and he could collect nothing. Of course I must relieve him. I am sure, from the way some write, they are not opening their hearts to me, because they do not wish to add to my burdens. Oh, that the Lord would give us some pretty Sundays, so the people could get to the place of worship and make their usual offerings! I am counting on the pastors for great things the last two weeks of February. Not a large church heard from yet.

It seems to me this winter weather ought to show all the brethren the value of

The Envelope System.

"On the first day of the week," whether the giver goes to church or not, there is the envelope before his eyes. When he does go, he will take with him one for each Sunday. Some of the churches think they have the envelope system when they have not. They have the envelopes, but not the system.

"Sendin' round the envelopes" on Sunday morning is not a whit better than "sendin' round the hat." A committee should see that the envelopes, with "the name written there," is in the hand of every member on Saturday before the collection. Some of the churches are adopting the calendar and envelope system. That is good, and will finally prevail over all the others. But for the present the committee plan is what most of our churches need. The dear pastors are so afraid of a little trouble! The far-seeing eye and the energy to execute would work the system beautifully, and such a change as would come!

Why is This Thus?

Often, as I am addressing circular letters to church clerks, this reflection comes into my mind: "Here is a church that was helped by the board for three years. During that time it took monthly collections for missions and other benevolences, as required by the rules of the Board, but now I never hear from them." Maybe another king has come to the throne "who knew not Joseph." Alas, that we so soon forget!

Then, again, as I am directing letters to pastors, I reach a name and think: "When this brother was a missionary of the Board he took collections regularly and often wrote as if he believed in missions down to the soles of his shoes. He is no longer a missionary, but a pastor of a good church, but I seldom hear from him or his church." Maybe it is mean to think these thoughts, and meaner to write them, but possibly it will do somebody good. I call no names. Besides, some of the brethren, I doubt not, have good reasons, and I will hear from them yet.

How to Stop Pimples

In Five Days You Can Get Rid of All Skin Eruptions by the New Calcium Sulphide Wafers.

Trial Package To Prove It Sent Free.

Any man or woman gets awfully tired going around with a pimply face day after day. And other people get awfully tired, too, seeing them go around with faces full of disgusting pimples.

If you are one of the unfortunates who can't get away from your pimples, and you have tried almost everything under heaven to get rid of them, take a few of Stuart's Calcium Wafers every day. Do that steadily for a few days, and in less than a week look at yourself in the mirror.

You will then say that Stuart's Calcium Wafers are a wonder in getting rid of skin eruptions.

These wonderful little workers contain the most effective blood purifier ever discovered, calcium sulphide.

No matter what your trouble is, whether pimples, blotches, blackheads, rash, tetter, eczema, or scabby crusts, you can solemnly depend upon Stuart's Calcium Wafers as never-failing.

Stuart's Calcium Wafers have cured boils in three days and the worst cases of skin diseases in a week. Every particle of impurity is driven out of your system completely, never to return, and it is done without deranging your system in the slightest.

Most treatments for the blood and for skin eruptions are miserably slow in their results, and besides, many of them are poisonous. Stuart's Calcium Wafers contain no poison or drug of any kind; they are absolutely harmless, and yet do work which can not fail to surprise you.

Don't go around with a humiliated, disgusting mass of pimples and blackheads on your face. A face covered over with these disgusting things makes people turn away from you, and breeds failure in your life work. Stop it. Read what an Iowa man said when he woke up one morning and found he had a new face:

"By George, I never saw anything like it. There I've been for three years trying to get rid of pimples and blackheads, and guess I used everything under the sun. I used your Calcium Wafers for just seven days. This morning every blessed pimple is gone and I can't find a blackhead. I could write you a volume of thanks. I am so grateful to you."

Just send us your name and address in full, today, and we will send you a trial package of Stuart's Calcium Wafers, free to test. After you have tried the sample and been convinced that all we say is true, you will go to your nearest druggist and get a 50c box and be cured of your facial trouble. They are in tablet form, and no trouble whatever to take. You go about your work as usual, and there you are—cured and happy.

Send us your name and address today and we will at once send you by mail a sample package free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 175 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

Give Something to State Missions and Help Pay our Faithful Missionaries.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS,
Field Editor.

INCREASE OF PROFANITY.

It is time for us to stop and consider the growing evil of profanity when two secular papers feel called upon to call attention to it.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says: "Unless something is done to check the evil, Americans must soon become known as the most foul-mouthed persons on earth."

Also from the Ohio State Journal, as follows: "It is a very mean thing to swear—it is unkind, it is offensive, it is wicked, it is against all the rules of an intelligent and polite society. But there is an interesting study in it. The more vicious a man is the meaner he swears, and the higher he seeks the subject of his imprecation. In his very passion he recognizes the existence of a Supreme Being, for, if he didn't, his devilish intent wouldn't be aroused that way. Let him swear by the heathen gods or some imaginary trumpery, and his curses don't satisfy his bitterness. In this thing of profanity the devil undermines his atheistical propaganda. He gives his whole case away. Every oath that he inspires shows that he is keeping up his old fight against God Almighty. He finds it a cheap way to fight, and so he does plenty of it. It is a wonder people don't see through him."

There is a no more senseless and common sin than profanity. The Bible says: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

GOD CHOOSES THE HUMBLE.

It is a very significant fact that in all ages of the world God has chosen very humble-minded men for conspicuous offices in His kingdom. He passed by those who were eager for places of power and prominence, and chose such ones as felt their insufficiency for the offices to which they were being called. Many who were regarded by their acquaintances as being too unwise and too weak to fill certain stations were just the ones that God called to the work, and then gave them the necessary wisdom and strength to do their duties well-pleasing to Him. In the long line of Old Testament prophets there were many who would never have had a place in Bible story if God had not called them out of their obscurity and their humble abodes and commanded them to serve Him in that office. In some instances God had to use great urgency of speech to persuade the men to enter upon a public ministry. In no instance was a self-exalted man called by God to any prominent office or work. It was the truly humble man that God exalted. It has ever been so. In our day it is the man or woman who feels that he or she has no might, and who is conscious of being too ignorant to lead others, that God chooses for specific services, rather than the one who is lofty in his conceit, and is clamoring for some high position in the church, or even in social spheres. It is the humble ones that God can most efficiently use. It is they that He can entrust His power to; and it is such ones that are far more likely to trust in God for wisdom and guidance than are those who have an exalted opinion of their own ability. It was when Paul felt that he was the least of all Christians that he most trusted in God and was most trusted by God. It was then that he received the greatest measure of the strength of Christ. It is evident that he never would have received the amount of divine power that filled him if he had not been especially humbled by that thorn in his flesh. To all of our readers who feel discouraged because of some weakness, we hold out the hope that God will use them in that condition to the honor of His power and to the glory of His name.

Will not those of our friends who are still in arrears for their current subscription to The Alabama Baptist kindly remit the amount due as soon as they read this request? In this time of financial stringency we shall greatly appreciate a prompt response.



So many owe us that at times we urge those who are able to pay ahead, and generally make it to their interest to do so. The following from a brother who received one of our cards headed, "This is not a dun, but an opportunity," shows that it makes no difference how diplomatically a man tries to rush collections, he will step on somebody's toes:

"I have usually paid you six months in advance until this time. If you cannot carry me six months, I don't care to carry you twelve."

We are not only willing to carry our subscribers who are unable to pay six months, but to the full limit of the postal regulations, which is 12 months; but when it is not a hardship for those who are able to pay ahead to do so, we gladly urge them to do so. The card sent to the good brother had this on it: "If you don't want to pay ahead, JUST TEAR UP THIS CARD, or save it to use at some future time."

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT

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

BETTER CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA.

The following cablegram to a New York daily evidences the fact that not all of the Englishmen who visit our country return home having found nothing in America to commend, for it says:

"The Bishop of London pointed his sermon at the Church of the Holy Trinity with what he saw in America. He has just come home.

"There is far greater generosity, love and trust between different bodies of Christians and between schools of thought in the same church in America than here in England," said Dr. Ingram. "It was like going into another atmosphere to pass from the wrangles of Great Britain into an atmosphere where they are unknown.

"I found that the bitterness which disgraces our church at home is unknown in the United States, although there are conscientious differences there.

"It was a great lesson to be present at the general convention of the churches in the United States; highly instructive to see a millionaire from Wall street sitting side by side with a workingman, both representing New York. It was true democracy.

"There are no parlor cars in the American church. "And then, what services we had out there! Why, I heard the rafters shake with praise!"

THE CIRCLE PLAN.

Dozens of magazines come to our desk, and month by month we scan the advance editorial sheets, always eagerly interested in anything which outlines the policies of the publishers. The following announcement greatly pleased us, and we trust that the editor may realize his high ambitions, for in these days of muck-raking and sensationalism it is a relief to turn to the saner things which go to make up the daily life of the great body of our American people:

"To show that beauty and honor and kindness and joy have not vanished from off the face of the earth, nor out of the hearts of men; to recognize and exploit the good in social, business and public life; to find in individuals and in families the secrets of the life worth living, and then to tell these secrets to other individuals and families; to search out and tell in simple, direct language the romance of self-sacrifice, of noble endeavor, of high achievement, of devotion to others, not forgetting the humble and obscure while admiring the brilliant and famous to spread the contagion of good until men and women and little children in every great city and every remote hamlet shall be caught in the epidemic; to come close to the hearts of these men and women and little children, and draw them, if we may, close to us in mutual sympathy and helpfulness; to encourage and join in their work and their play; to provide stories and music and pictures and fun; to arouse enthusiasm; to awaken ambition; to guide this enthusiasm and this ambition into practical, worthy, successful effort; to be a magazine that loves and is proud of the people both in city and in country, in mansion and in cottage, in high position and at the work-bench, and that shall win the love and pride of these people in return—this is The Circle plan."

SAD IF TRUE.

It is estimated that fully sixty thousand poor boys and girls in New York go to school without any breakfast, for the reason that their parents are too poor to provide any for them. Miss Julia Richman, a district superintendent of the New York schools, has met with great and deserved success in providing penny lunches of crackers and milk for these breakfastless boys and girls. We knew that in Berlin the statistics regarding the poverty of the school children were most alarming, but we never knew that there was such destitution in one of our rich American cities.

TO BE COUNTY HISTORIAN

We send to The Alabama Baptist this week the names of the brethren who have been selected to take charge of our historical work in the counties. Each of these brethren is expected to select some one in each of the churches in his county to prepare the church history to be read before the church at some appointed time during the year, a copy to be entered on the church records and a copy to be forwarded to the committee in Montgomery. Blanks will be furnished for the purpose by the committee within the next ten days. CHAS. A. STAKELY, Chairman.

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- Wilcox—Rev. D. W. Ramsey.
- Washington—C. J. Coates.
- Shelby—Rev. C. W. O'Hara.
- St. Clair—Rev. N. A. Hood.

THE TIMELY CALL.

It is the intense desire of every one connected with the work of our State B. Y. P. U. that we shall be able to go to Troy without a cent of indebtedness of any kind. Our treasurer reports that we are still short in the pledge made to Howard College; this ought to be cleared up easily by our scores of local unions. A considerable sum is needed also to prepare properly for the Troy convention. Secretary Davidson is going to try to reach many unions that have never been represented in our conventions before. We want literally hundreds of our Baptist churches to feel the uplifting and educating influences that the convention speakers are bound to generate.

These are some of the things the State Union ought to accomplish, and the very things that we want so earnestly to do. To do it we need a liberal contribution from your church and B. Y. P. U.

Brother Davidson asked me to write this message to our young people and urge them to send him at a very early date a liberal sum for this state work. Appropriate a sum from your treasury and call it for State B. Y. P. U. missions. Why not appoint a Sunday several weeks ahead? Have the program bearing on the relation your local union should assume toward the State Union; then take a special collection for the work.

Whether you have ever sent him anything or not, no matter for what purpose it might have been, the State Union needs your financial assistance during the next two months. Will you give it? Fraternally yours,

C. E. CROSSLAND.

A NEW COLLECTION IDEA.

I have not written to you for some time. I received the stick pin all right—guess you aim for me to "stick" some fellow that is behind on his subscription. I received the hooks and eyes, and went to work to hook on all I could to The Alabama Baptist. Now you send me a nice scarf-pin, indicating doubtless, as you wanted me to hook them first, now you want me to stick to them and get them to renew for another year and pay up. Is that it? If so, I am at your service; and if you will send me a list of subscribers in and around Oneonta I will proceed to find out how they stand on the subject. I guess you spoiled some of your subscribers last year in making the \$1 proposition. They will want the paper the same way this year. I know quite a number of good loyal Baptists who find it an easy matter to pay four and five dollars a year for the Ledger, News and A-e-Herald that kick mightily when they run up against the proposition of paying \$1.50 or \$2 a year for their church paper. They devour their dainties and turn their church paper over to their wives. That is one reason that some of our good Baptist women are so much better posted on church work, missions, etc., than some of our male members. The men study politics and current news contained in the daily papers, and the women study religion and

church papers. I have always patronized my church paper. Of course I have taken other papers also, but I always made it a point to take my church paper, whether I took any other or not, and it does look to me that Christian men, and especially Baptists, would be so honest and so deeply interested in their church and church work and in all the enterprises of the church that it would never be necessary for the editor of a church paper to have to dun and plead with and beg his subscribers to pay their honest debts. The subscription price of the paper represents the labor and best efforts of the editor, and it does look like that a professor of religion—a Christian and a Baptist—would not want to hold back from the editor of his paper that which justly belongs to him. I read your appeal for help in the January 29th number of The Baptist, where you proposed to take so many kinds of money, checks, orders, etc., and thought surely there is not a Baptist in Alabama but what could meet his obligations to the editor in one of these ways.

But it is about as I said, Brother Barnett, lots of the men who are in arrears do not read their papers, and perhaps it would be a good idea to appeal to the good sisters to call the attention of their husbands to the matter of their indebtedness on subscription, and possibly in this way something might be done.

Oneonta Baptist church is moving on all right. Brother Head preaches for us on the third Sundays and Saturday night before. He preached three very interesting sermons at his last appointment, had good congregations, and received two new members by letter. We feel that we have a good, earnest, loyal, consecrated pastor—one who declares the truth as he sees it—and we hope that his labors among us will result in much good.

May God bless you in your efforts to make The Alabama Baptist a model paper. You have made wonderful improvements in it, and I think we all should be proud of it.

Your brother,
J. S. DELACHE.

DON'T LET'S GO BACKWARD.

notice a good deal of complaint that missions are falling short. Brethren, I regret to learn this. Is it possible that we will slight God's cause first of all? It seems so sometimes. The little panic that is on us should not affect our mission work. We should not let little things deter us from our duty. If we just give a little along now and then as we have plenty to spare, we need not expect much of a blessing; but if we would receive a blessing indeed we ought to give freely and cheerfully, always being ready to make a sacrifice if necessary. By all means let's study our obligations to God, and not neglect our missions. If we fall in our missions the missionaries and the mission cause will sorely suffer. Let's never go backward, but always be progressive. Let's do our duty and urge others to do theirs.

May God help us all to do whatever He has required of us. Yours with love,
J. J. YARBROUGH.

ANOTHER VALUABLE HELP.

From the Sunday School Board at Nashville can be purchased (prices given below) small vest pocket copies of the Gospel of John with Lesson Helps. This little book is only 2 1-2 inches by 4 1-2 inches, and is neatly bound in durable linen. It contains the Love Gospel in the authorized version and the Emphasized Edition—that is, the principal verses and the principal sayings of Christ are printed in heavy black-faced type, so that they are at once noticeable.

Additional Helps.

The booklet also contains a full list of the Sunday school lessons for the first six months of this year, with lesson subject, motto text Scripture reference, etc.; hints on how to study a Sunday school lesson; a good map of Palestine to accompany the Book of John; a dictionary of the proper names and uncommon nouns found in the Gospel; the names of the books of the Bible; the Disciples prayer; the Ten Commandments; the Beatitudes; the names of the Twelve Apostles; a table of weights and measures; a list of the Parables and references; the Twenty-third Psalm; a list of "precious verses" for memorizing.

You can see at once how valuable a book to put in the hand of almost any pupil in the school.

Some Suggestions.

By this little book you can easily secure home study, especially when used in connection with the plan in my last article. Everybody will promise to read this whole book through once a month between now and July, and most of them will carry out that promise because the book is small and inviting to the eye.

It can easily be carried in the pocket and read on the cars while waiting and at all spare moments.

The teacher will do well to make every pupil a present of this booklet; it will be highly appreciated by all classes.

The superintendent will do well to order a large supply for the school, to be paid for by the school treasurer or by voluntary payments.

Pastors will do well to turn their prayer meetings into teachers' meetings. Brother Crouch, of Woodlawn, promised to give all his members one of these books who would promise to study it with them in the prayer meeting; he is going to take it up according to the outline plan and take the Sunday school lesson just in advance. By taking a chapter a week it will supply him with a definite course of study for his congregation until July. Why not do that, pastor? Wouldn't you like to increase your prayer meeting attendance from 30 to 80, as Brother Crouch has already done?

How to Get Them.

These books can be ordered from the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.; they will ship them promptly, as they never let the sun go down on an order unfilled or unanswered. The price is as follows:—

- Single copy, 4 cents; postage, 1 cent.
 - Dozen copies, 45 cents; postage, 8 cents.
 - Hundred copies, \$3.50; postage, 55 cents.
- C. E. CROSSLAND.

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WANTED—50,000 telegraphers on account of the new 5-hour law. Draughton's Colleges, 30 in 1 states, give written contracts to secure position or refund money. Address: Jas. F. Draughton, Washington, Nashville, Atlanta, Raleigh, St. Louis, Dallas, Little Rock, or San Antonio.

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The Victor Sanitarium—For the safe, speedy and scientific treatment of Alcohol and Opium addiction. Address, 221 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga.

OPPORTUNITIES AND INVESTMENTS.

Wanted—Young men and women to prepare for positions paying \$50 to \$150 monthly. B. R. fare paid. Positions guaranteed. Wheeler Bus College, Birmingham, Ala.

\$20,000.00 Sash Factory and Planing Mill for sale cheap. In a part of timber district; transportation facilities the best. Lack of money causes sale. Fisher Real Estate Agency, Pensacola, Fla.

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A HOME ORCHARD FOR \$3.00. For only \$3.00 we will send by express, 50 choice, named Fruit Trees, Vines and Shrubs, including 4 apples, 4 peaches, 2 pears, 2 plums and 2 cherries, all fine 3 and 5-year trees; 10 grapes, 10 raspberries, 10 blackberries, and 6 roses and ornamental shrubs. This is a healthy, healthy mountain-grown stock; warranted true to name and sure to grow. Write to-day for details to Chattanooga Nurseries, R. G. Dun & Co., or an Chattanooga bank. Write TO-DAY for details to Chattanooga Nurseries, 21 Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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In Every Town in the U. S. Samples free to reliable persons to take orders for McKibbin's "Money Back" Hosiery, Underwear, etc.; direct factories to wearers; no experience required. McKibbin Hosiery Co., Box 283, Royersford, Pa.

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Six beautiful cards, all different, if you send 10c for 3 mos. trial subscription to our story paper, 3 sets 25c. Post Card Co., Dept. 64, Topeka, Kans.

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THE BRETHERN WRITE TO W. B. C.

John P. Shaffer, Lineville: "I will work February close for State Missions. We aim to remember that this is our centennial, and give more than last year, slow as we have been up to date. I think that I can manage my folks. Don't give up. Work on, and it will all turn out better than it looks now. God bless you in your work, and He will."

Arnold S. Smith, Alexander City: "I believe my field will do as well or better in contributions for missions by April 30, in comparison with last year. Think we can pull up some for Centennial celebration by November next. We are to have a meeting at Eclectic the fifth Sunday in March, Friday and Saturday before. We will touch as many churches as possible."

I. A. White, Pratt City: "We must help you and support our general work."

F. W. Irvin, Sheffield: "I truly hope that the financial situation will clear up in the near future, and I believe it will. It is always darkest just before day, and my faith in the old proverb will not allow me to make an exception in this case. God is always on time. How often I have noticed that! It is His work, and He is going to see to it that it does not suffer. He has promised us that the gates of hell shall not prevail, and I take that to mean that He is going to care for our work here in Alabama and elsewhere. Have you a series of tracts along the line of giving that we could use—something terse and catchy? I believe that a series of these would work wonders in both church and benevolent finances. Our getting the people to do depends upon the 'line upon line' teaching. Short, interesting tracts will be read with delight if the pastor is skilled in managing things like that."

Spencer Tunnell, Florence: "My people seem to be truly interested in the mission work? No wagons being sold; not a yard of cotton cloth; fertilizer notes cannot be collected; banking business is very much hampered, and many of the other industries running at a loss. We mean, however, to do what we can for all the enterprises of the denomination. As soon as the severe weather is over some of us want to get out and see what we can do to stir up the churches. I assure you of my heartiest interest, and beg, if there is anything I can do to help along with the work, that you will command me."

John A. Darden, Goodwater: "On account of our new church building, we are not doing what we usually do, but this should be no excuse. I am expecting to give as much this year to missions as I did last year or more. Yes, we are dry. Our town is quiet, and some of our people have money who never did have any before for comforts and necessities for home. No blind tigers in this section as we have discovered. If they should try to make their lair here, we will give them a hot reception."

W. P. Cobfield, Wedowee: "You can count on me to do the very best that I can. I greatly sympathize with you in your arduous work. I know you are perplexed."

W. Z. Rodgers, Grove Hill: "I notice in your letter in The Alabama Baptist that our missionaries are suffering. Enclosed is a check for \$5. You can apply this to State Missions, which will help some."

J. G. Dickinson, Gadsden: "Will try at least to go beyond last year. May the good Lord help us to more earnest effort ere our difficulties become still greater. The old saying that all things come to him who waits is rather cold philosophy. I have changed it a little, and say, 'It will come quicker if we go after it.' I believe that if the missionaries would sowed their fields with tracts on stewardship and follow it up with a campaign looking to the betterment of church finances, it would mean much just now and more for years to come. It is my purpose to sow this field knee deep with stewardship and missionary literature."

J. W. O'Hara, Montgomery: "I think now, including all missions and mission contributions, our church will make 20 or 25 per cent. increase. I have not discovered any falling off on account of the panic. On the contrary, December and January show an increase over last year."

J. R. Stodghill, Albertville: "The general outlook here is favorable. Our pastors meet in conference on next Wednesday. I will read your letters to them. There is decided growth in the mission spirit among our preachers. I am sure you would enjoy meeting our conference and see the good fellowship among us. The fact is, it is a little institute in which we study together and feel edified as a result. I am trying to prevail on our preachers to hold a centennial meeting in every church in our Association. Our Sunday school is doing good work. The B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely. Our membership continues to increase, and the financial strength of our church is greatly enlarged. We have great reason to be grateful. The Lord is raising up lots of preachers in this Association; three have been ordained during the past six months; five others licensed to preach. This Sand Mountain is a great country, and the Baptists are swarming here. If you get your heart up close to them, you will have a mighty mission force to swell the tide of workers and givers in the near future."

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Now I am not saying that every boy who goes to Howard college will come out a Christian gentleman. But I do say that I do not remember seeing one who was not. And I am persuaded that the percentage of the opposite kind is very low. The moral and spiritual atmosphere of the college has always been very high. And the boy who can spend three or four years there and not be a better as well as a wiser boy, I very much doubt his ever being of much account in the world.

And when we add to the moral and religious blessings the splendid course of instructions in the development of the mind, I am persuaded that there is no better place for our Baptist boys to get their education than at Howard college. And since this is the property of the Baptists of Alabama; since every improvement made and every student secured for the institution adds to the wealth and strength of our denomination, I fail to see how any loyal Baptist of Alabama can afford to send his or her boy to any other college than Howard. In my opinion, there can be no reasonable excuse for any Baptist in the state to send his boy away from home to any other college than Howard.

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The W. M. U. Training School well deserves the support of our noble women. Our own Miss White has completely won the hearts of her teachers and fellow pupils.

Hudson, of Auburn, has been forced to give up his work for awhile on account of sickness. We all hope he may soon have his health fully restored.

Farrington, who had expected to graduate this year, recently had an operation performed which affected his eyes, forcing him to rest a few weeks. He is now at Brandenburg, Ky.

Page has accepted work for half-time in Indiana. He will continue his seminary course.

Arnold has recently received a very flattering call to Maysville, Ky. He has not yet decided whether he will accept. If he should he will not be required to move until the close of the seminary year. Somehow I think Arnold has a fondness for the old home State.

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We have just lost by death Hon. R. S. Shorter and some other beloved members. Brother Shorter was a good Christian and deacon, a gifted orator and one of the last to hand the noble name of Shorter down to those who come after him. He left an estate said to be worth \$350,000, but of course nobody knows about this. He left a devoted wife and three children. He was buried from his residence, one of the most costly and beautiful in the whole South.

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RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MRS. STRATTON.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His all-wise providence to remove from our midst the dear and loving wife of Mr. Stratton; and,

Whereas, The intimate relations long held by our deceased sister with the members of our church and society render it fitting that we should place on record our high appreciation of her services; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do deeply mourn the loss of our beloved leader who has been called to her reward.

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Stratton this society loses one who labored unceasingly for the good of this society, and for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth. She was ever ready to help the needy and distressed. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Resolved, That this society tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this their sad affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the minutes of both societies and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and also the Alabama Baptist.

MRS. MACK ROGERS,
MRS. S. M. DAY,
MRS. DILL,
MRS. J. T. DOSTER,
Committee.

IN MEMORY OF GILLESPIE WILKINSON.

Our hearts were made sad December 21, 1907, by the news that Gillespie Wilkinson had been accidentally killed while out hunting with some other boys.

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A BAPTIST MOTHER.

The person of this sketch, Mrs. Hester Ann Motley, was the daughter of Abraham Perkins and Mary (Smith) Perkins, and was born in Harris county, Georgia, on the 9th day of February, 1823. She joined the Beech Springs Baptist church in Harris county, Georgia, in the year 1841, was married to C. F. Motley on the 5th day of October, 1843; she removed with her husband to what is now Daviston, Tallapoosa, Ala., in the year 1847, where she resided until her death, being among the earliest settlers of that part of the State. In 1848 she joined Spring Hill (now Daviston) Baptist church, in which she remained until her death on the 20th day of January, 1908, lacking only a few days of being 85 years old. She was the mother of 11 children, nine of whom survive her; she left 52 grandchildren, 96 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She left 201 living lineal descendants.

Her pure life and Christian character is attested by nearly all her descendants who have arrived at maturity, being Christians, and most all of whom are Baptists. Her whole life was crowned by unselfishness, love and loyalty to her church and her God. She kindled a flame in the hearts of Baptists that will burn as long as time shall last, and that will shine on heathen shores and in eternity.

Again has the death angel invaded the ranks of the Second Baptist church of Selma, Ala., and taken from us our sister, Mrs. Winnie Mauldin, beloved wife of our senior deacon, J. A. Mauldin. Her bright smile and cheering words will be much missed by all of us who came in contact with her. We who are faithful to the end will be greeted by her in that heavenly land with "Good morning."

As a token of our Christian love and esteem for her, we would suggest that this memorial be placed upon the church record, a copy furnished the family, also a copy sent The Alabama Baptist for publication.

We would commend the relatives to the loving care of our gracious Heavenly Father.

THOS. J. WILLIAMS,
A. N. ALDRIDGE,
S. O. STEPHENSON.

February 9, 1908.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, Our little friend, William Davis Reed, has been called from earth to the joys of heaven by an all-wise God, be it

Resolved, 1. That in the decease of our friend the Avondale Baptist Sunday school has suffered a loss of one of its fairest flowers, "Star Class" a bright pupil, and his family an obedient child and a devoted brother.

2. That we extend to the bereaved family and relatives sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement.

3. That we, in behalf of the Sunday school, extend to his father, mother and little brother our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

4. That we bow in humble resignation to this dispensation of divine Providence.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, one spread upon the record of the school, one sent to the editor of the Collinsville Courier, one to the editor of the Avondale Budget, and one to the Alabama Baptist for publication.—Miss Elizabeth McEver, Mrs. Jypise Collins Bishop, J. M. Bibby, Committee.

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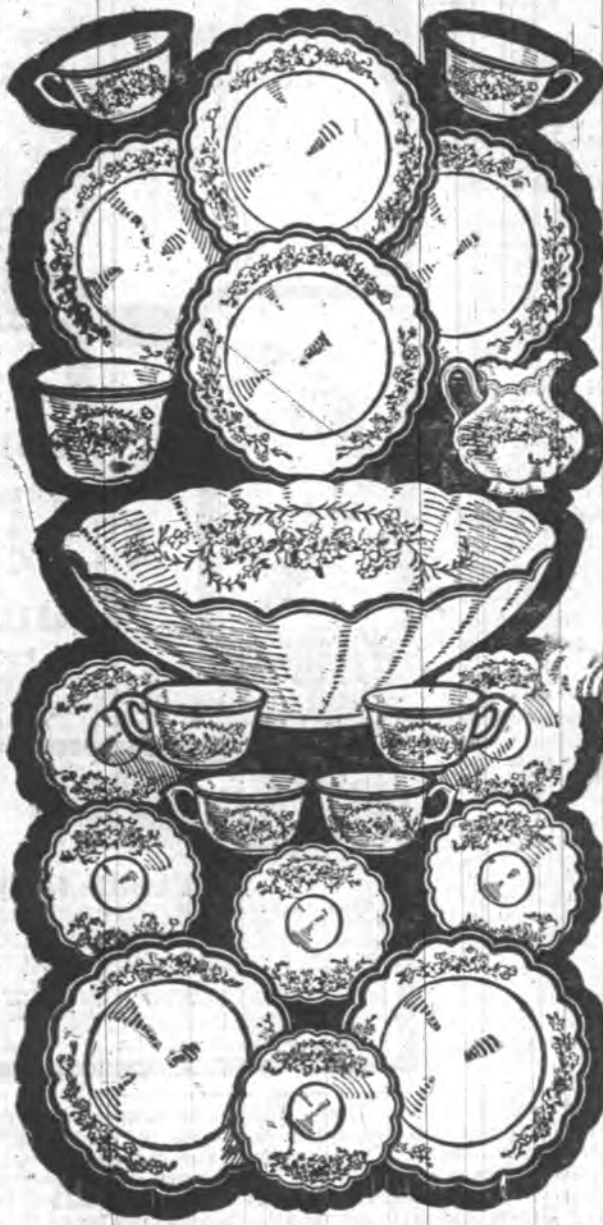
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