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Paragraphs

I have just moved into my new home. The good people of Farmersville have been very nice to us, bringing many good things to our home. I think I can send you some new subscribers before long. C. C. Redmond.

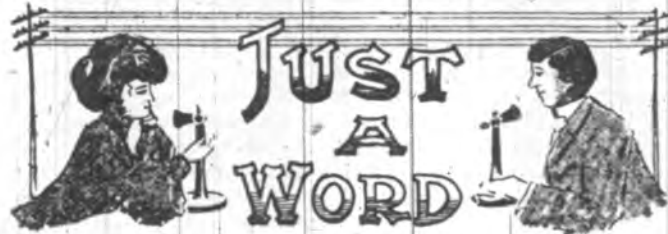
The saddest sight I ever saw is a Baptist church doing nothing. I believe a church ought to hold a revival service every night in the year. God can save sinners on a week-day night as well as on Sunday night. Frank M. Wells, Jackson, Tenn.

At the parlorium at Forest Home, February 9, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m., Mr. Jake Murphey and Miss Eva Duncan were married by the writer. Mr. Murphey and his wife are Baptists. They are both very prominent. We are glad to welcome Miss Duncan into our community. Wishing them great happiness and success through life, H. R. SCHRAMM.

Married February 12, 1908, in Snowdon, Ala., at the residence of the bride's father, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, Miss Mattie Lee Smith and Mr. J. C. Mizell, of Ramer, Ala., Rev. W. J. Elliott officiating. The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends and relatives.

Dear Brother Barnett: I am sure a host of friends throughout Alabama and the South will greatly sympathize with our own Miss Willie Kelley, in distant China, because of the loss she sustained in the death of her sister, Mrs. William Neely, of Uniontown, Ala. After several weeks' illness she passed away at an infirmary in Selma. Besides Miss Willie Kelley, she leaves a devoted husband, several children, sisters and a brother. Our sympathy is with the bereaved. J. E. Barnes.

The Christian Index says: "The First church, Athens, has extended a call to Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary of our Home Mission Board. We are not informed as to Dr. Gray's mind in the matter, but feel sure that his Board will enter a strong protest against his giving up his present work. The First church, Athens, is one of the most inviting fields in the state. It is a good church, located in a goodly city, with a large and intelligent membership. Only a strong man would be able to cope with the situation." The saints at Athens will have cause to rejoice if he accepts, but the Baptists of the South will have cause for sorrow. If there ever was a time in the history of the Board when a strong, consecrated, sane man was needed, it is now.



Threatens to Cut Out My Phone

Since Feb. 1st I have been so busy sending out bills to DELINQUENTS that I forgot to pay in advance for my 'phone and got the following notice:



Telephone Exchange Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Feb. 14, 1908.

Rev. Frank W. Barnett,
2014 Humboldt Ave.,
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Sir:

We beg to call attention to our bill rendered 1st inst. for \$2.00, which remains unpaid. The same was due under your contract on the date named, and has doubtless been overlooked by you.

We must request immediate payment, and in accordance with the rule, which has been found necessary, if by the end of the current month it has not been paid we shall be obliged to stop further service.

In replying kindly send check and this notice and return bill to be very truly yours,

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO.

OUR BILLS ARE NUMEROUS AND EACH OF SMALL AMOUNT, AND OUR LOW RATES MAKE THEIR PROMPT COLLECTION ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS AND MEET OUR OWN OBLIGATIONS.

The last paragraph appealed to me, for it was a plea from a great corporation that they needed my \$2.00 to meet their obligations. I went down and paid up. In conversation with one of the head collectors he told me that the greatest trouble they had in collecting came from the fact that the amount was so small that people overlooked it. The same thing applies to the Alabama Baptist. People pay their rent, their grocery bills, their other expenses, but overlook the small amount due the paper. The moral: IF THE BELL TELEPHONE NEEDED MY \$2.00 TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS, I NEED YOUR \$2.00 TO HELP MEET MINE. I PAID THEM. YOU PAY ME.



STUDY THIS SCHEDULE CAREFULLY

1907-1908.

Alabama Baptists are asked for—	
For state missions	\$ 25,000.00
For home missions	28,000.00
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	\$7,055.75
For home missions since May 1st	6,289.07
For foreign missions since May 1st	9,175.60
For church building since May 1st	508.00

What is before us?	
For state missions to June 30	\$17,944.25
For home missions to April 30	21,710.93
For foreign missions to April 30	30,824.40
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.

Paragraphs

Rev. S. R. C. Adams has been called to the pastorate of the church at Jonesboro for two Sundays a month. He has accepted the call, and will give the other two Sundays to Mount Zion, near Morrows Station, and to Pendergrass.—Christian Index.

We have 125 members in our church here at Beech Grove, Francisco, Ala. We have a good man for our pastor. C. Howell has been in charge here for 30 years. We have no Sunday school yet, but will have one soon. We have one young preacher in our church, Brother William Hall. May God guide you in your work. I am a Baptist, and have been for 25 years. N. J. Gattis.

Rev. E. S. Atkinson has resigned the pastorate of the churches at McDonough and Hampton, to accept a call to the church at Abbeville, Ala., for full time. He will enter upon the duties of his new field about the 1st of April. Brother Atkinson has been a success in the pastorates which he has held in Georgia, and his many friends will regret to see him leave the state. We can ill afford to spare such pastors and preachers from our ranks, still we ought to be willing to help our feeble sister, Alabama.—Christian Index.

Dear Brother Barnett: We are calling a conference of pastors to meet at Alexander City in the Baptist church on February 27 at 10:30 a. m. Three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. Hope to get together at least 25 or 30 pastors and a few other Christian workers. Am inviting Montague and Crumpton. Mutual helpfulness and consequent stimulation to the church is the object of the meeting. Topic: "The Claims of Missions on All the Churches. How Best Shall the Pastors Present These Claims? Laymen's Movement, Centennial Idea." Write me a line saying you are coming. Arnold Smith.

For the help of the Alabama Bible Society in its great state work, the superintendent requests all schools in Alabama to observe Bible Day, March 15, by announcing that our society distributed last year nearly 17,000 volumes of Bibles and Testaments by sale at cost and by donations to the poor. Also please give for the help of our greatly increased state work the collection of that day. We need the help. Send collection to me by check or order. JAS. M. GREENE, Superintendent Bible House, Montgomery, Ala. Weeklies of state press please copy

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE WORLD.

From Hongkong to Singapore, M. P., is about 1,500 miles. Our steamer, the "Yorok," of the North German Lloyd, was a good one. We encountered some rough weather. The monsoon blew strong for several days. There was no bird in sight. The seagulls do not seem to follow the snips in these waters as they do in the Northern Pacific and Atlantic. A number of flying fish were seen. The rain came down almost every day, but when the skies cleared they were beautiful by day and night. The weather is warm. Winter clothing has been discarded. Passengers have come out in white suits. The Chinese in third-class or steerage come out on the lower deck stripped to their waists.

The north polar star has disappeared, but yonder high in the heavens is the Southern Cross. We have come to our farthest point south. We are only about one degree from the equator, and just exactly on the opposite side of the world from Richmond, Va. From here we will be going towards home. Heretofore we have been going farther and farther away. Thank God for home, to which we can go when the journey is done; but we can thank Him more for the eternal home to which we can go when the great voyage of life is over.

Here at Singapore is one continual summer. There is no spring, autumn or winter. The thermometer ranges from about 70 to 90 degrees. It is not so very warm. In fact, it is much pleasanter than we expected. The natives wear very little clothing, and many of the foreigners dress in white. The trouble is that there is no winter. I was talking to a lot of children in a school here, and wanted to use an illustration from a snowstorm. I wished to know if they would understand, and asked if any of them had ever seen snow. Not one of them had.

The vegetation here is luxuriant, and different varieties of fruit abound. The cocoanut trees are in great groves, which are beautiful. The trees are tall palms, somewhat resembling the palmetto trees of Florida, though taller. We went out to one of the groves and hired a man to climb one of his trees to get us some nuts. We cut one open and drank the milk and ate the meat, both of which were good. The natives climb the tall trees quite readily. They have little notches cut on the sides of each tree. In these they put their hands and feet. They have a long, curved knife in their waistband behind, with which they cut the fruit. About forty or fifty of the big cocoanuts are in the tops of the tall palm trees, sometimes more. The trees keep on bearing all the year. Small and large nuts are on the same tree. A thick hull encloses the nut, and this has to be cut away to prepare the fruit to be shipped. Many of the cocoanuts are used in making oil, which is said to be good.

The pineapples here are in abundance. We see cart-loads of them on the streets, and quantities are on the farms around. Excellent, luscious ones can be bought for a mere pittance.

Population.

It would be difficult to tell just who are the inhabitants of this great city, with its quarter of a million inhabitants. All colors of men can be seen—from the white Caucasian to the black Tamil. The Chinese, Parsees, Indians, French and English, with the native Malays, are seen on the streets. The native Malays are hardly as highly thought of as the sons of India and China. The white men to a large extent are in offices and places of authority. The Chinese are great merchants. There are many Eurasians, and in meeting people, native or foreign, one is not expected to ask too many questions. If he does, he will be uncomfortable himself or make someone else so. Alas, that the white man, with all his boasting and with all his training, when turned loose in foreign lands often does not prove to be a model of propriety either in his methods or his morals. So very often one of the greatest hindrances the missionary has to meet is the immoral life of the man from his own land, who lives exactly contrary to the teachings of the Man of

God. In some cases these men live right by the side of the missionary. The natives are close observers of them both. They listen to the teaching of one and look at the life of the other. They cannot differentiate between them. Oh, men and women of God, pray to Him that if your child or neighbor goes abroad, he may not be a curse to those groping in darkness. In this connection I may give what I heard some one from the Philippines say on our ship. He remarked that more American men are being ruined there than we are lifting up Filipinos.

While at Singapore we enjoyed very much a trip to Johore. It is only 14 miles away, and is on the extreme south of the mainland. Many suppose that Singapore is on the peninsula, but it is in fact on an island just at the end of the peninsula. The sultan, who rules in this section, has his palace at Johore. It is the Monte Carlo (great gambling place) of this section. The sultan "farms out" the gambling business. It is doubtless a great source of income. Of course, all the Straits Settlement is under the general protectorate and control of the British government.

Our ride to Johore took us right across the island. We passed pineapple fields, cocoanut and banana groves, and so many other kinds of fruit and vegetable. **BAPTIST—THREE**

tion that even an expert botanist would be dazed. This dense jungle is the natural home of the tiger, monkey and snake, and there in the water the alligator thrives. Birds sing sweetly, though I do not hear any songster which equals the Southern mocking-bird. So far as I have heard there is no voice of bird so sweet on earth. I do not think, either, that it is because away down in my boyhood home in South Carolina I would awake to its music clear and sweet in the early morning, and at times go to sleep some bright, moonlight nights as it warbled its sweet lays. The nightingale cannot equal it in song. But excuse me; here on the other side of the world I got to thinking of the bird friends of my boyhood far away, and I diverted. This music around us as we waked this bright, balmy, sweet summer (January 8) morning was very sweet, and it lasts all the year around. The trees never grow "brown and sear." Perpetual green abounds all the year around.

Mission Work.

The Northern Methodist (of U. S.), Presbyterian, Episcopal and Plymouth Brethren of England are doing mission work here. The Methodists are laying great stress on school work. They have in the Straits about 5,000 children in school. The government pays so much for each child and tuition is charged, so that these schools are entirely self-sustaining.

There are several large, pretty church buildings in Singapore. The Catholics here, as elsewhere, are busy trying to reach the people. All around us are Mohammedans. They are very hard to reach. The most effective mission work in Singapore seems to be among the Chinese. Who can tell but that God will bring these patient, persistent people to Himself and make them the mighty evangelizing power among the nations of earth, to which they have so largely gone?

Our home in Singapore was in the Deaconess Home of the Methodists. These kind people take travellers at a very reasonable rate—far less than one can get accommodations at the hotel. It was just the thing for us who had come to study missions. We are under lasting obligations to our young sister, Miss Minnie Rank, for continued kindness. She is in charge of the home, and made us feel at home, and did much to make our stay pleasant.

We have arranged passage for Rangoon, Burma, on the British India steamship "Bharata." We hope there to see something of the great work begun by Judson.

As we travel in these lands, more and more we think of the hymn:

"Where every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile."

Surely Christ's people should give these groping in darkness the Gospel light. Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Singapore, Maylaka, Jan. 9, 1908.

SOME OTHER FOLKS GET LETTERS.

I have read with some interest and no little disgust some of the letters you have been receiving from subscribers. It is evident that the editor, as well as the preacher, does not always have smooth sailing. Human nature is a curious thing, isn't it? Some people who profess to be Christians have very singular notions about their Christian duty. A certain pastor, who does not live a thousand miles from Mobile, recently sent out some circular letters to his people calling their attention to the fact that on the following Sunday he would take up the regular annual collection for foreign missions and urging them to do their duty. One woman, who is a member of his church, wrote him as follows:

"There are thousands of sick and ignorant people in our very midst. Take the money you would send to those snails (Chinese) and the beasts of other nations and use it here, where it is so badly needed. I could give away a lot of red flannel petticoats; in fact, I need one myself, as it has been so cold this winter, and we have had so little hot sun to warm by. I will pray for you all to be enlightened as to what your real duty is. Mine is to love my God and do whatsoever my hands find to do. I find more every day than I can do, and each night pray for pardon for the sins of omission."

What do you think of that? Think of such a woman praying for her pastor and others who advocate foreign missions to be enlightened! Think of her praying for pardon for sins of omission! Now, this woman, I am informed, is worth \$40,000 or \$50,000. She has not been to church but once in more than eight years. She does not take a religious periodical of any description. She has not given one cent to the support of her church in about fifteen years, or to any benevolence fostered by the church—not even to the poor fund of the church. She claims to believe in what she calls home missions, and yet refuses to give one cent to help the people that she claims ought to receive our assistance. The pastor has been unable to get a cent out of her for anything whatever. She makes all sorts of absurdly false statements about foreign missions. She is as ignorant as a Hottentot about foreign mission work, and will not be enlightened. She claims that Christ is her Lord and Master, and that He has a right to command her, and yet when asked what she thought of her Lord's command, "Go make disciples of all the nations," she dodged.

W. J. E. COX.

BRAIN POWER Increased by Proper Feeding.

A lady who not only has done good literary work, but reared a family, found in Grape-Nuts the ideal food for brain work and to develop healthy children. She writes:

"I am an enthusiastic proclaimer of Grape-Nuts as a regular diet. I formerly had no appetite in the morning and for 8 years while nursing my four children had insufficient nourishment for them.

"Unable to eat breakfast I felt faint later, and would go to the pantry and eat cold chops, sausage, cookies, doughnuts or anything I happened to find. Being a writer, at times my head felt heavy and my brain asleep.

"When I read of Grape-Nuts I began eating it every morning, also gave it to the children, including my 10 months' old baby, who soon grew as fat as a little pig, good natured and contented.

"Within a week I had plenty of breast milk, and felt stronger within two weeks. I wrote evenings, and feeling the need of sustained brain power, began eating a small saucer of Grape-Nuts with milk instead of my usual indigestible hot pudding, pie, or cake for dessert at night.

"Grape-Nuts did wonders for me and I learned to like it. I did not mind my housework or mother's cares, for I felt strong and full of 'go.' I grew plump, nerves strong, and when I wrote my brain was active and clear; indeed, the dull head pain never returned.

"There's a Reason."

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

TEXT OF BREWERS' UNIQUE APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Below, for instance, through the personal kindness of Representative Littlefield, the Associated Prohibition Press is enabled to give for the first time the complete text of an extraordinary "petition" which has recently been presented to every congressman at Washington.

The most singular plea in this brewers' appeal is its insolent proposal that prohibition states and sections should be deprived of all government appropriations because the liquor business "contributes" one-third of the total national income!

Another paragraph makes the boastful assertion: "In the stress of fulminating appeal to which you will be subjected the fact should not be lost sight of that the interest we represent has vested rights, the same as any other business," in direct contradiction of the emphatic declaration of the United States Supreme Court that "the power which the states unquestionably have of prohibiting such use by individuals of their property as will be prejudicial to the health, the morals or the safety of the public is not, and—consistently with the existence and safety of organized society—can not be burdened with the condition that the state must compensate such individual owners for pecuniary losses they sustain by reason of their not being permitted by a noxious use of their property to inflict injury upon the community."—The Kansas City cases, 123 U. S. 623.

There is in this cold comfort for the brewers who would like to put their "business" upon a level with legitimate industry.

Here is the petition, just as it was mailed to the congressmen. The original was printed in imitation typewriter type letter form.

Offices of
ABNER-DRURY BREWING CO.,
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1907.

Dear Sir:

During the sessions of the sixtieth congress you will probably be asked to consider legislation in regard to the sale of malt and spirituous liquors in the District of Columbia. We feel that the matter will receive your fair and earnest consideration.

In the stress of fulminating appeal to which you will be subjected the fact should not be lost sight of that the interest we represent has vested rights, the same as any other business. We are not without the pale of legitimate enterprise, as our demagogic opponents would have you believe. Having conducted our business along fair and honorable lines, we respectfully submit that any further restrictive measures aimed at it here in the national capital would be unwarranted. Why experiment on Washington to find a panacea for the ills, fancied or real, of other localities of this great and broad country of ours? Such a procedure would be distinctly unfair.

Should you feel that our business needs added restrictions we invite the most thorough personal investigation on your part. Nowhere will you find the liquor trade carried on in a more honorable manner. Drunkenness is not frequent here, and crime, the concomitant of all over-indulgence, is at a minimum. Considering the character and numbers of our people, the percentage of crime in the district is comparatively small. An inspection of the court records will reveal that only a slight percentage of the licensed liquor dealers of Washington have sinned against the laws in late years. Through a well directed effort we are hopeful that the succeeding years will show a clean slate.

We feel sure that the people of the district are eminently satisfied with the present form of government and desire no change, and respectfully ask that the congress "stand pat" on the present excise laws.

You must realize the magnitude of the prohibition question. Should prohibition prohibit—and the reverse has proved the rule wherever it has been tried—tariffs would have to be rearranged in order to make up a deficit in federal revenues, for it must be borne in mind that one-third of the government's income comes from internal revenue. The sovereign

right of a state to deprive the federal government of its internal revenue seems to be established. But when a state, after successive legislative acts, shuts down the manufacturing establishments paying the internal revenue, asks from the federal government appropriations for river and harbor improvements, rural free deliveries, public buildings and expects protection against lawlessness and against foreign enemies, does not the question arise:

Can the prohibition states expect that the money paid into the United States treasury by anti-prohibition states, in the form of internal revenues, should be expended for the benefit of prohibition states?

Equal protection for equal taxation is a standard maxim, and it does not seem fair that the so-called "dry" states should share alike with the "wet" states in the proposed munificent appropriation for rivers and harbors and other improvements.

This prohibition wave sprang up in the south, designed, as we are told, to offset the demoniacal tendencies of the colored brother in that section, due to his intemperate use of intoxicants. Prohibition will not only fail of its purpose in that quarter, but deny to that great mass of American freeman, white and black, the boon of personal liberty.

Granting for the nonce that the negro of the south requires the lash of prohibition in order to make him a safe citizen, there is certainly no need of such paternalism here in Washington. What the intemperate negro of the south needs is education, as do all other peoples, of whatever color or clime, who are given to excesses.

Let the states that feel the need of prohibition build up their educational systems as has been done here in Washington; let the churches and other religious organizations proselytize for temperance in speech, in drinkables and eatables and in the use of tobacco and a thousand and one other things for which humankind has its failings, and we shall all share in the golden mean of perfection.

Very truly yours,

ABNER-DRURY BREWING COMPANY,

By E. F. Abner, President.

THE EVANGELIST AND THE PASTOR.

In a former article I said that the evangelist should in courtesy conform to the pastor's judgment and wishes in all evangelistic meetings. I have always done that, and shall always do so. If a pastor gives me full liberty in the conduct of meetings it should make me all the more careful of his interests. It is but reasonable to presume that the pastor knows the real condition and needs of his people better than any other man living. Certainly he has more responsibility in it than anyone else. I shall never forget my first experience in meetings with a sensational evangelist. He seemed to rely on what gossip he could pick up here and there and his sensational comments thereon for the success of his meeting rather than upon the preaching of the gospel. He did not need it, for he was a fine preacher of his kind, and the chief objection I would raise would be that the atonement was not mentioned once during the meeting. It was all "quit your meanness." He made so many propositions that my best workers became tired of it; and ceased to respond in any number, and then naturally he turned his guns on them. Many ceased even to attend, and complained to me about his work and abusive personalities. I went and had a talk with him in his room at the hotel, and the result was a public comparison of himself with the pastor, which intimated that I was a coward and afraid to preach against the sins of the members of the church. This I patiently let pass, feeling that my congregation knew me better; but when he turned his guns on the most active member of the church, I was compelled to call a halt, and told him frankly that when one-half the crowd that was backing him should have forgotten almost that there was a church in town, the deacon whom he was shooting at would be found at his place ready for any work or gifts that might be needed.

Query: Is it right or just for a pastor to stand by without protest and see a man who knows little or

nothing of the true state of affairs abuse his best members?

That experience taught me some lessons in judging between true and false evangelism. Fifty-nine names were handed me for membership in my church. I visited them all, and of the whole number we received only about thirty—feeling sure that the rest knew nothing of personal religion. At the end of a year about a dozen remained faithful. This convinced me that all the material which had been added through being moved by the sensationalism of the evangelist was mere counterfeit, and would have been better off outside the church and the church better off without them. The Methodist pastor reported at the end of the year that he had "taken in 64 in the meeting and turned out 65 of them." It was three times as hard to have a revival in that town after that as it was before. When will we learn to detect and reject the counterfeit in religion? Nine-tenths of the sensational evangelists are mere imitators of the idiosyncrasies rather than the good qualities of Sam Jones and others, and most of their offensive flings are plagiarisms, pure and simple, from such men, for it is a rare thing that credit is given. What is needed always in a series of meetings is new emphasis on the fundamentals of the Gospel—the doctrines of human depravity, the atonement, regeneration, justification by faith, etc. Such evangelism may not make such a big showing in the number of converts and dollars, but in the long run it will pay better in both than the sensational method. In our anxiety for large immediate results we are all in danger of manifesting a lack of faith in the Gospel used by the Holy Spirit, and there is strong temptation to force things when they do not go to suit us, but I am persuaded that it is a lamentable mistake to do so. Here the level-headed pastor is the solution to the problem. Never for an instant can he afford to lose his grip on the situation. The evangelist is a stranger, and no matter how conservative and careful he may be, he cannot take the place of the pastor. And if he is wise and courteous, he will not seek to do so—nor to make it appear that the pastor is making any mistake in his conduct of things. For the machinery and discipline of the church the pastor alone is responsible, and should not for one moment brook any other preacher's interference.

The preacher alluded to in this article replied to my protest about his comments on my deacon by saying, "It is the hit dog that howls" (Sam Jones without credit). I told him frankly that if I had known that throwing rocks at dogs was his ideal of the ministry I certainly would not have invited him to conduct the meetings, and furthermore that my people were not dogs.

None but one who has passed through a similar experience can appreciate the awkward and really painful position of the pastor under such circumstances. The evangelist leaves, and is not further bothered by the situation; but the pastor has a big job on his hands. A controversy has been started between his members over the work of the evangelist pro and con. The evangelist has been in the limelight for two weeks, and it takes months to stop the controversy and bring about the same good feeling and harmonious co-operation which existed before the meeting. It is poor policy to explode a bomb in your own camp to frighten the enemy.

After all is said, it narrows itself down to two methods of conducting revival meetings—one in which the Lord is lifted up, and the other in which the evangelist emphasizes himself. In the former the doctrines of sin, atonement, grace, regeneration, repentance, faith, etc., are prominent. In the latter the evangelist, his achievements, courage, greatness, etc., hold the conspicuous place, while other ministers, and almost every one else, are sneered at, belittled and held up to ridicule? From such evangelism may the Lord deliver us!

J. V. DICKINSON.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT

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

To Alabama W. M. U. for the Week of Prayer 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 Woman'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 wit 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, or 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; aim, \$100,000. Home missions, \$19,995; aim, \$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 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. There 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 reg-

ular channels. We cannot 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 faithfulness, 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 cannot 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 pathos 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 that 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 if 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 Boys' 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.

ALA. CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DONATIONS TO THE MISSION ROOM.

I have been asked this week if there would be a reception in the mission room on the 22d. I did not understand that there would be. At the all-day meeting at East Lake the suggestion was made, but I thought it did not materialize, as no committees were appointed or any arrangements made. We shall be delighted to see representatives from the Birmingham churches any and every day, and hope that each church will give something toward the furnishing of the mission room, and feel that they have a part in it.

The Christmas Offering.

I wish there was room to tell how nobly some of the small societies gave to the Christmas offering. Oftentimes their cents are the sweetest, most precious gifts. The Lord of the Treasury knows who has really given to Him, and He will surely give His blessing. The largest gifts were from Livingston, \$45; Birmingham First, \$52.75; Southside, \$40, and the Y. W. A., \$20.10; Columbia, \$30; Dothan, \$26.72; Evergreen, \$26; Prattville, \$30; Troy, \$25; Orrville, \$33; Greenville, \$20; Montgomery, First Y. W. A., \$20, etc.

Union Springs carries off the palm, sending \$80. "Many daughters have done virtually, but thou excellest them all!" Since the books have closed Gadsden sent in \$40, Parker Memorial \$32.16, Alexander City \$35, and St. Francis Street, Mobile, \$21.25.

Mite Boxes.

Requests are coming in all the time for mite boxes, and we cannot send them, as we have none. We ordered more from Baltimore about the 1st of December, but for some reason they have not come.

Calendars of Prayer for Missions.

The calendars have been so much admired and have proved to be such a success that a second edition had to be ordered and are now ready for distribution. We still have a number in the mission room, and as these give out will order more from Baltimore. We are anxious for all of our workers to have them. They are beautiful, and cost only 10 cents apiece. It is best for some one in the society to get orders and to order a number at a time. You can send stamps if it is more convenient.

I quote from the first page:

"The time is short; if thou wouldst work for God, it must be now."

"Believing prayer is the mightiest force in the world's conquest; let there be much prayer."

"Deeper than need of money, deeper than the need of men, is the forgotten secret of prevailing prayer. Missions have progressed slowly because piety and prayer have been shallow."—Robert E. Speer.

BAPTIST MISSION ROOM, WATTS BUILDING, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Correspondents, please take notice, and address all letters to the Mission Room, Room 24, Watts Building. We are delightfully situated in our new quarters, and invite you all to come to see us. Hours from 8:30 to 12:30.

READY TO PAY UP IN CHINA.

The following shows that our gentle pleadings for back dues has crossed the seas and touched the heart of one of our missionaries, as the following letter will show:

"Dear Editor: Paper comes regularly, and we enjoy it very much. Will remit when you send statement. Your brother, I. O. Hearn."

We wish to assure Dr. Hearn that he nor none of the missionaries from Alabama will ever receive a statement for subscription, for so long as we edit and own The Alabama Baptist we will esteem it a privilege not only to send the paper free, but to pay the postage.

GLAD TO WAIT ON HIM.

I want to say to you that I know I am indebted to you for two years, and it is \$4. I want to pay you just as bad as you want it, but I have been in a strike condition. I have been working in a sawmill, and it has been shut down for some time, and it has been very hard for me to live and feed my family. Just as soon as I can get work I will pay you. I don't deny owing you, and it is but just and honest to pay for the paper. I will say to you that this is the best answer I can give you at present. So you can stop the paper, but understand that I am indebted to The Alabama Baptist \$4 for two years' subscription. I hope you will realize my condition and be governed accordingly. This is the best I can do. Wait on me awhile. Yours fraternally,

WE APPRECIATE THIS.

McCalla, Ala., Feb. 15, 1908.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett—
Dear Brother: Your favor concerning renewing my subscription from June, 1908, to January, 1909, is before me. Please find 50 cents in stamps for same.

I feel that I shall get enough to more than repay me for my money without any present. I am not above receiving one, but am willing for you to use them securing others. Thanks for the pictures.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the picture and present received from your Christmas morning. Success to all Baptists of Alabama. William T. Kendrick.

FROM A LITTLE GIRL.

Oxford, Ala., Feb. 20, 1908.

Dear Alabama Baptist: Looking at the label on papa's paper and finding that his subscription is out January, 1908, please find enclosed \$1, for which forward to January, 1909. We can't do without something good to read, and we find so much good news in your paper. I am not a Christian, but hope some time to find Christ. If there is another baby girl whose papa and mama are Baptists, and are not taking the good Alabama Baptist, don't let them rest without it. Ollie E. Pope, Oxford, Ala.

IT STANDS FOR THE ORGANIZED WORK.

I appreciate your interest so much in behalf of our denominational work and schools. I am kept in touch with all lines of our work by reading The Alabama Baptist. My home cares keep me from being in touch with the active workers often, so The Baptist, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal keep me from losing all interest and enthusiasm. I have five boys and three girls to be trained for the Master's use, and it is a great responsibility; so when you have read this, send up a prayer that our Father will help me to serve Him faithfully in their training. May God bless your own boys and use them for His glory. Thanking you for the pictures of yourself and boys, I am, Mrs. J. E. Wood.



BARNETT vs. BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

SUPPORTED BY SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

Supreme Court of Alabama,
Consultation Room,

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 19, 1908.

Mr. Frank Willis Barnett, Birmingham, Ala.—

My Dear Brother: Don't think because of my neglect to send in my renewal earlier that I do not appreciate you and The Baptist. I simply failed to notice that I was in arrears.

I do appreciate you most highly, and thank you that the Baptists of Alabama have so manly and courageous a saint to represent their cause and edit their paper.

The paper is well edited, and does credit to your head and heart. It is regarded as a necessity in our home, and should be so regarded in the home of every Baptist in the State.

Come over and mix with our people, and let us have the benefit of your sunshiny disposition whenever it suits you to do so. With sentiments of highest esteem and fraternal love, I am,

Cordially yours,

N. D. DENSON.

TO DELINQUENT BROTHERS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST.

I would be glad to see at an early date a statement come out in The Alabama Baptist to the effect that all delinquent brethren had paid up in full. It is really disagreeable to read so many urgent calls for back dues. You expect the editor to get out a good paper and to continue to improve it. Then why not help him do this? He cannot give his entire time and thought to the paper you like best and at the same time have a long list of delinquents to be looking after. The editor's mind should be relieved of this disagreeable task so that he could get out the best paper possible. Probably a large per cent. of these delinquents are ministers, and carelessness on the part of preachers in financial affairs will cause them to lose their influence for good in their sacred calling. Brethren, scrape up enough money to pay up your arrears, and let us see if the paper will not be improved. I feel assured you will be delighted with the results. J. J. Yarbrough, Gaylesville, Ala.

LIKE ONE OF THE FAMILY.

I heartily accept your liberal proposition, and I think every subscriber should do the same and act promptly. Your paper has been visiting our home so long that if it were to stop it would seem that one of the family was absent. May the Lord enable you to keep the paper going. D. M. Merritt.

AN M. D. THANKS HIS PASTOR.

Find herewith check for Alabama Baptist. I am well pleased with the paper, and think every Baptist in Alabama should read it. It rests my mind to change, and especially on Sundays. I find much instruction in the paper, and it serves as food to the moral nature of man. I came to know more of the Baptist cause in Alabama and in other places by reading the paper. It was brought to my notice by our pastor at Addison, Ala., Rev. T. W. Shelton, whom I regard as one of the leading lights in North Alabama for the Baptist cause. Our church at Addison appreciates his services. C. A. Olivet, M. D.

SHE SENT A DIME.

Your notice in regard to The Alabama Baptist to hand. Will beg to tell you that I cannot possibly at this moment send \$3 or your kind offer of the paper, nor can I possibly send the \$2 now due. I think I can get up all or part next week. I will hasten it on to you. I enclose this dime to keep my letter from being lonesome. I hate to send you an empty letter, but I did not want to wait. I will pay the back dues and continue the paper as soon as possible. If you have to cut me off I will renew just as soon as I can get the money to you. The paper is dear to me and to my old father, who used to be a great church worker, but is too feeble now. He has not forgotten the names and the work, and loves to read about it all. I have been a great worker myself, and have tried to lay it down, but still love to keep up with the work. I am like the old army horse that ran away with the old milk wagon—almost strike out again when I read of my dear loved ones still in the work. I am sorry that I am behind. I have hated so bad for my dear old father to miss a paper. Thanks for your kindness. I will let you hear from me next week.

SEVENTY YEARS YOUNG.

My Dear Brother For several weeks I have kept this money in my pocket, intending to send it in payment for the Alabama Baptist, which I have been reading from its birth, excepting a few months, until now. It has grown to such immense proportions in every respect that I can't keep house without it. It is a God-send to the Baptists of Alabama and a benediction to every reader of its pages. It is a good exponent of Bible doctrines and practices, and grows better as the years pass. I am 70 years young, and love the paper more than I did when I was 33 years old. J. E. Cox.

DON'T SUBSCRIBE ON "TICK."

Because I never have subscribed on "tick," I do not owe you anything. I am satisfied you will correct the mistake. I know you have a hard time. I know there are many who read the paper for years and then try to sneak out of paying for it. I sympathize with you.

NOT A HOWLING SUCCESS?

Sir: Enclosed find \$1, which will pay my subscription to July 1. I can't say that I consider your paper a howling success in anything except dunning. That I can't blame you for, though I fear there is too much money in its columns without more of the fundamental principles of our church. Our churches need more of the doctrinal principles inculcated into their very nature, and especially urging to duty as a denomination. N. P. Clark.
(Please note that Brother Clark pays up. He is entitled to criticize.)

WANTS TO PAY FULL AMOUNT.

It has been simply neglect on my part why I haven't kept up my subscription. I enjoy reading The Alabama Baptist, and do not want it to stop. Excuse me for not keeping up this time, and I will try to do better. Find enclosed \$1.30 to pay up to January, 1909. I thank you for the gift of 30 cents, but I want to pay the full amount. I send my love and Christian greeting. J. M. Cox.

NEVER TOO TIRED TO READ IT.

As my subscription expired in January, 1908, I hate to tell you to stop the paper, though I can't say what some have said, for I love the paper. I was never too busy nor tired to read it every week, and it did me good. My reason for stopping it is because my husband and myself are old and not able to work. May God inspire you to make it better every year.

SHE LOVES THE PAPER.

I send you the money to renew my subscription, as I don't see how we can do without it. I love The Alabama Baptist, and wish it could reach every home in the State. I think if all would read it we would get closer together. If we will do more for the Lord He will do more for us, for he who does not his duty, when he knows it, commits great sin. J. R. Padgett.

OLD HOWARD BOY IN CALIFORNIA

Dear Brother Barnett: You would hardly expect new subscribers from the Pacific coast. Yesterday I met in Los Angeles an old friend, a Howard College graduate, who has been here 13 years. I asked him if he read The Alabama Baptist. When he said he did not, I solicited his subscription, and send it with my renewal. I esteem the paper highly, and wish you success. My work out here continues to grow in interest and results. Within 14 months we received 132 members. Our Sunday school numbers more than 400, and the B. Y. P. U. 160. J. F. Watson.

WHERE TO SEND MONEY.

Following are the brethren to whom money for the various causes of our denomination should be sent:

Alabama Baptist—Frank Willis Barnett, 2113 First avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Missions—W. B. Crumpton, Pollak Building, Montgomery, Ala.

Howard College—Endowment, William A. Davis, Anniston, Ala. Denominational Education (current expenses and improvements), A. P. Montague, East Lake, Ala.

Ministerial Education—J. A. Hendricks, East Lake Station, Birmingham, Ala.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.

Woman's Work—Mrs. D. M. Malone, Room 3, Watts Building, Birmingham, Ala.

EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

By A. T. Robertson, M. A., D. D., Pp. 192. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1907.

The subject of this book alone would commend it to our most respectful consideration. Fortunately the treatment of the subject commands our interest and our admiration.

The author has selected the most striking events in our Savior's life and he rapidly describes certain scenes of surpassing moment. Suggestion, helpful and tactful; comment that gives light, and exhortation that stirs, accompanying vivid description. Throughout the book are sentences that charm and elevate. For example: "Greatness can not be counterfeited by imitating eccentricities;" "His death will rest upon a life worth living, and that will be to men the appeal of the ages;" "the funeral knell of the solemn Sabbath hours tolled on the bleeding hearts and hopeless minds of those whom Jesus had chosen for this very day;" "His life and teachings, his death and resurrection, his power over men to uplift and to make god-like, the greatest of all themes, still fill the horizon of the modern world."

Throughout this admirable book are thoughts that inform the mind, move the heart, and broaden the vision. Preacher and layman alike, men and women, should read it and thereby get closer to those things that refine and elevate.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

"GAVIN, THE HISTORIAN,"

We will call him in future. His illuminating article in the last issue of The Alabama Baptist shows him to have a remarkable talent for historical research. He is in the very center of early Baptist history. We hope he will be able to unearth some more valuable documents. Now let some brother in Jefferson hunt up the old Canaan minutes and find the "circular letter" which was rejected by the Flint River Association in 1836. The spirit of our missionary fathers, as shown in their "hearing and forbearing" resolution, was beautiful, and should be a lesson to the Baptists for all time. That spirit was exhibited in all the controversy with the anti-brethren throughout the State. It is the Christ spirit, and has given us the victory.

It is sad to see a noble people, in many respects, rapidly going out of existence because they are dominated by the opposite spirit.

If our Centennial does no more than dig up our history in Alabama, it will be well worth our while. Let us hope Brother Gavin's success will encourage brethren throughout the State to be on the lookout for historic documents.

W. B. C.

AN OLD NURSE
Persuaded Doctor to Drink Postum.

An old faithful nurse and an experienced doctor are a pretty strong combination in favor of Postum instead of coffee.

The doctor said:—

"I began to drink Postum five years ago on the advice of an old nurse.

"During an unusually busy winter, between coffee, tea and overwork, I became a victim of insomnia. In a month after beginning Postum in place of coffee I could eat anything and sleep as soundly as a baby.

"In three months I had gained twenty pounds in weight. I now use Postum altogether instead of coffee: even at bedtime with a soda cracker or some other tasty biscuit.

"Having a little tendency to Diabetes, I use a small quantity of saccharine instead of sugar to sweeten with. I may add that today tea or coffee are never present in our house and very many patients, on my advice, have adopted Postum as their regular beverage.

"In conclusion I can assure any one that, as a refreshing, nourishing and nerve-strengthening beverage, there is nothing equal to Postum." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

May The First Brother's Tribe Increase.

Yours of recent date to hand, and in reply will say that I am glad to have you remind me that my subscription is about to expire. Enclosed you will find check for renewal.

It is in better spirit than the following type-written letter, written by a native of the Hawkeye State, which should furnish much food for thought among those who are yet disposed to do a credit business:

Iowa, 12, 3, '06.

Dear Sir:

Your sumptuous letter received, and in reply will say that they come frequently and it would afforded the boys much amusement had not the melancholy thought come with it that you had no better sence than to abuse slander and dun a gentleman.

You speak of honor, if you are honorable you know not whereof you speak. You also speak of causing me much trouble, my land, I have already trouble enough to send a whole brigade of you wise boys over the road fifty times. I will give you a history of this case, and if you are surprised at my actions in regard to your Claim for \$10.00 you are undoubtedly the worst set of misers on earth.

To begin with in 1891 I bought a restaurant on credit. In 1892 I bought an OX team, a timbercart, a pair of Texas ponies, a gold watch, a breech loading shot gun, A winchester rifle, A milk cow, A pair of fine hogs, and a set of books all on the instalment plan, and hired hands to dig a fish pond. In 1905 my restaurant burned flat to the ground and never left me a thing. one of my ponies died and I hired the other one to an infernal, insignificant Jew drummer. He killed him driving him to hard. Then I joined the farmers alliance and methodist church, and took advantage of the homestead exemption and honest debtors relief law. and then had my aplycation wrote out to join the masons. In the latter part of 1905 my father died and my mother married a mexican. And my brother Bud was lynched for horse stealing. My sister choked to death on a button and I had to pay her funeral expenses.

In 1905 I got burned out again, and I took to drink and soon went through with the interest on what I owed, which was all I had left. My wife run away and left me all the children to take care of. I dont care for anybody and nothing surprises me any more. Now if you feel like tackling me, pitch in, I'll have to stand it I suppose. But let me give you a gentle tip, getting money out of me is like stuffing butter in a keyhole with a hot awl.

You speak of making no effort to adjust this bill; What is the use? If steam boats were worth 2 cents apiece, I couldn't buy a gang plank. You ask if I thought it would of been more manly to of acknowledged the truth. I answer no, by the way I dont expect anything but to be pestered by Lawyers, collection sharks, and other humbugs and grafters, until this pestilence relieves me from their clutches. Be for I die I am going to Petition heigh heaven for a shower of fire and destruction on the whole bunch. And I will particular pray that the storm spend most of its lury on that southern hamlet where you claim to get your mail.

Maliciously and disrespectfully

Yours,

THE SABBATH DAY.

Most people sustain very careless relations to the demands of the Sabbath—professors of religion at that. We are commanded to keep it holy. That means that our minds are to be free from worldly cares, concerns or responsibilities, and fixed on God and things divine; in reading, study, meditation, prayer, church attendance and worship "in spirit and in truth." The day should be spent thus because it was given for that purpose, without right to spend it otherwise. The six days for work are spent exclusively some way for that purpose, and the same exclusiveness should attend or be associated with the Sabbath for the purpose it was given. There is no more harm in stealing a horse, telling a lie, murdering, or committing any other crime than there is in violating the Sabbath, for the Scripture says if we "offend in one point, we are guilty of all." The reason why the crimes mentioned attract more attention than Sabbath breaking is, they affect the worldly material interest of people; but there is no difference with God. Most people think freeing their hands from work Sabbath days is keeping it. That is not so. There is no difference between planning with the mind Sabbath days for financial gain and executing or carrying them out that day with the hands. The man riding or walking through his community Sabbath days idly spending the time would readily condemn a neighbor plowing; at the same moment he would be as flagrant a violator himself. It does seem that daily contact with the Bible would teach us better. Were bells hung for each member of every family in every community, with ropes to them to be pulled all day every Sabbath; the noise incident thereto would sound as a supreme contempt for it. At the same time, could the worldly plans in the minds of the people on the Sabbath days for financial gain be heard, they would sound to the consternation of the orderly passer-by, that the ringing of the bells would. People may, and do, say they can't keep their minds off of worldly affairs on the Sabbath day. Why don't they say they can't keep them off of Sabbath day demands? The reason is there is not spiritual strength enough in the minds of the people to overcome the worldly side. They are suffering the penalty for loving the world and the things of the world. This accounts for the absence of interest in the Lord's house Sabbath days. Were such people arraigned before the courts on charges of stealing, perjury, murder, etc., and verdicts written against them on every one guilty, because they had violated the Sabbath, they would think it hard, unjust, etc., and yet, so far as God is concerned, it would be true. The Sabbath is not a day to lounge around, sleep, throw away, etc. Night is the time to sleep, rest, etc., in this sense. The real truth is, the man who has no respect for the Sabbath and its worship has no respect for the rights of his fellow men, as he stands related to the requirements of right by the laws of God. This is why a violator of one point is a violation of all. There is nothing on earth to keep well people away from the Lord's house Sabbath days except the principle in them to violate law for their personal, worldly good. My opinion is that saving spirituality tends all the spiritual to the Lord's house. Those who don't care for it can't have an interest in "the house not made with hands."

W. R. WHATLEY.

ONE HUNDRED RESPONSIVE READINGS.

We have just received "One Hundred Responsive Readings from the Scriptures" selected and arranged by Charles F. Aker, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York, and published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. Dr. Aker concludes his preface as follows: "On these grounds of suitability—suitability in subject, in language, and arrangement—the compiler has no hesitation in offering this volume to the consideration of the church of Jesus Christ in America. The use of responsive readings obtains in many Baptist churches in England and in the churches in the northern Baptist convention, but very few of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have adopted the custom."

SERMON BY W. B. EARNEST.

Text, John, 1:14: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

The text is the concluding verse of what is generally designated as the prologue to John's Gospel, one of the most marvelous productions of either human or inspired expressions. To fathom its depths and to expound it with clearness is a task which we may not attempt. This prologue sets forth the dignity of Christ in such an overpowering form of statement as to leave an irresistible impression that He of whom it is spoken was indeed God manifested in the flesh. The prologue begins with the announcement that Christ, who is the Word, was from the beginning with God, and was God. The writer affirms further that "All things were made by Him;" that He was the life, and this life was the light of men. The divine mission of John is attested, but it is made clear that the work of the Baptist was only preparatory; that Christ is the true, the universal Light, and that while some did not receive Him, to those who did receive Him He gave the distinguished honor to become the sons of God. And then comes the marvelous utterance of the text, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." This is the wondrous announcement of the Incarnation so graphically portrayed in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. It is here only referred to. For a full study those gospels must be carefully investigated. The text announces the pre-existence of Jesus Christ. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

The words "was made" are a translation of a verb which means "to become"—that is, to pass from one state to another. Before He came in the flesh He existed. Christ, then, was antecedent to history of which we have any cognizance. History to our conception began with the life of the world and with man. Before the creation and before there was man to understand it and to explain it, there was no such thing as history. When the geologist has reached the furthest limits of his investigations in the surface of the earth he has reached the limits of geological history. When the astronomer turns his telescope to the heavens and has reached the utmost limits of which his telescope is capable he has reached the limits of astronomical history. The vital question of the time is, when was Christ in relation to history? Was He the product of history—a development of it? Was He contemporaneous with it, or was He before it? There is a sense in which He was the product of history—that is, history had announced Him, and both in prophecy and in type and in symbol had predicted Him—but the coming of Christ was not development, but a revolution. He was the Son of Man, the son of humanity; and because He was the completion of its anticipation and prophetic symbolism. But in another and in a higher sense the coming of Christ was a break in the continuity of history. When He came a new force struck the earth. It was God manifest in flesh. He was the manifestation of God, and with Him dawned a new era in humanity's history. It was, in

the language of the Scriptures, "the coming age" which He represented—an age which was in a high sense to break with the previous ages and yet gather up and hold together all that had ever been wrought in the past through all the saints and sages. We need not trace this doctrine of the pre-existence of Christ through the New Testament. Two passages in this very Gospel fully establish the doctrine of His pre-existence. One passage is in connection with Christ's sacrificial prayer, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." And again, "Father, I will that those whom Thou hast given Me may be with Me, that they may behold My glory which I had with Thee before the world was." The text also affirms the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Word rendered "dwelt" is translated tabernacled; among us "set up His home in the incarnation of Christ, God entered into human conditions, and took upon Himself the nature of man; or, in the language of the text, "became flesh." He entered into our humanity, bearing its infirmities and weaknesses, but not its sins.

Paul in his letter to the Philippians says that Christ was "made in the likeness of man; and became obedient unto death on the death of the cross." The assumption of human nature by our blessed Lord is one of the sublime mysteries of redemption. Into the manner in which this took place and into the nature of Christ in the conjunction of the divine and human, we may not enter. Discussions on this point have been a subject of much controversy, and have caused wide divergencies in theological thought, but these various forms of theological expression do not affect the essential doctrine. The great truth is that God was manifest in the flesh. The assurance that once there came into the world one who was both Son of God and the son of man appeals to us in time of struggle. For our weaknesses we have divine sympathy; for our burdens we have divine anxiety; in our struggles we have divine power. The incarnation of the Son of God as announced in the text is a part of our Christianity so fundamental that it is distinctly indicated in the Gospel. It is so clearly expressed that it cannot be gotten rid of except by a denial of the accuracy and inspiration of the sacred writings containing the life of Christ. We must, then, accept this sublime manifestation of God as a great central doctrine demanding our assent and helping our weaknesses.

The form of this manifestation reveals the wonderfulness of His personality. Not only did He enter humanity as a child born of a woman, but also His whole coming and life were so unique as to set Him apart from all other men, and as manifesting that He was indeed the Son of God and Son of Man.

When an eminent stranger is to visit a place there is a widespread anticipation of how he shall look and in what form he shall appear; and it is often the case that there is much disappointment. He seems so different from what they expected, and yet, perhaps, when they become acquainted with

him, he is grander than they anticipated. So it was with the coming of our blessed Lord and Master. He was all that was anticipated and expected and prophesied, and indeed, His coming was so marvelous that it has excited the astonishment and admiration of the world whenever the story has been told from that time until now. He came the Babe of Bethlehem, "and they found the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." He came, the adored of angels. "There was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will toward men.'" He came, the hope of humanity. The aged and devout Simeon, standing on the borderland of the Old and New Testaments dispensation, hailed the infant Christ as "A Light to lighten the Gentiles, the glory of the people of Israel." He came—"the Way, the Truth and the Life," and these three words find their expression nowhere so complete as in Him.

He came the Light of the world. "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He came the Bread of Life; "I am the Bread of Life—the living Bread, which came down from heaven." He came the resurrection of His people; "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." He came, bringing with Him all possible blessings for the world. Our human thoughts have as yet not found anything essential for mankind, for this life, and the life to come which was not foreshadowed and expressed in the coming of Jesus Christ, who was God manifest in the flesh. But the text further says "He dwelt among us"—for thirty-three years, according to our ordinary chronology. He lived among the men whom He came to save. Between His 12th and His 13th year His history, so far as the Gospels are concerned, is unwritten. It is a period of the silence, so to speak, of Jesus Christ. At the close of that time He burst suddenly again upon the world, and His light has been shining ever since. During the three years of His earthly ministry He mingled with men in all the relations of life. There was no class of persons with whom He was not familiar. There were no temptations which He did not feel and overcome. There was no sorrow which belongs to our humanity which He did not bear. There was no burden which He did not carry. His life closed on a cross, but the grave could not hold Him. He arose and ascended into the heavens from Olivet, and has entered into His glory. There He ever liveth to make intercession for us. The preservation of this doctrine of the text is one of the greatest duties of the Christian church. There is danger lest it be obscured in our thinking as well as in our experience. The tendency to forget our divine Lord and Master, and to regard Him merely as an evolution in the onward progress of humanity, is not in harmony with the teachings of St. Peter, and is contradictory to the whole trend of evangelical theology. We must stand guard against every

tendency to obscure or eliminate the incarnation from the mind of man. This doctrine is also to us one of great practical value in our ordinary life. We often wonder how God would act if He dwelt among men. The text says "He became flesh and dwelt among us." What strength this gives to the assurances of God's word! "He was despised and rejected of men." Who was it that was despised and rejected of men? It was He who was God manifested in the flesh. We read that He is able to save to the uttermost all that will come to Him. Who is it that is thus able to save? It is the Word that was made flesh and dwelt among us. We wonder sometimes how we should act or how God would have us act in the great emergencies of life. We have been maltreated—persecuted, perhaps—and wonder what He would do if He were in our place; and then we read His words in the agony of the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We wonder sometimes how we should act toward our fellow-men in all the complex relations of this life of ours in its struggles, ambitions, vanities and competitions of all kinds, and we ask ourselves what we shall do, and we immediately hear the words of the Word manifest in the flesh: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is the Word manifest in the flesh who animates our sacrifice, gives joy in every hour of sorrow, who stands by every sick bed, and will at last give to all His people a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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"A SOFT ANSWER TURNETH AWAY WRATH."

One of the very best opportunities that a Christian can have for exhibiting the temper and traits of a true follower of Christ is when he has occasion to answer the person who has abused him without just cause. It is one of the critical times of a Christian's life, and happily is it for him if he returns a soft and sweet answer. One of the wisest of Solomon's sayings is this: "A soft answer turneth away wrath." When a wrathful abuser of another person receives from him a soft and kind answer in response, he is apt to feel ashamed of his conduct, if there be any sense of shame in him. Such an answer is one of the most effectual rebukes that can be given to an abusive person. Indeed, we doubt that anything else can be quite so effective, unless it be the rendering of some kind and timely service for the abuser, and this is one way of answering an abusive speech or letter. To answer an abuser in the same spirit and manner that he has exhibited is certain to increase his wrath and widen the breach between the two persons. Moreover, when a Christian replies to one who has misused him unjustly, in the same temper, he unnecessarily exposes a weakness which must harm him in the estimation of the unconverted ones who hear the reply or learn of it. The Christian is always on trial when he is being meanly treated by some bad tempered person. It is then that he is especially watched by unconverted ones to see how he conducts himself. In the biography of an eminent minister, who died long ago, there is a note, taken from his diary, in which he referred to a letter that he had recently received from a man, and in which very abusive language was used toward the good minister. At first the minister felt inclined to sharply answer that letter; then, in reflecting upon the matter, he concluded that he would use the opportunity to give a most pleasant and kindly answer to the wrathful man's letter, and he did so. This is an example which our readers ought to largely profit by. If you want to painfully punish a person who has causelessly mistreated you, one of the surest ways of doing so is to act exceedingly kind and gentle toward him. If you receive an abusive letter from some one, return so mild and sweet an answer as to make him wish that he had not written the mean letter.

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Enclosed find \$5 to pay up my dues and renew for The Alabama Baptist to January, 1909. I can't do without the Baptist paper. I am now in my 84th year. I cannot see how to read, but my daughter reads it to me, which is a pleasure. Mrs. E. J. James.

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I am now 72 years old. My wife and myself have been taking the Alabama Baptist for nearly thirty-six years. We have taken it through all of its changes. I don't see how I could do without it. I lost my wife last April. It gives me more comfort than anything else. I hope that I shall never fall behind with my subscription any more.—G. R. Hardwick.

SOME BORN IN THE OBJECTIVE MOOD.

I don't see how anyone can get angry about having to pay for as good a paper as The Alabama Baptist, to say nothing about a member of the Baptist church who claims to be loyal to the cause of Christ. Of course, though, all churches have people in them who were born in the objective mood—never so happy as when they are kicking at something. Hoping that people will pay you—a small thing for all to do—and thanking you and the men who make the paper, —

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.

A STARTLING STATEMENT.

We confess to great surprise on reading the following in a Baptist paper:

"Do you know that there are more Lutherans on the globe than there are in all the Protestant denominations combined? And do you know that in point of numbers the Lutherans stand third in our country? Moreover, this church is making more rapid growth than many other churches, its gains in our country last year being more than ninety thousand. It has in the United States one million nine hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty members, or it had this number when its last census was taken last year. No doubt it will have more than two million members by the close of the present year. Ten per cent of all the increase of church membership in the United States last year was in the Lutheran church."

We hardly ever come in contact with any Lutherans here in the south, although they have quite a strong church in Birmingham. Our barber, a German, is a Lutheran and occasionally gives us some facts about the status of the Lutheran church here and in Germany, and one Sunday night while waiting for a street car a neighbor who is a Lutheran joined in the conversation which was being carried on between a Presbyterian elder and us, saying that he had just been to hear one of Birmingham's most noted preachers and was surprised to note how little the minister had to say about the Bible and how much he dwelt on other things, concluding his criticism with the statement that no Lutheran clergyman would dare do such a thing, but would use the hour for an exposition of scripture.

PERSONAL & OTHER NOTES

The daily papers announce the gift of \$75,000 by Dr. Henry M. Sanders to Vassar college, the money to be used for building a chemical laboratory. Dr. Sanders for a number of years was pastor of Madison Ave. church, New York, Dr. Lorimer succeeding him.

May God bless you in your work, and may your paper increase in circulation. J. E. Merrell.

May God's richest blessings rest on you for the great work that you are doing through the columns of the dear old Alabama Baptist. I would be glad to see it in every home. Lilla Barrett.

I am one subscriber that has been a reader of The Alabama Baptist through all its history, which your books will show. I never want the paper to stop coming to my home while I live. With best wishes to The Alabama Baptist and its editor, R. J. W. DeWitt.

I positively would not be without your paper in my home. God has blessed our home with a little eight-months-old girl. Her name is Lone Watts. Our desire is to raise her for the kingdom of God, and we pray daily that she may become a great worker for Christ. I don't expect to try to raise her without having the Baptist in our home. I want her to be a Baptist and know the reason why. By taking your paper she will understand these things.

I am praying that those who are behind with their subscriptions will pay up. Yours in Christ, Mrs. H. W. Watts.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at Hurtsboro with sixteen additions and an old church debt of nearly five hundred dollars paid. H. T. Crumpton is doing a good work and is loved by all the people. I go next to Flomaton and then to Camden and from there to Samson.—W. J. Ray.

THE ADVERTISING PARSON.

Our reading covers a wide range, but we confess to a great surprise when opening the Advertising Agent to find the following:

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"The feeding of the multitude was not a feeding of the body, but a feeding of the soul with the bread of life," he said. "It is a beautiful symbol, but the beauty is destroyed and the teaching ruined when you seek to reduce it to a physical plane."

This miracle is circumstantially related by all four of the gospel writers, and they make it as plain as language can convey that the bodily hunger of the multitude was relieved by giving them substantial food. Three of them say in express terms—and the other inferentially—that the Master gave them both bread and fish; that the people ate to satisfaction; and all agree that they gathered up of the fragments of the feast "twelve baskets full."

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I am so sorry I let my dues run over the time for the Baptist. It is a paper that ought to be in every home. I don't see how I could get along without the Alabama Baptist. You will find the \$1.25 enclosed in card you sent to me. I wish I had more to send you, but it is hard times with us down here. (Pays him to January, 1909.) Hoping God will continue to bless you and the dear old Alabama Baptist.—Mack C. Marlair.

Don't think that I am kicking. I would not for a year's subscription to the dear paper, but look and see if my paper is not paid until April, 1909, instead of 1908. My label shows that I sent only one year's subscription, and it ought to be two; but let it expire January, 1909, instead of April. I think you have earned three months in two years.—W. A. Tharp.

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Eldred M. Stewart, LaFayette: "Our brethren met last night to consider your appeal. They are deeply interested, and decided to take up the matter in earnest next Sunday. We are counting on giving more than in any previous year. We are of the same opinion expressed in our motto at the beginning of this convention year, namely, to raise a thousand of the one hundred thousand. 'May God bless you' comes from our hearts, too, as we promise to stand by you, refusing with you to beat the retreat."

R. A. J. Cumbee, Brundidge: "I am not at all discouraged. I expect to raise in my churches, the Lord blessing me, \$75 more this convention year than last. No, brother, we can't think of going backward, but onward and upward. I shall make the effort and expect to succeed."

T. J. Porter, Roanoke: "You can depend on Roanoke. We will not forget you. We are getting the material on the ground, and will begin our annex for the convention the 1st of March. We will have it finished by the 1st of July. We will send you a collection as soon as possible."

J. W. Dunaway, Gadsden: "This has been a good week with me. The people have never paid more marked attention to me. Think that many good things are to follow our meetings. I am hunting the waste places, and hope to reorganize the work at each point."

W. W. Lee, Montevallo: "I shall get each member, in I can, to say how much he will give, and we will see that the subscription runs to \$50 a month for benevolence. Lay hold of God, dear brother, and know that there are others who are under the load with you. We are raising 50 per cent. more this year than last year."

J. O. Bledsoe, Tyler: "I do believe we will do more this year than last. I think the trouble is not so much the scarcity of money. People are getting whatever they want for their comfort. The Lord puts us to the test. I believe this will be the best year in our history if we want it to be."

W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette: "I believe the East Liberty Association will do more than ever for missions during

the associational year, but I doubt if the collections will be more for the convention year."

J. E. Barnes, Marion: "We took our collection at Hopewell yesterday. It was very encouraging. We use the envelope system and follow the schedule. Last week I sent with the envelopes a letter to each family in which I called attention to the needs of the board, and asked each one to join the pastor in giving at least \$20. When the money was counted we had \$22.30. I think we will have \$25 when a few others are heard from. It means planning and working on the pastor's part, but it pays, for it helps the cause and the people who give."

J. W. Sandlin, Mobile: "I do not think that the cause is lost. It is true that the workingmen in the cities are out of work in large numbers, but there is not any real panic. The Lord's people have money. The farmers are in better condition than they have been for many years, and I believe that everything will come right in the end. While we will not be able to do some things we had expected to do, we will do our best and leave the rest with the Lord. I am not talking hard times to my people."

S. H. Bennett, Selma: "They said tell you we would do something, and we will do the best we can under the conditions. I am not beating a retreat."

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa: "But why should we get out of heart about it? Isn't it God's weather and isn't it God's work? Isn't He Himself concerned about it? Is there not a purpose in it all? Doesn't God wish to teach us that there are other things needed besides money? Or, maybe there is need in the churches for a time of sacrifice? Or maybe of suffering? Sure as you live, some good is coming of it all. Only let us be sure we are doing our best, and He will with His own hand steady the ark."

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(By W. W. Lee.)

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But Howard should be supported by sending the boys to it. A college cannot be built without students. Howard will grow and increase its power for good in proportion to the way the Baptists send their boys there; and the growth of every Baptist interest in the State will be influenced for good by the success of Howard. But perhaps the strongest reason for patronizing Howard College is the good of the boys. Howard offers as good literary training as the State affords. But just in proportion as the soul is worth more than the body, and as eternal life is worth more than temporal advantage, so the moral and religious training received at Howard College lifts it clear above all comparison with our state colleges with those who realize the worth of the soul. To me it seems a patent fact that for an unsaved boy to enter a state college is like passing the fabled entrance over which was written, "Leave hope behind, all ye who enter here." From what little investigation I have made it seems that almost none are ever converted in our state colleges, and the record of their graduates is scarcely better after leaving the institution. From past records it seems almost equivalent to assigning a boy to certain final impenitence to send him still unsaved to our state colleges. On the other hand, the religious interest is so strong and aggressive at Howard College that many sessions have closed with only a very few who have not made confession of faith in Christ. The difference in the influence of the institutions on the religious life of the Christian boys is also very marked. Many Baptist mothers and fathers do not know this, and will learn it too late when their boys are practically confirmed in wickedness by the college to which their

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Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray always with prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Secret prayer is to the Christian what winding is to the clock. O, how many of our Christians run down! Where there is union there is strength. If every Baptist in Alabama would unite in sincere prayer, our Centennial year will be a success. It is not so much the quantity we need in our churches; it is the quality. May each and every one of us search our hearts and know for ourselves that we are true and sincere in spiritual quality. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Ever be ready to speak a word for Jesus, and it will help us on our way.

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but the talk by Brother Crossland was suggestive and helpful.

We had another helpful service at the Silvain church that night and again on Wednesday at the prayer meeting. On Tuesday morning we attended the chapel services at the Marion Institute, when Brother Crossland gave the young men a talk on the young men finding a place in the Sunday school. On account of sickness in Selma and Greensboro he was not able to fill engagements in either place. On Friday morning we went to Uniontown, where we had three services. An epidemic of the grippe kept us from having a good attendance at these services.

From Uniontown Brother Crossland went to Demopolis and remained there through Sunday. I hear that Pastor White and his people are planning to enlarge and rearrange their church building so as to do better Sunday school work.

I am planning for a Centennial meeting at each of my churches in the early spring.

Brother T. T. Martin has promised to join us at Uniontown in our evangelistic meeting to begin the first Sunday in June and to continue ten days.

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At the close of the meeting the church called Rev. Frank J. Fleming, of Milton, Fla., for half time. Bro. Fleming preached for us Sunday, but has not yet accepted the call. At the Sunday services there were four other accessions, two by letter and two from the Methodist church. May the Lord prosper the work Bro. Ray is doing.
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