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Rev. J. W. Vesey has resigned the work at East Birmingham and moved to Riverside.

Rev. W. M. Olive has returned from a visit to Texas and will make Birmingham his home. He is ready to enter the work when the way is opened. He gets his mail at East Lake station.

You will find enclosed check for \$2, which I believe will run me up to January, 1909. May God bless you, your paper and the Baptists of Alabama, and help us to make of the centennial year all that it should be.—W. T. Mitchell.

Miss Emma Stoval, daughter of Rev. G. B. F. Stovall, who took a course at the seminary training school, has been employed by the Twenty-first Street Baptist church as Sunday school missionary. She is an earnest, consecrated worker.

We are glad to know that Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher will assist Dr. P. S. Henson at Tremont Temple, Boston, in special meetings to begin April 1st. These two servants of the Lord are truly a unique pair and make Dr. Osler's dead line at forty look like 30c. We pray God's blessings upon them and the meeting.

Bro. W. D. Hubbard, one of our state evangelists, has just written me he will assist me in a meeting at my Hopewell church, beginning the first Sunday in August. Can you not be with us in our fifth Sunday meeting at Moundville, or send Glass?—J. E. Barnes.

The Baptist young people of the city of Montgomery will serve luncheon at the new Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to all delegates en route to the State B. Y. P. U. convention to be held in Troy April 7 and 8. All delegates who will be in Montgomery on Monday, the 6, will please notify Mr. R. M. Hendley, president of the city Baptist Young People's Union of Montgomery, at 101 Dexter avenue, so arrangements

I have resigned the First Baptist church of Dayton, Ky., in order to accept a call from the First church of Ruston, La. Regret very much to leave these good people with whom I have lived more than three years. They have been kind in many ways, presenting us with tokens during our entire pastorate. I believe Ruston to be a great opportunity, having a State college with more than six hundred students and the majority of them from Baptist homes. Am enjoying your paper. Hope to be in Ruston about the twenty-fifth of this month.—W. A. Wray, Jr.

Good boy. Thanks for the button. I needed it.—W. B. C.

Rev. O. A. Pinson now gets his mail at Bell Ellen instead of West Blocton, as heretofore.

If your friends or loved ones should come to El Paso seeking health, or to locate for any reason, please write me. I might be of service, and I delight to serve.—R. T. Hanks, 1107 Arizona St., El Paso, Tex.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, pastor of the Southside church, Montgomery, Ala., is visiting friends in Greenville, and preached for Dr. Cody last Sunday night. We were pleased to have him call at The Courier office. He was present at the pastors' conference on Monday morning and made an interesting talk.—Baptist Courier.

Rev. W. B. McDaniel, from Tyler, Tex., has accepted the pastorate of the Park Avenue Baptist church, N. Birmingham, and is on the field. They had two great services on his first Sunday. The church has recently been carpeted by the Ladies' Aid. We welcome Bro. McDaniel and his family to the Birmingham district.

You can say I am on full time at Mt. Moriah the first, Prospect the second, Millerville the third and Mt. Pleasant the fourth, all of which are good fields to labor in and a good and loyal set of people at all four of those churches. The Alabama Baptist is getting better on all lines. God bless its work and office together with its editor.—J. D. Johnson.

We have just closed a great meeting at Samson with 85 additions, an old church debt paid off, Pastor Hunter well pounded and the church agreeing to send him to the Southern Baptist convention. Bro. R. M. Hunter is doing a fine work. All the people love him. He is one of our best preachers. He has some of the best people in the state. He knows how to treat a visiting preacher. My next meeting is at Pine Hill.—W. J. Ray.

Dr. J. C. Hiden is to spend the summer with his son, Dr. "Jo," at Pungoteague, Accomac county, Va. This gives us some hope of grasping his hand and hearing him talk again in his delightful way. His health is excellent and has been for several years and he has lately supplied, with great acceptance to the people, the pulpit of the Southside church in Birmingham. During his stay in Accomac he will be available for supply work at any accessible point or he will gladly aid in protracted meetings.—Religious Herald.



"Central: Please Give Me Long Distance."

If every Baptist in the State could be reached by 'phone and have a heart to heart talk with Drs. Crumpton, Gray and Willingham there would be no doubt about our raising the 100,000 for our centennial offerings.

But as it is only about one-third are reached through the paper, and they are largely the ones who give. No wonder Bro. Crumpton and the general secretaries are anxious to have pastors push the special \$1.00 offer to January, 1909, for it means a large increase in our mission contributions. With the advanced cost of paper and material the special centennial offer of \$1 to new subscribers to January, 1909, puts no money in our pocket, but is made in the interest of our denominational enterprises. This ought to stir our people to push the offer.

"Smile!" Brothers "Smile!"



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JUST A FEW THINGS.

Our pastors' conference at Alexander City February 27 was a success. Notwithstanding the large number of regrets sent, we had present eight pastors, six deacons, the president of Howard College and Dr. G. S. Anderson. Of course other local workers attended. Twenty-two churches and six associations were represented.

Brother H. B. Woodward gave us a really great sermon on missions. Dr. A. P. Montague gave us two splendid addresses. The one on "A Century of Baptist Growth" was especially helpful. Dr. Anderson gave a thoughtful and helpful discussion on the Laymen's Movement. Brethren Woodward, Longcrier, Whitley and Montague were all instructive and inspiring in their discussions of the several phases of the mission work.

We feel that the church at Alexander City was much helped, and we trust that all the other churches represented will receive quickening from the meeting.

We desire to call the attention of the pastors and churches of the Central Association to the meeting to be held at Eclectic the last of March. It is to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday and continue three days. The Centennial celebration, Laymen's Movement and Sunday schools (including missions, of course) are all to be considered. Programs will be published and sent out later.

Your effort, Brother Editor, to enlarge the circulation of The Alabama Baptist at this time should receive hearty support at the hands of the pastors. We shall never know the value of our state denominational paper to the general cause this side of eternity.

In this section of the state we are lamenting the going of Brother H. B. Woodward from us. He is the pastor at Dadeville and Camp Hill. He goes to San Antonio, Texas. This leaves another good field open to some good pastor in a choice part of our great state.

Just think of it! Neal, Watkins, Langston, Windsor, Woodward, and I know not how many more, gone from Alabama to Texas! There are W. G. Davis and Charles M. Brewer gone west. Where shall the end be? We have the consolation of knowing that the world is the field. How my heart yearns for a great advancement in mission and educational work in our own fair state!

It is our purpose to begin a meeting here April 12th, with Brother W. M. Anderson, of Dothan, assisting us. Prayer in our behalf is desired.

ARNOLD S. SMITH.

Alexander City.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Education is not the greatest thing in life. The greatest thing in life is a Christian character. But education is great—very great and important. Now, if an institution could be devised that would give both Christian character and education, it would be of the highest kind. That is what the denominational school seeks to do.

To change somewhat the language

and application of Dr. Mullens: In the denominational school the forces which make for Christian character control the forces which make for education; in a state school they do not. This does not mean that in the latter there are not good influences, for there are. It does not mean that they do not send forth those of Christian character, for they do. But it means that in the former, the consideration of Christian character dominates, as it does not in the latter. In the latter a professor may be an unbeliever, and the silent influence of that fact, though he may never say a word on the subject, is baleful upon the student. This cannot be gainsaid. And the more he is respected, the more baleful the influence. In the denominational school the influence of the professor is much more uniformly on the side of good.

From the state school the boy may or may not come out with a Christian character, and from the denominational school he may or may not come out with a Christian character. But the likelihood of his doing so is greater in the latter than in the former case. And this is enough for the Christian parent. In such a supreme matter the boy will be given the benefit of the more favorable environment.

But will not the school of another denomination do as well as one's own? If the denominational principles are not worth anything, it will. In that case, the denomination has no right to exist. But if they are worth anything, they are worth fostering in the minds and hearts of the youth. The school of one's denomination does this—others do not.

In Howard College the Baptists of the state have built a school which gives Christian education in a Baptist environment. Without it they would be deprived of a necessary part of the denominational life. Its past is marked with blood and glory. Its present offers high opportunities for Baptists to educate their sons, and to invest their money where it will help stamp educated minds with the stamp of Christian character and Baptist fealty. Its future is reached by the road of the present.

H. B. FOLK.

IF I HAD A BOY

Old enough to send away to school I would send him to Howard college at East Lake, Ala. Not just because I am a Baptist, and Howard college is a Baptist school (I'll admit that that sort of sentiment would figure quite prominently in my motives), but because I would want him to have the very best advantages to be derived from a college course.

I esteem Howard college, because it stands for certain advantages that are essential to the proper equipment of the young man. It stands for broad mental culture.

Of course I do not mean to affirm that it insures this in every case. There are some boys whom no institution of learning on earth could do much for along this line. But at Howard one finds opportunity in the way of high curriculum and skilled instructors, and every incentive that can be offered by a personally interested and

deeply sympathetic president and faculty—which means that the kind of culture in question is, as a rule, only a matter of choice on the part of the student. And you may write it down as a fact—that when a boy goes out from Howard college indifferently equipped as to his mental training, it is his own fault or that of his progenitors, and not the fault of the college.

Again, Howard college stands for the best physical culture, believing that every perfect man must have a "sound mind in a sound body." Of course the boys get sick sometimes, but you will find as few cases of serious illness there as in any other college of equal size in all the south—a fact to be attributed among other things to good sanitary arrangements, wholesome food and comfortable quarters. While the authorities there do not go to the extent that those of many other institutions do, in emphasizing that strenuous outdoor game—football—warm encouragement is given to athletics in the gymnasium and on the field.

Finally, Howard college stands for moral and religious culture. I do not hesitate to say that it is easier for a boy to live right and be right at Howard than at any secular school in America, and as easy as at any other denominational school in the land. When a boy matriculates at Howard at once are thrown around his character every safeguard possible on the part of Christian men conscious of the solemn responsibility with which the presence of that boy clothes them. In the class room, on the campus and everywhere the faculty seek to keep constantly before the students the highest possible standards of morality. Moreover, they teach that the Bible is the inspired word of God, and that it should be revered and loved as such. Just across the street stands the Baptist church, known throughout the state for its deep piety and its unselfish labors in behalf of the students of the college. Into this sacred edifice every Baptist boy is marched on Sunday morning, and within these gates almost every boy that comes to college unsaved finds his Saviour before he leaves.

Yes, I grant it as a possibility that these advantages are found in other institutions, but I ask the Baptists of this state why they should consider the matter from that point of view? My boy needs certain advantages; Howard College offers those advantages, and Howard College is our college. It seems to me that this ought to be the line of argument to pursue in determining the school to which your boy should go.

J. R. CURRY.
Atmore, Ala.

EVERGREEN BAPTISTS.

We opened the Alabama Baptist the other day, and the first word that caught our eye were "Evergreen Baptists." We found on further reading that the words had reference to Baptists living at Evergreen, Ala., but we so enjoyed the suggestions that lie in this combination of words that we decided to quote them for our readers.

Evergreens do not lose color and

apparent life when the winter season comes, and all is cold and dreary about them. They seem the rather to take on a deeper, richer coloring, and stand out all the more conspicuously for what they are under such circumstances. They do not show off so when all about them is brightness and sunshine, bringing out the green in all nature about them. But in the dark days how they do "show their colors" and cheer the hearts of observers.

Evergreen Baptists are those who stand by their church in good report and in evil; who are found in their places when the church seems cold and the world indifferent to it, as well as when it is in the rich glow of spiritual life, the crowds are flocking to its doors. They do not change color when they move to a community where public sentiment does not run in the Baptist direction and where the social influences are set against Baptist principles and life. But in such atmosphere they take on a new and fresh Baptist coloring, and stand out all the more clearly as holding forth the truth as they believe it.

The Evergreen Baptists are the ones who are found in the Sunday schools. They are the regulars in the church forces, upon whom the pastor counts most surely when there is work to be done and there are battles to be fought out. They are the steady supporters, in service and gifts, of the churches to which they belong, and of the missionary and benevolent enterprises in which the churches are engaged. One does not have to hunt them out from the world about them; they stand out conspicuously, and rejoice to be known as Baptists.

You will never hear an Evergreen Baptist, when people of other churches are about, in answer to a question about church relationships, reply: "Well, I'm a sort of a Baptist." He despises a "sort of" an anything or anybody. He has a high respect for an out and out Methodist or Presbyterian, but would despise himself if he failed to be an out and out Baptist—even as he despises other "sort of" Baptists.

In a word, he is a Baptist in whom the Baptist life flows, strong and hearty, and in whatever atmosphere you place him or in whatever soil you plant him, he will develop a true Baptist life, and manifest it every day, not only in profession, but in practice and in service.—Christian Index.

Cancer Cured Without the Knife.

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.—The many friends of Mr. W. H. Hare will be glad to know that the cancer of which Mr. Hare was cured last fall has shown no sign of a recurrence.

The cure was effected by Dr. L. T. Leach, of Indianapolis, Ind., where Mr. Hare procured the treatment. Dr. Leach is the originator of Cancerol, about the merits of which Mr. Hare is enthusiastic.

Dr. Leach has written a book of 100 pages on cancer, which he sends free to any one interested.

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.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT IS GETTING WARMER

To the Editor and Readers of The Alabama Baptist:

Inasmuch as Dr. R. S. Gavin, of Huntsville, has sketched the history of Enon church, and has contrasted the standing of Enon with Flint River church, showing they were closely allied in their early days, by his request we ask permission in your columns to make a reply to some things in his communication.

First, we wish to agree with Dr. Gavin that the two churches were of the same faith and practice until 1837. We agree that both churches were governed by the same Articles of Faith, and we wish here to quote the second article of their faith as the Doctor has given it:

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

Now we wish to quote a paragraph from a circular letter read and adopted by Flint River Association while in session with Enon church in 1835, and that is, "The church is complete of itself."

Now, if believing the Articles of Faith and accepting the statement of the circular letter as quoted above constituted Baptist principles in 1835, can we now add to or take from this and still be the original Baptists? We say no. What say you and your brethren, Doctor?

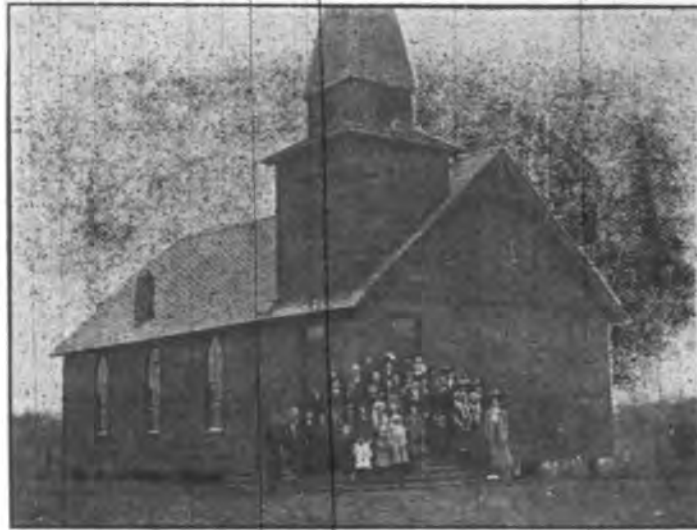
Now if the above Articles of Faith be true, you will do the Primitive Baptists of Alabama a great favor, by bringing forward a plan, "Thus sayeth the Lord," for your missionary operation of the present day, and if you fail to do this we shall still claim you have no right to the celebration of the introductory of those principles into the state of Alabama.

Now that you may clearly understand us, and also to show when your Enon church departed from the foregoing principles was in 1835, when she invited the state convention to meet with her and hired a preacher at a stipulated salary, accepted theological schools for training men to preach the gospel, establishing Sunday schools, tract societies, ladies' aid societies and missionary boards.

Please cite us to the book, chapter and verse where we have any authority from God's word for any of the above inventions of men.

Now if you can't give us a plain "Thus sayeth the Lord," for these things, then we are bound to believe that the Flint River Association was right in rejecting the circular letter in 1836 and in passing the so-called drastic resolutions you spoke of. Remember, we were to take the Scriptures for our only rule of faith and practice.

So please read John 2, from 9th to 12th verses: "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not their doctrine, receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God speed, for



The picture of the Brownsboro Baptist church which appears in the Baptist this week is a splendid likeness of the home of the Baptists who were constituted into a church in 1903, at Wortham's mill, 200 yards from the spot where the first Baptist church in Alabama was organized.

Wortham's mill is less than a mile from where the old Flint River church of our primitive brethren now stands. Rev. M. H. Crutcher (since passed to his reward) did the first work looking to the organization of this church.

Rev. J. A. Jenkins was the first pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. G. W. Lovell, now of Castleberry. Bro. Lovell was the moving spirit in the building of the new church home at Brownsboro, some two miles from Wortham's mill. The house was built about a year ago. Rev. Frank Averyt, Gurley, Ala., is the present pastor. Brethren T. F. Giles and John Kelly are the deacons and Bro. J. M. Lacy is clerk. They have an interesting "union" Sunday school, but use the Southern Baptist convention literature. It is the Sunday school crowd you see standing on the steps. The Liberty Association meets with this church this fall. It is about ten miles east from Huntsville on the Southern railway. And the first sermon that was ever preached from the pulpit in Brownsboro was the first sermon preached in the Brownsboro Baptist church. The other organizations have their church homes at old Maysville, off the railroad some two miles from Brownsboro station.

R. S. GAVIN.

he that hideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

See also Thessalonians, 3d chapter, 6th to 9th verses: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us."

As surely as the history of the ear of corn cannot be traced back through the grown-up stalk and the tender blade, and the planted seed of a grain of wheat, so surely the Doctor failed to trace the first church of Huntsville with its present doctrines and practices to that little band on the west fork of Flint River.

Now, Doctor, will you please try your hand on the old record again, and compare your third section of ninth article, and see if there is anything back there that will correspond with this section of the by-laws of the Huntsville church.

No member is in good standing who fails to promise and pay for the current support at least one dollar a year unless excused by the deacons.

Now talk about liberty or freedom! When a member's conscience is bound by the judgment of the officers of the church, where is your liberty or freedom?

Don't this look like iron-clad?

Now if in your mind any of the things we have mentioned above, separately considered, or all of them, jointly considered, be necessary to give eternal life, then is it not evident that eternal life comes by the law?

If you take the latter position, you will please reconcile it with Galatians, 3d and 18th verses: "For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Verse 21 is the law against the promise of God. God forbid! for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily, righteousness should have been by the law (for surely if it be by the law, Christ is dead in vain).

Now if you and all of your brethren, with all of your ponderous boards, can save one soul in heaven which would have been lost without your efforts, then Jesus was mistaken when He said that "No man can come to Me except My Father which hath sent Me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day."

It is written in the Prophets that they shall all be taught of God, verse 45: "Every man, therefore, that hath heard and learned of the Father cometh unto Me."

According to the Articles of Faith,

Enon church evidently believed this as strong as Flint River church did, and Flint still remains the same to this day, as do the Primitive Baptists all through the state. Missionary Baptists do not; therefore they have no right to the celebration of such principles being introduced into the state.

This being the case, it makes the resolutions passed by Flint River church at her set conference true. We are sorry to have been drawn into such a controversy, but we are not to blame for it. If the Missionary Baptists had waited for the proper time to have celebrated, then we would not have said a word, but when they come up and try to claim our right, we feel in duty bound—for the sake of the rising generation—to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and will contest every inch of the ground.

We had hoped the two bodies could have moved along in peace, but so long as the Missionary Baptists continue to intrude upon our rights, we will try in an humble and meek way to defend the same.

Hoping you will publish this in your paper as early as is convenient, yours for the truth's sake,

J. T. STEWART.
B. B. LAWLER.

FROM BROTHER WATKINS.

Your weekly visits are very welcome to a fellow this far from home. The paper grows better as time passes. Since coming to Texas the paper's visit is almost like letters from old friends. I want to have just a few words about our quartette of Alabamians here in San Antonio. T. V. Neal is the pastor of Prospect Hill, a church of nearly 400 members, loyal and great in spirit. They are planning to build at once a \$30,000 house. Brother Neal came here for his health, but it seems that the Lord had a hand in it to get him at the head of this church.

L. M. Thomas, who had to come back from China on account of his health, is here temporarily. He is assisting Brother T. B. Ray in the educational work of the Foreign Mission Board. He hopes to get back to China soon. H. B. Woodward takes up the reins at the Southside church here on the fourth Sunday. He comes to a splendid church and boundless opportunities. We four were in Howard College together. I have recently resigned at Southside to take up the city evangelistic work at the earnest solicitation of the other pastors and workers. God is blessing the labors of us out here. Neal has had 176 additions during the year.

Thomas is bringing into existence many mission study classes and stirring up interest in the work. I have seen over 200 come into the church under my ministry since I first landed here. God is good to us.

God bless you all back home—Brother Crumpton, Dr. Montague, Brother Barnett, Brother Stewart and every interest of our Lord's. Fraternally,
F. H. WATKINS.

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THE BOOK COLUMN.

An announcement: At the request of the editor, and because I think I see some opportunity to render a service of some value to my brethren, especially those in the ministry of our Baptist churches, I have assumed the office of writing from time to time for this Book Column of The Alabama Baptist. I will be glad to make the column as helpful as possible to the readers of the paper by reviewing from time to time books worth while, and discussing books which may be before the public. It would be in order to answer questions, as we may be able, about books, if any brother wishes that. Not long since a brother wrote that they needed a change in the pulpit of their church, as their pastor seemed to have preached out, and asked if I could recommend a suitable man for them to call next year. I knew the pastor, and knew that there was no better man to be had for that field than he. But the poor fellow had a family, and his income hardly maintained him. I thought I saw at once what was the matter, and made the suggestion that the best way to get a change in that pulpit was to change the man they already had into the man they needed. This, I suggested, could be done by giving him some books, and recommended to the good deacon that he present his pastor with a set of McClaren's Expositions of Scripture, and see if he would not get the change he wanted. He acted on my suggestion and procured the books, and now tells me that the change came the next Sunday after the books arrived and has been going on ever since. He also is just enough to admit that he has gotten more good out of the investment than out of any similar amount he has ever invested. Our Baptist preachers in Alabama need today, above everything else, a working library. There is not in the entire state a pastor's library which, compared with that of doctors or lawyers, would be termed respectable. It is marvelous what good preaching our people get, considering what poor tools our pastors have to work with. The truth is, brethren, that you are doomed to listen to the impoverished preaching we are compelled to give you because we are not armed for the service you expect at our hands. A book put into the hands of your pastor would pay you a dividend every Sunday morning, and I do not see how you can afford to neglect such a good investment. Give your pastor some good books such as a preacher needs, or you deserve to live on this gruel the rest of your days. If you want good stuff in your pulpit, help to pay the freight on it.

The best and most useful books in these days are very cheap. There lies on my desk a striking illustration of this fact in two of the very best books for the average reader which have come under my eyes for many days. One is on "Christian Agnosticism," by the late Rev. Prof. E. H. Johnson, of Crozer Seminary, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta, Ga. It is sold for 90 cents, is well bound, on good paper and in good type. It is as fine a piece of good, wholesome learning as can be found in all the range of theological scholarship, and is conservative, sound, sensible, convincing. Put this book in the hands of the average pastor, and he will load his gun out of it for the next six months. I venture to make the reader this proposition: If you will send to the Publication Society in Atlanta 90 cents and procure this book and take it to your pastor and tell him to read it, and tell you what is in it and what he thinks of it in his next Sunday's sermons, and if the preaching you hear next Sunday is not improved, I will refund to you the money.

The other book is the "Memorial Supper," by our own beloved Dr. J. M. Frost, and is published by our own Sunday School Board at Nashville, under the Eva Garvey Publishing Fund. It is a statement of what Baptists have ever held to be the truth about the Supper, but it is much more than that. It is an appreciation of our denominational position in reference to that ordinance. It is lamentably true that even Baptists who hold well to Baptist tenets do not appreciate the value of those tenets as they should, and this book will render its best service in correcting that evil. It is one of the finest pieces of printed



eloquence we have read for many a day, sane, forceful, spiritual and in the best and most beautiful Christian spirit. I will make the reader another proposition: If you will get this book and put it into the hands of your pastor, and your next communion service is not greatly enhanced in spiritual benefit, I will refund the money. It also costs 90 cents. What a blessing would come to our people if all our preachers could have the benefit of both of these books!

There are a thousand Baptist preachers who ought to read both of these books, and a hundred thousand people who would be benefited by their reading them; but the very men who would get most good out of them and do most good with them are the very ones who will, in all probability, not have the benefit of them. Will not the layman who reads this try the experiment suggested above?

A. J. D.

"Epochs in the Life of Jesus," by Rev. Prof. A. T. Robertson, published by Scribners, New York.

Keep in mind that this column is written, not so much as a review of books, as with the view to being helpful to the readers of The Alabama Baptist, and especially preachers. We read too few books. Our thinking is impoverished by this failure to read. It is as important to feed your mind and to stimulate and exercise it, as it is to feed and exercise your body. We are in need of healthful mental life. And in nothing do we suffer so much by this failure to avail ourselves of the conditions requisite to rich and healthful mental and spiritual life as in our religious experience. It is, therefore, with the hope of promoting religious life that this column is given the public. All this is said with a view to calling the reader's attention to the little book above, and the good it can do many of us in Alabama. Though containing less than 200 pages, it covers all the incidents in the life of Jesus given us in the Gospels. It is the cream of most that is wholesome in the larger "Lives of Christ" condensed, and written up in easy and charming style. For the average reader it is ideal. It does not, except in few cases, go into questions of controversy, but sets forth what is well established and currently



DON'T WAIT FOR AN AGENT.

The commercial tourist familiarly known as the "drummer" is always in the land with his sample trunks, but when the railroads called in the passes it made it too expensive for us to continue our field agents. So if you want sample copies don't wait for them, but write to us and we will gladly send you a bundle. Now is a good time to get a lot, for by giving them out you may be able to get a club of new subscribers on the \$1 offer to January, 1909. You can help us. You can help the cause, and you can help yourself, for we will send you a nice present.

approved. To the critical scholar the author will seem to be too dogmatic, but such is not his meaning; rather he adopts the direct and dogmatic style for the sake of brevity and effectiveness. Besides, a man ought to be allowed to indulge in dogmatism about matters which are universally accepted as certain. The book is thoroughly orthodox, for it says just what you and I have been ever preaching; and the true test of orthodoxy is what we are wont to preach. The portrayal of the incidents in the life of Jesus is done with wonderful vividness and realism, and is true to the settings in places and times. It translates how Jesus looked to those who saw Him into modern language for the average reader. This little book—little, however, only in the fewness of its pages—ought to be in every home, in every preacher's library, in every man's hand who ought to know and value aright the things told us concerning Jesus in the Gospels. It will be of special helpfulness to those engaged in a study of the life of Christ; but in this event it ought to be used with some good Harmony of the Gospels, such as Broadus', or Stevens and Burton's. Suppose you get up a class in your congregation for a study of the life of Jesus, and use this book with a Harmony. The whole outfit would not cost you over two or three dollars, and would be worth to you an incalculable sum. Some of your members might sell a couple of bushels of potatoes they have been hoarding and invest it in a better knowledge of Jesus to a decided advantage. I could wish that ten thousand copies of this book could be put into this state among our Baptist people. It would quicken their knowledge of their Lord and their appreciation of Him—something sorely needed and well worth doing. Let our B. Y. P. U. societies all over the state study this little book with a Harmony, and they will find newness of life as they walk with Christ, and will find an up-to-date knowledge of their Lord with great ease, but also great accuracy. On a few minor points we do not entirely agree with the author's position, and of course here he is not orthodox, for we very seldom have caught ourselves in holding to heretical doctrines. We are quite sure he feels the same way about himself, as indeed the reader does also about himself. The fact is, we are all orthodox. But the author seems to hold and avow that a belief such as he himself sets forth with reference to the virgin birth is essential to a belief in the divinity of the Lord. We agree with him entirely in holding that the virgin birth is the true way in which the Lord became flesh, but do not see eye to eye with him in making it an essential part of the connotation of his divinity. Many a person has believed in the divinity of Jesus who has not taken into consideration the manner of His birth. Few of us have ever examined into His birth as a prerequisite to trust in Him as the Son of God and our Saviour. It seems to me that we do but weaken the argument for the virgin birth by loading its meaning with a function which it cannot bear when tested by experience and common sense. The attitude towards those who find difficulty with the virgin birth of practically saying to them, "If you deny this dogma, I will pronounce your faith in the Lord's divinity void," is a threat so arbitrary that it will prove worse than futile, even when contained in the decrees of a seminary professor. If belief in this dogma has this important relation to faith in Jesus as the Son of God, Jesus and the apostles as represented in the New Testament made a great oversight in not giving it that place. But no one's representation of matters of this kind can prove entirely orthodox when judged by the rigid standard of your and my preaching. The only way to get an ointment entirely free from flies is to make it yourself. But do not fall on this account to use this superb little book for the purposes to which it is so well suited as a Handbook for the Study of the Life of the Lord. The price of this book is \$1.25, and its value to you is beyond any price.

I have been asked why I did not continue to write the history of the Baptists of Alabama. The committee in charge at Montgomery has assigned that work very wisely to more competent hands, and it will be done in due time and in much better shape than I could have hoped to do it.

A. J. D.

Week of Self-Denial and Prayer for Home Missions

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."—Matt. xvi., 24.

"I must deny myself and take Jesus Himself as my life; I must choose. There are two lives, the self-life and the Christ-life; I must choose either of the two. 'Follow Me,' says our Lord; 'make Me as your rule of conduct, give Me your whole heart, follow Me, and I will care for all.'—Andrew Murray.

"First they gave their own selves to the Lord."—II Cor., viii., 5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15—EVANGELISM.

Home Board's Department of Evangelism.

At the convention in May, 1907, the Board reported that five special evangelists were working under its direction in different parts of the South. The full record of their success cannot be put on paper, but there were about 700 persons received for baptism as a result of their labors. Doubtless the Home Board's report for the current year will show a large increase in this number, and so chronicle yet greater triumphs of the cross of Christ. One of these evangelists is Rev. J. W. Michaels, a graduate of Gallaudet Institute for the deaf and dumb, who works entirely among deaf mutes. There are an aggregate of 25,716 deaf persons in our territory, and He who delighted in unstopping the ears of the deaf loves yet more to have the spiritual ears of these silent brothers of ours opened to His voice.

The Home Board reports: "Men are needed with special gifts for service in schools and colleges, meetings in slum districts, for frontier and mountain work, for shop meetings, for Sunday school evangelism, for conferences and institutes, and many other special phases of evangelism. We need large gifts for evangelism from individuals, societies and churches."

Closing Prayer.

That all meetings during the week, in every state, may be times of spiritual refreshment and rouse us to more earnest service in making Christ known and followed.

Monday, March 16—Church Building and Loan Fund and Frontier Missions.

Tuesday, March 17—1. The Home Board and Our State. 2. Negro Work.

Wednesday, March 18—Special Program for Young People.

A good motto for Christians—"Your money or your life!" A better one: "Your money and your life!"

Prayer: That God will give us all more sympathy for the strangers who come to our country, and a great desire to bring them the knowledge of Christ.

That our Home Board may have the increased gifts to enable them to put more missionaries at the piers.

Christ for the New Americans.

Immigration—The Problem of Numbers.

Thursday, March 19—Medical Work in the Foreign Field.

Clinical Christianity, as this has been well called, has a very wonderful place in the world-wide missionary campaign. Says Dr. Porter, of our Foreign Board: "With his gift of healing as his defense and the word of God as his weapon, the medical missionary can go where all others would be excluded. The tactful physician is pardoned for being a Christian, while before him national and religious prejudices disappear and homes and hearts are opened to him which would remain closed to the missionary evangelist. In regions once visited his return is gladly welcomed, and in the wake of his pioneer labors other forms of missionary work are easily established." There can be no question that the ministrations of the best obtainable are needed by the heathens of native lands. The suffering incident to disease, which we try so gently and incessantly to relieve in this country, is a hundredfold intensified by the ignorant and often brutal methods of native so-called doctors.

WOMAN'S WORK

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

First V. President—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, 517 N. 22d street, Birmingham.

State Organizer and Sunbeam Superintendent—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, 1127 S. 12th St., Birmingham.

Leader Young Woman's Work—Mrs. J. W. Vese, 4804 10th Ave., Birmingham.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Malone, Mission Room, Watts Building, Birmingham.

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

Please let those who are working for the Ladies' Aid Societies on this Centennial Offer keep 20c out of each \$1.00 and send 80c to the Alabama Baptist.

A SPECIAL OFFER TO THE WOMEN.

The following card was sent out to 500 women by the Central Committee:

"My Dear Sisters:

"Brother Barnett gives us a page a week for our work, and in order that more people may read it, I urge you to get to work at once on the SPECIAL CENTENNIAL OFFER. Brother Barnett will let us keep 20 cents on every new cash subscriber at \$1.00. Don't mail money to me, but send to him in enclosed envelope with out registering. (Signed)

"MRS. D. M. MALONE."

WHAT ONE GOOD WOMAN DID.

Enclosed the subscription blank with as many dollars, P. O. M. O., as there are names of new subscribers to our cherished Baptist.

I do wish to do very much for God, and would enjoy filling this little blank with names.

We, as women of Alabama, thank you heartily for your very liberal offer to us.

My mother, Mrs. Burson, lives in my home now, and even in my childhood home I have never known her to be without our denominational paper, so of course it is an essential part of my life, and I enjoy it with her as of old.

Wishing you all success in the Centennial movement, I am, yours in Christ's service,

OLIVE BURSON IVEY.

THIS WAS ON BACK OF CARD.

Dear Sisters:

This is a grand offer. I do hope at least half these blanks will be filled with names of new subscribers. The paper is well worth two dollars, which we pay for it, and just think! we can send it to some home for 80 cents! Who knows but some soul may be saved by the paper we send? How much more than 80 cents is a soul worth! Let every one of us deny herself a new hat or a new waist and use the money for this offer and for missions. Let us embrace every opportunity for doing God's service this year, 1908. Let us sow good seed that we may reap a good harvest. I shall send the paper to a home filled with children.

MRS. D. W. WATSON.

Friday, March 20—The Rim of Home Missions—Cubar, Isle of Pines, Panama.

Saturday, March 21—Mountain Schools.

Present Conditions.—Rev. A. E. Brown is superintendent of these schools, and is giving most devoted service to them. He gives us the following recent notes on this subject: "There are now 25 schools under the supervisions of the board. There is being expended for increased accommodation this year \$52,350. About 65 per cent. of this is being raised by the mountain people. Notwithstanding the increased accommodations thus provided, the enrollment for the fall term overtaxed the accommodations in many of these schools, and since the enrollment for the spring term is always much larger than that of the fall term, this means that hundreds of boys and girls must be left out during the spring term. The Home Board, relying on the W. M. U. to furnish the dormitory rooms, has not appropriated anything for that purpose, and nearly all of the schools are greatly embarrassed just now by the fact that their boarding halls are unfurnished, and we are unable to furnish them. The greatest embarrassment felt along this line is at Fruitland Institute, N. C., Yancey Institute of Burnsville, N. C., Murphy, N. C., Watauga Academy, Butler, Tenn., Chilhowee Institute, Tenn., Andersonville Institute, Tenn., Sayersville Institute, in Kentucky, Hazard Institute in Kentucky, and Eldridge Institute, Eldridge, Ala., where new dormitories have been built and there are no funds in sight for their furnishing." It is noticeable that those who live near and attend these schools are going nobly in their support. But the churches everywhere should help in equipment and so enlarge the usefulness of their institutions.

Let us not forget our very own mountain schools, Scottsboro and Eldridge.

APPENDICITIS.

Grape-Nuts as a Reconstructing Food.

The number of cases of appendicitis which get well by proper feeding and nursing is not less remarkable than the number of cases which were formerly operated on only to find that the operation was unnecessary.

While looking for the cause of this disease, it is well to remember that excessive starch fermentation may be considered a frequent cause, and that suggests more care in the use of starchy foods.

Grape-Nuts can be retained on the most sensitive stomach, and is extremely nourishing—just the ideal food for appendicitis cases.

"Last spring I was taken ill with appendicitis," writes an Indiana man. "The doctor told me not to be alarmed, for he would do the best he could to save me from the operating table.

"He advised me to eat nothing for two weeks, during which time I became so weak I could hardly move. The trouble began to leave me, and I began to eat fruits and milk, but I did not regain the strength I had before I was sick.

"A friend of mine recommended Grape-Nuts. I tried it, and it worked wonders with me. I soon began to gain in strength, and in a month was as strong as ever.

"I don't think I ever used a food that did me so much good. I now weigh 160 pounds, as against 120 before I was sick, all due to Grape-Nuts and regular exercise.

"My muscles are like iron, and I can do the hardest work. Being employed in a printing office, I have to think a lot, and my mind is clear, thanks to Grape-Nuts." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES.

Every immigrant is in need of the friendly word of assurance, if nothing more. But the tragedies which are daily enacted there give the warm-hearted missionary abundant opportunity to be an angel of mercy. These are pictures for a master's brush. Take that big-eyed, sweet-faced Swedish mother, whom I saw standing at the entrance to the woman's apartment. Her children clung about her dress, but her husband was not near. Perhaps he had been sent to the detention pen for deportation; perhaps he had failed to arrive. Whatever the reason, terror filled her eyes, and her gentle face was drawn in agony, as she leaned upon the little Baptist woman who spoke her own tongue, and was to her God's own angel. In that busy spot there was one with leisure and skill to befriend the friendless.

Services such as these fill the days of the Ellis Island missionaries. They speak most of the tongues in this modern Babel. Often they have opportunity for nothing but the giving of a greeting, a tract or a Bible, in the speech of the fatherland. Frequently, though, they can introduce the stranger to the friendly offices of some minister or church worker at the destination to which she is bound. The aim is not only to show kindness to the immigrant and to give him a Christian welcome, but also, as far as possible, to keep the shaping, guiding hand of religion, and, if possible, his own church, upon him in the new home which he is entering.—New York Sun.

After Many Days.

As we are called upon to work and walk largely by faith and do not often learn of actual results in our specific work, I thought it would encourage you to learn what was told me for my own encouragement by one of our German Baptist pastors whom I met during our meetings at Jamestown. He reminded me of a letter I wrote him several years ago concerning a German family whom we met at the landing at the time of their arrival in this country. After helping and talking with them, we were specially impressed with their spiritual need, and were glad they were going to where we could direct them to a German Baptist church and pastor. This pastor and his people showed their interest in the newcomers, and the Lord blessed their endeavors to such an extent that now this entire family, together with others of their kin and friendship, are members of the church, and five of their friends are very near, so that they feel assured that before long they, too, will take the stand for Jesus and His church, which would bring the total number up to twenty souls saved by this one act of kindness and seed sowing. Do you wonder that I felt like singing out loud, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow?"

Another to whom we offered our literature was a German Hungarian. He gladly accepted the papers, etc., yet lingered and hesitated while scanning our shelves. Finally he asked, "Lady, can't I have one of those little books you used to give out?" I understood immediately that he meant a Testament or Gospel, but desired an explanation as to now he knew of this, since he was the first one to receive anything that day. This is what we learned of him: He came to this country three years ago for the first time, leaving his wife and children at home in their native land. Upon his arrival here he, among others, was the recipient of not only some literature, but a Gospel, which he read until he dearly loved it. A few months ago he went back home to look after his own, and when he left them the second time he placed "the little book" in his wife's hands, "that it might prove a blessing to her, as I hoped to see you and get another for myself." There were just only a few copies left on our shelves, which I had pushed out of sight for special cases. When the request came "in this wise," I did not dare to refuse, for I was convinced that this was indeed a "special."

The next "special" came right along when a fatherless lad of fifteen asked for "the Book" also. Could I refuse to give to the boy who was coming away alone to cast his lot among a "foreign people with a strange tongue" the one thing he was asking for, and of which I knew it might be his "rod" and his "staff" in life?—Marie Buhlmaier.

A UNIQUE HOME MISSION PARTY.

In our mutual work, when we experience anything enjoyable we want to tell others about it. For the year's task our W. M. U. is divided into three committees—State, Home and Foreign Missions. A spirit of friendly rivalry thereby gives life and soul to the society, provoking each other to good works; for whether we care to admit it or not, rivalry is a powerful incentive to progress, and does much to maintain a high standard of work. A generous response of more than \$30 was made to the Home Mission committee at a parlor afternoon affair given on February 24. By making a social just a little bit unique lends variety and interest to it, so instead of the regular collection envelopes, collectors made in the form of wallets were distributed for the offerings, with a pretty merry-go-round picture on each and space in circles for dime contributors to write their names, taking sentiments already printed, such as, "With pleasure," "Glad to do so," "Would not miss the chance," etc., and emphasis was put upon the collectors by the accompanying rhyme:

"We ask a small favor—
Pray don't think us bold—
Drop herein an offering
Of silver or gold;
On our honored friends
It all depends,
And as the merry-go-round goes humming by,
We hope to get a good supply.

The large group picture, "Faces of our Missionaries," hung in a conspicuous place, and beneath it, suspended by a lavender ribbon, was the card and envelope you so kindly sent, stating that it was one of those found in Mrs. Stratton's desk. The appropriate words, "Let her own works praise her," accompanied this sweet reminder of our noble leader.

The pretty home of the hostess was all aglow with crimson roses, streamers of crimson ribbon and garlands of crimson hearts, the significance of which was "Put your heart in Home Missions."

This merry guessing game, "Nicknames of States," afforded entertainment for all: Alabama, Plantation State; California, Golden; Colorado, Centennial, and so on. Several dainty gifts were awarded as prizes, and simple refreshments of macaroons and coffee, nuts and mints were served. Slips with each gift contained these apt quotations:

Best guess:
"Isn't it, dear friends, worth while
Just to make somebody smile?
You've made a guess with gentle grace,
Now you'll wear a smiling face."
Next best guess:
"Really, we have learned the way
How to make a pleasant day.
'Guessing' as we go along—
Filling other lives with song."

Best offering:
"We get by giving.
The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure."
"The South is a field so vast and wide,
'Twill take from morning till eventide,
From dawn's first ray to the set of sun,
To do the work that needs to be done.
Life's day should be spent for the Master true;
He asks for your love and your offering, too;
See in our 'States' there ready lie
Ripe sheaves to be saved for eternity."

Second offering:
"If you give of your love and confidence
In measure full and true,
The offering you give to Home Missions
Will be returned to you."

Third offering:
"Thrice precious is each effort made
To save this land from shame and sin;
There is a blessing sweet that comes
To those who put their pennies in."

Coway shells—Indian shell money used by the poor in India—were given as souvenirs, and it is unnecessary to add that conversation and the "cup of good cheer," a good time and a congenial company called forth thanks from each departing guest.

Yours sincerely,
KATE McMULLAN.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

Field—The World is the Field.

The Woman's Missionary Union, being auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has through that body a share in the great work of world evangelization that is being done by the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards. It is the joy of the women of the Union to give their offerings through the channels of the general work and so to be unified with all the other forces of the Southern Baptist churches in their spread of the kingdom of God.

Peculiar Responsibilities.

1. We have been asked by the Boards to take as our aim for the current year the following:

For Home Missions.....\$ 75,000
For Foreign Missions.... 100,000

In these sums are included the following:
Support of all women missionaries in foreign fields.
Support of all schools under care of women in foreign fields.

Christmas offering for China.....\$25,000
Sunbeam school at Ying Tak..... 5,000
Sunbeam school at El Paso, Tex.... 5,000
Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions in March, 1908.

2. The Union has assumed also the following obligations:

Margaret Home, Greenville, S. C., for Missionaries' children, for year's support, \$1,200.
Missionary Training School, Louisville:
For year's support.....\$ 3,000
For endowment fund, aim this year..... 20,000
(Ultimate aim, \$60,000.)

The raising of this endowment fund of at least \$20,000 was understood by the Sunday School Board as agreed to, when the Union accepted its generous gift of \$20,500 for purchase of the Training School property in Louisville.

3. Other Aims:
Larger things in prayer, mission study organization and gifts.

Multiplication of Young Woman's Auxiliary.
Increase of Sunbeam bands.
More women for service at home.

Facts:
It costs less than 4 cents out of every dollar contributed to carry on the business of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Publication: Our Mission Fields (quarterly)—
Per year.....20 cents.
Monthly Literature, per year 30 cents.
You need this magazine in order to know our work.

MUSIC STUDENTS

Should Have Steady Nerves.

The nervous system of the musician is often very sensitive, and any habit like coffee drinking may so upset the nerves as to make regular and necessary daily practice next to impossible.

"I practice from seven to eight hours a day and study harmony two hours," writes a Michigan music student. "Last September, I was, so nervous I could only practice a few minutes at a time, and mother said I would have to drop my music for a year.

"This was terribly discouraging, as I couldn't bear the thought of losing a whole year of study. Becoming convinced that my nervousness was caused largely by coffee, and seeing Postum so highly spoken of I decided I would test it for a while.

"Mother followed the directions carefully, and I thought I had never tasted such a delicious drink. We drank Postum every morning instead of coffee, and by November I felt more like myself than for years, and was ready to resume my music.

"I now practice as usual, do my studying, and when my day's work is finished I am not any more nervous than when I began.

"I cannot too highly recommend Postum to musicians who practice half a day. My father is a physician, and recommends Postum to his patients. Words cannot express my appreciation for this most valuable health beverage, and experience has proven its superiority over all others." "There's a Reason."

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

SPIRITUAL PARALYSIS.

It is quite as true that some people are the subjects of spiritual paralysis as it is true that some persons are the victims of physical paralysis. The cases are not precisely parallel, for the most of those who are spiritually paralyzed are not conscious of the fact, while the other class of paralytics are aware of their condition, except in instances where the mind is thoroughly affected by the disease. In either case the condition is very dangerous, and is of a fatal character. Paul wrote of some people as being "past feeling." They were spiritually paralyzed. They had no real sense of personal sin. They had come into a condition in which they did not feel the presence in them of the existence and exercises of a sinful nature. There was a complete numbness of spiritual perception. And that is the condition of thousands of unconverted people today. They are great sinners, but they do not realize the fact. They think that they are in a healthy moral condition. They believe that they are morally sounder and stronger than Christian people are. It is natural that they should think so. They will continue to have that opinion of themselves until the Holy Spirit so far operates upon their mind as to enable them to see somewhat their real state. And there are a great many professing Christians who are spiritually paralyzed. Some of them are much less affected than others are. They are partly paralyzed. It may seem to be a contradiction of terms to say that one may be a real Christian, and yet also be partially spiritually paralyzed, but it is true. It may be seen in the fact that they do not realize that they commit sin in any form or degree. They think that their old nature has been entirely removed from them. They say that there is no tendency in them to commit sin. They believe that they are orifmful of the Holy Spirit, and therefore that they possess the very highest and completest type of spirituality. This is a clear and strong evidence of their being spiritually paralyzed. A spiritual numbness pervades them. They are largely lacking in a sense of personal sinfulness. The paralysis has so much affected their spiritual eye-sight that they either will not or can not see themselves as they really are, and hence as God sees them. They believe that they are in the most healthy spiritual condition, when in fact they are seriously diseased. It is an awful condition for any Christian to be in. It is deceptive. It is exceedingly injurious, not only to the victim, but to others. It is also a very weak condition. May all of our readers pray to be preserved from the disease of spiritual paralysis.

I have been doing what I could to get our people to subscribe for our paper, but think one dollar a year, or nearly so (nine or ten months), will get them. So you may count me one to work for the five thousand new subscribers. The Bible is the only thing better for Christians to read than the Alabama Baptist.—U. S. Cook



A Great Missionary Lesson

As the end of March comes around, Southern Baptists will be in their greatest missionary campaign of many years. We have set our marks high, and we must not fall short. If we reach the amounts necessary, it will mean that Southern Baptists increase their missionary gifts by a half million dollars! If it is done, we must all have a part in it.

It is the ambition of the Sunday School Board to have the combined Sunday school constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention alive to this missionary situation. So they have prepared a missionary lesson for Sunday, March 29, and the whole force of their periodicals will be utilized to have a great missionary Sunday.

And we believe it will be used by all to create missionary enthusiasm and to bring the matter of missionary giving straight home to all concerned. The Baptist Sunday schools of the South ought to raise \$100,000 for missions, as the result of this day. No school, however small, should fail to have a part in this great effort. See to it that your class and your school are awake to the opportunity. A brief program for use in the opening and closing exercises will be found in the Superintendent's Quarterly. If your superintendent does not have a copy, he ought to have. See to it that he sends for one right away.

T. B. Ray, the Educational Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, well says: "This special lesson and program offer a splendid opportunity for making a helpful break. Plan to make an occasion out of the day; talk it over beforehand; advertise it; believe in it yourself; then, when the day comes, wake up and determine to make it count. Go in with enthusiasm. Your spirit will determine the kind of day it shall be. If you are in ruts, get out for this one day. What we want on this day, when the greatest of all themes is treated, is life, love, light. Become the embodiment of all these."

He suggests the following appliances as being helpful in the study of missions in the Sunday school: The Foreign Mission Board has curio boxes upon Japan and Africa at \$1.50 per box. These contain objects of various kinds, illustrating the life on the two fields mentioned, and are invaluable for the teaching of missionary lessons to primary scholars. They have also twelve picture cards upon Japan, the pack selling for 20 cents. Upon the back of each card is the explanation of what the picture means, and these have been found to be very effective in giving a good conception of conditions in Japan.

The Foreign Mission Board would also be glad to send to any Sunday school which will take a collection for foreign missions a large chart containing the pictures of all of our missionaries upon the foreign field. There are over 200 pictures upon this one chart, and it is a beautiful piece of work, which should be hung in every Sunday school room. This picture will be sent upon application to those who will fulfill the condition just mentioned. Brother T. B. Ray, Richmond, Va., will be glad to send special circulars to any who might be interested in the teaching of missions in the Sunday school. Don't wait, but write at once, and make March 29th a memorable day in the history of your Sunday school.

STUDY THIS SCHEDULE CAREFULLY

These figures are changed weekly

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	\$ 9,873.09
For home missions since May 1st	7,328.19
For foreign missions since May 1st	11,291.76
For church building since May 1st	522.28

What is before us?	
For state missions to June 30	\$15,126.91
For home missions to April 30	20,671.81
For foreign missions to April 30	28,708.24
For church building to April 30	6,477.72

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.

NECESSARY PREPARATION.

A large number of genuine Christians, desirous of serving God to the best of their ability, did not know at the beginning of their career how necessary it was for them to have a preparation for service which would make them think less of their ability and their importance than they were thinking. Even some who had thought that they were humble in spirit were not nearly as humble as they needed to be. They did not know themselves. The apostles, while they were with Christ, lacked much of being humble enough to best serve God. Christ was all the while trying to show them the absolute necessity of being as humble as little children are, and yet there remained a good deal of self-conceit and pride in them, even to the time that Christ left the world. Peter is a particular example of this fact. It had been determined by God that he should be very prominent as a preacher on the day of Pentecost, but he was not rightly prepared for that work and for its results until he was thoroughly humbled, and that experience came to him when he denied his Lord in a vehement manner. He was so conceited that he boldly asserted that he never would deny Christ. But he was allowed by God to do that very thing, and when he got through with that bad tumble his conceit and pride departed. He was then prepared for the great success which attended his preaching on Pentecost day. Had he not been thus prepared, he would have boasted of his mighty success, just as many preachers and evangelists in our day glory in their success in getting converts. But never again did Peter assume superiority over his brethren, nor did he indulge in a self-important spirit. And there are many preachers in our day who need the preparation of heart which comes through a most humbling experience in some form. They have too lofty an opinion of their brains and education. Judged by their own estimate of themselves, they are mighty preachers. They are an immense success. They are too large for God to manage well. Hence they need to be greatly reduced in size and in their feelings. It would be a mercy to them, and a large gain to God's cause, if they were to be thrust through with some big thorn, as Paul was, with the thorn remaining permanently; for even the good and modest Paul needed the preparation for best service which that lacerating and lasting thorn gave to him. If you would do a great work for God, be willing to be so prepared for it that you will ever glorify Him, and not yourself.

Your kind remembrance to hand in the shape of gold collar button. Thank you. If the Baptists of Alabama would do as much thinking about themselves as Bro. Barnett thinks of them, there would be some thinking done. I am going to do my best in its circulation.
—W. H. Giddens.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM CHINA.

I have thought that the readers of The Alabama Baptist would be interested in some extracts from letters recently received from my son-in-law, Dr. Adrian S. Taylor, who is located in Yangchow, China:

"Last Thursday evening Annie May and I walked around the city wall. As nearly as I can calculate, it is about seven miles around, but the walking was good, the ground level and dry and clean (for China), and the day so clear and fine. There are many things inside the city and in the surrounding country of so much interest that the long walk really seemed very short. Yangchow has two halves, one the old city and one the new. A single wall now encircles both, and dividing them the remains of the old wall are seen. That part of the wall now standing around the old city is much wider and seemingly better built than the more recently built wall around the new city. I should say that the wall varied from twenty to forty feet in height, and from ten to thirty feet in breadth on top. This is about the only clean walk available in Yangchow."

"Tonight our amah (Mrs. Lu) was upstairs watching to see if baby should wake, and I went up to see if all was well, and found her with my Bible. She can't read, but she wants to be a Christian, and is a regular enquirer. I read her John 1:19-27, our Sunday school lesson tomorrow. She is a good woman, and I think the gospel is going to mean great things in her life. She is the wife of an opium-smoking teacher. A sweeter spirit we have never seen. She is a regular enquirer, and goes over to Mrs. Pierce's to the class. She has a little book Mrs. Pierce gave her, and I read it to her, as the Chinese is very simple. The fundamental facts of Christianity are stated very simply. I think the gospel has already taken a hold on her life, even though as yet she knows very little of Jesus."

"My teacher seems to be an earnest enquirer. He goes so far as to say that he wants to preach. We study the Bible over and over every day, and I hope by and by the light will shine clear for him. A year or two ago he first heard the gospel, and it made a deep impression on him. He told me that there were a dozen or so students (corresponding to Biblical scribes) in his house talking over the Jesus doctrine, and he was trying to explain to them, and told them that Confucianism gave them a teaching for this life, but said nothing about after death. This Jesus doctrine taught this—what they wished to know. He said they considered the matter over until 1 o'clock in the morning. This is the way the seed is sown."

After telling of a feast given by Dr. Evans to some Chinese friends, Dr. Taylor says:

"After the guests had gone, we heard a big racket across the street in the house of one of our neighbors. She had five or six Buddhist priests called in to celebrate the birthday of her dead son. His tablet was in its place, with two large candles burning in front of it. There was a table with a lot of idols, with four candles at each corner. A high priest sat at the head of the table and two on each side. They were there to wait all night long. For what purpose I do not know. Some of the Chinese said it was to call up the demons. Every now and then they would offer rice to the invisible demon to satisfy him. When the high priest wanted to drink a little tea, he would hide his head behind his sleeve so the idol in front of him couldn't see him. The old mother was expected to wait at appropriate places in the ceremony. Her cries were really distressing. She was all alone in the world. Her husband and three sons were dead, and this tomfoolery was the only consolation she could get. But it was very much like Catholic mummery. The Buddhists are just like the Roman Catholics in many of their ceremonies and customs."

The letters from which these extracts were taken were not written for publication, but I have thought many would be interested in them. Dr. Taylor speaks of the Buddhists being very like the Roman Catholics in many of their ceremonies and customs. Those who have read my book on "Errors of Romanism" will remember that I have shown that much of what Roman Catholics have come from Buddhism.

W. J. E. COX.



DR. J. B. HAWTHORNE'S LECTURE HERE.

On Thursday night, March 19, Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne lectures at the First Baptist church of this city. That a great treat is in store for those who are wise enough to hear this celebrated orator goes without saying. He is one of our very finest representatives of the oratory of the old school, and yet he is sufficiently modern to please the younger generation. His lecture will deal with light, outdoor air and sunshine; and he is an expert in them all. He has recently delivered this lecture in the First Baptist church, Richmond, Va., of which he was long the admired pastor, and great was the applause on the occasion. He ought to be greeted with a full house in Birmingham, where his gifts as an orator are well known.

J. C. HIGDEN.

FROM DR. HEARN.

I am enclosing you herewith a picture of a group of "kitchen gods," which I sent out on the street for today, and thought it would be of interest to you. The Chinese hang these gods up in their kitchens on their New Year, which is tomorrow (Sunday), and the greatest time of the year with them. These gods are supposed to see and hear everything that goes on in the home, and at the close of the year they burn them. They look upon these as minor gods, or watch gods, and when they are burned they report to the greater gods—that is, those of wood, stone or iron—the conduct of the family. They bribe them before burning by rubbing syrup all around their mouths, so they will tell the great, dreaded gods only sweet things.

(There may be some syrup rubbed around the mouths of some at home this year.)

May the Lord pity these poor, ignorant, superstitious people, and in some way may His light soon shine in upon their lost souls. As I write there is a roar all around caused by the explosion of large fire-crackers. This is not to celebrate the incoming of the New Year, but to scare away the evil spirits preparatory to the bringing home of the spirits of their departed friends.

I think I have told you that the entire country is dotted with graves, and on next Tuesday night they go out to the graves, with light in hand, to escort the spirits of their dead ancestors home to spend one day, and then escort them back. I am told that it is beautiful to see the thousands of lights scattered over the plains on a dark night, and I think I shall be up to see them come frooping in with the spirits of their people who have been dead hundreds of years.

Will write you again soon. We enjoy The Baptist very much, and hope not to miss a copy. With many wishes, your brother,

T. O. HEARN.

Let me congratulate The Alabama Baptist on the stalwart work it has done for prohibition in my native state. What a power it has been! Now if the paper will throw itself into the campaign for Foreign Missions, as I am sure it will, its influence for this great cause will be equally powerful.

Alabama is nearly \$3,000 behind its Foreign Mission record of this date last year. I am sure that the churches are not willing for this state of things to continue. Heroic work must be done during these two months, or the cause will suffer incalculable loss. We are confidently expecting Alabama not only to give as much as last year, but to go far in advance.

Here is an illustration of what one church has done: Rev. Sam H. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist church at Troy, Ala., writes:

"Permit me to tell you how happy I am. The old First church has at last been aroused from her slumbers. Only a few weeks ago the Sunday school gave \$87 to Foreign Missions, one-half of which was given by our superintendent, Brother Joel D. Murphree, Jr., and Sunday at the morning service I preached on the theme, "Christ's Mission One With Ours," and followed it by opening the doors of the church. Forty-three came forward for membership, 38 of whom were for baptism. Before asking them a question, I mounted the rostrum and asked for a free-will offering for Foreign Missions, and in a few minutes they gave me \$810, and we will make it \$1,000, I believe, before we close. This is a marvelous advance when you take into consideration that last year they gave for all mission purposes through every channel of the church organization only \$953.19."

Now there are hundreds of churches in the state that can make a proportionate advance. Will not every pastor and every church member take hold of the work with new energy and courage? We are confidently expecting to hear great things at an early date. Sincerely yours,

WM. H. SMITH.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSIONS.

The Sunday school lesson for Sunday, March 29, is a missionary lesson. The Sunday School Board has placed much emphasis upon this lesson, and has tried to make it an important occasion. The Foreign Mission Board greatly appreciates this effort, and desires to urge pastors and superintendents to make the day count for two things:

First, teaching missions to the young people. This is exceedingly important. If we can reach the young people, the greatest problem in world-wide evangelization will be solved. What a responsibility rests upon those who have this opportunity!

Second, helping the board in this time of crisis. There can be no question of the need of help. Let a special collection for missions be taken in every Sunday school where this lesson is taught. Plan for it, pray for it and press it. Even if the collections are not large, the aggregate will be immense. We renew the offer to give to each Sunday school that gives a part of this special offering to Foreign Missions, and will write us to that effect, one of the large group pictures of all of our missionaries.

WM. H. SMITH.

Richmond, Va., March 7, 1908.

Well, I will tell you something about old Palmetto Street Baptist church. We are looking for Rev. Sid Williams, of Texas, on the 15th day of this month to begin a meeting with us. I know we are going to have a good time. I feel it in my bones. With Brother Williams and Brother Sandlin, we can't help doing good work. I can't help telling you about our Sunday school. We have our Sunday school all organized, and all the classes are named. The class I belong to is named Daniel Band. We have a class song which is called, "Dare to be a Daniel." Our teacher is Bro. John Starts, and he is a fine Christian gentleman. We all love him. One of the classes range in age from 45 to 85 years. I wish you could see us boys and hear us sing our class song.

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NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that letters of administration have been granted to the undersigned on the above estate by Hon. S. E. Greene, Judge of Probate of said county, and all parties having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them within the time prescribed by law or they will be barred. W. F. BRIDGERS, Administrator.

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In God, believe also in Me; nor grieve
That I must leave you; in my Father's
house
Are many mansions. If it were not so
I would have told you; I must go
before
That I a place may have prepared for
you,
So I may come and take you to myself.
I come again to claim and take my
own,
That they may all be with Me where
I am,
To share the glory that is mine in
heaven,
And live and reign forever with Me
there.
Thus did I speak unto the chosen
twelve,
And such assurance do I give to you,
Poor, burdened, weary-hearted pilgrim,
now.
Then what is sorrow but a passing
cloud?
And tears, but drops as transient as
the dew?
What is the worst that life may have
in store
Of dread and terror, conflict, pain and
woe?
These shall not vex but for a little
while;
They all shall fall and pass away and
die.
Believe in Me, and then the worst that
comes
Can have no power but to help you on.
The path of thorns and tears leads up
the way
To where all tears and thorns are
done away

A RAY OF SUNSHINE.

Dr. T. B. Ray, the educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has every reason for being a nappy man. On the first of January he won as his bride Miss Davie Bruce Jasper, a most charming little woman of Plano, Tex. She will be a great help and inspiration to him in his work.

The Educational Department of the Board is growing far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine under his administration. It is quite impossible to keep on hand text-books and helps sufficient to meet the demands of the rapidly increasing number of mission study classes. The department is two weeks behind on orders because it cannot get the books from the publishers fast enough to fill the orders that are constantly coming.

At the same time, there has come from the press of the Sunday School Board at Nashville that splendid new book, "The Highway of Mission Thought," edited by Dr. Ray. It is made up of eight of the great mountain peaks of missionary thought and expression since the days of William Carey. It has already been welcomed with an enthusiastic reception by those who are interested in foreign mission work. The editor has placed the denomination and the entire Christian public under lasting obligations by the labor and thought which he has bestowed upon the collecting and publishing of this valuable material for missionary inspiration.

In blessed peace, forever and for aye.
So, if it be you walk in darksome way,
And care sits heavy on your lonely
life,
Let not your heart be troubled; trust
in Me.
Think of the darker way I trod for
you,
That your dark way might lead into
the light
Which shineth brighter to the perfect
day.
And think of this: You are not left
alone;
You have the Spirit—the great Comforter—
To guide and teach and help you; hear
you Him,
And walk with willing feet as He shall
lead.
So shall you keep the peace I give to
you;
So shall your soul be kept in perfect
peace.
Then sorrow's lesson you shall understand,
And songs of joy shall take the place
of tears.
Great is this mystery to carnal men,
But to the blood-washed and the Spirit-
taught,
The sons of God by living faith in Me,
It shines as clear as shines the noon-
day sun,
And warms the soul with living fires
divine.
Let not your heart be troubled; still
be true—
That which shall come to pass is best
for you;
And if you so receive it, will be
A joy increasing to eternity.
—Kit Williams in Ex.
New Orleans.

"Friday night our pastor's home was the scene of confusion and alarm. About 8 o'clock, just as Pastor Green and wife were retiring, the noise of many feet was heard at the front, and marching down the hallway a crowd of young people, with suppressed voices but heavy step, entered the pantry and then hurriedly made their escape without revealing their identity. Next morning, it is said, Pastor Green began to investigate the damages, and found to his great surprise that they had left quantities of sausage, ham, sugar, coffee, flour and eatables too numerous to mention. This in a measure shows how much our church people appreciate the pastor and family."—Thomasville Echo.

Dear Brother Barnett; The explanation as to the origin of the above "pounding" is found in reading The Alabama Baptist by some of our ladies of a "pounding" by some other church. We have been told that such things were never done by this church before. These people are aggressive in every good work, and are determined to keep abreast of the times. When you come to Nicholasville you will find an elegant house of worship, a splendid seven-room parsonage with every necessary convenience, and all paid for. This church takes half time, and my other two Sundays are taken by Forest Springs and Putnam churches.
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PROGRAM

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Thursday.

11 a. m.—"Sermon Stewardship," R. M. Hunter.
2:45 p. m.—"Prayer, Praise, Preparation," lead by W. F. Martin.
3 p. m.—"Why Separate the Church From the World-Bible Teaching?" by T. O. Reese.
3:45 p. m.—"Is Each Member of the Local Church Responsible for the Standing of the Church in the Kingdom of Christ?"—A. T. Sims.
8 p. m.—"Is the Gospel of Christ World-Wide in Its Intent?"—W. M. Anderson.

Friday.

9:30 a. m.—"Joy of Soul Winning"—P. L. Moseley.
10 a. m.—"Does the Bible Teach Individual Responsibility to the Support of Christ's Cause?"—J. J. Haygood.
11 a. m.—"To What Extent Will the Gospel of Christ Benefit the World?"—W. M. Anderson.
2:45 p. m.—Prayer and praise service—R. M. Hunter.
3 p. m.—Report of all the churches.
8 p. m.—"If Christ's Last Words and Commission is True, Who is to Carry the Gospel to the Lost World? When and How is This to be Done?"—W. M. Anderson.

Saturday.

9:30 a. m.—Bible Quotations on Soul Winning—T. O. Reese.
10 a. m.—"Should Each Member of the Church Co-operate With the Pastor in Winning Souls to Christ?"—J. J. Haygood.
10:30 a. m.—"The Text-Book Used in Preparation for Soul Winning"—A. T. Sims.
11 a. m.—"Should the Church and Pastor Possess and Carry Out in Effective Work the Spirit of Evangelism?"—W. M. Anderson.
3 p. m.—Special service for the children.
3:15 p. m.—"Is the Bible School an Essential Factor in the Development of Church Life?"—J. J. Haygood.
3:45 p. m.—"Who Should Attend the Bible School?"—R. M. Hunter.
4 p. m.—"How Often and What Season of the Year Should They Attend?"—B. P. Floyd.
8 p. m.—A lecture on Baptist Church History—T. O. Reese.

Sunday.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.
10 a. m.—"What is Necessary for an Outpouring of the Spirit in a Revival Meeting?"—T. O. Reese.
8 p. m.—"Is a Revival Necessary in Each Service to Constitute the Highest Usefulness in Church Life?"—W. M. Anderson.
8:45 p. m.—"How Can This be Kept Up?"—J. J. Haygood.

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I have been thinking some friends in Alabama would like to hear from me, and send a few lines to them and yourself through the paper.

I arrived in Liverpool on December 8th on the Mauritania. We had the good fortune to make the fastest time ever made eastward—4 days, 22 hours and 23 minutes. Of this splendid ship space forbids more than to say she is one of the wonders of the world.

I have very much enjoyed my visit to England after 27 years' absence. The brethren of my old church in Cambridgeshire were glad to see me, and I had the privilege of preaching for them. But what a change! I was a stranger in the house of my fathers. Many of the dear faces are gone, for they have passed over the river. What with social enjoyment and speaking in meetings and preaching, I have had a grand time.

I am now in London, and had the pleasure yesterday of attending a meeting of the London Baptist Association. It was good to be there. I shall never forget the appeal of the moderator, Rev. Charles Brown, as in a telling speech describing the immense size of the city, he said "pray for London." Every nation is represented in this vast hive of humanity, and there is a great and very difficult work for the Baptists to do here. I could fill more space than you can spare on what I have seen of their work in London alone, but have great pleasure in sending you their greetings and that we are one in the Lord. I have visited the Baptist Union church house, mission house, etc., and shall preach again on Sunday. Then good-bye to London, when I expect to visit some of the churches on my way to Liverpool. I shall regret very much to leave these dear brethren, but shall be glad to be back among my people in the work that I trust the Lord has called me to in free America.

One word more, and that of warning. The general drift of English Baptists is toward open communion and so-called liberality. Results last year—one new church—a week built by Baptists; a large increase of machinery, but a total decrease of 4,000 in membership. Take warning, and do not turn the Lord's table into a love-feast. I expect to leave Liverpool March 21st. May God bless the paper and all the brethren in Alabama. Yours in the Lord,
WM. KERRIDGE.

TALLAPOOSA BOY MAKES GOOD START.

There is a boy over in Tallapoosa county who is going to make his mark in this world. He has started out right, and that, it is agreed, is seven-eighths of the fight. He read in The Ledger of the Citizens' Savings Bank's savings plan and forthwith opened an account with it. The boy's spirit is best shown in the letter he wrote accompanying his original deposit, and it is here given just as he wrote it:

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"Gentlemen—Enclosed find \$16 on Tallapoosa County Bank, which I wish to deposit with you, and please send me receipt for same and oblige. I am a boy of eleven years and wish to increase my account rapidly. Yours truly,
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by the said Martha A. Neal to the said
T. B. Lyons, dated the 21st day of Feb-
ruary, 1905, and recorded in the office
of the Probate Judge of Jefferson
county, Alabama, in volume 381 at
page 314, which said mortgage con-
veyed as security for said, indebted-
ness, lot 19 and the east half of lot 20,
in block 65, Jefferson county, Ala-
bama, together forming a rectangle
fronting 50 feet on the north side of
Fourth avenue, north, and running
back of that uniform width along the
west side of Fifteenth street 140 feet
to an alley.

And the said mortgage providing
that upon default in the payment of
any part of the indebtedness secured
by said mortgage, the whole thereof
shall at the option of the said T. B.
Lyons become due and payable, and
the said T. B. Lyons having exercised
the option to mature the whole of said
indebtedness;

Now, therefore, the said T. B. Lyons
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sell the aforesaid property to the
highest bidder for cash, in front of the
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This 25th day of February, 1908.
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PROGRAM

For Fifth Sunday Meeting East Liberty
Association, Jackson's Gap, March
27, 28 and 29.

Friday, March 27.

10 a. m.—Devotional services, led by
W. A. Robertson.

10:30 a. m.—"The Training of Young
Converts"—C. J. Burden.

11:15 a. m.—Sermon by A. M. Jen-
kins.

2:30 p. m.—Devotional services, led
by W. Y. Harrison.

3 p. m.—"The Layman's Part in Or-
ganizing the Church Finances"—W. G.
Jarrell, C. A. Strickland.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by C. J. Burden
Saturday, March 28.

10 a. m.—Devotional services, led by
Henry Griffin.

10:30 a. m.—"Thirty-five Years With
East Liberty Preachers"—W. C. Bled-
soe.

11:15 a. m.—Sermon by E. M. Stew-
art.

2:30 p. m.—Devotional services, led
by T. B. Fargason.

3 p. m.—"The Layman's Part in Get-
ting and Holding a Congregation"—
W. B. Bowling.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by W. C. Bled-
soe.

Sunday, March 29.

10 a. m.—"Layman's Place in the
Sunday School Work of the Church"—
G. J. Sorrell.

11 a. m.—Sermon by C. A. Strick-
land.

2:30 p. m.—Devotional services, led
by Prof. Dyke.

3 p. m.—"How to Increase the Mis-
sion Spirit and Giving"—E. M. Stew-
art.

7:30 p. m.—"The Baptist Centenni-
al"—Dr. Montague, of Howard College.

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will be glad to entertain all who come.
Come for the first and stay through-
out the entire meeting. Come and let us
learn of Jesus, of His will concerning
us, and imbibe His spirit. Our forces
in East Liberty need to be more fully
enlisted. Come with your prayers and
efforts and help do this. Come praying
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oath and sign his name hereto.

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R. P. ENNIS,
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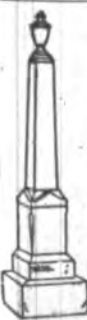


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PROGRAM

Of the Lewisburg Sunday School Convention.

To be held at Lewisburg Baptist church, Lewisburg, Ala., March 29 1908:

- 9 a. m.—Song service.
 - 9:15 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by Rev. W. A. Lewis, Lewisburg, Ala.
 - 9:30 a. m.—Welcome address by H. W. Watts, New Castle, Ala.
 - 9:45 a. m.—Response by J. W. Curt, New Castle, Ala.
 - 10 a. m.—Essay, by Miss Sadie Cowgill, Lewisburg, Ala.
 - 10:30 a. m.—"Necessity of Teachers' Preparation," by M. W. Newton, Sayreton, Ala.
 - 11 a. m.—Sermon.
 - 12 m.—Refreshments.
 - 1 p. m.—Reports from all the Sunday schools since last convention.
 - 2:30 p. m.—"Importance of Preparation for Junior Work," by K. B. McConnell.
 - 3 p. m.—"Demonstration of Primary Teaching," by Miss Alice Hale, Birmingham, Ala.
 - 3:30 p. m.—Discussion by the members of the convention on "The Results to be obtained by Regular Attendance in Sunday School."
- We ask that all Sunday schools be well represented.
- MISS ESSIE ELLARD,
Secretary.

Brother Barnett: Please announce in The Alabama Baptist the fifth Sunday meeting of the Sulphur Springs Association, to be held with Sulphur Springs church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in this month. Devotional exercises, 10 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. J. M. Sandlin. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. L. H. Shuttesworth. Committee on subjects—Sandlin, Thomas, Raglin, W. R. Speakman, chairman committee.

FROM GIRARD.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find \$2 for my renewal. Think you are giving us a good paper. It's a great comfort to me and my family. Sorry that more of my brethren don't pay for and read it. Our pastor, Rev. L. N. Brock, is a good man. He is doing some of the best preaching lately I ever heard. We have agreed to give him a \$100 raise this year. The financial panic has struck our people, and I am afraid some of us will withhold from the Lord on that account. The Lord grant that it may be a blessing to us instead of a curse. H. S. Sullivan.

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March, 1908



March, 1958



We worked night and day, taxing our eyes, and straining our back in order to get out our bills in the hope that when our friends got them they would rush in and pay up. But we fear before a scene like the one pictured above takes place in our office that we will be bald-headed and be-whiskered and so soured with much waiting that when we clench our fist and brandish our shears that old cynic "Tom," the office cat, will wonder what the row is all about.

A MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.



I can't do without the paper. 'Tis the only paper I take and I look forward for it as I do a letter every week. God's blessing be upon you and may you receive the needed help. I'm not able to help but little, but will pray for you.—Mrs. Ibbie Jones.

We want to inaugurate a great missionary and not a money-making scheme. We want our organized work put before and pressed upon the Baptists of Alabama as never before.

1. We want Brother Crumpton to stir the Alabama Baptists on missions.
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3. We want Brother Stewart to thrill the Alabama Baptists on caring for the orphans.
4. We want Brother Wingfield to lead the young Alabama Baptists on to greater work.
5. We want Sister Hamilton to rally our Alabama Baptist women and give encouragement to the Sunbeam Bands.

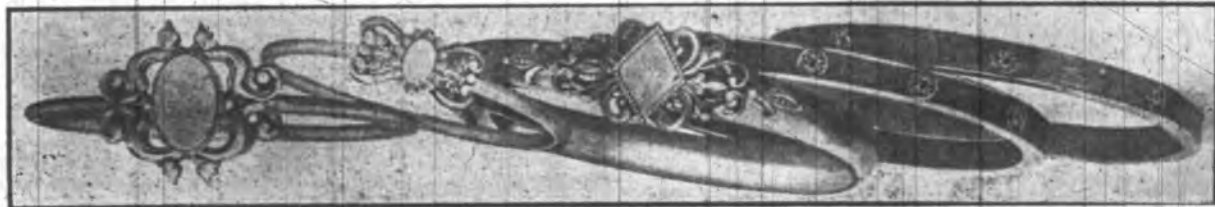


I hope to send you more subscribers on the \$1 offer. Since you are now without a field representative, I shall be glad to look after your interest among our members here, so far as I can serve you. Many ought to accept your \$1 offer.—C. J. Bentley.

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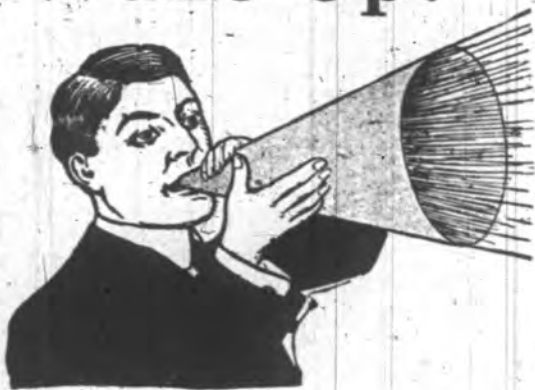
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2. If you have already paid to January, 1909, and failed to receive a present, drop us a card and we will send you a bracelet; or if you got a present and did not like it, say so and we will send you a bracelet.
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