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The work of the world is done by few;
God asks that a part be done by you.

—Sarah K. Bolton.

Pray for the world-wide work. "Thy Kingdom come." That the disciples and heralds of our Lord among the nations may be lifted to the level of His ideal for men who work for God.

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you."—Ephesians 4:31-32.

We are frank to say that we do not welcome the advent in this country of the Rev. Reginald J. Campbell, who has been engaged to speak at Chautauquas and other more or less religious assemblies this summer. He has no new message, and the message that he has is of no profit to any one. We have enough deniers of the divinity of our Lord and of the authority of Holy Scripture of our own without importing them from abroad.—Examiner.

James B. Parker, the colored man who was the first to grapple Louis Czolgosz after the latter had shot President McKinley, at the Buffalo exposition, September 6, 1901, recently died friendless and penniless in the insane department of the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, and his body was given to the Jefferson Medical college for dissection. It will be recalled that at the time of his heroic act he was loudly praised both by people and press, and in recognition of his bravery Senator Hanna made him a present of one thousand dollars. But praise and prosperity were his undoing. He became intemperate, and although of splendid physique, standing over six feet, he contracted tuberculosis through exposure and lack of care and rapidly went into a decline.

"No case of organic trouble has ever been cured by Christian Science, or ever will be. On the contrary, scores of perfectly curable cases have been sent by its fanatics to the undertaker. The methods in vogue among its healers of treating the critically or hopelessly sick by appeal to the transliminal self are un-Christian and inhuman—so much so that repressive legislation is widely demanded for the protection of society from a legion of charlatans whom existing laws do not sufficiently reach, and who are thus left at liberty to assume responsibility for the most dangerous forms of disease. In some states it is regarded as a misdemeanor to give Christian Science treatment, and refusal to call in proper medical or surgical aid in critical cases is nothing short of homicide.—Dr. John D. Quackenbos, author of Hypnotic Therapeutics, in Harper's Weekly.

GROVER CLEVELAND



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 24.—President Roosevelt issues a proclamation on the death of Grover Cleveland as follows:

"By the President of the United States:

"The White House, June 24, 1908.

"To the People of the United States:

"Grover Cleveland, president of the United States from 1885 to 1889, and again from 1893 to 1897, died at 8:40 o'clock this morning at his home in Princeton, N. J.

"In his death the nation has been deprived of one of its greatest citizens. By profession a lawyer, his chief services to his country were rendered during a long, varied and honorable career in public life.

"As mayor of his city, as governor of his state, and twice as president, he showed signal power as an administrator, coupled with entire devotion to the country's good and a courage that quailed before no hostility when he was convinced where his duty lay.

"Since his retirement from the presidency, he has continued well and faithfully to serve his countrymen by the simplicity, dignity and uprightness of his private life.

"In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the government and people of the United States, I do hereby declare that the flags on the White House and the several departmental buildings be displayed at half-staff for a period of thirty days; and that suitable military and naval honors, under the orders of the Secretaries of War and of the navy be rendered on the day of the funeral.

"Done this the twenty-four day of June in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Thirty-second.

(Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT,"

By the President,

"Alvey A. Adee,
Acting Secretary of State."

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The minutes of the Southern Baptist convention will be sent to any one who will send Brother Crumpton at Montgomery 6 cents to pay postage.

"A French academy for Sand Mountain." That is what you make me say. Of course we will lay it on the printers. I didn't say it.—W. B. C.

Watch the label on your paper. If it does not correctly represent your name, your address or the month and year to which your subscription is paid please notify us at once. It will be to our mutual advantage.

Dr. W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary of the State Board of Alabama, believes in using his state paper in trying to move the people to give to missions. He has crisp paragraphs in almost every issue of the Alabama Baptist, and he knows how to write them.—Christian Index.

A collection agency writes:

"Now, we were going to say, Dear Mister Publisher, that if you've a nice, juicy list of subscribers that are NOT troubled with that delightful disease called Payingitis, we are the debt doctors who cure! Our crowning specialty is operating on unwilling pocket books without anaesthesia (whatever that would mean if we knew how to spell it)... Send us the list of patients at once, please!

An old newspaper rule: "The editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents." Were an editor to censor and scissor out of his columns every thought and word at variance in any degree with his own views, we surmise he would send forth a rather monotonous sheet. Look for his views in his editorials and hold correspondents accountable for what they say. Free speech must not cloak unsound teaching; on the contrary, it exposes and counteracts it.—Ex.

The B. Y. P. U. convention, which meets in Cleveland, O., July 8-12, has arranged for a most excellent program. The following are the speakers from the South: Dr. E. Y. Mullins will deliver the address as the president of the Union; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Lynchburg, Va., will speak on "The Ideal Missionary Spirit"; Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Kansas City, Mo., will deliver the convention sermon and Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, will speak on "Christian Citizenship."

HOW CAN A MAN KNOW GOD?

By W. E. FENDLEY

Perhaps the most serious danger threatening the world today is the danger that men lose God. Past history of the human race clearly proves such a thing. It is always true that if men seek him he will be found of them; but if they forsake him, he will forsake them.

Among nations that call themselves by his name and by the name of his Son, even among members of a nominally Christian church, there is a sad tendency to lose hold upon God. It would seem that to comparatively few among us God is what he used to be to the fathers. We smile at the simplicity of Luther, who imagined that upon Pilate's sacred staircase in San Giovanni in Laterano at Rome, he heard the very voice of God, saying, "The just shall live by faith!" and to whom the devil's presence was such a reality that he was constrained to throw his ink bottle at the head of his satanic majesty. We think of our fathers as deluded religious enthusiasts, who claimed that they had met God face to face in the closet and there wrestled with him and prevailed as did Jacob of old. With too many in our day unseen things are no longer real and eternal.

It is an age when, with too many, the human is exalted to the supreme place. Everything must be brought to the test of the physical senses or at least to that of human reason. With many it is an assumed maxim that the supernatural is impossible. Consequently no place is left for a revelation of God.

A quarter of a century ago the popular assumption of those who would combat Christian faith was that of agnosticism, the assumption that while there may or may not be a God it is impossible for us to know anything about him. Of late these open enemies of Christian faith have become less outspoken and active in the promulgation of their bold tenets and have been content complacently to witness and approach to a position of practical harmony with themselves of a large wing of the nominal Christian church. The existence of God is not denied, but he is not such as we have been accustomed to think him to be. The purported manifestations of God and the declarations relative to his character and his will that have come down to us through the writings that have been called sacred, are pronounced thoroughly wanting in historicity. God therefore is little better than a myth—at best a force, an influence, a vague personality, not a God to be known through his revelation of himself in his word, but a God evolved through the human consciousness, to which evolution is to be admitted that the ancient Israelites, because of their peculiar genius for religion have largely contributed.

But to the average unprejudiced mind it seems clear that any positive knowledge of a supreme personal and eternal God can come to us only through an immediate and positive revelation of God himself. Knowledge of God must be the result of a divine reaching down to us, rather than of a human reaching up to God.

"Canst thou by searching find out God?
Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"

We may well believe that this is as impossible in our day as it was in the days of Job and his friends.

"It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do?
Deeper than Sheol, what canst thou know?
The measure thereof is longer than the earth and
broader than the sea."

So we may well acknowledge that—

"Touching the Almighty, we can not find him out."

We come therefore to the conclusion that if we know anything of God it is because he reveals himself to us. And he does very largely reveal himself

in nature. This is repeatedly asserted in the Scriptures. But all the history of the human race proves that such revelation is so dim and unsatisfactory as practically to have scarcely an appreciable power to dispel man's dense ignorance of God. If it be suggested that some, as Socrates, for instance, seemed to have gained certain actual knowledge from this source, it must be admitted that these are extremely exceptional cases. If it be claimed that among the more intense intellectual and moral light of the twentieth century it is possible for moral consciousness to evolve a clearer conception of God than has been common to the past; we are confronted with the fact that we have no standard of clear conception and must expect at the best to have as many Gods as there are individual cases of evolution of moral consciousness.

Evidently we have no positive knowledge of God unless we have some absolutely reliable standard of divine revelation. Such an absolutely reliable standard we have heretofore believed that we possess in the Scriptures. Here we have what purports to be a clear and absolutely reliable revelation of the being, the character and will of God. Many of us find it impossible to escape the conviction that to rob us of the trustworthiness of the Scriptures is to rob us of God; that aside from this divine revelation it is absolutely impossible for us to arrive at any definite idea of God.

When we study the history of that destructive criticism of the Bible that is becoming progressive in many quarters we find that it has very largely had its genesis among those lacking the most essential qualifications of a critic in this field. The hot-bed of destructive criticism is Germany, where, in a state church, a cold and lifeless ritualism has sadly obscured, if it has not totally obliterated experience or expectation of regeneration, wrought of the Holy Spirit on condition of personal repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and resulting in divine life and light in the individual soul.

Under these circumstances the professional scholar has brought his own intellectual powers to a hypercritical analysis of the Scriptures without the divine touch which alone put him into sympathetic and expectant and receptive relation to him who is seeking to reveal himself to man through his word. Such a critic approaches the scripture much as a surgeon who has allowed his interest in the science of surgery to eclipse his interest in his patient may sometimes approach his subject upon the operating table. Two doctors met upon the street, and one said, "Well, it was a great operation." "Did he recover?" asked the other one. "Oh, no; he died. But we found out some things we didn't know before. It was a brilliant operation." The destructive critic frequently boasts of a brilliant operation, and may claim that he has made many new and important discoveries, but too frequently it is all at the cost of the word. A critic of his class approaches the scripture much as a skilled mechanic might approach a piece of intricate mechanism, the object of which is neither known to him nor counted a matter of interest. A watch is of value as an accurate timekeeper. It is constructed solely to keep time. Now can we imagine a skilled mechanic who has no conception of the relation of the earth to sun, moon and stars, and so no conception of time-keeping. He admires the beautiful chasing of the case that holds the watch, the delicate construction of its numerous wheels, the richness of its jeweled bearings, the accurate fitting of cog to cog. He may find great diversion in taking the watch to pieces, but he has no comprehension of the constructive thought which found expression in the watch with which he began, and when he is through only the disconnected pieces of the wreck remain.

As the spirit of man alone enables one to know the things of man, even so the things of God none knoweth save by the spirit of God. To the natural

man the things of the spirit of God are foolishness to him; they are unknowable because it is only spiritually under the guidance of the indwelling spirit of God that they are to be examined and known and judged. But it is God's will that all who desire it shall have within them this spirit which is from God that they may know the things that were freely given us of God. I have imagined a blind man educated and cultured attempting to criticize a painting from a master hand. He runs his finger over the canvas; his marvelously delicate touch enables him to detect every slight variation of thickness or breadth or curve or wave of color line. He may be able to detect even the chemical analysis of pigment and locate and name every shade of color that has been used; but his blind eyes can never see the enchanting face that looks out from the canvas—indeed, he may even mar and destroy this in the process of his examination and analysis, and be as far at the last from understanding the picture as when he began.

It is an illustration of the fruitless and destructive work of all who, unenlightened by the spirit of God attempt in their blindness the criticism of scripture. Alas, in the case of so many in our day as in the case of the children of Israel, in the days of Paul, it is still true when the scriptures are read, and especially the scriptures of the old covenant, and more especially still when Moses is read, that there is a veil upon the heart and mind. If we only had eyes to see, we should detect the face of Jesus Christ shining out from every page of the Bible. God having of old spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners hath at the end of these days spoken to us through his Son. In Jesus Christ, God's revelation of himself in all the scriptures is made plain. "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching."

Here then is the answer to our question, How can a man know God? God is known through the revelation of himself in the scriptures to those who seek him under the enlightening and guiding influence of the Holy Spirit, that they may become obedient unto him, and is known especially and perfectly and in the revelation of himself in the person of his son, Jesus Christ.

Then, when we know him we can by the same process become so indoctrinated with the supreme idea of those things spiritually discerned we can become godlike in all our lives and the more we see of him the less we see of ourselves, for sure it is we lose sight of our own weaknesses and failures as we approach God and our theology is lost in him. Then, and not till then, can we say we can do all things through him that strengtheneth us. May God open all blinded eyes that the sublime radiance of the Son of Righteousness may come in and warm up every heart yearning for a real vision of the Master, and drive out all darkness and superstition until in our spirits we see him face to face.

Chunky, Miss., June 16, 1908.

AN UNBRIDLED HUSBAND.

Wives who insist upon maintaining careful supervision over the movements of their husbands will find ample justification in the recent experience of a New York woman. Desiring to show her confidence in her husband, she granted him written permission to do whatever he desired. The license was scarcely twelve hours old when he brought up at a police station laden with a cargo of rum. The license was promptly revoked and vigilance on the order of that which some one has described as eternal has given place to laxity in another woman's heart.

It is all right to have confidence in a horse, but it rarely pays to take the bridle off. Some men are a good deal like horses.

A MISSIONARY PREACHMENT.

S. J. Porter.

In the tenth chapter of Second Corinthians occurs two very interesting and closely related words: measure, which means a portion or that which is measure off for one; and rule, which denotes one's sphere of activity. That portion of the thirteenth verse which reads "The measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us" becomes by paraphrase "the apportioned part that God has laid out as the sphere of my activity." The apostle felt that there had been assigned to him a certain well defined task, within whose limits he was to labor that this territory, including Corinth, was given to him as his apostolic sphere. How well he strove to "walk by this rule," that is, exercise his evangelistic energies in the field allotted him, is shown from the words, "We are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ." Having lived up to the measure of opportunity in Corinth, he proposed to make his success there an important step toward further progress, "having hope," as he says, "when your faith has increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you."

Having won a place for the gospel in Corinth, and witnessing the spiritual growth of his converts, he planned to make that city a sort of base for preaching the gospel in the regions beyond. For a time Corinth was his divinely prescribed sphere of operations, and he "stretched himself" to fulfill this measure of opportunity. But as he had now secured a new asset in the increasing faith of his converts and in his own enlargement through experience with them, he saw his sphere of activity widening into the "regions beyond," and instead of overlapping into "another man's line of things," as he calls it in verse 16, he hoped to publish the gospel in still more remote places, where Christ was not named. So much for the exegesis. Now for the preachment.

It is a great thing for a preacher to feel that his immediate task is "the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to him," to believe that he is in his present position, because God put him there to bring into vigorous exercise in that special field all his powers. Wherever a preacher is, there he ought to do his very best, not "stretching himself beyond his measure" by intermeddling "in another man's line," but "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" and focalizing his energies in preaching the gospel.

The man who is thus devoted to the "measure of his rule," like Shammah of old, who defendeth the patch of lentiles against a troop of foraging Philistines, will find an ample reward in the increasing faith of his people. "Your faith has increased." As Jonathan came to David in the wood and strengthened his hand in God, so the pastor may do for his people until he succeeds in placing the hand of his membership into the hand of his Master. What a noble task and worthy of all striving—a church joining hands with God in holy faith. The faithful preaching of the Word will achieve this task and secure this reward.

He will find further reward in his own enlargement. "We shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly." The church increased in faith and the pastor enlarged abundantly—these are mutual resultants. It is as much the duty of the church to enlarge the pastor as it is for the pastor to increase the church. A good church builds up its preacher just as a good preacher builds up the church. There ought to be reciprocal enlargement.

And then there is the widened vision, the extended sphere of activity. What is a preacher to do when the church and himself have grown large, and when in that particular field he has filled up "the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to him?" Resign and go to a larger church? The apostolic thing would be to resign and go to the foreign field. One version gives Paul's answer as follows: "I hope that as your faith goes on increasing among

yourselves I shall be still further honored within my appointed limits by bearing the glad tidings to the countries beyond you." Certainly, if he does not resign and go to the foreign field, he ought to bring the foreign field and lay it on the heart of his church, thus increasing the "measure of his rule."

The objective point in Paul's ministry was "the regions beyond." In its entire gist and essence, the gospel is missionary. For this reason Paul kept his face turned toward the "regions beyond." And whether he goes to the mission field or whether he is at home, every pastor should remember that a worldwide interest in the kingdom both furnishes inspiration to his own spiritual life and affords the only proper background to his pastoral ministrations and local success. He is not equipped for the highest service until he sees his task in its relation to the larger aspects of the kingdom. God's man must be able to look beyond himself. The pastor who faces his congregation on Sunday morning in this land of light and liberty ought to so turn his message that it shall tell for the enlightenment and unshackling of those who sit bound in darkness in earth's farthest off corner. His church should be the high place whereon he stands to proclaim salvation to the whole world. Under God it is his mission to lead his church to cherish a sympathetic world consciousness as a spiritual atmosphere in which to dream and hope and serve, instead of fettering itself with the provincialism which keeps it from reaching beyond its own limits and which is treasonable to the broader interests of the kingdom.

Richmond, Va.

LETTER FROM DR. HEARN. WHY SHOULDN'T ALABAMA HELP HIM? ASKS SECRETARY CRUMPTON.

Pingtu, China, March 29, 1908.

Dr. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mr. Crumpton: I am sure these are anxious days with you, but I hope the good people of my home state will rally in the home run, and when you come to make your fourth quarterly report, I trust you will have a glad heart. In many respects this has been a hard year, but the people will be more happy when they become interested enough to really sacrifice and undergo hardships and privations for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Many people at home think they are hard pressed and some no doubt are; think they have poor homes, few comforts and doing extremely well when they give five dollars a year for missions; but if they could have a peep at the people and the homes of this great empire they would surely be more happy and content with their surroundings, and if they understood how far removed these millions are from Christian civilization, their utter ignorance of a true God and the real object of life, I say surely if they understood this and what a wonderful work the missionaries are doing in lifting them up from this low state of living, they would be more in sympathy with the work and more liberal in supporting it. But the people are becoming more interested in saving the world and may He continue to bless the big-hearted, loyal supporters of the work at home.

It has been intensely interesting to watch at this distance the great prohibition move in dear old Alabama.

Wife and I have been here now a little over five months; are beginning to talk a little, but the language is very hard. I am trying to put in all the time I can studying, but have to see great many patients. Have three medical helpers, two having studied medicine three years under Dr. Ayers. Over 8,000 were treated in the dispensary last year. Have two native evangelists connected with dispensary. It seems that a great field is open to us. We are well pleased with the outlook for service and we are very, very anxious to learn the language, get our hospital up and equipped and get fully into the work, for we see the need. I plan to build our hospital in the spring of next year. The appropriation is not enough to put up the kind of building that the work here really

demands, but the ground is already bought and I thought if we could get it furnished with extra help then I could put the appropriation, \$2500, all in the building and do fairly well at present, and build on a plan that I could add to later, when our work grows, as I hope it will.

The hospital must be so arranged as to keep and treat men, women and children; must have dispensary, treatment rooms, rooms for helpers, etc., and should be able to accommodate thirty or forty patients from the first. So in order to put up a building to anything like meet the needs I ought to have the whole amount to put into it. But as you know, it will take a good deal to furnish the hospital, and I do not know where this good deal is to come from.

With a prayer for blessings on the work at home and asking that you remember us to the Father and write to us at your convenience, yours sincerely,

T. O. HEARN.

Dear Brother Barnett:

We had a joyful time at the Saint Francis Street church last Sunday morning. The pastor announced to the members of the church that Brother J. C. Bush had kindly consented to give twenty-two thousand dollars for the erection of a new house of worship provided that the building be commenced as soon as the specifications could be made and bids from contractors could be received. Brother Bush had already given ten thousand dollars for the purchase of a lot on which to build our new house. I am inclined to think that this is the greatest gift ever made by an individual Baptist in the state of Alabama for such a purpose, and I do not believe any Baptist ever got more real pleasure out of a gift to the Lord's cause than Brother Bush seems to have gotten out of this great and noble gift of his. He and his whole family seem happy over his great generosity in this instance.

Last year we bought a lot for thirty-one thousand dollars and paid eleven thousand down and gave our note for twelve months for the balance, with six per cent interest. On the twenty-second of last month we paid the interest and eleven thousand more on the principle, leaving us with a debt of nine thousand dollars. With no cash in hand and a debt of nine thousand dollars we could not, of course, begin to build our house now. This last great gift of Brother Bush, with a prospect of selling our present property, will enable us to begin our new house at a very early date and our people are rejoicing. Mr. R. H. Hunt, of Chattanooga, Tenn., our architect, was in the city yesterday arranging some minor details and has promised us to furnish the plans and specifications as soon as possible. The building will be of the pure Greek style of architecture, with six Doric columns supporting a portico in front. The Sunday school building will be in the rear and will be the finest plant of the kind in this country. I make this statement after no little investigation. The amount of money given by Brother Bush will pay for the Sunday school building, ground and all, and the church has unanimously decided to let this building bear the name of Brother Bush. I had some very pleasant experiences in talking with Brother Bush about this last gift of his. My last conversation with him about the matter occurred on last Saturday evening in his home, and it will ever remain with me as one of the most pleasant and touching experiences of my life. I left the home thanking God for such a man and praying that his life may be spared many years. I told my people last Sunday that I thought now I would remain in Mobile until my grandson graduated from a Mobile school. The little fellow is not quite ten months old, so you see I am figuring on staying here some time.

Brother E. E. George has recently had an excellent meeting at the Dauphin Way church. He has made a fine start in his new pastorate and has gotten a very strong hold on his people. I believe the fit is a most excellent one.

W. J. E. COX.

Mobile, Ala., June 19, 1908.

TEMPERANCE—By MISS SADIE DOYLE

"Be ye temperate in all things," is an admonition with which we are all familiar. Everybody believes in temperance according to his notion of what temperance is, and the fault with us today lies in the fact not that we are lacking in temperance sentiment, but that this sentiment is not scientific. There is no one who believes in intemperance, and yet the temptations and delusions of this adversary of our place, the treacherous arts by which it flatters us from the paths of rectitude and the siren song by which it lures us into its foul embrace surpass all powers of description. The cursed, fascinating, fatal charm by which it binds the faculties, captivates the heart and perverts and paralyzes the understanding is a matter of the profoundest astonishment.

The issue in temperance today is the alcohol question, and demonstrated facts of science demand total abstinence as the only temperance for the state. The first faculty which shows depression under the moderate and continued use of alcohol is the spiritual faculty. This is for the reason that this faculty is the most highly organized and sensitive of all the faculties of the human mind, according to a well established principle that the latest faculty produced in the evolution of mind is the first to suffer improvement by any narcotic drug.—Dr. Taylor.

It is said that among the trees in the sylvan scenes of England there grows a beautiful flower. It has shining green leaves and transparent bells with white veins. When it is gathered roughly or the clouds begin to rain its foliage droops and closes, but when the sun shines brightly and the air is calm it unfolds all its loveliness. Even so spirituality of mind, when touched by the rough hand of sin or the noisy rain of strife it hides itself in the quietude of devout meditation; but when it feels the influence of sunny and serene piety it expands in the beauty of holiness. This spiritual faculty is the open window through which man is able to see God, apprehend Him, understand Him, love, fear and worship Him. Alcohol is that which first of all pulls the blinds of that spiritual window and shuts out hope. The drinking man feels less and less his accountability to his Maker. He sees God in more and more distorted views, and finally disregarding his eternal future wholly, he turns his back toward heaven and goes out and down, falling, sliding, stumbling at last into the pit itself. The blunting of this faculty at once lowers the whole moral tone of the man and the entire family of faculties is lowered proportionately.

The church of Jesus Christ has a long list of indictments against drink. It multiplies the work of the ministry; we sow much and reap a scanty harvest. It is the most enticing morsel with which the devil baits his trap to catch souls. It is at once the most effective means whereby the inborn meanness and devilry are developed in the heart of man. Drink hardens the heart and darkens the mind, and

in many cases makes it well nigh impossible for the subject to become a Christian. Our fellow men, for whom our Lord Christ died are being swept away to the drunkards' hell. If the church did not fight this monstrous iniquity it would be deemed unworthy of its place in the economy of Christ's kingdom. We are enjoined to abhor that which is evil.

Quoting Dr. Taylor again: "Every poison likes some one part of the body better than it likes another. For instance, the poison of lead likes the muscles of the wrist; mercury likes the salivary glands; tobacco likes the heart and alcohol likes the brain best. This places alcohol at the top of the list as the most serious poison of all those mentioned, because it likes the brain best, which is the most vital and sensitive part of the human body, the home of the mind." Ah! what a wonderful thing is the mind when used aright. By it man can calculate the future with some degree of accuracy by facts gathered from the past. He of all living creatures with which the entire universe is covered can survey the whole with thought. He alone is capable of ascribing it all to one great first cause. Can man abuse this faculty and call himself free? No. There is only one freeman: it is he who is a slave to the holiest love; it is he who is complete master of himself. There is only one slave: it is he who has yielded himself to evil. The man who drinks may think he is exercising personal liberty, the precious privilege of a free man; but the chains that bind him are all the more fearful because he does not recognize them. This principle holds in every evil indulgence. Men talk of standing upon their rights when they are really bound by evil chains that will ultimately bind them forever. Paul was freed from chains of death, freed from the power that compelled him to do the things he did not wish to do; but his permanent freedom depended upon his entering upon another slavery—the slavery of love. He is truly free who can say "no" and stand by it, or "yes" and live in the joy of it. He who serves hard and long because he loves deeply is God's freeman, heaven's emancipated slave!

Intemperance cuts down youth in all its vigor, manhood in its prime and strength, age in its weakness; it breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hope and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defies the jury box and stains the judicial ermine; it bribes votes, corrupts elections, poisons our institutions and endangers our government; it degrades the citizen, lowers the legislator and dishonors the statesman. And then, with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and insatiate with havoc it poisons

felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at the ruin it has inflicted upon the human race.

Liquor! oh, how many earthly Edens hast thou made desolate! What sad wrecks hast thou made of brilliant talents and splendid geniuses.

"Ah, better to plifer man's money
Than rob him of all that is best:
Of reason and morals, and manhood,
Of gladness and life with the blest."

The temperance cause is on. Let us work while it is day. Thirty-three millions of American citizens today live under prohibition laws, these taking chiefly the form of local option. There is on foot a rebellion against King Alcohol as powerful, vindictive and thorough as any that ever dethroned a king of flesh and blood, and it is seemingly not ephemeral. Total abstinence is our harbor of safety. "Thou shalt not" is the unequivocal command of God. Less than absolute truth he can not accept. What then? Is the truth cruel? Is God merciless in His dealing with the erring soul? Nay, he is full of mercy and tender compassion, but he can not wink at sin. He can not lower the standard because of the weakness of man. Go to the house of that poor, miserable drunkard. See the want and distress that reign there. But hark! a foot-step is heard; the children run and hide themselves; the patient wife waits to meet him. The man has been her torment. Many a time she has borne about for weeks the marks of blows. Many a time that strong right hand has been brought down on her defenseless head. And now she waits expecting to hear his oaths and to receive his brutal treatment. He enters and says: "Wife, I have been to the meeting. I have heard there that God is able to save even me." Go down to that house in a few weeks and see what a change! As you approach the song, not of a reveller, but "Rock of Ages," is wafted to the ear. The children look up at the father with trustful gaze. The wife is near, her face lit up with a happy glow.

Christianity redeems. It forces the heart to be noble and hopeful. With the same God for our father, the same Savior for our Elder Brother, the same Spirit for our heavenly comforter, one cross for the anchor of our hope, one Bible for our guide, one heaven for our everlasting home, the gospel bids us to knock off our brother's fetters, to loose them and set them free.

MISS SADIE DOYLE.

Thomasville, Ala.

Reverend and Mrs. C. Smith will give in marriage their daughter, Mamie, to Mr. Thomas Jefferson Herron, on the evening of Tuesday, the thirtieth of June, 1908, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Baptist church, Kerens, Texas. The pleasure of your company is requested. At home, Marlin, Texas.

DeKALB COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brother Barnett: I would ask you to please publish the following letter, which is a sketch of the DeKalb County Baptist Sunday School and Teachers' Institute, which convened with Macedonia church June 5, 6 and 7, 1908.

First, we are proud that we have a Sunday school convention within the bounds of the DeKalb County Association. We believe it will prove to be a great blessing to all our people. We met on the 5th, after enjoying a fine dinner the convention was called to order by Vice President Rev. J. B. Hamric. Elected Rev. A. L. Stephens president, J. B. Hamric vice president, Rev. W. B. Riddle secretary, after which we had some able speeches by Rev. J. J. Clayton, M. Brice, C. E. Crossland and others.

There were quite a number attended the service. After a stirring song service of thirty minutes by the choir, an address by Brother Briscoe was delivered; subject, Best method of developing musical talent in our Sunday school.

Second Day—Though the people were behind with their crops, yet there was quite a number attended the service. After hearing the various subjects discussed by the brethren we were made to exclaim as did one of old, Lord, it is good for us to be here!

Night Session—Teachers' experience and mass meeting, which we enjoyed immensely. We feel that we were greatly benefited.

Sunday morning after Sunday school we had a stirring address by Brother C. E. Crossland, subject, What is an ideal Sunday school. Business session thirty minutes, in which resolutions were passed extending our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the people of Macedonia for their hospitality. Convention adjourned.

I wish to say that it was a source of pleasure to have our dear brother, C. E. Crossland, the Sunday school secretary State Board of Missions, with us, and we hope he will come again.

Yours in the work,

W. B. RIDDLE.

Dr. R. S. MacArthur recently celebrated his thirty-eighth anniversary as pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York city.

Dr. R. G. Patrick, president of Judson college, Marion, Ala., gave us a pleasant call Monday. Dr. Patrick has been with the Judson thirteen years. He says they had 300 pupils last year. The Judson is a great school for young ladies.—Western Recorder.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following wedding announcement. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Evelyn, to Mr. William C. Crumpton, on Monday, June 15, 1908, Meridian, Miss. At home, Evergreen, Ala.

WHAT SORT OF RELIGION IS NEEDED TODAY?

Is any religion needed? A good many men seem to think not. Some say with their lips; more say it in their lives. Hundreds drop religion from their lives as easily as they would lay aside a worn-out coat. And their explanation is "I am too busy. I get so tired during the week that I simply have no time nor energy for religion."

We are all tremendously impressed with the pressure and strain of modern life. Success demands a man's whole self these keen days. He must give up much that former days counted good. The art of letter writing has had to go; old-time grace and courtliness of manner have faded in the roar and glare of modern living; social customs have been seriously modified. We must leave out all we can. Religion seems one of the things we can leave out.

Can we afford to leave it out? Perhaps we overestimate the strain of today. We are not the only people who have had to work and have found time scanty. If demands are greater today, so are helps more abundant. But grant the worst that can be said of the pressure of work and the need of cutting off superfluities. Must religion go?

There never has been an age that needed religion as our age does.

Every statement of its intensity is a plea for more genuine religion. The faster the pace, the more need of motive power, of keeping the track and of rails strong enough not to break.

Where is the point of danger in our present civilization? Where do we break down? Not in smartness; not in business, method or organization. We fail most frequently and most completely "at the point of character." The strain of modern life has stretched the fabric of American character thinnest at the moral part, and it is here the break comes.

Business men are beginning to see that the increased strain demands increased care for body and mind; that the man who will not take time to eat and sleep properly will be left behind. Why can not we see that the harder the pressure, the greater the need for character strong enough to stand the strain? The collapses, which have revealed some business men as not only deficient in honor, but lacking in sagacity—their imposing structures mere card houses—what is this but God's way of teaching us that the increased strain of modern life demands better care for the soul no less than for the body? The great need in business today is men who can stand on heights and not grow dizzy; who can grasp mighty power and not lose their heads; who can thrust giant temptation out of their way with ease and pursue their legitimate work.

What sort of religion is needed?

We need a religion that claims no authority save the authority of truth.

In the past the church has tried to scare men into the kingdom by an assertion of special divine sanction. It has tried to allure them by claims of divine grace flowing only through its special channel. The day has gone by

when such authority can command the respect of strong men and women. We need today a religion that stands in the full light to be judged, that "dares to gaze on the splendor of naked truth," that "commends itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God by manifestation of the truth." It is time the Protestant church was avowing that it claims no authority save that of truth.

We need a religion with decks cleared for action.

When a warship is cleared for action not everything is put away; guns and ammunition are left; but nothing is left that can not be used in the fight. That is the sort of religion our age needs. William James says, "The only truths we need concern ourselves with are the truths that make a difference in conduct." The men of today need a religion without frills.

We need a religion as nearly automatic as possible.

When there is scant time and energy men need a religion that will act instinctively—not a sundial, which will tell time if you go to a certain spot, and conditions are favorable, and you can interpret the signs, but a watch, always with you, ready to tell time at a glance.

Men of today need a religion they can take, not as they take medicine, but as they take breath.

To be thus automatic, religion must be ingrained. A man must be religious as he speaks or thinks or walks—spontaneously, without special effort.

We need a religion definite yet elastic in its ideal.

It must show a man plainly and positively what he ought to do and be; yet it must be capable of infinite adjustment to changing conditions.

Where can we find such a religion?

We can find it in the churches far more than you imagine. But the church ought to lend herself far more than she does to the work of giving men of today the religion they need.

We ought to find it in our homes. The automatic religion needed today must ordinarily come to a man in youth, as part of his educational life-equipment.

We find it in Jesus and his gospel.

Church and parent and individual soul, we can find what we need right there.

Not in any reviving orthodoxy, nor in any newly fashioned faith will you find the religion you need. Push through them all; back, back to Jesus Christ and his gospel. He claims no authority of truth. "If any man will do his will, he shall know." He cares not for superfluities, but only for the truth that makes a difference in conduct. "Not he that repeated the Name but he that doeth the will." He gives a religion ready for instant and instinctive use. "Lo, I am with you alway." He gives an ideal definite yet elastic; for his gospel is himself, not a set form of words. This is the religion we need.

The wisest and strongest man must satisfy his religious needs in the same simple fashion the little child follows—by going back and sitting at the feet of Jesus.—Interior.

CAMPBELLISM EXPOSED.

There is a nest of Campbellites at East Tallahassee where I preach, and they are planted at different places adjacent to our Baptist church in Alabama. They are heretical to the finish, and I don't hesitate to say so, distinguishing between the people adhering to their principles in good will and the false views they hold.

1. They assume that John the Baptist was not a missionary Baptist preacher.

2. That John the Baptist preaching, teaching and baptizing did not prepare material for the organization of a Baptist church by our Lord while he was on earth, in person.

3. They hold that preaching repentance and remission of sins began at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost, and not before.

4. They believe in, preach and talk baptismal salvation instead of regeneration by the spirit.

5. They preach and teach the doctrine of apostasy contrary to the proper interpretation of the scriptures according to their own construction to justify their position on baptismal salvation.

6. They say Baptists are wrong in preaching and teaching salvation by grace through faith before baptism, thereby making it depend on the work of man in the act stated.

7. Their contention is that there is no salvation for anybody afloat from their idea of being baptised into Christ through their church or whatever they call it, differently, at different times to escape the arguments of condemnation that come against them from Baptists, which they make effort to answer by thus dodging.

8. They deny that the church of our Lord was organized by Him while on earth during his personal ministry.

9. They deny the sinful depravity of man to escape the necessity of the doctrine of regeneration by the spirit instead of their water process.

10. They deny the idea of a Christian experience to a church before baptism, to sustain the idea that what there is of it in the jumbled form they hold it is had through the water.

11. Because the Lord upbraided His disciples for their misunderstanding of the great doctrine of His resurrection which should follow His death, they denounce them as "hard-hearted unbelievers" to justify their flagrant assumption relative to their water plan of salvation.

12. They teach literal instead of symbolic baptism into Christ, for that same old unscriptural purpose. He is reached only through the water as a Savior.

13. Their chief stock in trade is to proselyte people from other denominations that they can reach and influence, and their perverted scriptural tactics, as well as otherwise through social, friendship, marriage and other relations, then "Jump Juber," over a three-rail fence with thanks to the Lord that His people are all coming together on the basis of unity fixed by them. Right here I got sick and almost vomit with disgust and contempt for such religious foolishness.

14. The real truth is their preachers are a batch of hysterical, false teachers without a single principle in their theology, as presented by them, that will save a soul, and every follower of their faith must and will ultimately be lost if the course is persisted in.

15. Satan has actually taken them, and in the name of the Lord the most efficient means he could adopt in leading the people to destruction.

16. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:13-15 "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, whose end shall be according to their works."

I know the heresy hunter is regarded as a nuisance these days, when the world is so full of isms, etc. This is a cheap apology or excuse, however, for the absence of pulpit and press manhood. Too many of us are afraid of our job. Everybody should quit what they are afraid of.

W. R. WHATLEY.

A FINE MEETING AT WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our meeting closed Wednesday night with eight additions by baptism and two by letter. Quite a number who decided for Christ in the last meeting will join the church Sunday. Just how much good was accomplished we can not nor do we try to know. Only when we stand before Him will we be able to measure the real and lasting work accomplished through Christ.

Rev. T. V. Neal of San Antonio, Texas, did the preaching. He is pastor of the second strongest Baptist church in his city, Prospect Hill. His preaching was simple, forceful, convincing and deeply spiritual. Through it all the power of Christ to save to the uttermost was his one theme. He and I were in Howard together. Since leaving college it has been my privilege to be intimately associated with him until the last two years.

As I have said before, we can not know how much good was accomplished, but this we do know, our people have a clearer conception of their duty to God and their relation to His kingdom. There has been a deeper and more abiding experience of grace in the hearts of our workers.

There is one peculiar characteristic of the meeting that is unknown to us. While we had only eight for baptism and two by letter there were more than that number who expressed themselves as being ready and at some future time would unite with the church. About forty took a decided stand for Christ. This fact was due in no way to the preaching. Brother Neal stressed the claims of God's church upon the saved soul.

Our people are grateful to God for Brother Neal's coming and greatly obliged to Prospect Hill Baptist church for lending him to us. May God's blessings follow him and give him souls for his hire.

WALLACE WEAR, Pastor.

ARGO RED SALMON is cleaned and packed entirely by machinery, and not touched by hand.

MEXICO—OUR WORKERS AND FIELD

For convenience our work is included under two missions—the North Mexican mission and the South Mexican mission—the twenty-second degree of latitude serving as the line of division. The missionaries and their locations are as follows:

North Mexico.

Saltillo—A. C. Watkins, Mrs. Watkins, Miss Addie Barton, Miss Rosa Golden.
Torreon, State of Coahuila—J. S. Cheavens, Mrs. Cheavens, D. H. LeSueur, Mrs. LeSueur.
Durango—J. H. Benson, Mrs. Benson.
Hermosillo—Frank Marrs, Mrs. Marrs.
Chihuahua—J. W. Newbrough, Mrs. Newbrough.
Juarez—W. F. Hatchell, Mrs. Hatchell.

South Mexico.

Guadalajara—J. G. Chastain, Mrs. Chastain, R. W. Hooker, M. D., Mrs. Hooker.
Morelia—R. P. Mahon, Mrs. Mahon.
Toluca—G. H. Lacy, Mrs. Lacy, F. N. Sanders, Miss S. Jones.
Leon—J. E. Davis, Mrs. Davis.

The partial fruitage of our work in Mexico is shown in these figures.

Our Schools.

Realizing that Christian education is destined to be a most potent factor in evangelizing and uplifting Mexico, our board has wisely established a number of schools which are growing in favor and influence, and have already made a very successful and gratifying record. We have eight schools, with three hundred and ninety pupils.

The Madero institute for girls last year enrolled eighty-six students. In Toluca we have two schools—one for boys and one for girls. Central institute for boys, in its methods of teaching, courses of study and government, is a reast of schools of the same pretensions in the United States. In addition to the literary course, there is a practical theological course for young ministers. The Anglo-Mexican institute is our boarding school for girls. The prospects for this school are unusually bright. The number of applicants for last year far exceeded the limit of accommodation. Nearly all the girls are Christians. A most important feature of the institution is the missionary training department, under the direction of Miss Susan E. Jones. It is hoped that many of the girls from this department will return to their homes trained missionaries and active Christian workers. Miss Jones is thoroughly alive to her responsibility and is doing a great work for the girls.

Of course, on the part of the priests and those dominated by them, there is bitter opposition to building up evangelical schools, but our schools are gradually and surely winning a place in the respect and patronage of the people, who are learning to judge things on their merits.

At Torreon is our Theological institute, with Rev. J. S. Cheavens as principal. The number of students enrolled is sixteen. In February, 1907, Rev. Donato S. Ruiz, a former student, was ordained. This is the first student of the institution to be ordained to the work of the ministry. His instructors speak of him as talented and consecrated. Through the agency of this institution, we ought to have within a few years, a strong native ministry in Mexico. The great need of our Mexican schools is better equipment and more teachers.

The Servant Question in Mexico.

Servants are paid about \$3 a month, while the mine laborers get from 37 to 50 cents a day.

Labor is somewhere scarce in parts of Mexico, which is a serious handicap to the development of mines and other resources. In order to better this condition, the government is encouraging immigration, and it is expected that soon more laborers will be available. Most labor in Mexico is furnished by the half-breeds and Indians, many of whom are not very efficient, according to northern standards. They work for long hours and low pay, but require many holidays and other vacations.

Mexico, the World's Treasure House.

"The great development of Mexico's resources during the last thirty years has justified to a large degree the statement of Baron von Humboldt that 'Mexico is the treasure house of the world.' Her rich silver mines have continued to produce in increasing amount; gold has become an important product, and she has taken prominent rank in the copper industry. Her agricultural products have gained rapidly in value, manufacturing has increased to an encouraging extent and commerce with the outside world has multiplied many fold.

Probably the most valuable resources in Mexico are the great mineral deposits, and mining will long continue to be her principal industry. For many years Mexico has produced more silver than any other country, and now is gaining rapidly in output of gold, copper and other metals. In 1906 the estimated value of her mineral production was \$150,000,000 (Mexican), of which about two-fifths was silver.

It is estimated that about \$80,000,000 of United States capital is invested in Mexican mines. If Christians could but take Mexico for Christ, the silver and gold that are His would send His messengers far and wide to tell the lost ones of the earth where the treasure of His salvation might be found and guide them to heaven, His treasure house.

Progress in Mexico.

Modern Mexico, with more than 14,000,000 inhabitants, is now a wide-open mission field.

The message of President Diaz to the national congress makes it appear that Mexico is making rapid strides as a nation. Out of former chaotic conditions has come an orderly government which commands the respect and confidence of other nations.

There are now 568 primary schools maintained by the states and the general government, with an enrollment of 62,686.

The number of post offices is 2,776, in which 188,000,000 pieces of mail matter were handled during the year, and money orders were issued amounting to \$46,480,000. The total length of the railway system is 15,000 miles."

Mormons in Mexico.

Mormonism transplanted into Mexico is flourishing and growing even more rapidly than in its palmy days in Utah. The first colony was planted there more than twenty years ago in a district where there were neither towns nor railroads. In the heart of the wilderness, either in the mountain valleys or on the mountains themselves, the Mormon settler established themselves, and their increase has been both rapid and steady. Polygamy is practiced without hindrance from the Mexican authorities, and it is said to be no unusual thing for a Mormon with several wives to have a family of from twenty to thirty children. A prominent Mexican lawyer is quoted as saying that it is very unlikely that the government will soon interfere with polygamy among them. Settlers are needed too badly, he says. "In fact, as a colonizing element the Mormons, with their large families, are eminently satisfactory, and we do not want to notice the fact that in their houses there are two or three women to one man. Some day perhaps public opinion will force attention to it, but not yet a while. When a Mormon is a party to a law suit involving title the first wife and her children alone have any standing in the Mexican courts.

There are seven Mormon colonies in Mexico—Colonia, Juarez, Colonia Diaz, Oaxaca, Dublan, Garcia, Chulchupa and Pacheco.

—Missionary Review of the World.

AN HONEST CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

I have been a constant but silent reader of the Baptist, but I could not have the face to ask a man to take the paper, and I did not take it myself. Brother preacher, come out from behind the door and then you will have the face and faith to ask your congre-

gation to take the paper. We must take it to be loyal Baptists. To my mind it takes loyalty to all of our institutions. We can be Baptists all right, but where is the missionary that is the working part? If we as Missionary Baptists would stand for what our name represents we would take this country for Christ. Well, brother, I have been sick almost all winter, but hope I will be all right soon.

J. L. BUSBY.

(Brother Busby not only subscribed, but sent in a new subscriber. We hope every Baptist preacher in the state will read what he writes.)

I regard the Alabama Baptist a real necessity in my work, and when I can get a subscriber he generally makes a worker and a giver to our work; while I have my first to see that does much who does not read our denominational literature. You have my hand and heart, horse and buggy so far as possible in the great work you have espoused, and may the good hand of the Lord continue to lead you. Yours fraternally, T. W. Shelton.

I send you my check for \$3. Please move up the date on my paper to correspond to this amount. I do not feel that I ought to accept your offer to cut down the amount. The full amount is rightfully yours and you ought to have it. When I get behind with my subscription, punch me. If that does not bring a check, punch me a little harder. I can not see why brethren complain about being reminded that their subscription has expired when it is printed on the label of the paper right before their eyes every week and they fail to remit. I think you would be doing perfectly right to stop every paper the day the subscription expires if the cash is not forthcoming. I would not feel hurt at all if you were to treat me in that fashion. Success to you and the paper. I am fraternally yours, J. L. Thompson.

Don't you never get under the impression that I'll ever get mad for sending me a statement of what I owe you. I'm not made that way, for I think my obligations are more binding in the sight of our God to pay to our church and religious papers, as much or more so, than anything else or other obligations. I don't wish any present. I think our dear old Alabama Baptist is more than worth the price. Much success to you and long and happy lives for the boys. Yours fraternally, W. C. Bentley.

Please accept my thanks for your reminder. I am glad you called my attention to the expiration of my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I take pleasure in sending you the required amount to continue my subscription until January, 1909. I enjoy reading your good paper and can not do without it. May God bless you and your paper and may it be a blessing to all who read it.—Miss A. T. Andrews.

I send you herewith \$1 to extend my subscription to our paper, The Alabama Baptist. I love the paper because of its unrelenting war against sin. It has the right ring on missions, education, prohibition, and indeed everything that its faithful editor admits to its columns. May God bless you and the paper. Fraternally, J. I. Stockton.

He is No Jeweler, but is a Jewel.

I received the button yesterday. Thanks, and as I am no jeweler could not tell how long it would take to get brass, so I got busy at once and secured two subscribers. Will take the card with me tomorrow, and if possible get each space filled, and more too. As your glass got busted, I promised to do all I can for the paper this year. May God help you to get your 100,000. I am arranging a Baptist centennial day at all my churches to be held in April. At that time I hope to do much for the great cause of missions, and the Alabama Baptist.

The Preacher's Friend.

Undoubtedly the Alabama Baptist is the preacher's friend. I have been intimately acquainted with it for more than thirty years, and its visits have been weekly and its columns filled with words of information that were hopeful and helpful to me. The Alabama Baptist will continue to visit my home, and I pray that you and yours will share largely in God's blessings and be amply rewarded in time and eternity for your indomitable zeal in editing the Alabama Baptist. I hope to live to do something for my Master's cause. Fraternally, J. H. Fendley.

He Collared One Fellow.

I received your collar button and collared one fellow the next day after received. I will do all I can for you. I am in school and haven't much time to work. I will renew in a few days. I hope you will have success in getting over your financial strain. May God's blessings rest upon you. Your brother in Christ, J. W. Jones.

A Fine Staff of Officers.

The Alabama Union is to be congratulated upon its officers. Mr. Thomas J. Wingfield, of Birmingham, makes as fine a presiding officer and as able a president as any union could desire. There were times in the conduct of the meeting in Troy when great wisdom and sound judgment were necessary, but he was more than equal to every emergency. This man will some day be president of the Southern Baptist convention. Mr. B. F. Davidson is the secretary-treasurer, energetic, resourceful, untiring. For months in advance of the convention he was active in stirring up the people of the state that they might know the opportunity they had in the convention that was to be held. Mr. C. E. Crossland, who is Sunday school secretary in the state, is also field secretary for the Baptist Young People's Union. He is a young man who to an unusual degree has grasped the real fundamental idea of the Baptist Young People's Union. Not only has he an accurate conception of the work, but he has a capacity to lead others to the same clear view of duty and opportunity. All who know of his work in Alabama are proud of him, and it will not be long before his name and influence will go far beyond the state, and we hope will contribute largely to the development of our wider work. The convention in Alabama was a success beyond what had been expected, and gives promise for greater work in the year to come.—Service.

THE SOUL'S DEEP CRY.

Back to nature! the soul's deep cry—
To forest and mountain with its sublime
Field and wood in summer time,
To cooling lake and sea running high—
Nature's temples where God is nigh.

To golden grain and shade of wood,
Back to nature? Doth the soul call—
Flowers painted as God only could,
To luscious fruits and purpling vine—
His store house for all mankind.

Back to nature! is the deep sigh—
To bleating flock and lowing kine,
Song birds nesting in eglantine,
To angling brook that murmurs by
Nature's altars where God is nigh.

Back to nature—with its healing balm,
Its glorious sunsets and glorious dawns,
Diamond dewdrops and fragrant morns,
Its mingling musics and rainbow'd sky—
For ecstasy of gladness—the soul's deep cry.

Back to nature—answered in the prayer,
To know the common hope of mankind—
That sweat of brow a priceless blessing find
In restful joy, tilling awaking clod,
To know in nature's priests is God.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE THOMAS.

DR. FOSTER'S ENCAMPMENT OFFER.

By James D. Gwaltney.

Shall we accept it? Perhaps we had best ask first, Shall we have it? I want to give three reasons why the Baptists of Alabama should come together in such a meeting.

First: For rest. Every human body needs the recuperation of physical rest. When Daniel Webster made his last visit to John Adams, the aged ex-president said, "I am as well as any man of nearly ninety years could expect to be. I find I am afflicted with an incurable disease called old age. My spirit is occupying a very shaky tenement. And as far as I can make out, sir, the landlord does not intend to make any more repairs."

This statement of John Adams is figuratively right, but literally wrong. The human body which was once created out of dust is being re-created up to the very brink of the grave. We eat and drink and rest in order to give nourishment and strength to the brains, the muscles and the flesh. And rest is just as essential for the physical recreation as food and water and light. The encampment will give rest to our tired bodies.

Second: For fellowship. The Baptists of Alabama need to know each other better. We need the touch of elbows, the larger fellowship, the personal friendships in our denominational life. We would surely love each other better if we knew each other better. The time we are together at our district and state gatherings does not give the touch and fellowship which we need. There ought to be a meeting in which we could be thrown together more intimately. Such association is a condition of the normal furtherance of the life processes. If we could meet where we could be free, where we could walk and talk and learn and pray and weep and laugh together, Baptist brotherhood would become a fact and a force in Alabama. It behooves us to hail with joy every occasion which promises to bring us closer together.

Third: For new impulse. Morally and religiously we are all like stoves radiating heat, and bound to get cold unless a fresh supply of fuel is furnished. We are all clocks in need of being wound up once in so often to keep us from running down. A great many of us are not even eight-day clocks, but Waterburys, requiring a great deal of winding to keep them running. We are only storage batteries, not dynamos. We hold enough energy for just about so much work, and then we have to be put in connection with the Great Dynamo again. There is no fact of consciousness more obvious and emphatic than that of the rapid wasting of our moral forces and the necessity of renewal.

The moral and religious life, notwithstanding its solitariness and isolation in one aspect, is a social life. We are meant to get help from one another. There is not a Baptist living, I care not how strong he is, who will not get needed impulse from a properly conducted encampment; an encampment where the speaker comes with an earnest spirit and a carefully thought out message, and where each worshiper may feel, if he will, the sympathetic thrill generated in a gathering of hundreds of people all thinking of and struggling for the same thing.

Brethren, the encampment is just what we need. Let us have it. It will put new blood in our denominational veins. It will give out inspiration that shall diffuse itself through all the churches. It will tinge with glory our work for the coming year. Let us have the encampment at Oxford Lake.

HE NEEDS NO TESTIMONIALS IN ALABAMA.

My Dear Brother Barnett: I would be glad if you would publish the inclosed. Dr. Macon does not need testimonials in Alabama; but his many friends will be glad to see this fine letter. I am, of course, sending it to you solely at my own instance. Your brother,

(Copy.)

Eaton, Ga., June 9, 1908.

Prof. George Washington Macon, Ph. D., Macon, Ga.

My Dear Professor: The trustees of Mercer university direct me to say to you that they are called to accept your resignation from its faculty. Your services in your professorship have been so faithful, so efficient, so complete and so valuable to the University that they hoped your connection with it might be continued indefinitely. They instructed me to say also that you carry with you their unstinted confidence and best wishes for your success and happiness wherever your lot may be cast.

With assurance of my high personal regard, I am, very truly yours,

(Signed)

THOS. G. LAWSON,

President of Board of Trustees, Mercer University.

BAPTISTS OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM PLAN A GREAT EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

Beginning on the fourth Sunday in September there is to be an evangelistic campaign similar to the one closed a short time ago in Atlanta.

For the past two years it has been in the minds and upon the hearts of the ministers of the Baptist conference. During that time many plans have been made, but to no avail. Now our plans are completed and the fourth Sunday in September, with the home board forced together with what help we can secure through the state board, we are to begin meetings in all the churches in the district and continue three weeks.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, head evangelist of the home mission board, will have charge of the work and will direct it through a committee from the Baptist pastors' conference consisting of brethren J. M. Shelburne, A. J. Dickinson and Wallace Wear. We have never had such a campaign in Birmingham. There have been religious awakenings to be sure, but no move equal to the one now before us. Most of our ministers have promised their help and co-operation. We are hoping that each Baptist preacher in this district will chime in with us. How we need to marshal our forces. If we do this the success will be far beyond our expectations. Hear the Lord as he spoke to us, saying "Ye are my witnesses."

As chairman of the evangelistic committee of Birmingham, I want to make an appeal to the laymen. My brethren, this is not a preachers' meeting. This is God's appointed means of saving the lost. To make this move means most for the denomination, to your church and to you as an individual; means that you must put into it the spiritual power you have in your respective sphere. I fully appreciate your business relations, but I plead for the cause of Christ in our city. May God bless every man of you and give you a deeper spiritual experience through the sacrifice you are to make.

It is hardly necessary that I should appeal to our ladies. They are always present and make up the larger part of our congregations, but even with this fact before us it seems to me there is a call to you for larger sacrifices along the line of personal work. If we are to win this city to Christ it must be done to a large extent through personal contact with those who need help.

Then comes our young people. They are a great force and we confidently expect their very best service. Let's begin now in our respective churches preparing for this work. God will graciously reward you.

WALLACE WEAR,

Chairman Evangelistic Committee.

This is to say that I consider the proposition made by Brother Josh Foster to the brethren concerning the encampment the most feasible of all the propositions that have been made. I speak now because I may be kept away from the convention on account of protracted meetings. Brother Foster's time, place and arrangement all suit me. Why not all agree, and gladly accept the generous proposition?—R. M. Hunter, Samson, Ala.

Frank Willis Barnett

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CULTIVATE TENDERNESS.

Even the best of Christians need to guard themselves against a growth in hardness of heart. The tendency to hardness of spirit is exceedingly subtle, and is often unperceived by the person. Many a Christian, while supposing that he is very tender in heart is the victim of the deceptive process of hardness of sensibility. This is particularly true of those who think that they are entirely free from their old nature. They refuse to confess that they commit any sin, and this evil habit results in producing moral hardness. The professed Christian who justifies himself in all that he says and does is certain to callous his moral sensibilities. The process may be slow, but it is sure. A perfect tenderness of spirit can not exist in connection with a spirit which is so self-righteous that it will not confess that it does wrong, either to God or man. Hence we say that one of the best means for cultivating true tenderness of spirit is that of habitually confessing one's sins, and beseeching God to forgive them. David was never more tender-hearted than he was when, in the greatest penitence he confessed his sin in causing the death of Uriah. It was in such tenderness of spirit that he wrote the fifty-first psalm. It was when he made that profound confession that his former hardness of heart in causing that death melted away. Tears of deep contrition welled up from the softness of a heart which was subdued by an awful sense of his depravity, guilt and condemnation. Thenceforth the recollection of that sin and its attendant circumstances, greatly tended to keep him tender in spirit. Then, too, a forgiving spirit is essential to tender-heartedness. He has a hard heart who is not ready at all times to freely forgive an offender. So we say, cultivate a forgiving spirit as a means of promoting tenderness of heart. Be in the habit also of praying for those who have misused you. This may be hard to do, but it causes tenderness of spirit, and this is the power of true life.

CONCERNED FOR THE UNSAVED.

A prime object of a Christian newspaper ought to be that of securing the salvation of the unsaved ones who may read it. This means that the editor should be so much concerned for the rescue of such ones that he will make a practice of printing such truths as seem calculated to induce them to accept Christ as their Savior. We confess that we have not hitherto manifested as much concern in this respect as in heart we desired to. And yet it has often been our prayer that this paper should be the means of leading unsaved ones to Christ. All of us need a profounder sense of the great peril that every unsaved one is in. If we really believe what the Bible says about the spiritual condition of unconverted ones we must realize the truth that there is nothing in all the world which is of so great importance as is the salvation of a soul from death. Think of the vast deal that the Bible has to say about Christ as a Savior, about atonement for human sins and about a personal preparation for heaven. The great doctrine of the atonement runs throughout the Old Testament. In that dispensation an innumerable succession of sacrifices were offered as types of the coming atonement of Christ. That fact in itself is a mighty evidence of the truth that sinners are in awful peril. If unsaved ones were not in the greatest of all dangers then there never would have been any atonement planned and provided by God, and hence there never would have been any sacrificial offerings made in ancient times. Nor would our Lord have come into this world. His express mission was to save people from their sins. And what a burning passion He had for the deliverance of the sin-bound captives! Are we sharing the great concern which He had for

lost ones? How can we call ourselves Christians if we have no special anxiety for the unsaved ones around us? The days of our life are speeding along and sinners are dying unsaved. Are you saved to God?

A DANGEROUS WEDGE.

Before leaving for the penitentiary, Cashier Kanneen, convicted of embezzling funds from the Citizen's Bank of Loraine, Ohio, addressed a letter to the members of his Sunday school class in which he described sin as a thin wedge. This is a pretty good description, and coming from one who can speak with authority, it should find ready acceptance. The point of the wedge enters the life when the first dishonest act is committed and it sinks deeper as the struggling victim seeks to cover up the deed by other dishonest acts.

Too many useful lives are ruined by this wedge, and the only way to prevent the disaster it brings is to steer clear of it.



Preachers, delegates, ladies and all who expect and will attend the convention to be held at Roanoke July 22-24 will please send to the chairman on entertainment, F. P. Nichols, their names so homes may be assigned them and they notified where they will be located before they arrive.

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I am sure that I voice the sentiment of all our people when I say that you are giving us a splendid paper; one worth far more than the very meager price that it costs us to get it. May the Lord bless you in your work. Truly your brother, George H. Freeman, pastor East Florence Baptist church.

Immanuel Kant, in the concluding chapter of his great work on "The Critique of Pure Reason," says that the ultimate subject of all inquiry is to give answer to three questions: What can I know? What ought I to do? What may I hope for?

LET US GO TO ROANOKE.

The state convention met last July with Dothan, in the southern part of Alabama, and this year is scheduled for Roanoke, in the eastern portion of the state, and it is well that it should jump from one part to another of the territory, as it gives the Baptists of Alabama a chance to get acquainted with one another. We ought to know each other better and then we would pull together better, and after all, team play counts for a great deal in religious work as well as in games. This year ought to be a record breaking year in attendance, for Chairman Park Nichols at Roanoke is getting ready for a great crowd, and knowing him and the people who are behind him we emphatically advise and urge our people to begin to get ready to attend the convention, which is less than a month away.

WISE WORDS FROM OUR ENGLISH BROTHER.

Rev. I. H. Shakespeare, M. A., well known to American Baptists, delivered an exceedingly strong and suggestive address at the spring assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, held in the Bloomsburg Central church of London, on The Arrested Progress of the Church. The speaker dealt with his theme as applied to the specific instance of the Baptist church. He said: "We are passing through a period of marked depression. We raise more money than ever before, we build more chapels, we have more societies and machinery, there is infinitely more talking, we have far more influence in politics and public affairs, but in spite of all this the church has an uneasy suspicion that its real work is not being done, that the quality is not so high and that the things it stands for are not so marked and manifest."

Mr. Shakespeare suggested three directions in which the arrested progress of the church is revealed: numerical, social and spiritual. With regard to the last he says: "The church is not so sure of itself as it once was. It does not lift itself up into the light of God, as once it did, confident that the saints shall judge the world. It is not quite certain of its own methods or of the effect which its ministry and worship would be likely to produce even upon good men. It is not so sure of its distinctive mission, its message, its creed or its destiny."

Some causes of the arrest are referred to as being our defective denominational system which fails to use to the best advantage such resources as we have; individualism finding vent in a spirit of selfishness in the particular church; the pursuit of amusement; the shifting of the center of interest from the church of God to the kingdom of God; the general loss of conviction and faith and the breaking up of the external forms of religion among Christian people themselves.

"The chief explanation is in the decay of personal and family piety. The church can never be defeated until it has capitulated to the world." A number of remedies for the arrest are mentioned: We must return to the Bible; there must be more attention to preaching; a more aggressive policy; an exaltation of the ideal of the church and of the Christian ministry; leadership in the ministry, and a lifting up of the ideal of piety. "The strength of the churches must rest in the last resort upon their piety." The Baptist Commonwealth well says:

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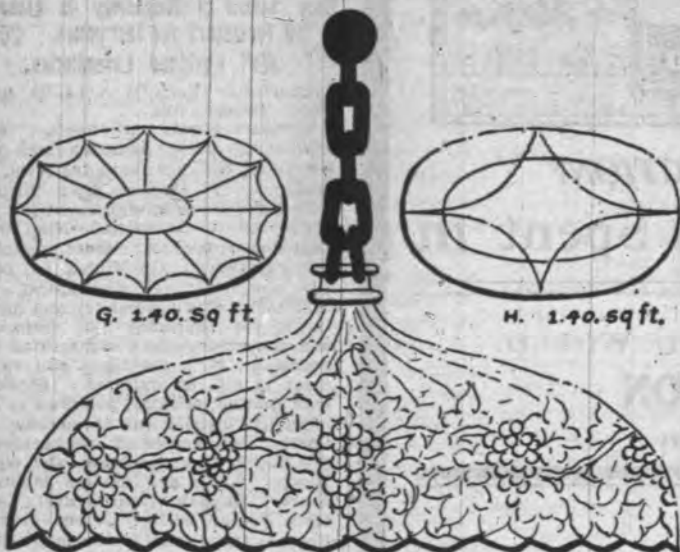
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He needs and deserves the trip and we hope he will find pleasure and profit in his journeyings.

At the conclusion of the remarkable address of Dr. Hartwell, whose soul blazed in eloquent words, notwithstanding the feebleness of his body, his daughter, Miss Anna Hartwell, and Miss E. B. Thompson, the only two women missionaries present, were introduced to the convention. They had with them a little boy and girl who were dressed in Chinese costume. As they came to the platform the great audience rose and a sea of white handkerchiefs waved in a Chautauqua salute. Then they with the other North China missionaries sang in Chinese, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." It was a thrilling scene. The people love to honor their heroes who have returned from the front.—Journal.

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Christian Index: Rev. Sam C. Dean has accepted the call of the Cartersville church, and preached his opening sermon as pastor on last Sunday. He will be joined by his family in the near future. Brother Dean will be given a cordial welcome back to his native state.

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Dr. H. Alford Porter, of Louisville, although deeply appreciative of the call extended to him by the First church of Oklahoma City, Okla., feels that he can not accept it and remains with the Walnut Street church. It was a great tribute to be called back to his old field, and we sympathize with the White Temple people in their failure to secure their old pastor.—Standard.

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Sarah English Poellnitz was born in Fairfield, S. C., September 30, 1839, where she was reared and educated. She was converted in a meeting conducted by Rev. John O. B. Dargan, in Fairfield, and baptised by Rev. R. R. Vann in 1857. She was married to Edwin A. Poellnitz December 15, 1857. One daughter survives her, Miss Mary, her other daughter, Mrs. D. J. Meador, having died three years previous. She was a charter member of the Baptist church at Myrtlewood; in fact, was the first one to invite a Baptist preacher there. She loved the church and was a loyal Baptist and did more for the Baptist cause than any woman in her community. She was a lovely Christian character. While she was not strong physically, yet she did more charity, visiting the sick, alleviating the suffering, helping the needy and administering to the needs of the helpless. She had a superior intellect and was a great reader, being the best informed woman in her town. She was a model wife, an ideal mother and a true Christian, whose influence will live on as long as time shall last, and there will be many stars in her crown. While we have lost a useful and true sister in Christ, yet it is comforting to know that while it is an earthly loss, it is a heavenly gain.

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HER PASTOR,
J. E. Merrell.

J. N. HALL'S LAST UTTERANCES.

Colonel R. M. Chenault, of Ft. Scott, Kan., a regular contributor to the Arkansas Baptist and Baptist Flag, says in a recent article:

"The latter part of the year of 1905 I received a long letter from Dr. J. N. Hall, in which he said, 'I am satisfied now that you and I have misunderstood Dr. Gambrell and his co-laborers in Texas, and the best thing we can do is to rectify the wrong we have done them, even if we have to apologize publicly through the press. While I don't indorse all they have done or said in regard to the party you refer to, I am convinced in a great measure they have been right. I fully agree with you on the money basis and society representation, etc., but let's drop our contentions and help bring about peace down there.' Again he said: 'I am satisfied also that it is best to make the fight in the conventions to wipe out these objectionable features, and with such men and Dr. Eaton contending as we do in a short time we will succeed.'"

"This letter was written six days before Dr. Hall passed to his reward."

We had taken it that the Texarkana General Association marked his severance of all connections with conventions; but this indicates otherwise. He still believed in staying in the conventions and fighting from within to wipe out the objectionable features. According to this, J. N. Hall would be read out of the regular succession if it has to be traced through churches not affiliated with conventions. The above quotation is taken from the Arkansas Baptist of February 26, page 6, bottom first and top second column. It will do to preserve.—Little Rock.

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In darkness still some souls are found
And waiting yet in vain(?)
They've waited, waited long,
This happy day that dawns.
Let light break forth from shore to shore,
With healing help divine,
Till every darkened soul shall know
The source of truth sublime.
Will you not speak His name
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