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RESTLESSNESS IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

A Layman Expresses His Mind Fully and Quotes a Bishop.

Prof. Emerson Whittier Smith, Ph.D.

I have a wide acquaintance with the ministers of Methodism, and I know that a restless spirit obtains more and more among the rank and file with the passing years. Some put the source of the disaffection at the door of the eldership, others at the door of the episcopacy, and some lay the whole blame on Adam and total depravity.

Bishop Hoss Speaks:

One of our wisest and most statesmanlike bishops, Bishop Hoss, thus writes in the Methodist Review.

"The attitude of the whole body of the ministry and laity toward the episcopacy is a matter that gives me deep concern. I am profoundly anxious that it should be one of mutual understanding and good will. Anything less than that cannot fail to issue in injurious consequences. A bishop loved and trusted, and with the consciousness that the church is back of him, is multiplied a hundredfold in his power for usefulness; and a bishop doubted, and deserted to his own resources, is shorn of his strength. Now if it is worth while having bishops at all, is it worth while making the most of them. Personally, I have no complaints to make. With exceptions so trifling that they do not deserve notice, I have received only the most considerate kindness from all my brethren. Yet I cannot resist the belief that owing to a great variety of causes, there is an increasing aloofness in the church at large, toward the bishops of the church, a disposition to let them alone, to stand off from them."

Allow me to enunciate a principle of church government which will commend itself at once to philosophical historians. No system of church government can live that is out of harmony with the development of the civil ideals of a people. You cannot have a democratic state and an autocratic or bureaucratic church. When Methodism was founded in this republic, democratic ideals were weak and were struggling for the mastery. Alexander Hamilton represented the dominant element in American society and he thought the rule of the people was very dangerous. Even after the revolutionary war there still existed this distrust mingled with fear.

The Leaven of Democracy.

Says Francis Upham Adams: "When Washington took the oath of office, democracy was only a name in this country, and a much despised name. Manhood suffrage was not seriously considered. Property cast the ballots, held the offices, and only the more daring agitators protested against its domination. The aristocratic wealth of the new nation openly favored a monarchy, with George Washington as king; and the masses were further affronted by the organization of the Cincinnati, a federation of the officers of the Revolutionary army, in which it was provided that representation should descend through the eldest lineal male, thus preserving the hated rule of primogeniture." Asbury was sufficiently affected by the spirit of democracy to insist upon an election to the office of bishop, but the democratic element was early defeated and did what was very unwise—left the church. Democracy has grown in the nation. Manhood suffrage is now established, direct primaries have been instituted to know the will of the people. Senators will soon be elected by popular vote, and the initiative and the referendum are on their way, and the people are enthroned and will remain in power.

Our church government has not been modified any in form, although I believe that there has been a decided modification in spirit. What a bishop did twenty-five years ago would be foolhardy for one to attempt to do now. However democratic our beloved brethren, the bishops, may become, this "aloofness" will continue to grow until there is a modification of our governmental system in accordance with the ideals of the age.

Give the People a Chance.

"What modifications, then, would you suggest?" I hear some one asking. The eldership ought to be modified. There are some who would do away with it entirely; but it is necessary to your Methodism, and ought to be the most useful office in the church. But no man ought to be made an elder without a vote of confidence upon the part of his brethren. But every year let the conference by ballot elect two or three times the number of elders needed and out of this number let the Bishop make his selection.

Ought there to be a modification in our episcopacy? and if so, what? Some have thought that it is advisable to elect the bishops for a term of years. Such a course does not commend itself to my mind. The introduction of politics into our legislative body is a danger so great that every safeguard possible ought to be made to keep it out. Human nature is frail, and we have often seen it give way under a severe strain, and it should be relieved of all the tension possible. But the right of "recall" ought to be lodged in the General Conference. As it now is it is practically impossible to get rid of an inefficient or unacceptable bishop should we have one. He must be borne with and supported, although he has vegetated, or else be superannuated, which is a wrong to the church, as well as a falsehood, in fact.

The Right to Retire a Bishop.

If there should be a demand for the retirement of any one of the college of bishops made by any ten members of the General Conference in writing, it should be made the duty of the bishop presiding to put the vote without debate.

In fact, it might be a great honor to recall a bishop in order that he might render other service to the church. For example, he might be recalled to be made editor of a paper. The votes of a General Conference can make a bishop, but twenty elections cannot make an editor. Such a law would at least place the supreme power in the General Conference, and relieve us of the charge that we have a body of men who are amenable to no tribunal under the sun except they become immoral or violate the laws of the church. It would make the General Conference forever supreme.

The Plain Preacher Should Have Rights.

That there sometimes arises friction between a bishop and a minister is a well-known fact. Good and faithful preachers feel aggrieved; and yet if there has been no maladministration, the pastor has no recourse whatever. To carry the complaint to the committee on episcopacy marks him a fool. There ought to be some tribunal, somewhat in the nature of an "Arbitration Committee," where these differences may be thrashed out and blame attached where blame belongs. It would save heartburnings and restlessness and make for the peace and prosperity of the church. To feel that an injury has been done you by a superior officer and he accountable to no one, and in the same time in a position to give his version of the trouble to the very men who decide your fate, often has driven a Methodist minister into the ranks of the soured. I would suggest that the committee on episcopacy should sit in the interim of the General Conference as such a tribunal and any preacher should have the opportunity of representing to it any acts that he has deemed blameworthy in the personal relationship of his superior officer to himself.

Growing Worse.

There has been a development of bureaucracy in our church. The conference is gradually losing its power, and the committee's powers are on the increase. For example: Formerly a conference determined whether it would have a missionary secretary, but now it is lodged in the Board of Missions; and whether the conference wants the office or not, or whether the man be persona grata to the conference or not, matters nothing if the Board takes action. Their reports are now submitted to the conference for information and not adoption. This is

only a single example of what is taking place in all the boards of the church. The reason for this is that specialists who have labored on Conference Boards for years are placed on the committees at the General Conference which is in the line with his specialty, and the love of power is one of the strongest and most insidious passions of man. Unconsciously there has been taken away from the conference its rights; and if this trend continues for a few years longer, all that a preacher will need to do is to come to conference the first day and report, "Collections in full, Bishop," and then go home, unless he happens to be one of these omnipotent committees. Our church must become more democratic, or else it will find itself so out of the spirit of the age as to lose her greatest efficiency. The which may God forbid! Southern Methodism needs a Thomas Jefferson at this juncture of her history.—From Christian Advocate, Nashville.

THE OCTOBER ROUND UP.

When this is read, two Sundays of October will have passed. Only two remain in which to round up that great Centennial offering, planned more than a year ago. When we gather in Montgomery on Nov. 27, 28, and 29th to close the greatest year in all our history, we can truthfully say: "It has been a year of great gatherings in our churches." The pastor who has not had a revival in his church is the exception. Can we say too: "In spite of the panic, the Baptists of Alabama have gone far beyond anything they have ever done for missions; they have given a \$1,000 for every year of the century."

I beseech the brethren to bestir themselves the next two Sundays for the home mission collection. Of course you can give for any missions you like and it will be counted on the Centennial amount, but October is the schedule month for home missions and that board is entitled to all the month brings.

I am so much on the go to the associations, I may not get to write another line. If this should be the last, I pray God to bless the 500 postals sent out to the pastors in the beginning, to which so many responded, and this last line as well.

Your anxious fellow-worker,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

A POLICEMAN'S LOT

May Be a Happy One After All.

An Ill. Ex. Chief of Police found an easy and safe way out of the ills caused by coffee. He says:

"I suffered intensely from heart trouble and nervousness for five years, and though treated by some of the best physicians in this city, did not get permanent relief until I changed from coffee to Postum.

"A friend of my family was visiting at our house and seeing my condition, insisted that coffee was at the bottom of my trouble. I confess I was skeptical but promised to try Postum in place of coffee.

"It was nearly three weeks before I noticed much of any change, as my case was a bad one. Then I saw that my nervousness was gradually disappearing. A little later I was able to sleep a part of the night on my left side, something I had been unable to do for 5 years at least.

"I kept on using Postum, and the result is, so far as heart trouble and nervousness are concerned, I am a well man.

"The best proof is that I am writing this with my own hand, a thing I was unable to do for several years prior to the change from coffee to Postum."

"There's a Reason."

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

At its last session at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the convention appointed the following named brethren, together with the writer, as a Standing Committee on Temperance, to-wit: Rev. J. E. Johnson, Waco, Texas; Prof. S. P. Brooks, L. L. D., Waco, Texas; Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D. D., Dallas, Texas.; Rev. J. A. Maples, Greenville, Texas; Rev. C. W. Daniel, D. D., Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. P. E. Burroughs, D. D., Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. W. T. Amis, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Rev. H. A. Sumrall, D. D., Shreveport, Louisiana; Rev. C. V. Edwards, New Orleans, Louisiana; Rev. L. C. Wolf, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Rev. W. T. Lowery, D. D., Clinton, Mississippi; Rev. E. E. Folk, D. D., Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. W. D. Upshaw, Atlanta, Georgia.

The appointment of this committee was received favorably by the denominational press and by the brotherhood at large. It has not been considered expedient to get the committee together until this time. The committee has been called to meet at the meeting house of the First Baptist church, Waco, Texas, Tuesday, November 3rd, 10 o'clock a. m.

The writer begs the privilege of asking the entire brotherhood to pray that the committee shall have the presence and guidance of the Divine Spirit through whose power alone we shall be able to win a complete and final victory over the rum traffic. I beg, also, that brethren who have any suggestions to offer as to the plan of organization and conduct of the work, shall write to the chairman here, or to any member of the committee. I am sure that every member of the committee would be glad to have such suggestions as it may be in the mind of the brethren to make, and I assure the brethren that every suggestion will receive careful consideration. I would like especially for the brethren to express themselves on the question as to whether we shall employ a secretary, this pitching the work on a broad and high plane. One thing is sure, we must face the fact that all our missionary operations and all our efforts at reaching and saving the lost are generally hampered and hindered by the rum traffic. It is unquestionably true that the accomplishment of no single thing would give greater impetus to the kingdom of God in its on-going, than would be complete abolition of the liquor evil. I trust that the Lord may guide and bless every effort and factor which He has been pleased to appoint for the accomplishment of this end, and especially, that He may vouchsafe His guidance to this committee in the planning of its work.

A. J. BARTON, Waco, Texas.

ANOTHER FIELD SECRETARY.

With October 1st, Bro. E. E. Lee of Dallas, Texas, became Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board. He will have headquarters at Dallas, and is designated especially to the B. Y. P. U. work west of the Mississippi river. Bro. Lee has been serving the state Board of Texas for several years in this same line of work and has made the great empire state almost, if not altogether, foremost in its work among Baptist young people. He has been one of the real forces in the great movements that have gone on, and the Board counts itself very fortunate that we can have his services in the wider sphere and that he may do in other states what he has done in Texas. He will not only work in these other states but will go into the territories looking westward to the Pacific ocean.

In the election of Bro. Lee and designating him specifically to this department, the Sunday School Board is only working out the plan for enlargement of the B. Y. P. U. work. He will be a decided addition to our force. With him west of the Mississippi river and Bro. L. P. Leavell on the eastern side and the other field men giving attention to B. Y. P. U. work as they may have opportunity we may well expect a forward movement in this department.

Through men and literature the Board will press with vigor the B. Y. P. U. interest. We have greatly enlarged and otherwise improved our B. Y. P. U. Quarterly without advancing the price. The Junior B.

Y. P. U. Quarterly now in its first issue with the lessons prepared by Bro. W. B. McGarrity, of Texas, is proving popular and effective. In addition the Board has issued its Training in Church Membership by Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of 128 pages. It is bound in cloth (50 cents) and paper (30 cents) with special prices per dozen. It is an excellent text book for individual or class study, and comes at the very heart of what is needed in the Baptist training of Baptist Young people.

The Sunday School Board has large purpose in undertaking this department of work. It is acting under the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention and jointly with the B. Y. P. U. of the South through its Executive Committee at Louisville. The possibilities and opportunities are full of inspiration. Why should not the Baptist young people of the Southern Baptist Convention lead all others in growth and usefulness. This work is the Convention B. Y. P. U. work, and we shall spare no means to make it all it can be made and have it accomplish the full measure of its work. I earnestly crave the full sympathy and co-operation of all our young people in this great undertaking. A strong and vigorous advancement made at this point will tell in the coming years throughout all of our denominational interests.

J. M. FROST.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 2, 1908.

A GREAT OPENING AT THE SEMINARY.

You and your readers will be greatly interested I am sure to hear of the great opening we have had at the seminary. It is decidedly the largest opening we have had during my incumbency as president. Today, the second day of our opening, we have an enrollment of 201 students. This is some 20 or 25 more than we had on the same day last year, and is decidedly in advance of any year on the same date during the past nine years. On the first day 183 men were matriculated and 18 have been enrolled today. The outlook is good for a large number of additional students. We are hoping that this, the jubilee year of the seminary's history, will be the largest in all its history in the number of students enrolled. We are hoping that when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Louisville next May we will be able to announce the largest enrollment in the history of the school. I very earnestly lay upon the hearts of young brethren the duty of coming to the seminary. Many a pastor who can come for a session, or even for one or two quarters, will derive unspeakable benefit therefrom. If financial assistance is needed, let them write to me and I will do what I can for them. Perhaps I should remind prospective students that they can enter at the beginning of any one of the four quarters, Oct. 1, Dec. 1, Feb. 1, or April 1, and take up the work to advantage, and if they should be even a week or two late for any quarter it will not seriously interfere with their work. We shall be glad to hear from any brethren who desire further information in detail.

In this connection it is proper to say we will need all the help we can get for the student's fund. Will the pastors and brethren, therefore, who have pledged their churches to aid this fund, kindly look after the matter promptly and let us hear from them. We will need all the financial resources we can command this year to help these men. I learn that in some states there are anywhere from 20 to 30 vacancies in important pastorates. The need for more men and better equipped men is imperative.

In this connection I wish to correct the dates announced a short time ago for our midwinter lecture courses. It has been found impractical to place them on the dates named, that is, beginning Nov. 30th, and continuing two weeks. The faculty has voted to place these lecture courses during the two weeks beginning Dec. 28th. This will give two weeks, immediately following the holidays, and we trust will be at a time when many brethren can come to avail themselves of these lectures. Courses of lectures on evangelism, the Sunday school, and the course on the Gay Foundation will be given during these two weeks, besides other interesting and profitable themes by

invited lecturers, and besides these lectures the regular work of the seminary will be carried on. Founders' Day will also be celebrated during this period. It will, therefore, be an excellent opportunity for pastors and friends to visit the school and obtain a glimpse of the work done. I extend a cordial invitation to the editor to be with us at that time.

E. Y. MULLINS, President.

PRAY FOR BROTHER NAPIER'S RECOVERY.

Dear Bro. Barnett:

Jesus taught us that if we only love those who love us, we have done no more than publicans and sinners; in the light of this teaching, I feel some reluctance in making an appeal through your columns, which in the very nature of things rests so largely on selfish or personal love. But, "suffer it to be so now."

In a letter received from our daughter, Mrs. Napier, then at Kuling, but presumably at Yang Chow at this time, (the letter bearing date of August 26th) she stated that Mr. Napier had had an attack of appendicitis; or rather a series of attacks, the first of which occurred quite a while ago. At the time she wrote he was just getting over his sixth painful confinement from this dread malady. Several physicians were at hand; but Kuling is a kind of resting place for sick and over-worked missionaries and others, and these doctors had left their surgical instruments and were not prepared for an operation; she thought that the aid of a noted specialist could be obtained and they would probably go to him at once.

I take it, that "no news is good news;" for I think, if the case had reached a fatal termination ere this, that either Dr. Willingham or myself would have received a cable message to that effect.

My purpose is to ask through your columns the prayers of God's people. I believe the words of Holy Writ, that there is power in effectual, fervent prayer; and I want to throw about this devoted couple, such a carbon of praying hearts that God will be pleased to spare the life of this, his servant, a life which has been so unreservedly laid upon the altar—and use him and his companion to turn many to righteousness in that benighted land which has become theirs by adoption.

Yours sincerely,
B. DAVIE.

MEXICAN DIET.

Not Conducive to American Energy.

"After about thirteen years in Mexico, where I was on a Mexican diet into which coffee and greasy food enter largely, I found that everything I ate distressed me," writes a man from our neighboring republic.

"Nervous break-down with pain in the heart caused me to give up mental work. After trying various stomach remedies without benefit, I found relief at last, by eating Grape-nuts and cream.

"I could digest Grape-nuts and the heart and nervous symptoms soon improved to such an extent that I could do some brain work and a fair day's manual labor.

"When away from home I get out of sorts from eating wrong food, but at home a few days on Grape-nuts puts me right again.

"I once worked 10 consecutive hours on a dike without much fatigue, by having a small box of Grape-nuts in my pocket and eating a little dry, whenever I felt faint. I can now teach all day without fatigue, after a breakfast of Grape-nuts and cream, stewed fruit, toast and Postum.

"That old dull feeling, when I tried to live on my former diet, has disappeared and the delightful sensation of being fully nourished is present now. And the smile on our 18 months old boy at a sight of a Grape-nuts package is worth seeing." "There's a Reason."

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ORPHANAGE PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 1, 1908

A Dialogue.—Recited by Two Girls.

Question: Can you tell me what is to become of those poor little children whose mother died last week?

Answer: I think they might be gotten into the Orphans Home at Evergreen.

Q. Is there such a place? Tell me about it.

A. Certainly there is a Home there, and there are more than 150 children.

Q. How long has it been there?

A. Fifteen years ago last March, it was started with three little children, but more than four hundred have found shelter in it, and many have gone out to become useful citizens.

Q. Where did all these children come from?

A. From almost every section of our state, and all conditions of social life. There is no difference there between the children of the poor and the rich. All are treated alike, they are as one family.

Q. Are they taught to work?

A. Yes, the boys do work on the farm, in the garden, with the sick, in the printing office, and—

Q. Did you say in the printing office, can they do that?

A. Yes, these programs we are using today were printed there.

Q. Have they boys and girls both?

A. Yes, there are 87 girls and 67 boys, 154 in all.

Q. Do they teach them anything else?

A. Yes, I had started to tell you; the girls are taught cooking, sewing, bread making, laundry work, house cleaning, to care for the sick, and many other things.

Q. How is this home supported?

A. By gifts from those who feel interested in the children. Many of the Sunday schools send gifts every month, and others once in a quarter.

Q. Who owes the home?

A. The Baptists of Alabama.

Q. Is it entirely paid for?

A. No there is a debt of eight thousand dollars on it, and Mr. Stewart has sent out to all the Sunday schools and churches, and friends asking them to do one day's work for the home.

Q. Did you do a days work for it?

A. Yes and I greatly enjoyed working for it and have what I earned with me to put in the offering for the home.

Q. Does the Bible say anything about work of this sort?

A. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—Jas. 1.27. And Solomon says, "He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given, will he pay him again." And do you not remember that our Lord said: "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Q. Don't you think all ought to help? Oh, I feel like singing "Rescue the perishing," and then going out to work for this home!

Song.—"Rescue the Perishing."

Rescue the perishing,

Care for the dying,

Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;

Weep o'er the erring one,

Lift up the fallen,

Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

CHORUS.

Rescue the perishing,

Care for the dying;

Jesus is merciful,

Jesus will save.

Though they are slighting Him,

Still He is waiting,

Waiting the penitent child to receive;

Plead with them earnestly,

Plead with them gently:
He will forgive if they only believe.

CHORUS.

Down in the human heart,

Crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore:

Touched by a loving heart,

Weakened by kindness,

Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

CHORUS.

Rescue the perishing,

Duty demands it;

Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide:

Back to the narrow way,

Patiently win them,

Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.

CHORUS.

"Our Pennies,"—Recited by Four Little Folks.

(Each little one holds penni aloft as he or she recites.)

First Child:

Do you see this penny?

I earned it all today.

It will help a little,

The orphans' debt to pay.

Second Child:

Do you see this penny?

'Tis very small indeed

But it will help the orphans

In their daily need.

Third Child:

Do you see this penny?

My papa gave it to me.

I'll put it with the others

The home from debt to free.

Fourth Child:

Do you see this penny?

'Tis shining, bright and new,

I think, perhaps, t'will help to buy

A baby orphan's shoe.

All:

And so we bring our pennies,

Our dimes and nickels, too,

These are the children's portion,

The dollars are for you.

You big folks give your dollars

In twenties, tens, or fives,

'Twill help the little homeless ones,

To good and noble lives.

(Let the children sing some penny song, "Dropping, Dropping, Hear the Pennies Fall," or "Give Said the Little Stream.")

Recitation.—What Have We Done Today?

We shall do so much in the year to come,

But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the afterwhile,

But what have we been today?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,

We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,

But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,

But what have we sown today?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built today?

'T is sweet in the idle dreams to bask,

But here and now do we do our task,

Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask—

"What have we done today?"

Reading by a Young Lady.—"Eddie," a True Story.

One day there came into the school room of the orphanage a woman still young; holding by the hand a little boy, perhaps five years of age. The child was cleanly, but poorly clad. They awaited the closing hour of school when the superintendent should be free to attend to the admitting of the child into the home.

The child watched the children's dismissal for intermission. He started down the stairs. "Come back," called the mother, who should have been the personification of truthfulness to him. "Come back or the old rag man'll get you." He came reluctantly, half curious to stay and see if the old rag man would come.

The primary teacher brought some kindergarten blocks and gaining his interest and good will took him to the room while the pitiful document was signed that bequeath to strangers the God given duties of motherhood.

The moments passed the teacher saw the mother leave not daring to allow herself the satisfaction of farewell.

The one played on contentedly. Evening began to come on. He noticed the lateness of the hour and cried out, "I want to go to my mama."

The teacher asking divine guidance as she did so, tried to tell him how his mama had left him to find a happy home there. But he cried with a grief like that of an older person heart-broken. "My mamma ought not to a done it, my mamma ought not to a done it." For a long time he refused to be comforted, but seeming to remember something that had been told him before, he brightened up, and seeming to try to excuse an inexcusable act, said: "But she brought me here to get a education," bringing out the big word with emphasis.

The little fellow was taken to Scott Cottage and was soon as happy and bright faced a baby as any there, though he persistently refused to have his face washed, saying his mama said that if he'd come there they wouldnt make him wash his face. The education he had come to seek was soon begun by initiation into the kindergarten and later into the primary classes of school and Sunday school. Twice the mother came to see him. Once bringing a little jacket which the matron called Joseph's coat from its many colors, but which the little one prized above all other possessions saying when arrayed in it, "my mama brought me this."

One day Mr. Stewart told him he had found him a nice home where a good papa and mama wanted a good little boy. He was happy, no longer thinking of the cruel fate that that separated him from his own mother. Gladly welcoming the thought of a home where he was wanted. So nicely dressed and looking every inch the little man that his good friends of the state of Alabama had helped him to become he said good by to his little playmates and teachers, took Mr. Stewart's hand and this time happily went forth to begin a new epoch in that education that begun on that memorable day that brought him to the home.

Today he is the inmate of one of the best Alabama homes. He is fast getting the education that he came to seek. What will he become? Who knows? At least he will be lifted far above the lowly lot which was all he could hope for without the aid of the home.

Whatever he is, you will have had a part in making him. Let us help others who hold appealing hands to us.

TWO FAMOUS AMERICAN EVANGELISTS



D. L. MOODY

The recent death of Ira D. Sankey, a noted sweet singer in our American Israel and long the companion of the late D. L. Moody, recalls the stirring events that led to their united labors in the cause of Christ and their subsequent labors in the United States and Great Britain nearly forty years ago.

It is interesting to know how Mr. Sankey was first drawn into the work of world-wide evangelism. In 1870 the International Y. M. C. A. met in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Sankey was present as a delegate from his native town, Newcastle, Pa. At a sun-rise prayer meeting conducted by Mr. Moody during the convention there was no one to start the hymn. This embarrassed the leader, who had hoped that some one would have been present to conduct the singing. Just then a townsman who knew Mr. Sankey's ability as a singer urged him to start the hymn. The next moment the Pennsylvanian's clear voice could be heard in ringing tones all over the house singing, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," in which all present joined. The incident impressed everybody. At the close of the meeting Mr. Sankey was introduced to the Chicago evangelist, and ever afterwards, like David and Jonathan, they were true friends.

About this time Mr. Moody felt that he had a call to go forth as an evangelist, but refused to abandon the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Chicago, as he had no one to sing for him, but the impression left upon him by Mr. Sankey's singing at this convention relieved his mind. After Mr. Moody had inquired into Mr. Sankey's business and family ties he told him in plain English, "Well you'll have to give up these; I need you to sing for me." During the convention they took luncheon together, and the same evening he sang for Mr. Moody at a street meeting. They also had a conference at which Mr. Moody urged him to abandon the business in which he was then engaged and become his singing companion. The only thing that Mr. Sankey promised was to consider the matter prayerfully, but nothing definite resulted. It is needless to say, Mr. Sankey returned to Newcastle greatly impressed with Mr. Moody's earnestness and what he had seen at Indianapolis.

A few months afterwards, Mr. Sankey yielded to Mr. Moody's entreaty to spend a week with him in evangelistic labors in Chicago. On the last Sunday evening there was a large meeting in Farewell Hall, at the close of which Mr. Moody turned to Mr. Sankey and said, "You're going home tomorrow, but you see I was right in asking you to come and help me in this work, and I hope you will make up your mind to come and help me as soon as possible."

Soon after this Mr. Sankey felt that the call to become a singing evangelist and partner of Mr. Moody was of God, and gave up his business and came to Chicago.

It was the spring of 1867 that Mr. Moody made his first flying trip to England. This was done for the benefit of his wife's health, and was recommend-

ed by the family physician, as she suffered at the time from asthma. Mr. Moody was little known at the time, either here or across the sea. But there take them by the hand and look in their faces. And now in the providence of God the opportunity had come.

Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull, of Philadelphia, tells an incident of the first visit of Mr. Moody to London. They were present on a platform at a meeting in Exeter Hall in the interest of London Sunday school union. Mr. Moody did not like the cut and dried way they did business over there. It was so unlike the methods of strenuous Chicago, that it really "jarred" him. During the evening the vice chairman spoke in glowing terms of their "American cousin, who was present, the Rev. Mr. Moody, of Chicago." When Mr. Moody could stand this no longer, he sprang to the were two men he had always longed to see. These two were the Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon and George Muller, of Bristol. He had often wished he might front of the platform and said, "The chairman has made two mistakes. To begin with I'm not the Reverend Mr. Moody. I'm simply plain D. L. Moody, a Sabbath school worker. And in the second place, I'm not your American cousin. By the grace of God I'm your brother, interested as you are in the work of our Father's business." It is needless to say that his remarks made a profound impression on his auditors and invoked many hearty "Hear, hears."

His second visit to England was in 1872. After reaching there he was invited to preach for Rev. Mr. Lesser, who was pastor of a church in North London. Mr. Moody labored here for several days, where to the surprise of everybody a great revival broke out in which there were hundreds of inquiries. It was about this time that he met for the first time Sir. George Williams, the founder of the Y. M. C. A., and organized the London noon-day prayer-meetings for business men.

He returned to Chicago deeply affected by his visit and the sights he saw, and especially the spiritual destitution witnessed in various parts of England. Many invitations came to him to preach the gospel, but he could not undertake them. For weeks afterwards the cry of the Macedonian man was ringing in his ears and he could not well get rid of it. After much prayer and consultation he decided to answer it.

After arranging for his Chicago work it was decided that he and Mr. Sankey should visit England, and they promised to labor wherever the Lord in His providence should send them. They reached Liverpool June 17, 1873, and spent one day in prayer waiting on God to know where they should begin their labors. On looking over his papers Mr. Moody discovered a letter which he had put in his pocket unopened in America. It proved to be an invitation from a Mr. Bennett, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., York England, This was the answer to their prayers, and thither they went with all speed. Mr. Bennett was entirely unprepared for them, but they went on with the work until it proved a great success. It was here that the revival first began which afterwards swept like wild-fire all over the British Isles. The meeting in York lasted five weeks and resulted in the conversion of several hundred people of all ages and conditions in life.

It ought to be said that Mr. Sankey's work as a singer became as powerful in winning men and women to God as Mr. Moody's labors as a preacher. Everybody was singing the gospel hymns and thousands flocked to hear the American evangelists, and the general opinion was that no such meetings had been seen in Great Britain since the days of Whitfield. From here they went to Sunderland at the invitation of Mr. Rees. There was great joy at their coming, but also much criticism. The worst thing was that the ministers were only half-hearted and they gave the people an opportunity to find fault, but the Lord was in the work and it went on and much good was done. It was here that Mr. Sankey was first called the American Orpheus on



I. D. SANKEY

account of his sweet singing which attracted large numbers of people to the meetings.

From here they visited Newcastle in the north of England, where the interest increased. As the churches could not hold the crowds they were compelled to use the Music Hall. The people came in hundreds from the surrounding cities and villages and were glad to get standing room. The result was that hundreds were converted and the church greatly strengthened. After this they invaded Scotland. It was Nov. 23rd, when they reached Edinburgh, noted for its culture, fine arts, learning, and orthodoxy! The people knew of their coming and anxiously awaited them. As soon as the meeting opened they came in crowds to hear them and marveled greatly at the earnestness and power which the American evangelists revealed. In a week the city was stirred to its center. Nor was any church large enough to hold the multitudes that sought admission.

Some of the Scotch people at first criticised Mr. Sankey on account of his partiality to the organ which he used in all his meetings, and which they were pleased to call "A kist o' whistles." But by careful management he was able to win the Scottish heart, after which there was no more trouble.

After this they visited Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Glasgow, London, Belfast and Dublin. Everywhere they met with the warmest reception and as a result hundreds united with the churches.

In 1876 they returned to New York and began work in the old Hippodrome, which is now Madison Square Garden. The meetings lasted five months. The churches around New York were greatly stirred and thousands were added to the churches.

In September, 1873, while Moody and Sankey were holding meetings in England, New York suffered a black Friday. Thousands were thrown out of employment and the country was thrown in a state of stagnation. But there were revival fires all over the land. In their distress the people were driven to God and as a result thousands were converted. This revival spirit continued all through '74 '75 and '76. When the American evangelists returned from Great Britain the churches were in readiness for them and went to work for souls with a will.

About fifteen years ago Mr. Sankey gave up regular evangelistic work and devoted his time to composing hymn books.

Some years ago Mr. Sankey purchased a home on South Oxford St., Brooklyn, only a few doors away from Dr. Theo. L. Cuyler, who for 40 years was pastor of the LaFayette Ave., Presbyterian Church, and afterwards united with the church by letter. For many years those two servants of God have been fast friends and close neighbors. About five years ago Mr. Sankey suffered an affliction of his eyes, and although he called in the best of medical talent his eyes grew worse till finally he became totally blind. Last July he passed to the Land of Eternal Light in the hope of a glorious resurrection. Mr. Moody died Dec., 24th, 1899.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

TRIP NOTES—By FRANK WILLIS BARNETT

Rev. C. J. Bentley, who was at the Etowah to represent the State Board, is a good helper for Bro. Crumpton, as he is wise, earnest and informed.

The Etowah association with D. P. Goodhue absent would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. He just permeates it, for his interest in all its work is general. By the way he graduated from Howard college in 1864, his diploma being given him in advance of the regular time, as he had volunteered for service in the Confederacy.

Hon. George D. Motley, the new trustee of Howard College, made a strong speech for it at the Etowah association.

Jeter Dickinson told me at the Etowah association that the county was "mighty dry" as Judge Lee was giving those who violated the prohibition laws the extreme penalty.

"Jud" Dunaway was present at the Etowah. He is doing fine work in the hills and valleys of North Alabama.

Rev. J. E. Smith, the former moderator of the Etowah association, was not present as he was on the grand jury. This gave him a good opportunity for service.

Pastor D. D. Head, of Altoona, was looking very happy, but who could blame him since he and his charming mate dispensed such open hospitality in the lovely cottage on the hill.

I was greatly interested in Bro. German's description of the hold he was getting on some of the foreigners at Alabama City. He made a strong plea for the work of the Home Board.

Park Nichols was at the Central association and made a short but effective talk for Howard College.

Rev. J. W. Hamner was on hand at the Central I always feel queer when I see him at an association taking things easy, for I have been so accustomed to seeing him hustling for the paper.

Rev. J. H. Longcrier made some very practical suggestions about associational work and co-operation among the churches in the Central Association. He knows the need.

Rev. W. R. Adams was at the Central association. He takes the Alabama Baptist, sends it to his father and helps to put into the homes of the people.

A brother at one of the associations said: "Brother Barnett, I am counted one of the "stingiest" men in this county and I reckon its so, for I think it is a sin to waste money, but I want to tell you that I get my money's worth out of the Alabama Baptist."

At the Etowah association a dear old saint of God, who has already passed four score years said. "My prayers for you have been realized, the paper grows better and you are growing in the hearts of the people," and then he touched me greatly by saying that he had on foot made a house to house canvass among the membership of his church for the Alabama Baptist.

A Christian physician at a recent association handed me \$2.00 saying that he wanted me to send him the paper as he desired to keep up with denominational affairs. Just before getting on the train some hours later he said: "Somehow I felt that it was my duty to take my state paper and yielded to it and I want to tell you that almost an hour

after I gave you the money for it, a man who had been owing me for three years paid me." I do not say that this will work in every case but I merely chronicle it to incite delinquents to pay up.

I had the joy of spending two days at the East Liberty Association. It is always a joy to watch this body organize and get down to business.

Dr. Bledsoe, clerk of the East Liberty Association, is an expert in his line. I was greatly amused at the way in which he kept asking me if he owed the paper anything. The first time he asked me I merely said, "No." The second time I replied, "You are paid to January, 1910; the third time I said "It seems that dollar will burn a hole in your pocket," and he simply handed it over and got a receipt to January, 1911.

Rev. C. J. Burden, of the East Liberty, is still held in high esteem by his brethren, as he was re-elected moderator.

Rev. C. A. Strickland read the report on woman's work at the East Liberty and made a strong plea for the good women.

Rev. A. S. Brannan drove to East Liberty behind a pair of the prettiest ponies I have seen in a long time. The mere sight of them made me yearn for a country pastorate.

Rev. G. L. Bell was much in evidence at the East Liberty when anybody wanted anything done. He pledged six churches to help Howard college. Having two fine boys at a school surely increases one's interest in its well being.

Rev. W. R. Whatley was at the East Liberty and as usual was backing up his statements with the Bible. He puts great stress on "the Book."

Rev. E. M. Stewart preached a strong and helpful sermon at the East Liberty and made several strong talks for missions at the East Liberty.

For the first time I met face to face Rev. A. W. Langley. For years he has been popular in the office of the Alabama Baptist, as he has a way of sending in new subscribers that pleases me greatly.

I had the pleasure of being entertained at the East Liberty in the lovely home of Judge Sorrell. He and his charming wife have a way of making their guests feel thoroughly at home.

It is worth a trip to the East Liberty to watch Uncle Walt Dawson act as chairman of the financial committee, a place which he has filled for nearly two score years. The youngsters on the committee always try to check him up short, but he outwits them every time.

Dadeville reminds me so much of Forsyth, Ga., its location, the drainage, the color of the soil, the public square, with the court house in the center, the homes—altogether it is very similar.

The electric lights in Dadeville were almost out on the night when Dr. Montague delivered his historical address. The water in the creek was too low to furnish sufficient power, but the eloquent president of Howard college furnished such a flow of oratory that the delegates furnished quite an ample sum to enable him to carry on his work.

For the first time this year I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Crumpton at an association. He was at the East Liberty on the first day, but had to hurry away to get to the Columbia. He had to travel

all night, going to Smithville, Ga., and thence down across the Chattahoochee, and yet some folks think a "secretary" has an easy time going around making big speeches and eating the fat of the land. It is a pleasant view of the matter. Only those who have to follow him in season and out know the wear and tear on a man's nerves.

I also met John Stewart at the East Liberty. It was the first time this season that I have run across him, and yet he tells me he has beaten all records in the number of associations he has been able to get to this year. He has always been a tireless traveler.

Those of you who have never seen Rev. J. W. Hamner at the East Liberty have never seen him at his best. He acts like one to the "manor born." It is his kingdom. He glows and gleams in the sunshine of his people.

Rev. Arnold S. Smith, of Alex City, is making some of the best missionary addresses which we have ever heard at our association. His short speech on foreign missions at the East Liberty was a finished production in every way.

That Christian lawyer, George Sorrell, of Alex City, was pressed into service and made the principal speech on the laymen's movement at the East Liberty on the closing night.

Dr. John P. Shaffer, the wise man of East Liberty, the philosopher of the Baptists of Alabama, and the peer of any of our southern Baptists, was at Dadeville, much to the delight of the delegates and visitors, for he has a way of his own that finds a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all.

Although I have been unable to attend many associations this season, yet at the few I have been my heart has been gladdened by the generous words of my brethren in the ministry. I have never before had such evidences of the love and esteem of the pastors.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES.

Dear Brother:

I am very happy over the great meetings in progress in the Birmingham district. I pray that they may result in a revival which will sweep all over Alabama.

You know of the effort suggested by the convention for October. We want \$30,000 for Home missions. You will take one collection for evangelism during your meeting. I suppose this goes to your credit on our home board contribution. But whether it does or not, it is only a part of the "hire" of the evangelist, which you would pay him if he were not connected with the home board.

I am writing to beg you to utilize the revival to make the home mission collection as large as possible. You have in this movement a case in point to show the value of home mission work. It ought to be more than a mere routine mission collection. A great thank-offering to God ought to be made. Brother, please let this be on your heart and mind.

It is so important that we round up the \$100,000 for our Centennial year which closes in Montgomery Nov. 27th, 28th and 29th. Great collections in October will do the work.

Praying His presence with you in converting power, I am,

Yours fraternally,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

"GOSPEL MISSIONS" AGAIN.

Bro. J. A. Scarboro, of Summit, Ga., made answer to my circular letter review of his opposition to the Board plan of missions in the Baptist Flag denying two points, to-wit:

1. That I did not challenge him to debate in the following language, "After I had spoken he (I) made a short speech about as clear of points as a sack of meal, in which he said he could use anything as 'subservient agencies' but did not say agencies of what, and neither challenged me, nor any other person to debate anything. He may have said he would debate, but he challenged nobody."

His concessions show plainly that I said something touching on the points at issue, and further that there was nothing for me to refer to according to his concession, except the points at issue.

Taking his own argument is it not clear that he is tactful at evasions, perversions, etc. Those who know me (and many do), know that I never go around, evade or dodge any point as he assumes I did.

I marked my words well. After he had made slight reference to the Board plan of mission work, I got up, referred to the fact, calling his name, then slapped my right hand down on the pulpit saying: "I lay down a challenge to anybody on the scripturalness of the Boards plans of mission work, as subservient agencies, instrumentalities or conveniences." "Anybody" would of course include him, or any other gospel missionary present and there were several. He may have considered himself nobody. If so I excuse him.

2. He denied that I produced a minute of the State or Home Board of Missions, showing the names of the missionaries, fields of labor and salaries paid, according to his challenge of the ability of anybody to get such a minute in the following language: "It pains us to state this last statement of Bro. Whatley's is false by defect and false as to the facts in the case. This was our proposition. We will give ten dollars to the first Baptist in Alabama who furnishes us with a list of the present missionaries of the Alabama State Board, their names, postoffices, fields, salaries and whether they are pastors or not. We did not say 'minutes' because we knew that if the minutes contained a list it was of the previous year, and not the present year."

Who with a thimble full of sense, cannot see dodging, evasion, etc. on this point. I can prove by as good authority as there is in Alabama, or any other state, that his denial is not true.

I made answer to him in the Baptist Flag, sending the money for the paper. I have neither seen nor heard anything of the paper nor the money I sent for it.

I do not deny the right of Baptists nor anybody else to their ideas or opinions on any subject, but when I catch them, or anybody else perverting facts to sustain their positions, they will hear from me, if there is a way to do it.

I received a copy of the Baptist Flag from one of Scarboro's best Alabama friends, with a marginal mark as follows, "Bro. Scarboro has 'sailed me,' will answer this in the Flag." This was written on the margin of the column containing Scarboro's reply to me.

The one sending it to me was present at the place I met Scarboro on Sunday, after I told him I could and would get the minutes. He asked me if I was ready for Scarboro's ten dollars. I said yes, going over the contents of the minutes, showing the names of the missionaries, fields of labor and salaries paid. Scarboro spoke up and "whether they are pastors or not."

Here the matter passed off without further reference to it.

I took his additional requirements as a dodge, by the rules of evidence in law, with which I am familiar as a student and a practitioner for several years.

I judge of course that Scarboro's friend, who sent me the Flag and whose name was on it as a subscriber, was the one who wrote "Bro. Scarboro has 'sailed me' will answer this in the flag." He is a man of intelligence and a very zealous advocate of

gospel missions. If Scarboro "sailed him," of course he will sail anybody he can.

I know with many this may be regarded unnecessary. I write it for the great effort we are making, for the great cause we espouse and not for myself. I can and will take care of W. R.

The Flag is circulated among many of our Baptist people, without knowledge of the reverse of Scarboroism, and I send it to the Alabama Baptist because it appears the Flag is indisposed to give me a hearing, or send me the paper after sending the money for it. It may be justifiably delayed.

W. R. WHATLEY.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S MILE POSTS.

It is encouraging to the traveler to now and then see a mile post. He feels like he is making progress.

When I sat in the commodious house of worship at Eutaw, where the Bigbee association met, I thought of the time when one old man and two faithful women constituted the church at that place. In the congregation were brethren J. E. White, J. E. Herring and W. G. Curry who at different times served there as missionaries of the Board.

I met Bro. M. W. Gordon at the depot in Decatur. He said: "You must come to see us right soon. I want you to look at what is to be the finest church building in all north Alabama. It is moving along and at no distant day we will move in and you will hear from the old First church." I thought of the long, sad days in the past. Year after year, the Board was called on to help the struggling band. Now the case was almost hopeless, then they would climb up a little until they hoped they could stand alone; only a few months would pass before help was asked of the board again and again the First church of Decatur went down on the list of beneficiary churches.

The next Sunday I was at Athens. It is the county seat of Limestone, one of the finest counties in the state. When I first visited the place, their old brick building was tied together with iron rods. The very few Baptists in the place had ceased to meet together. For one cause and another years passed before the Board took hold of the situation. As I stood in the handsome brick structure, beautifully carpeted and seated, I could but exclaim, "See what God hath wrought!"

Just the other day, I was at the foot of Lookout Mountain, far up in Cherokee county, at the Cedar Bluff association. Bro. Webb, the moderator, told of the beginning of the church there, Pleasant Valley, under a brush arbor and how the board helped to sustain the work for several years.

So it is in almost every part of the state in town, city and country. These thirty-eight years of the board's history have seen the mile posts erected that tell of the progress of the cause. Not many miles do I go on the railroad without passing one or more points where the board's helping hand was extended in the early struggles of the little bands of Baptists, who formed the nucleus of the strong churches that are now there. All this is encouraging; but when I see what remains to be done and the many obstacles in the way it is hard to keep from being a little down hearted at times. The good cheer of the brethren often causes me, like Paul, to "thank God and take courage."

W. B. CRUMPTON.

DON'T FORGET WORK DAY FOR ORPHANS' HOME.

Work day for the orphanage has been well received wherever presented, and many of our people have planned to do a day's work for the home. Don't forget. Don't forget.—John W. Stewart.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The executive board again calls attention to the missionary institute to be held in Birmingham, November 4 and 5, and urges as large an attendance as possible. This is the first meeting of the Alabama W. M. U. to be held at a date other than the regular state convention date, and opens a new era in our history. Let us work to the end that our keynote, "Enlargement," may be realized in all our departments of work.

Miss Hartwell and Miss Kelley will bring us tidings of their work—our work—in China. This is a rare opportunity to meet two of our most distinguished and consecrated workers and come into personal touch with their work.

Dr. T. B. Ray will represent the foreign board and Mrs. B. D. Gray the home board. We hope to have Miss Crane bring greetings from the Woman's Missionary Union and conduct the young woman's work. Mrs. Reynolds, of Anniston, will conduct a royal ambassador class, and Mrs. Kelley, of Birmingham, will conduct a model missionary society. Mrs. Hamilton has also many other good things in store. Each association is asked to send her vice president and as many visitors as possible. The First church and Southside church will entertain all visitors. Those expecting to attend are requested to send their names to Mrs. W. W. Bussey, 1209 Thirty-first street, North Birmingham, Ala.

Evergreen, Ala., October 9, 1908.

Dear Brother Barnett: Please print this letter from Mrs. Spidle. If all the Sunday schools and Sunbeams will do as these have done, we will have no debt.

The following beautiful letter in spirit was not intended for publication, but the spirit of it is so sweet, and we are so grateful for these Sunbeams, I am sure the writer will not object to having it appear in the Alabama Baptist.—John W. Stewart.

Belmont, Ala., October 6, 1908.

Dear Brother Stewart: I send you a postoffice order for five dollars and twenty cents, that my Sunbeams made picking cotton. We carried our dinner and spent the day in a neighbor's cotton patch, picking, with above results.

I just wish you could have seen those dear, bright-faced children picking cotton and singing, especially two little girls picking on the same row, only seven and eight years old, and they picked sixty pounds of cotton.

Hoping and praying that God will incline the hearts of all our Baptist people to help you raise the debt; by asking you to send me sample copies of the Orphans' Call, as I wish to get up a club of subscribers for it; also asking you to pray for my dear Sunbeam band.—Mrs. S. E. Spidle.

NOTICE TO PREACHERS.

I have resigned one of the best churches in south Alabama to take charge at Calhoun City, Miss. Cuba church is well organized, made up of the salt of the earth. They are letting their lights shine. They have the best Sunday school I ever saw; good prayer meeting. They paid for all purposes last year \$2,531.92. They own a good home for the pastor. For further information write E. M. Shaw, W. P. Stallworth, A. B. May, W. U. Shaw. Address all the above named at Cuba, Ala.—W. B. Earnest.

FROM RIVERSIDE, ALA.

We enjoyed a good meeting last of September. Brother C. J. Bentley, of East Lake, was with us five days and did good preaching; the last five days did my own preaching. We had twenty professions of faith, nine additions, baptized last Sunday, October 4th, in Coosa river. Our church was revived and strengthened. Have had seventeen additions since coming here last March. We secured a neat subscription for missions last Sunday.—Joe W. Vesey, pastor.

Frank Willis Barnett

Editorials

Editor and Owner

INTRODUCING CHURCH PAPERS.

Laymen as well as preachers are beginning to realize the necessity of doing something to place the denominational papers in the homes of the people. The following from the Interior shows what the Presbyterians are doing.

In the United Presbyterian Church there is a "ways and means" committee appointed by the General Assembly, independent of all the benevolent boards of the denomination, yet directed to aid them all in raising funds for their work. The functions of the ways and means committee is, in fact, very like that intended in the Presbyterian church for the moderator's council, appointed by the General Assembly last spring—the systematizing and regulation of giving in order to secure regular support for the denomination's enterprises. The United Presbyterian committee has been at work for several years, and has come to the conclusion that one fundamental reason for laxity of interest in the work in the church is the lack of information and understanding among the private membership. To cure this defect the committee has decided on a big campaign to get a greater circulation for all the church periodicals. The United Presbyterian denomination has five recognized organs. Of these three are official: The Christian Union Herald, a paper for young people; The Woman's Missionary Magazine, whose object and constituency its title indicates, and The Men's Record, representing the Laymen's Missionary movement. The other two are family newspapers of general interest, journals of both opinion and current information—the United Presbyterian and The Christian Instructor. These latter are privately owned and not directly subject to the General Assembly, but the ways and means committee has not permitted this circumstance to hinder its devoting itself to their circulation as heartily as to the official journals. The committee sent every pastor a blank asking for the name of every family in the church not already supplied with some denominational periodical, and with the publishers it made arrangements that every such family reported should receive at least three consecutive numbers of each of the church organs. The committee will later make a direct appeal to each family to subscribe for at least one or two of these periodicals. "It is utterly impossible for any man or woman to be an intelligent United Presbyterian without reading regularly a church paper," is the committee's uncompromising declaration. Apparently its crusade meets favor among the pastors and eldership. A clerk of session is quoted as writing: "May the Lord bless you! I believe that you have struck at the root of the matter, and hope you will never let up on this until at least half our membership take a church paper."

And now comes the following:

"Keep THE EDITOR IN HIS OFFICE. After the adjournment of the Central Association, Bro. T. S. Christian, Jr., said: 'I come near making a suggestion and failed to submit it.' It was a good one and I write it for all the churches. Let each church appoint a committee on religious literature to solicit subscribers for the Alabama Baptist, collect and remit the amounts to Bro. Barnett. This would relieve him of much hard work, giving ease and facility to this part of our work at large. The editor is trying. Let us help.—W. R. Whatley."

My brethren, it looks like we are on the eve of a better day for the great East Liberty Association. Took up the matter and passed resolutions calling on every church in its bounds to appoint a "committee on religious literature" to solicit subscriptions for the Alabama Baptist, The Home Field, and the Foreign Field. Let other associations do likewise.

HELP THESE GIRLS.

A letter from Brother M. C. Reynolds, president of the board of trustees of the Baptist orphanage at Evergreen, says:

"Our girls laundry together with a week's washing was destroyed by fire on the 6th. Our loss as to table and bed linen was quite serious, and donations of this character would be very acceptable, as well as school dresses for girls 10 to 14 years old."

This news ought to set every mother's heart aglow with helpful sympathy and we feel sure that from all parts of Alabama dresses will be rushed to Evergreen. The good men cannot send dresses, but if every merchant who reads these lines will send some sheets or linen, there will be enough to meet the requirements. If you can't send dresses or sheets, send cash.

THE FINDINGS OF THE CLIFTON CONFERENCE.

The national conference, consisting of the presidents of thirty-four institutions for the education of the negro, representatives of nine missionary organizations, officials of the international Sunday school association, pastors, Sunday school and church leaders, and business and professional men, assembled to consider the present moral and religious condition and needs of the negro race, after a three days' session in Clifton, made the following declaration:

(1) That we gratefully recognize the phenomenal progress of the negro race since emancipation, and the excellent work that is being done by the educational institutions for the negro, in Bible instruction;

(2) That the fundamental need in the present condition of the negro is the development of right moral motives, and high standards, in the mass of the race;

(3) That the permanent uplifting of the race must be through the moral and religious instruction of the children and youth in their homes, schools and churches;

(4) That the Sunday school when properly organized and conducted, is a great effective agency for imparting the principles of the Christian religion and the saving knowledge of God's word.

In view of this declaration the conference recommended that the international Sunday school association be requested to co-operate in carrying out plans for the inauguration of systematic and thorough courses of Sunday school training and instructions in colleges and schools for negroes. It is hoped to develop plans of work through the joint efforts of two committees which have already been appointed, one by the conference itself and the other by the international Sunday school association.

It is well for us to remember that one of the great works of the Home Board is its work among the negroes. It is a perplexing mission and yet as Southern Baptists we dare not shun it and to trifle with it is worse than folly. Let's come up to the help of Dr. Gray and his associates and give the \$30,000 asked of us as our October offering.

Rev. Cortland Myers, D. D., has returned to the Temple Baptist pulpit in New York after a trip around the world. He was greeted by a tremendous congregation.

We wish to thank the Crimson-White, the live weekly published by the students University of Alabama, for the following kind words:

"Mr Frank Willis Barnett, '85, is making a great success as editor of the Ala. Baptist. Since he has been with that paper he has made it a power in the religious world."

THE TRUE BALANCE.

It is possible for one to so train himself as to maintain a proper balance between the practice of economy and benevolence. It is just as truly one's duty to be economical in the care of his means and his accumulations as it is for him to be benevolent according to his ability. The defect which exists in many Christians who are naturally exceedingly economical, and perhaps penurious, is that of cultivating such a disposition, and neglecting to produce in themselves the spirit and habit of due benevolence. On the other hand, many of those who are naturally very free-hearted and benevolent are greatly lacking in the purpose and practice of being wisely economical. They detest a stingy person, and so they go to the extreme of refusing to be as saving of their money as duty demands that they should be. Such extremes are deplorable. They are far from being normal and rational. The true balance consists in one's being as benevolent as he is economical, or as economical as he is benevolent. There are some Christians of this type. They are very saving of their money, and they are also very benevolent in dispensing their money to good purposes. They save much that they may give much. Some of these people are so very saving that certain critics accuse them with being penurious and greedy, when in fact they are economizing for the sake of having more money to give to the good cause. This is an ideal example and practice. It is such as is supported by Bible precept and exhortation. The Bible teaches us to be economical. It as strenuously insists that we should be liberal in the use of our means. These facts are presented in Christ's teaching and example. He was thoroughly economical, yet also very liberal. We plead for such a balance in the lives of our readers. It is a blessed one.

MANLY J. BREAKER DIES

We regret to chronicle the death of a faithful and widely useful servant, Manly J. Breaker, who has finished his labors. Dr. Breaker has not been well for some time. The last few weeks the work was beyond his strength. As September was going out and October was coming in, his spirit departed. He died at his home in St. Louis. The funeral was at Third Church, St. Louis Saturday night, October 3. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Fayette, Mo., Sunday morning. He was twice married. There are four living children, all grown, from the first union. George, the only son from the second union, is now a student at William Jewell.

Dr. Breaker was elected corresponding secretary of the board of Home and Foreign Missions of Mo., in 1896. He held this office continuously to the time of his death. He was a great secretary.

The Baptist Advance says:

Rev. J. A. Maples has entered suit against Joseph Lyons, a Little Rock liquor dealer, for \$10,000 damages. This is the outgrowth of an anti-election slander published in the Arkansas Democrat FOR PAY.

We are glad that Prof. L. P. Leavell is to be a temporary citizen of Louisville. His headquarters will be here for several months and correspondents can address him at 830 Fourth Avenue, this city.—Western Recorder.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins, of Hopkinsville, Ky., has been called to the first church of Athens, Ga.

NEWS OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

The greatest campaign for righteousness in the state of Alabama is now a reality. We had dreamed of a great concerted movement amongst the Baptists of this magnificent city. We have even planned for such a move, and with a deep and abiding faith in God, asked for just the thing now being realized by our churches. The Birmingham Baptists are seeing the dawn of a new day.

Southside.

Southside leads in the number of additions, with Dr. W. W. Hamilton as preacher. At the close of the noon meeting Sunday sixty-four had united with the church.

First Church.

At the First church much good has been accomplished. About fifty have joined the church. Dr. A. E. Stewart is doing the preaching. He is a very strong man.

Twenty-seventh Street.

Brother Motley is doing a fine work at Twenty-seventh. More than fifteen have been added to the church. The people are flocking to hear him.

Calvary.

Brother McCombs is with Brother Ray. This meeting was late starting and has not had time for so great results. Good crowds and deep interest.

Woodlawn.

West Woodlawn and East Lake have had no meeting. The men who were to come could not be here and these appointments could not be filled.

West End.

Our meeting closed on Sunday night with fifty-seven additions. Dr. Luther Little, of Fort Worth, was with us. Notwithstanding a Methodist revival began the day we closed we had more than six hundred people present at our closing service.

North Birmingham.

Rev. T. J. Porter, of Roanoke was with McDaniels. They are having a fine meeting. About twenty have joined.

Twenty-first Avenue.

Rev. Bruce, head of the Rescue Mission work, Louisville, is with Brother Morgan. Their results have not been so large, but a fine work is being done. About twelve have joined.

Avondale.

Rev. W. D. Hubbard is with Pastor Bradley. The reports for the first week are very flattering. Great things will follow.

Mill Church, Avondale.

Brother Porter had as his helper Brother Hughes. Twenty-nine joined as a result of that meeting. Also at Green Springs Brother Hughes did a splendid work. Seven united with the church. Brother Holcomb is pastor.

East Lake.

East Lake had Brother Crouch for a week. We do not know the results.

Pratt City.

Rev. E. B. Farrar, city evangelist of Louisville, is with Brother White. He has proven to be a live wire. Pratt City has been stirred as never before. About fifty have joined.

Ensley.

Ensley had the sweet-spirited Anderson, of Dothan, to help Brother Bentley. The ingathering has been large.

Hunter Street.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, of Montgomery, was with Brother Friar at Hunter St. Brother Friar being very evangelistic in methods, Brother Cowan gave himself more to the church and its de-

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velopment. While the ingathering was small the results among the members were very gratifying.

Brighton.

Brother Brown had associated with him Brother J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery. Here as elsewhere the ingathering was large, about fifteen when last reported.

Bessemer.

Brother Gable had Rev. Paul Price, of Mississippi with him. One of the strongest pastors of Mississippi.

Shades Mountain.

Here the writer held a six days' meeting. Brother C. J. Bentley came for Sunday and remained through Monday. Twenty-seven joined the church. I had the pleasure of baptizing seventeen of them.

Elyton.

Brother A. D. Glass has just accepted this work and held his own meeting. Seven joined. At Powderly had a great meeting and Brother Glass was the preacher there. About twenty-five joined. Have not learned results from East Thomas. Smithfield had a good meeting. Brother Page was the preacher.

East Birmingham.

Rev. P. M. Jones is at this place with Pastor Page. Fine results have been realized.

Sixty-sixth Street.

Rev. J. V. Dickinson is at this point with Pastor Dobbs. The meeting grows in interest. Brother Dickinson

has also been at Irondale, where he had another fine meeting. Baptists are growing at Irondale. Some of the smaller places have joined in the campaign, but have not reported.

The results have been beyond our expectations. Good reports come from each field every day.

A feature of the meetings has been the street meetings. More than fifty men have been saved at these meetings. The pastors of the city and suburbs have been initiated into a new line of work, the street meetings. Each pastor at some time during the past two weeks has stood in a dray, used as a platform, and appealed to men to accept Christ. Many have responded.

Another feature of the campaign is the mass meetings held Sunday 3 p. m. On last Sunday it was a mixed crowd, but the second Sunday a meeting for men was held at the Majestic theater, while a like meeting for women was in session at the First Baptist church. At the men's meeting fifty-four stood and said by so doing I accept Christ as my Savior and from this good hour will live for Him.

The speaker was Dr. Luther Little, of Fort Worth, Texas. His theme was "Man in Religion."

The meetings continue one more week. After the close will give a complete report. We praise God for the great work accomplished.

WALLACE WEAR.

WORK AT MYERS MEMORIAL.

Dear Bro. Barnett.

Our work at "Myers Memorial church" is moving along nicely, we have about completed a house of worship, which in round numbers would cost about \$1,200. We will soon be where we can paint the church.

Last Sabbath was a great day with us. We had good congregations both services, and at the evening service the Lord gave us two souls, a man and his wife—both of great promise to the church. We will bury them with Christ in baptism the 2d Sunday afternoon.

We are preparing to have a meeting as soon as we finish the church. We will meet Sunday at 2:30 and organize a B. Y. P. U. Our people are awake and we are bringing things to pass in this part of the vineyard.

I go Sunday to Plateau where we will try and have service. You know we had a membership there at Meyherville church of 120 the first of the year but the "cedar mill" moved to Tennessee and all of our people followed it—so we have only two or three members left. I guess I will not stay with them any longer as some think it will be impossible to continue services.

This was once a live active church and I had the pleasure of preaching nearly a year to some of God's best people. Their former pastors were W. A. McCain, J. M. Kallin and A. T. Sims, all strong worthy men. I trust this church will build up some day again. They have a nice building and I might add here, they have had two strong men financially to stand by them in the persons of W. T. Smith, now gone to his reward, and his son W. T., Jr.

Fraternally,

D. R. PARKER.

It was the writer's privilege to spend last week with Bro. J. D. Wilkes, of Bonsecour, in a meeting at Century, Fla. We had a profitable meeting. Many backsliders were reclaimed and six men added to the church.

Bro Wilkes has been pastor at Century for the past two years and during this time has done a splendid work. He has greatly increased the church membership, also that of the Sunday school and organized a promising B. Y. P. U. Owing to the great distance Bro. Wilkes lives from Century he has tendered his resignation as pastor. I enjoyed meeting many old friends while at century. I organized and was the church's first pastor.—A. T. Sims.

Please announce in your paper that Rev. Sam H. Campbell, of Troy, Ala. has been elected as vice president of the foreign mission board for Alabama to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. M. Shelburne. We are sure that the Baptists of Alabama will co-operate with Brother Campbell in a great forward movement for world-wide missions. With kindest regards, I am sincerely yours, S. J. Porter.

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The stoutest ship, whose strongest
rope
Lies coiled upon the deck.

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By Satan's wicked will—
Heedless of what the Bible said,
My course was downward still.

By lonely graves in distant lands
I wandered on nor cared
How soon my wretched life should end,
If not in mercy spared.

Across my path grim phantoms stalked
And screaming night-birds flew,
And shivering ghosts from graveyards
walked
In lonely whiteness through.

The swaying earth rocked to and fro
As fear congealed my veins,
And cold sweat stood upon my brow
As tighter drew my chains.

Yet sweeping on, but downward still
Where darkness darker grew—
No gleaming light shown on the hill—
No path was there I knew.

But flashing lightnings smote the sky
And deafening thunders roared—
My bleeding feet had lost the way—
My hands with thorns were gored.

I stood upon a river's brink—
'Twas cold and deep, and wide—
My fearful soul began to think
There was no other side.

No boat was there to cross the stream
The Boatman True was dead—
My sinful hands had plucked the
thorns
To crown his blessed head.

That deep, dark stream I could not
ford,
Its waters freezing cold;
For many changes time had wrought,
And I was growing old.

So there I stood a trembling soul—
The border land had reached,
And listened to the eternal roll
Of waves along the beach.

And wilt thou Lord forgive me now?
I can no longer wait—
My stubborn will to thee I bow
And fall at Mercies' feet.

Then came a sound of rushing wings—
The place was filled with smoke—
Before me stood the seraphim,
Though not a word they spoke.

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R. M. HUNTER.

From Pell City.

A few lines from Blooming Light Baptist church of Pell City, Ala. I came here in May to hold a meeting, and met with success. They had a church organized with fifteen members; at the close of our meeting there was a total of fifty-four. They called me as their pastor, and on the fifth Sunday in May we met and organized a Sunday school with seventy-six enrolled. Now our enrollment is one hundred and ninety-six. We have also had a revival every month. Have just closed a meeting on the 29th, and the result was forty-five by baptism, and quite a number by letter, and our total membership something like one hundred and sixty. Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Tuesday night. We have a good Ladies' Aid Sunday school organized, which is doing some good work. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our labor. Praise His holy name. We have no house of worship of our own at present, but we are going to build us one just as soon as we possibly can, and we need help. The Baptists of Alabama must come to our help. We have a town of twelve or fifteen hundred population without a church house, and oh! how we do need help. We are like the children of Israel: we have no abiding place here. The third Sunday Rev. C. A. Bently, of East L. e. will be with us to help ordain three deacons and preach for us at night. May the Baptist of Alabama pray for us and help us. Your brother in Christ for the cause.—J. W. Coffman.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Davis Reed was called to her heavenly home on August 15, 1908. She answered this summons by sweetly departing as she had lived in the triumph of a living faith. She was born May 20, 1880, and in the summer or fall of 1899 she gave her heart to God and united with the Collinsville Baptist church. To her death she was one who bore the severest of suffering and pain with the greatest of fortitude.

On March 16, 1899, she was married to Walter Reed. Their short but happy married life was blessed with two little boys. The older one on last February preceded his mother to heaven. Sister Reed was an affectionate mother and devoted wife. To know her was to love her. May God's abundant grace protect and comfort the broken hearted husband and the lone little boy.—Her Pastor.

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Tuesday, 20. Cullman, Hanceville. Tuesday, 20. Shady Grove, Orange, 8 miles northeast Phil Campbell.

Tuesday, 20. Clay county, Mount Olive.

Tuesday, 20. Coffee county, Cavalry church.

Tuesday, 20. Marshall, Mt. Hebron, 12 miles southwest Albertville.

Wednesday, 21. Bethlehem, Ramer, Finklea.

Wednesday, 21. Eufaula, Clio, Barbour county.

Thursday, 22. Sipsey, Mt. Tabor, near Loco.

Friday, 23. Antioch, Frankville.

Friday, 23. Claburne, Union Hill, 8 miles southeast Heflin.

Friday, 23. Escambia, Elim, Roberts, P. O.

Saturday, 24. Macedonia, Washington Church, Washington county.

NOVEMBER.

Wednesday, 4. Crenshaw County, Chapel Hill.

Wednesday, 4. Geneva, Pleasant Hill.

Tuesday, 10. Conecuh, Castleberry.

Wednesday, 11. Judson, Union Springs, Henry County.

Saturday, 14. Mobile, Whistler.

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For quite a while the church here has been without a pastor, and, like any flock without a shepherd, the membership was very small. But during the past week the membership has increased 300 per cent. Bro. T. E. Tucker, assisted by Bro. J. H. Mackey, did the preaching. Bro. Tucker gives us the gospel in a plain, practical way, but with great power. Every time an opportunity for prayer was offered, men and women, boys and girls came by the score. Bro. Tucker says that he has never preached to such crowds in all his life as he has for the past six weeks at his different churches. People through this section seem to be partially aroused to the fact that God needs them in His service, and most of all, they need God. We have called Bro. Tucker for another year, and he will give up one of his churches to serve us, for which we are very grateful.—Walter B. Speer, Healing Springs.

I am open for a call for the 2d and 4th Sundays. I can serve any church these two Sundays or one church on either of these two Sundays. I am now preaching at the Union Baptist church at Lipscomb, Ala. My address is Bessemer, Ala., Route No. 1.—C. M. Claud.

(Here is an opportunity to get a good preacher and pastor.—Ed.)

The Marshall Association convenes with Mt. Hebron church, ten miles west of Boaz October 20-22. Visitors who wish to be met at stations will notify Rev. W. M. Garrett, Boaz, Ala. We expect a large attendance and good meeting.—J. R. Stodghill, moderator.

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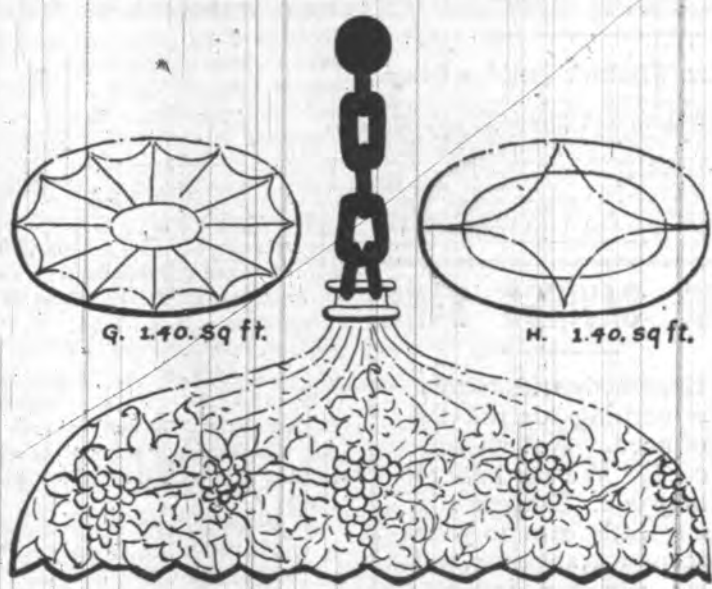
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Union Springs, Ala., Sept. 23, 1908.
Dear Brother: I beg to remind you that the Centennial Association will meet with Indian Creek church, seven miles southeast of Inverness, on October 7, 1908.

The brethren of Indian Creek, I am informed, are making commendable preparation for a great meeting of the association, and I am hoping that every church in the association will send messengers, bearing good news of the work done during the present year.

Look over the minutes of the last session of the Association, pages 14 and 15, for suggestions along the line of duty in making your reports for the churches to the association. These reports ought to be complete. They ought also to be systematic so as to facilitate the work of the clerk and finance committee as much as possible in the proper arrangement of our minutes.

If you have not the minutes of the last association write me and I will send you a copy.

In looking over your minutes see if you are a member of any of the standing committees, and if so, please gather all the information you can on your subject and come with your report well prepared.

Examine carefully the table of membership and see that the statistical report of your church is correct.

Examine also, please, the table of contributions, and if possible make even larger contributions to our several benevolent objects and especially to missions, than you did last year. If you do not make progress along these lines you can not hope to attain the usefulness in the Master's kingdom that your opportunity affords. Our clerk asks me to remind the churches that the amounts sent up for minutes are insufficient, and to beg that you consider this in making up your financial report.

There has been a constantly increasing interest in Sunday schools throughout the Association for the past several years, but I am sure there is still much improvement that can be made along this line. Every church should have a Sunday school. Indeed, I think that every church member should be also a member of his Sunday school, and see to it that the Bible and other good books in sufficient number are put into the hands of the people. Our state paper, the Alabama Baptist is indispensable in the work of informing, unifying and in urging forward our people along all lines of progress, and I most heartily recommend that every family make it part of their home reading.

I was appointed in the early part of the year historian for the Baptist churches in Bullock county. This was done in accordance with the scheme of the state Baptist convention to celebrate the centennial of our history in the state. I have made appointments for all the churches in the association, but am sorry that I have no substantial reports from any of the appointees. That the histories of several of the churches have been written I have no doubt, but I have received no notice of them. It seems

to me that the importance of the work requires that something effective shall be done, and that it will be well for each of the churches to take the matter of their history up, select for the work some suitable member among themselves and then co-operate with him fully in getting the data and arranging them in proper order. I shall be glad if the association will interest itself in the work and advise in such way as to secure a history of each church within its bounds. I can hardly think of anything that would be of greater general interest to a church than the recording and preserving of its history in proper form. You can understand that such a history would embrace a biographical sketch of the pastors and leading members who had contributed most to the organization and upbuilding of the church.

It has been thought advisable on the part of some of our members to change the time of holding the meetings of our association. This matter took shape at a meeting of our executive committee held in December last (see page 18 of the minutes). A resolution will probably be offered at our coming meeting looking to this change and I refer to it here in order that time may be given for its consideration. Fraternally yours, C. H. Franklin, moderator.

LOVE GOES TO DALLAS.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary Dr. J. F. Love has been transferred by the home mission board to Dallas, Texas. The resolution of the board making this change is as follows:

"Your committee appointed to consider and report on the advisability of placing a representative in that part of our field west of the Mississippi river beg leave to say that in view of the growing importance of this vast territory the necessity of stimulating interest in our work and to secure larger contributions for its support by personal appeals before churches and general bodies, as well as by correspondence and otherwise, and for closer contact and supervision of our work, we deem this step wise and proper. Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we recommend that Assistant Secretary Dr. Love be transferred to that part of our field, and that he be located at Dallas, Texas."

It gives me pleasure to make this announcement to the Baptist brotherhood of the south and to ask their continued prayers and sympathy and co-operation in the great work committed to their board. More especially to the brethren west of the Mississippi, among whom he is to live and labor, I beg to commend Dr. Love, who will be glad to serve them in every way possible towards carrying into effect the plans and purposes as set forth in the above resolutions of the board. Fraternally, B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary.

(Dr. Love is a valuable man anywhere, but having heard him speak at associations of the great opportunities in the west for work, we believe his transference to Dallas is of God. We will greatly miss him at the associations.)

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Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to him will he find me watching,

With my lamps trimmed and bright."

and said, "I have made peace with God and all mankind and am ready and waiting to go."

He was for over fifty years a member of the Baptist church, always at his place at service when possible. The church will greatly miss him. He was a member of Masonic lodge. Only three brothers and one sister left of a large family; sadly they will miss Stephen. He was married three times. First to Nannie Oliver, mother of his two boys; second, to Cynthia Ramsey, who left him two little girls, and last to Drue Phelps, who survives him, together with his four children, Dr. W. W. and T. J. Thrower, Mrs. M. C. Story and Mrs. C. G. Metcalf. It is so hard, dear papa, to give thee up, but what precious memories we have! I can see him in the home of my childhood as I saw him for the last time; feel the arms that have toiled for us so many years as he put them round my neck; see those precious eyes that have watched over my pillow so many lonely nights; feel the sweet lips as he kissed me a last goodbye, that to us, his children, said so many loving words. He was kind, patient, charitable and forgiving. May the pure Christian life that he lived be as a light to guide his children home. He was laid to rest at Fairview; the funeral service was conducted by Brother Jenkins, of Wetumpka.

Pale, withered hands, that for 69 years Had wrought for others, soothed the hurt of tears,
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Above the silence of his breast,
In mute appeal they told of labors done,
And well earned rest that came at set of sun.

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And then, yes, then, we'll understand.
K. M.

The Coffee county association will meet with calvary church, 4 miles from Enterprise on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. The presence of denominational representatives and other visitors is cordially solicited. Come to Enterprise and we will take you out to the services.—A. G. Moseley.

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Resolutions.

Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. P. M. Callaway, has deemed it best to resign the care of this church, that he might do more good in other fields, and we relying on his sound judgment and pure motives, have accepted his resignation, be it therefore, by Riverfalls Baptist church,

Resolved, first, That it is with profound sorrow and regret that we part with our pastor and his family, whom we have learned to love and esteem so highly, and who has labored so earnestly for our spiritual welfare and for the elevation and upbuilding of the cause of Christ in our community.

Second, That we hold him in highest veneration and esteem and commend him to the denomination as a man in every way worthy of the confidence as an earnest exponent of the pure gospel of Christ, steadfast in the faith and of a character unimpeachable and above reproach.

Third, That these resolutions be inscribed upon our minutes and a copy be sent the Alabama Baptist, with request to publish same.—W. M. Sturdivant, E. W. Harp, W. W. Stevens, deacons.

Blue Mountain Baptist Church, Anniston.

Dear Brother Barnett: As I have not written to the paper in some time, having been sick eleven weeks, but, thank the Lord, I am up on my feet again, and we began a revival meeting at my church the 13th day of this month (September) and continued ten nights, resulting in forty-three additions to the church, twenty-seven by baptism, thirteen by letter, three by restoration, and the church greatly revived. Brother Henson, the pastor of the First Baptist church of Anniston, did the preaching with great power and demonstration of the spirit. We have been building a house of worship for some time, which cost \$2800, of which I send you the picture. Please put in the paper. Brethren and sisters over the state, we owe some money on it. We have had a hard struggle to get a house of worship, and I pray the brethren and sisters over the state—Ladies' Aid societies and B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams—to help us, if they please, and it will be thankfully received. I have been pastor here four years, and we have given to every call from over the state that we have been asked a contribution. If any one will send us anything, send it to J. B. Keown, Anniston, Ala., care Net and Twine.

Goes To Cullman.

Dear Brother Barnett: After twenty months with the Hartselle church, which has been pleasant for me, and I trust, at least to some extent profitable for the good people there, I have resigned and will now take up the work at Cullman. The church at Hartselle had only one Sunday a month when I began there. After a few months we moved up to two Sundays. At our last meeting the church almost unanimously voted for full time. A nice salary has been raised for the next pastor and within a year steps will be taken to build a new house for worship. No people was ever more loyal to their pastor than are they. It

is with sorrow that I leave them. But I trust that the Great Shepherd himself will in his own good way send a man who can and will feed the flock, keep off the wolves, take care of the lambs and keep all of their faces in the same direction. Herein lies the true worth of any pastor. If he can keep all the flock going in the same direction, provided of course he keeps them going the right way, he is worth much to the Master's cause. The prospects are fair at Cullman. Ender the leadership of their former worthy pastor, L. T. Reeves, the church has done well. We hope to see this season of prosperity continue until His kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. With best wishes for the success of the Baptist, I am very truly yours, O. T. Anderson.

A Great Meeting at Columbiana.

Dear Brother Barnett: We have just closed one of, no, not one of, but the very best meeting ever held in the town of Columbiana. The writer preached on Sunday morning and evening, also Monday morning and on Monday afternoon. T. J. Porter, of Roanoke, Ala., came and for six days he preached the gospel of Jesus, and it was indeed the power of God unto the salvation of many precious souls. As a result of the meeting we received sixty-two into our church, fifty of whom are for baptism, and there were

about twenty-four who went to the other churches. I never saw a town so permeated with religious conversation. We felt very much in love with Porter, but much more with his Christ. Brother Ed Lindsey, of Tallapoosa, Ga., came to sing, and how he did sing! God was so good to us and we feel like our town will be altogether a different town after this. The mayor of the town was led to Jesus and on Sunday morning he had a large class of newly converted young men in Sunday school, and he is now leading them in a different direction. Porter is a good fellow to have in a meeting, and so is Lindsey. My people appreciated them and raised for them \$115. Come to see us and we will show you a new town.—C. C. Heard, pastor.

From a Christian Girl.

For some time past the dear old paper has been a pleasant visitor into our home. I enjoy reading it so much. Many times my heart is weary and sad, yet I am quite young, only twenty. Some girls hardly know what sadness means at that age. When mother, father, brother and sisters are gone and no one but God to look to for his sweet assistance, sometimes we grow despondent and then it is I can pick up the paper and find so many comforting words from the dear brothers and sisters, and then I grow in faith

and love my heavenly Father more dearly than ever before. I like to read of work that is being done. We have a fine Sunday school at our church and our superintendent allows me the privilege of teaching a class of the sweetest little boys. I enjoy it so much. We have a fine Young People's Union. It is, I believe, one of our best helps for our church and the young workers more especially. I for one appreciate the B. Y. P. U. so much. With these and so many other blessings through the paper, how could I do anything but praise it. I want the prayers of all the dear readers that I may be faithful and a patient worker in the vineyard, where the harvest is great and laborers are few. In my loneliness this is my most cheerful thought. May God bless you.—Christian Girl.

I accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Carbon Hill the 1st of October, 1907, and by October 1st, 1908, we had received 100 members into the fellowship of the church, 33 by baptism and 67 by transfer, and Sunday school has increased from 50 to 150 pupils. We raised for all purposes about \$1,400. We have been in a revival almost the entire year. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Yours for service, J. I. McCollum.

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Notes from Wilcox.

The Pine Barren Association met with the church at Furman September 16th with a good attendance. In the absence of the beloved Dr. Ramsey, kept away by sickness, Deacon P. E. Wallace, of the Ackerville church, one of the noblest men in all the land, was elected by acclamation, and worthily did he wear the mantle of his honored predecessor. Deacon R. E. Lambert, of the Allenton church, one of the best associational secretaries in the state, was unanimously re-elected. We were honored and blessed by the presence and ministries of Brethren President Montague, of Howard College; S. O. Y. Ray, of the state board of missions; Henry R. Schramm, moderator of Butler county association; Pastors J. J. Johnson, Pleasant Hill; John G. Lowrey, Pine Hill, and T. H. Johnson, Birmingham, all of whom rendered valuable service, especially Dr. Montague's address on "A Hundred Years of Baptist History in Alabama," and "Christian Education."

The introductory sermon was preached by Brother W. N. Huckabee, and the missionary sermon by Brother J. M. Gilmore. Both sermons were good except a "fly in the ointment" of the first. Good and helpful sermons were preached by Brother J. J. Johnson on Wednesday night and Bro. F. H. Johnson on Thursday night. The reports from the churches were good except six of the twenty in the association, and possibly eight, are pastorless. As so often happens, only a handful was left to finish up on the last day. What a pity the churches can't find delegates who will stay to the end. The body meets next year one month later at Ackerville, and it is earnestly hoped that the brethren will stay through the session. Pastor Gilmore preached his last sermon at Pine Apple September 20th. Efforts are being made to retain him in this section, where he is popular and greatly needed.

Brother J. J. Johnson assisted in our meeting at Allenton, which resulted in four baptisms and \$43 for the Orphans' Home. Brother Johnson is a sound gospel preacher and sweet spirited brother. He won the confidence of the Allenton saints. Brother J. L. Jackson, of Orrville, was with us at Ackerville. Two were baptized. Most of the members were greatly helped by his splendid sermons, godly walk in the homes of the people. Thank God for these growing young pastors, who are doing a good work.

Deacon B. W. Watson, of New Decatur, a former resident, a native of this place, gladdened the hearts of old friends by dropping in at the association. It is refreshing to see how this people loves this worthy son of an honored sire. Our girls are leaving for school, some as teachers and others as pupils, and this pastor must face many vacant seats for the next eight months. God bless our noble girls.—M. M. Wood.

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, of the Tennessee members of the faculty of the Seminary at Louisville, is being congratulated over the appearance of W. J. McGlothlin, Jr.



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Good Meeting.

My heart is full of gratitude to God for what he has done for me, and through me; therefore I want to tell it to the brotherhood, if you will give me space in our paper. Last April I held a meeting at Daphne, expected to have Brother J. W. Ray, but he did not come. The meeting continued six days; the church was revived, three additions, two by baptism. The first Sunday in July I began my meeting at "Holly Grove." We received power at the beginning. Congregations increased, interest deepened until all were made happier in the Lord, and seven precious souls buried with Christ in baptism.

The third Sunday I went to assist Brother Majors at Robersonview. Surely the Lord caused his face to shine upon us, and great grace abounded toward his people. Thirty-five were added to the church, twenty-one by baptism. Wish I had space to write of my delightful visit to this community, and of the people and their faithful and consecrated pastor.

The fourth Sunday I began my meeting at Old Town. For several days there was very little interest manifested. Later, however, the meeting took on life, and we all felt that the Lord had greatly blessed us. Seven were added to the church, six by baptism.

The second and fourth Sundays in August I assisted Brother Fletcher at

two of his churches. These were both great meetings; fifteen and seventeen, respectively, were added to the churches. Brother Fletcher is much loved by his people and is doing a good work. It was my great pleasure to have Brother J. R. Curry with me in an eight days' meeting at Grand Bay, embracing the second Sunday in September. Brother Curry completely captivated the people with his sweet gospel messages, Christian hearts were stirred, sinners converted. Five were led to put on Christ in baptism, one added by letter and a splendid, bright young man surrendered to God's call to go and preach his gospel. Another result of the meeting was a small debt on our new building was liquidated. For all these things I praise the Lord.—U. H. Morgan.

We have just closed one of the best meetings at the First German Baptist church in West Cullman; 29 additions, 17 by baptism, 12 by letter. Brother T. S. Layton, of Carrollton, Ga., did most of the preaching. Oh, that we had such a man as Brother Layton in the Cullman association; he would get all the letters out of the trunks if the devil is sitting on the lid, and lead sinners to Christ. His visit will be long remembered by those who met and heard him preach. Oh, that our prayers may be that he will come back again to Cullman, Ala.—C. W. Whaley.

A CORRECTION.

In my article a few weeks back, on the organization of a church at 8 mile station, 8 miles from Mobile on the M. & O. railroad, I said among other things that we had met with much opposition, one thing, "A certain minister in Mobile," had made the remark, when asked to help, "that he would not help and would preach against the movement."

Please allow me to say, that, while my article was not personal in the least, I spoke too hasty, as I had not investigated this report. Others had told me these things and I wish to say that I've been unable, after thorough search, to find where this report originated. I trust there is not a minister in Mobile who would make such a statement and I wish to say that knowing the ministers of Mobile as I do, I don't believe this report has any foundation. Fraternally,

D. R. PARKER.

There are 14,118 union and undenominational Sunday schools in the United States, with 94,706 officers and teachers, 629,525 scholars and a total enrollment of 724,231.

The Pacific Baptist prints a picture of Harry Pratt Judson, president of University of Chicago and Northern Baptist Convention.