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We wish all the readers of the Alabama Baptist a happy New Year.

Renewal of subscription for 1909.

We appreciate the courtesy of some of our subscribers who are kindly sending in their renewal payments for 1909 a little in advance of the date when they are due, and wish to assure them that their kind thoughtfulness has greatly encouraged us. A large number of preachers during Christmas week forwarded their dollar to pay until January, 1910.

The Alabama Baptist for 1909 will be better than ever. Each year the Alabama Baptist strives to be the best Baptist paper possible for that year. It looks at the world from week to week through Baptist eyes. It seeks to develop our young people into earnest and effective Christian men and women, who will be of service in the Baptist denomination. It gives prominence to Sunday schools, Young People's work, missions and education. Its subscription list is increased mainly through the efforts of its present subscribers, who commend it to their friends. Can you help extend its circulation in your church?

We note with pleasure the following wedding announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. John Buford Anglin invite you to be present at the wedding reception of their daughter, Agnes Evelyn, and Mr. Charles B. Cargille on the evening of Wednesday, the 13th of January, from half after 8 until half after 10 o'clock. At home Starling avenue, Martinsville, Va.

Dr. Montague for several years has been busily engaged in getting his friends and the friends of Howard college to give endowment bonds, and now this mail brings me one from him. It reads on the Bond of Good Will and Friendship for you payable in the year 1909. Interest and principal payable at sight. Redeemable on demand. Redeemable annually.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. J. Walker, of Algood, Ala., on the evening of December 16th, Mr. George O. Vice and Miss Lucie Walker. May theirs be a happy and prosperous journey through life.—J. G. Lowrey.



A GRAND OLD MAN—DR. J. B. HARTWELL.

We heartily thank those who sent in back dues and renewals and kind expressions of love, and pray Gods blessings upon them.

During 1908 we learned the value of Christian friendship.



STUDENTS IN BUSH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WITH DRs. HARTWELL, PRUITT AND TEACHERS.

Further Word About Delinquents.

The Baptist Standard has given a few days' extension to all subscribers over a year behind. We announced that these accounts would be sold December 15th, but in order that justice be done all, the time has been extended to the 24th of this month. We have given our reasons for this action before. Repeated notices have been mailed to all, and we trust that prompt settlement will be made by the 24th of this month. The agency which has these accounts in charge will expect prompt payment. It will be far better also for you to deal with us direct and not wait until the agency has them. If the paper has been going to the address you first ordered it, although you have moved elsewhere, your responsibility is unchanged. For instance, this case came to hand a few days ago. A man who took The Standard five years ago moved to another place and the Standard has been going to his old address four years; others took out the paper in his name, but the original subscriber's responsibility was no way lessened, and in this case we are happy to state payment was made. The Standard will sincerely appreciate prompt and business like settlement of all delinquents. Fraternally yours, J. B. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer.

(We confess that as a publisher we are greatly interested in the outcome of the Texas Baptist Standard's new way of handling delinquents. We urge our friends who are in arrears to pay up.

We have received a copy of the pages, published semi-monthly by the Birmingham Baptist Bulletin, eight Baptist pastors' conference in the interest of the Baptist cause in the Birmingham district. We sincerely hope that Brethren A. E. Page and Wallace Wear, the editors will have the hearty support not only of the pastors but of the good men and women in the district. They are both active, consecrated pastors and deserve success in their new enterprise.

Founders' Day, 1839-1909. Judson college, Marion, Ala. Seventieth anniversary of the founding of Judson January 7, 1909. 10 a. m. Address by the Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., Birmingham, Ala. Class ceremony 11 p. m. Mother Judson Birth-party. The honor of your presence at requested. Gifts or books received for the library.

Hon. Gip Rowland, one of Brother Hamner's deacons at Ashland, was in Birmingham recently on legal business, but took time to come around and shake hands with us and pay his subscription to January, 1910. He made our mouth water by telling of the fat 'possums that were now in his coop. We had the pleasure once of being his guest at a 'possum supper, and hope before we pass away to get another invitation.

The Christmas edition of the Religious Herald was an unusually attractive number. The Herald is certainly forging ahead and we wish Dr. Pelt and his co-worker, V. I. Masters, a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Trail of the Badger.

A story of the Colorado border thirty years ago, by Sidford F. Hamp. Illustrated by Chase Emerson.

The subject of Mr. Hamp's latest volume has for its motive the great subject of desert reclamation, and it presents a graphic and true picture of life on the southern border of Colorado at the time when the eager seeker after gold and silver was intruding his unwelcome presence upon the long-settled and slow-moving Mexican communities. The stirring and original adventures of the two boys who set out to reclaim a stretch of worthless desert and perseveringly kept on at it in spite of natural difficulties, are related with an air of frank simplicity which leaves upon the mind of the reader an assured impression that the teller of the story is drawing upon his own experience for his subject matter.

It has merit beyond that as a tale of adventure, for it is a book of value in showing the boys of today how the boys of their fathers' time (or some of them) helped to lay on the solid foundation of agriculture the fortunes of their adopted state. Published by W. A. Wilde Company, 120 Bowdoin street, Boston, Mass. Price, \$1.50.

John Jasper, the Unmatched Negro Preacher and Philosopher.

By W. E. Hatcher. The famous sermon, "The Sun Do Move," by which peculiar contention Jasper has been misjudged, and many of the other sayings of this remarkable old colored man have become well known through the public press. Powerful in their childlike simplicity and faith, they explain easily the wonderful influence he became in the community of which he was a part. This work is not only a faithful biography of the man, but contains, in addition, many of his most representative addresses. Fleming H. Revell Company, Chicago, 80 W. Wash avenue. \$1.0. net.

Alabama History.

We have received a copy of the above historical work by Joel Campbell DuBose, A. M., which is adapted for use in the public schools of Alabama. The purpose of this book is to give a fair impression of the growth of Alabama and to make distinct the spirit that has animated its people in all the years of its history. It is believed that its suggestiveness will help to stimulate the young people to intelligent patriotism and to ardent love for the history of Alabama. The book was recently adopted by the board of education for use in the public schools of Alabama. The state contract price is 75 cents, and is a 432-page book. It is published by the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va. We congratulate Prof. DuBose on his work as a historian.

Sermons Which Have Won Souls.

By Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D. Dr. Banks has achieved fame as a preacher of thrilling, soul-stirring and remarkably successful sermons. In this volume he presents a number of what he believes are representative of his best work along this line. The introductory chapter on "The Pastor as a Personal Soul-Winner" contains an exposition of Dr. Banks' enterprising, business-like manner of personally following every opportunity for directing a sinner into the paths of grace. Price, \$1.40 net. Funk & Wagnalls Company, Publishers, New York and London.



New Books

Practical Citizenship.

Rev. Adolph Roederer, the author, has a high aim in writing his books, for it is his wish "that the plain citizen may come into his own and be a ruler, controlling in a business-like way the functions of our civic life." This is a consummation devoutly to be wished for. It is divided into three parts, the Machine, the Force and the Action and Practice. For the average citizen it is full of information about the forms, functions and mechanism of government—how they have developed and what their values are. Not everybody will accept every point, but in the general it will be found sound, instructive and readable. The Blanchard Press, New York. \$1.50 net.

An Alabama Student.

This and other biographical essays make up an interesting book by William Osler, M. D., T. R. S., now regius professor of medicine, Oxford, England, but whose fame was made while in this country. There is much in the volume of intensest interest to the medical profession, and yet no one need fear to find it dull because they have no physicians' diploma. Some of the chapters have enticing heads. There is one about John Keats, the apothecary poet, another about John Locke as a physician. Oliver Wendell Holmes is the subject of an interesting chapter. The one about Sir Thos. Browne not only brings out some new material but gives some highly interesting points about the "Religio Medici." Dr. Osler says: "To a life-long interest in biography as a recreation I have added a strong conviction of its value in education," and so he proceeds to give us pictures of men to waken what precious quality of human sympathy we may have. It is published on fine paper and illustrated. It can be had of Oxford University Press, Twenty-nine W. Thirty-second street, New York, at \$2.50.

Senator Beveridge's New Book.

There is a certain sort of patriot, happily becoming less common from year to year, who will find more than one unpalatable passage in Senator Beveridge's new book, "Americans of Today and Tomorrow." The author's own patriotism is unquestioned; but he is not one of those blind and deluded worshippers who find every American trait and tendency so perfect and so unerring as to regard a word of warning or of criticism as little better than high treason. Indeed, one of the greatest merits of Senator Beveridge's book is that he makes us see ourselves as others see us. Senator Beveridge has a singularly happy mode of writing—an intimate, anecdotal style that makes even the weightier problems of national polity agreeable, and not too heavy, reading. "Americans of Today and Tomorrow," by Senator Albert J. Beveridge. Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia. Cloth, 50 cents.

The Christmas Book.

This is, without doubt, the most complete work on the world's great holiday that has been published. The origin and evolution of Christmas,

Christmas giving, and Christmas gifts, methods of observing Christmas in different lands, Christmas games and curious customs, with an interesting exercise, "The Crowning of Christmas"; these and much more are all here. This book is one of the handsome gift books of the season. Miss Jane A. Stewart, the author of "The Christmas Book," was born in Boston. Both parents were Scottish. The subject of this sketch has always been active in religious work, taking prominent part in Sunday school, W. C. T. U. and Y. W. C. A. societies. In spite of the busy life she has led as writer, lecturer, teacher, and traveler, Miss Stewart has found time to write several books which have had a large sale among her host of friends and admirers. Nothing that she has yet done, we are sure, will be more welcome than this, her latest volume. Decorated cloth, illustrated, 75 cents net, postpaid. The Griffith & Rowland Press, Atlanta, Ga.



Little Polly Primrose.

Second in "The Garden Series," by Carro Frances Warren, author of "Little Betty Marigold." This story sparkles with fun that is clean and wholesome, but is utterly devoid of pranks that incite children to mischief. Bound in green and gold; fifteen colored pictures. Price, 75 cents. Send for illustrated circular.

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The Epistle to the Hebrews.

This handbook by Edgar J. Goodspeed, assistant professor of Biblical and Patriotic Greek in the University of Chicago, is one of a series of the Bible for Home and School, edited by Shaller Matthews. These books are intended to place the results of the best modern biblical scholarship at the disposal of the general reader. It is hoped by the editor that the series will meet the needs of intelligent Sun-

day school teachers, clergymen and lay readers. The book can be had of the Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth avenue, New York, for 50 cents net.

Consumption.

Its prevention and cure without medicine, with chapters on sanitation and prevention of other diseases, by Charles H. Stanley Davis, M. D., Ph.D., has received the unqualified indorsement of the secular and medical press. This work does not theorize upon the subject of tuberculosis, but shows, in the plainest way possible, how it can be treated, and in the vast majority of cases cured, without the use of drugs, and largely through the patient's own efforts. The author emphasizes the vital necessity of an open-air life and a rational system of diet, holding the belief that, until nutrition is improved, little can be hoped for. It is a practical treatise and leaves nothing to be desired, as all essential points are thoroughly covered. Published by E. B. Treat Company, 241 West Twenty-third street, New York, at \$1.00, postpaid.

How to Grow in the Christian Life.

This handbook by William Wistar Hamilton, Ph.D., D. D., general evangelist of the Home Board of Missions of the Southern Baptist convention, is dedicated to every Christian who wants to grow. The way to accomplish it is grouped under ten heads. It is full of helpful suggestions. Published by the American Baptist Publishing society, Philadelphia, at 25c.

Psychology of the Will.

This work, by the ex-president of Lenox college, James A. Ritchey, A. M., Ph.D. The author says: "A new treatise on the will needs no apology. Monographs on the subject are numerous, but they are generally polemical and lack the symmetry of science. The old questions about the faculty are constantly renewing and repeating themselves. They are intensely personal and brook no excuse. An answer must be given and each must respond for himself. I cannot be conscience for you any more than you can be providence for me. You must have a plan of life, a way of living, or you must cease to think. How readest thou and how answerest? Psychology of the will is a dependent science. It draws its material from anthropology, ethnology, psychology, ethics, didactics, biography and history. Even this last is not sufficiently comprehensive, for a complete study of the human will must include the whole circle of voluntary activity." The book contains much that interests; has many practical and helpful suggestions. Published by Broadway Publishing Company, 835 Broadway, New York, at \$1.50.

Life's Tomorrows.

By Rev. J. W. Millard, D. D., has just been published by the society. By this suggestive title Dr. Millard designates this volume of seven sermons. These comforting messages bear the following headings: The True Nature of Death, The Immortality of the Soul, An Inquiry Into Heavenly Recognition, A Study of the Resurrection, The Day of Judgment, The Glories of Heaven, Is Punishment Eternal? They were delivered on consecutive Sunday evenings to large audiences and their publication was earnestly demanded. Price, 75 cents net, postpaid.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Somebody once asked Samuel Taylor Coleridge: "Can you give me in two words a satisfactory proof of the truth of Christianity?" "Yes," answered Coleridge. "Try it." No "comment" is needed here.

The word "Calvary," as found in our "Authorized Version" of the Bible, is curious. It occurs only in Luke xxiii, 33, and in the Greek it is not a proper name. The Greek word is "kranion," and means a skull. Compare our English word, "cranium." "Kranion" is the equivalent of the Hebrew word "golgatha." Our translators literally adopted the word "calvaria" (that is, a bare skull) from the Latin bulgate, which often influenced their translation. In the bulgate "calvaria" is used as the Latin equivalent of the Greek "kranion," which all the evangelists use in describing the place of the crucifixion, and in every one except Luke our translators have "skull." Not one of the evangelists gives the least warrant for the popular expression "Mount Calvary," which we find even in some of our popular hymns. See Stanley's "Syria and Palestine." Scholars are divided as to the origin of the name "skull" as applied to the place of Christ's execution. Some hold that it was a slight, skull-shaped elevation; others, that it was the regular place for the execution of felons, and was named from "the accumulated skulls of the wretched persons who had there lost their lives." The first view is the more probable; for the hideous sight of a great heap of skulls of unburied felons would hardly have been tolerated in the immediate vicinity of a great city, even in that age.

Here is a literary anecdote that teaches a lesson: Alexander Pope, the poet, was a diminutive hunchback, who had himself dressed by a servant every morning. He was well known for his testiness and ill temper whenever he was crossed, and it was very easy to cross him. On one occasion some gentlemen at a London coffee house were examining a Greek manuscript, and found a sentence which none of them could translate. Presently a young officer, who was standing by, asked the privilege of examining the manuscript. Pope was angry at the youth who asked to see a sentence which the translator of Homer had failed to construe; so he said, in his most satirical tone: "Oh, yes; let the young gentleman see the manuscript." The officer took no apparent notice of Pope's testiness; but upon examining the sentence, he saw and pointed out that an interrogation mark introduced at a certain point would make the sentence perfectly intelligible. The gentlemen all saw this, after it was pointed out. Pope was furious, and turning to the youth, asked, in the most contemptuous tone: "And pray, sir, what is an interrogation mark?" Looking down upon the bent form before him the young man rejoined: "An interrogation mark is a little crooked thing that asks questions."

Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, the elder, says that "Scripture exposition is the highest style of preaching," and the Christian who carefully studies the Sermon on the Mount and Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost and Christ's at his old home, Nazareth, may find solid reasons for agreeing with this view of expository preaching. The following paragraph from the same writer will give you food for thought, even if you do not agree with the views expressed in it:

"They who fail to teach some catechism containing definite statements of Scripture truth to the children under their care, neglect one of the grandest instruments of a religious culture. The arguments against such instruction are contrary to all the principles of practical wisdom which obtain in secular education. The first principles of all knowledge must be taught dogmatically, and committed for safekeeping to the memory, before they are understood by the learner. Why should not the same rule hold good in religion? As to the theory that we are to teach God's Word to children just as he has given it to us, without any human formulary or exposition,

it is impracticable, and is never verified by those who insist upon it."

Apropos to this a Richmond preacher said from his pulpit:

"Boys, when I was eight years old, the first male teacher I ever had put into my hands old Murray's English grammar. There were no questions, such as you have nowadays, and I had to learn it by heart. One day, when studying 'auxiliary verbs' I learned what I will now recite to you, though I have never seen it since: 'Auxiliary verbs are those by the help of which the English verbs are principally conjugated. They are do, be, have, shall, will, may, can, with their variations; and let and must, which have no variations.' I had not the least idea what it was all about. There was not a glimpse of meaning in it, so far as I could see. But I learned it by heart; I remember it to this day, and now I know the meaning of it."

Is not something like this true in the matter of teaching Christian doctrines to children? How many children reared in Presbyterian families understand the substance of that remarkable composition, "The Shorter Catechism?" And yet those who are best informed on the subject do not hesitate to credit the "Shorter Catechism" with the steady, solid, intelligent staunchness which so eminently characterizes the Presbyterian church. Is there not a lesson for Baptists here?

Men who stay out of the church because there are hypocrites in it are, perhaps, the most inconsistent people in the world. Are there not hypocrites in business? And do these men keep themselves apart from the business world? On the contrary, they are frequently the shrewdest business men in the community. Are there not hypocrites in most of the large audiences at the theater, hypocrites in society, hypocrites at the card table, the wine party, the club? And do these critics abandon all these things because of the presence of the hypocrites? On the contrary, they are often the most confirmed pleasure seekers in the neighborhood. In a word, while continually denouncing "hypocrites," they are making no efforts whatever to reach Heaven—the only place that we know of to which no hypocrites can go—and making a straight course for the other place, where all the hypocrites will certainly be found! If any church member has managed to indulge in greater hypocrisy than this, his inventive genius is greater than Shakespeare's or Edison's.

We insist once more that "inconsistencies" are by no means confined to Christians. The most tedious, long-winded fool in all Shakespeare's plays is credited with the saying, "Brevity is the soul of wit." Sweet little Miss Juliet, who keenly felt the misfortune of being in love with a man who had the wrong family name, uttered the absurd, inanity, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Alexander Hamilton is on record as an opponent of the duel. He was killed in a duel with the most notoriously infamous and unprincipled scoundrel that has ever figured conspicuously in American history.

Thomas Carlyle, with all his marvelous ability and splendid culture, spent his life loudly contending against "cant" and vociferously howling for "silence." He wrote a library to prove that the best thing to do with your tongue is to keep it still, and that the best thing you can do with your pen is to keep it dry. He talked volumes against talking and wrote volumes against writing. In his review of Lockhart's "Life of Walter Scott" he insists that authors ought to be paid for not writing, and that such a course would be a great bonanza to literature.

Some years ago a new preacher settled in a certain southern city and soon advertised that he would preach on the street Sunday afternoon, and here is one of the results:

An experienced pastor, willing to learn something of the new preacher's calibre, went to hear him, and took along with him one of the brightest men in the city. The new preacher announced as his text the 27th verse of the 5th chapter of the prophet Daniel: "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art

found wanting." Pointing to a man who stood quite near him, the preacher uttered his first sentence: "That man's you." Present he began a scathing criticism upon the character of the French people, and he told his congregation why God had seen fit to use the Prussians as his instruments in punishing the French. The pastor who had come to hear the new preacher turned to his companion and whispered: "That is enough; he knows too much. Let's go home." And home they went.

We do not mean any adverse criticism of street preaching. Our Lord preached on the streets, and so did Paul. But is there not a lesson here for some ambitious young preacher of our day? If you read in some third-rate magazine that a man named Darwin has advocated the hypothesis which somebody has called "evolution," and that this hypothesis is supposed to conflict with some things which the Bible is supposed to teach, it is not necessary for you to rush into your pulpit the next Sunday and fire off a sermon against the doctrine of "Natural Selection." Your common sense, if you have any, ought to teach you that you should first make yourself master of the contents of "The Origin of Species" before you attack the supposed doctrines of Darwinism. And if you will take the time, and do the thinking requisite to such a task, it may be safely predicted that your sermon will be indefinitely postponed, if not entirely abandoned. We are not defending "evolution," but simply pleading for the exercise of common sense in dealing with it. J. C. HIDDEN.

Lynchburg, Va.

FROM ARLINGTON.

Dear Bro. Barnett: Let God be praised. We have just closed the happiest Christmas of my life. We had preaching Thursday night by B. J. Patrick of Texas. I left him with my people at County Line while I went to Lenox, Washington county, to fill my appointment there, to return Monday, and found my people at church with dinner on the ground. We closed this evening with two additions and more to follow, I hope. Oh, how that man of God did stir our souls. He has been preaching only two years, yet he is a power. He has a great future. We also ordained Bro. T. W. Smyley, who has recently come from the Methodist pulpit to the full work of the ministry. He is a bright young man. He will enter Howard college soon. I contribute this good time to the victory that God has given us along the line of prohibition. May the good work continue until there will not be any whisky to be had in Alabama. You will find inclosed \$1 to set my figures up to 1910. May God bless you in your work. Happy New Year for you and yours. Yours in the Lord.—W. V. Vice.

THEN AND NOW.

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HOW HE GOT IT.

TO THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

FROM KENTWOOD, LA.

Dear Brother Editor: If you read this you will never question how I got money to pay for the Alabama Baptist five years in advance. If you think it worth while, you may put it in the paper. About sixteen years ago I decided to give the tenth of my income to my Lord's cause. We were in the city hall in the city of Bessemer—the time we changed the name of the association to Birmingham. It was originally Canaan Association. D. J. Purser, Andrew Hobson, P. T. Hale, Arthur McGaha, W. L. Pickard were burning our hearts with words of wisdom and love concerning our doctrine of giving and work in the vineyard of our common Lord. I have never had any reason to regret that I resolved to trust God and give Him as I understand His word to demand.

I am glad in my heart, after three years, to record that the Lord has never let me nor my family suffer, but to the contrary, I have done far better financially than I had previous to that time. It's been said that preachers have the worst children in the world, but of course no careful, reasonable observer believes it. It is a pleasure to me to say with an easy conscience that I believe our five children are at least an average in morals, intellect and business. In fact, I think no parents can look back and observe the trying ordeal through which they have come while raising their children and feel more grateful than I do. They bid fair to make the world better by having been privileged to live in it. These things, and a thousand others, have made my heart bound with ecstasy of joy that I promised to trust God and return to Him that part of my income which is justly due Him from every person, male and female, old and young, rich and poor, bond and free, saint and sinner.

If the church members all obeyed this command we would have money to meet all demands in church and provide missionary schools for every poor heathen and pagan child coming into our country. And every emergency on the foreign field would soon be met and relieved. The world would be far superior to what it is today and the church would have the honor that God promises to those who honor His Son.

May our kind Father hasten the day of love, wisdom and obedience when Christians shall all know that obedience is success.—W. H. Connell.

FROM BRO. KERRIDGE.

Last second Sabbath in December the writer, assisted by Bro. Hudson, at the request of Round Hill church, set apart to the work of a deacon Bro. J. B. Spinks, who has the esteem and love of all the members for his fidelity in the Sabbath school and the work of the church. Pastor and church feel they have one in this important office who will faithfully attend to its duties, and in whom they have the utmost confidence.

Round Hill, from being nearly extinct, is growing in good works and membership. We have succeeded in building a new modern house of worship and have paid every obligation on the building. This church will become one of the best of the smaller churches of the association, and we are turning our faces to the New Year with hope and confidence in the Lord, who, by His providence, has so wonderfully blessed us. Now, Bro. Editor, I feel I ought to say a word for the good of the paper. I congratulate you on your work. I am aware of the difficulty of financing and editing a paper among Baptists. They are largely good, sound people, but partake very much of the nature of a mule, and you have succeeded in spite of the kickers. I recognize the educational value of such a paper among our country churches, where it is often the sole medium of instruction on religious topics and the work of the denomination. I want our people to be faithful to Christ, the Bible and the Alabama Baptist. May we not hope that the great Bible principles we believe and teach will some day so impress themselves through pulpit and press as to cause the teeming multitudes of the earth to turn to our God and His Son, Jesus Christ? Yours in the Lord.—William Kerridge.

My Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I ask for a careful reading of every word of this letter.

In 1880 I became an evangelist of the Alabama Mission board. Later I served as a member of the board. In 1885 I became its corresponding secretary. This position I filled for ten years, then went away to Kentucky for three years, to return in 1899. So I am now rounding up the second decade as your corresponding secretary. Through all these years you have been marvelously kind and generous in your support of the work.

I have tried to be faithful and conscientious. "Advancement in His name" has been the watchword. We have had a good measure of success because you have stood by me loyally in support of the cause. We have had panics, many, but, in spite of them, we have moved on. Shall we not do so now?

We enter upon a new year. What shall be our aim? Shall it be for advancement still? Can we afford to lower the standard? I know you will not allow it. I plead for more earnest and hearty co-operation. Concerted action is all-important. Why may we not have every church in the state work the schedule? Every interest ought to have its time. This the schedule gives.

April 30 and June 30 are the critical days in mission work in Alabama. The campaign for Home and Foreign Missions closes with the first date, and for State missions with the last. If we are to hold our own with these, strenuous and continuous work must begin at once.

God has been good to me. I am in good shape to work. I have not spared myself in the past. I will not do so now.

I ask, first, your prayers and sympathy. I beg for your co-operation. Give me these, and His blessing, every day of the year will be ours. His abiding presence be with you. Fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

GOES TO WYLAM.

Dear Bro. Barnett:—Please change address of my paper from East Lake, Ala., to Wylam, Ala., where I have recently moved. I have been pastor here two months, but until now have been unable to secure a suitable house of residence. We hope one of these days when our church here recovers good progress to own a pastor's home.

Wylam is a fine location for building a good, strong church, and we hope soon to overcome the demoralized conditions under which the church has labored a portion of the time for a year or two, and go on to doing things by the help of God.

Some of my predecessors in the pastorate here have done good work, and some of the brave, faithful members who have stood by the work here will, I am sure, stand by me in my efforts here. We crave the prayers and sympathy not only of the churches in the Birmingham district, whose fellowship we love, but of the whole state as well. Come to see us Bro. Barnett, and others of your Lord's leaders in the Master's work. Your Brother,

C. J. BENTLEY.

FROM BRO. BARKLEY.

Please change my paper from Elba, Ala., to Plains, Ga. My two years' work at Elba and Opp was attended by success. During my stay there I baptized 153 people, and had the honor of organizing a Baptist Young People's union at Elba, which has no peer in the state. I left the field over a unanimous call and the earnest protest of my brethren, thinking some worthy successor, as the one whom they now have, might lead them to still greater things. Bro. Lee is to be congratulated on the possibilities of his new field, and I bespeak for him success.

My new field is all I could ask for. Situated in one of God's most favored spots, rich in opportunities and a loyal people, with their means, ready to be used for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom. Cordially and fraternally.—P. C. Barkley.

I am sending you renewal to January, 1911. I cannot be without the paper. It comes each week as a letter from home, and I appreciate the good work you are doing and rejoice in the progress of the cause in the dear-old state.

The Lord is good to us here. We have just closed a gracious meeting, Bro. W. A. McComb doing the preaching. He is a good man in a meeting—preaching the old-time gospel, and men are convicted. Our church is revived, the town moved as never before; sixty names added to our list. Christmas day was a great day here. We all went to the creek and at 2 p. m. God gave us a warm sun and I walked into the water, followed by strong men. It was indeed a good day. We have had a hard fight here, but in God's name we are bringing things to pass. The work is hard, and hard to keep health here, but no pastor ever had a more faithful church. I love them and I believe they love their pastor as they show it in a substantial way. The pastor's larder is filled with good things and his heart was made glad as the L. A. S. came, and in a few well-chosen words presented him with a fine gold watch.

If any of the young men want a hard work, yet one of great prominence, come to Louisiana. Pray for our health and grace to fight the good fight, and in His name turn this priest-ridden country for Jesus Christ. Fraternally.—W. A. McCain.

A TOUCHING LETTER.

Dear Brother in Christ: I promised to be a reader of the Alabama Baptist as long as I live, or as it is published, and I want to be as good as my word, though in the condition that I am in at present I can't live long without a change. I have been in bed and confined to my room now for ninety-five days, and suffered untold agonies, and am so diseased in flesh and so weak that I can't sit up but a little while at a time. But the Baptist has been a regular visitor and brought cheer with it, and I am so glad when the day comes for it to arrive. I had to give up all my work in June; had four churches, but had to give them all up and haven't been able to do anything since; but will send you \$1 to renew, and if I don't live to read it some of my family will, and may the God of Grace be with and support and strengthen you in the great work that you are doing for the Baptists or cause of Christ is the prayer of your unworthy brother in Christ.—O. A. Gardner.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Food Knowledge on the Farm:

With the Rural Free Delivery of mails, the farmer is as closely in touch with what is going on in the world as his city brother.

What to eat, in order to get the best out of one's brain and body, is as important for the modern farmer as the manufacturer, business man or professional worker. An Ills. farmer writes:

"I am a farmer and was troubled with chronic indigestion for two years—suffered great agony and could find no permanent relief from medicines.

"A friend suggested that I quit using so much starchy foods, which are the principal cause of intestinal indigestion. I began to use Grape-Nuts and have continued with most gratifying results.

"Grape-Nuts food has built me up wonderfully. I gained 6 lbs. the first four weeks that I used it. My general health is better than before, my brain is clear, my nerves strong.

"For breakfast and dinner I have Grape-Nuts with cream, a slice of crisp toast, a soft boiled egg and a cup of Postum. My evening meal is made of Grape-Nuts and cream alone.

"This diet gives me good rest every night and I am now well again."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

LETTER NO. 5—A NEW YEAR'S LETTER TO MY MEMBERS.

January 1st, 1909.

My Dear Member:

Write it 1909! But what about 1908? As I sit here in my study I am imitating the Good Shepherd in one respect: I am calling my sheep by name. If your ears are not burning, they ought to be,—for I am thinking about you. I am dividing the members of our church into classes.

The record of our year's work, as a church, is before me, like the open page of a book. And I am letting every member's own record determine his class. It is an interesting job, but tinged with sadness,—and because one side of every class is so unlike what I would have.

1. **The Balkers and the Pullers**—We have no kickers, to speak of; but there are some balkers who make it unnecessarily heavy for the pullers. Which are you,—a balker or a puller? Here is a little couplet I want you to think about until you can make the question real:

"If all our members were just like me,
What kind of church would our church be?"

Would it be a pulling church, or a balking church? Now, it is possible for us to go through 1909 without any balkers. If you want us to do so, start right next Sunday by coming to church. And when you have started right, then keep on pulling,—don't balk.

2. **Finances**—The Treasurer's book contains the names of the entire membership. It is before me as I write. As I turn its pages I am made to feel now glad now sad. I find four classes here: (1)—Those who have paid more than I expected; (2)—Those who have paid what I expected; (3)—Those who have paid less than I expected; (4)—Those who have paid nothing.

Not many are in the first class; quite a list are in the second, including those of our membership who are not able to pay anything; more than should be are in the third; and what a pity there are any in the fourth!

It is possible for our financial life for 1909 to reduce these four classes to numbers One and Two. But to do so, we must first realize that our church cannot prosper without finances, and that our church finances cannot succeed as they ought until they are reduced to business methods, and every member is doing his part.

3. **Hearing the Sermons**—Sometimes members think they have helped the Pastor their part when they have contributed to his salary. What a blunder! This division makes me inexpressibly sad. There have been but few times during the year when I have felt that I was preaching to 50 per cent. of the membership! At times I look over my audience and think that if I had to depend on my own people for a hearing, it would be mighty slim. It is wrong that I should ever have to think a thought like that. I thank God every day for the faithful ones. If some are not present, I make arrangements to call as early as I can to see how sick they are. But that isn't true of all. In which class do you think you ought to be placed? I take advantage of the occasion and plead with the habitually absent not to do that way during 1909.

(1)—You ought to attend all the services. It is your duty. Read Hebrews 10:25.

(2)—You do your pastor a great injustice when you stay away.

I work harder than you think, preparing, each week, two of the best sermons I can make. If they are not good ones, it isn't because I do not try to make them so. Now, I am candid in my statement that I think you owe it to me to hear them.

If the good woman in the home where you live should work as hard to prepare two good meals for her friends as I do to prepare my sermons, and then they should fail to come to the eating, I expect she'd get a bit mad.

She would call it an outrage; I'll not call it that,—but it is too bad that I have to preach so many of

my sermons to the vacant seats of some of my members!

(3)—You owe it to your church to hear the sermons.

Small crowds, as a rule, have a depressing effect. A crowded house will give the sermon a better hearing than will a handful. Crowds help the hearers as well as help the preacher preach. These facts make your absence a serious matter. And there is still another word to be said:

Strangers and other visitors attending church are sure to get the wrong impression if the members are conspicuous mainly by their absence. A few times in my life as a Pastor I could have wished that I might drop through the floor. When? When those not familiar with the situation would come in and find me with a baby's handful of folks—and most of them not my own. The experience is something terrible! Yet every time you absent yourself you are practically saying: "And you can have that feeling again so far as I am concerned!" Oh, my member who doesn't come, in the words of Balaam's ass, let me ask, in my own behalf, as well as that of the church of which you are a member: "What have we done that we should be punished this way?"

4. **The Visiting Minister**—Conventions and Associations mean co-operation. As long as our church is a member of these bodies she must expect "the visiting Brother."

Many of the interests fostered by the denomination have no means of support save the voluntary contributions of the churches. The Brethren representing these interests cannot afford not to come. They are bound to come. Now, when it is announced that some "visiting Brother" is to fill the pulpit, I find two classes: The "dependables" and the "dodgers."

Which are you? If your vacant seat looks ugly when the Pastor preaches, it looks doubly so when the "visiting Brother" preaches. The chagrin is all but unbearable when I must say to these visiting Brethren: "A large per cent. of our membership is absent." I know what he thinks, you see.

5. **Prayer Meetings**—The prayer meeting is more than a "prayer meeting." By any other name 'twould be just as helpful. A prayer meeting means inspiration, communion, consecration, devotion. In the matter of soul-culture, it is a necessity.

And yet I have some members whom I have never seen at prayer meeting.

Don't neglect the prayer meeting,—not to say ignore it. It needs you much, but you need it more.

6. **Sunday School**—The Sunday school is the teaching department of the church. Therefore, every member of the church ought to be a member of the Sunday school.

7. **My New Year's Wish for You:**

I wish not wealth, but power to take,
And use the things you have, aright;
Not years, but wisdom that shall make
Your life a profit and delight.

Truly your pastor,

R. S. GAVIN.

Huntsville, Ala.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Since entering upon this work in July I have attended eleven district associations and twelve state conventions. In addition to these meetings I have spoken in some conferences and institutes and in numerous churches. For the most part the interest manifested by both pastors and laymen has been stimulating and gratifying.

My chief concern is that this movement shall become effective in the local churches. It is the duty of the chairman of the movement for each district association to see that a live man is elected as chairman in each church. If he should neglect this matter, the church in its independence should elect a man, and if it is thought wise, associate two or more with him as helpers. This chairman is to promote the cause of state, home and foreign missions in his church. He must constantly look to the pastor for suggestions and help. He should secure from the Executive Committee, 415 Continental Trust

Building, Baltimore, Md., a good supply of tracts and distribute them among the laymen. Of course, he will urge the church to undertake to raise more for missions than ever before and will invite the Sunday school, Ladies' Missionary Society and other organizations to enlist in this forward movement. He will arrange for a laymen's rally day at some suitable time. For this occasion he will plan some stirring music, at least two speeches by laymen and a closing address by the pastor. He should then distribute subscription slips among the laymen and urge them to subscribe generously, by the month or week, for state, home and foreign missions. Where churches have services every Sunday pledges by the week should be advocated. The church chairman sees to the collection of these pledges. It is best to pay them through the ordinary church channels, as by the use of envelopes, that the chairman may give full credit.

Many associational chairmen are insisting on these rallies and have at their command a number of teachers, lawyers, doctors, etc., whom they can send to speak in these rallies when invited by the churches. Where these meetings are held remarkable interest is aroused and the pledges to missions in many cases are more than quadrupled. The church chairman in connection with the pastor will do well to organize one or more mission study classes to meet once a week for two or three months during the winter.

It is hoped that capable laymen everywhere will offer their services in this great movement, and thereby share in the blessedness that comes to those who are co-workers with God.

J. T. HENDERSON, Gen. Sec.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE.

Evergreen, Ala., January 1, 1909.

It has not been as bountiful as others before have been, but I have not cared much if it has not been, for I wanted the gifts of the friends to come in something that would enable us to pay our debts, but in this I was also disappointed, for we have to carry over a larger balance than I thought we would have. Many of the strong friends whose offerings heretofore have brought a uplift to the anxious workers, were conspicuously missing this time. Many to whom we wrote asking special offerings for the debt we failed to hear from.

The Christmas tree was on Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, December 29. We always have it late because much that goes on it comes from friends, and it does not get here till after the first of the holidays. It was not so full as in former years, there having been a few of the girls who failed to get anything. They did not complain but they must have felt the loss of the trifle.

Perhaps the greatest loss of pleasure to them has been in the fact that they have been unable to raise the \$15 they have for many years contributed at this season of the year for the support of the little orphan boy in India, whom they have cared for for nearly ten years.

For the year that opens us today we are trusting the same Lord who is rich in goodness and mercy, and also our friends who have not failed us in the years of the past. If this be my last message to the Baptists of Alabama, I would say, Don't forget the orphans.

JOHN W. STEWART.

THE MOST POPULAR HYMNS.

This book contains the words and music of hymns like Nearer, My God, To Thee, Rock of Ages, Lead Kindly Light, Almost Persuaded, I Need Thee Every Hour, In the Sweet By and By and over one hundred others that we all know. Not really one of the popular hymns has been omitted, as a glance at the list of contents will show. The music is arranged so that every one can take part in the singing. No collection like this has ever been published for general use. Price, 50 cents. Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, publishers, 31 West 15th street, New York.

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BUSH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A very important phase of missionary work is that of training native preachers. If any nation is ever to be reached by the gospel it must be done largely through the native ministry. The native preacher understands the language and his people and he can preach far more effectively than the missionary who comes from a distance. The board is, therefore, giving great attention to the subject of training a native ministry. One of the chief instrumentalities for this work is the Bush Theological Seminary located at Hwanghien. This is a large city in a valley which contains some 600,000 people. From this point territory is worked which contains more than 1,000,000 souls, who have little opportunity to hear the gospel except through our workers at Hwanghien.

In 1904, by vote of the mission, Dr. Hartwell and Dr. Pruitt began a training school for preachers and teachers in Tengchow. Dr. Hartwell protested against taking up a new kind of work at his age, but the effective way in which he has accomplished the new work vindicates the wisdom of the brethren.

In 1905 Mr. J. C. Bush, of Alabama, donated \$10,000 for the purchase of land at Hwanghien and for the erection of buildings for a seminary as a memorial to his noble father and mother. In 1906 the training school was moved from Tengchow to Hwanghien and given the name of Bush Theological Seminary. The buildings were erected under the direction of Dr. Pruitt and consist of the main building, two teach-

er's residences and some smaller houses. The school opened with an attendance of fifteen students. Its power is already being felt throughout the North China mission. These students go forth into all parts of the country doing evangelistic work from time to time while they are carrying on their studies.

Owing to falling health, Dr. Hartwell was compelled to come home last year, and Dr. Pruitt was chosen to do special literary work in connection with the China Baptist Publication Society. On account of these changes Rev. W. C. Newton and Rev. W. B. Glass were elected professors for the seminary. Mr. Chu and Mr. Wau, two of our ablest native preachers, have been added to the faculty. The attendance has grown to the present time to thirty-six and will likely double again soon. The success has been very remarkable when we remember that these teachers must take students who have had little advantages in training, coming from the fifteen small churches in North China Baptist Association.

The course of study includes Old Testament Introduction, New Testament and records of the apostolic age, systematic theology, Scripture geography, church history and homiletics. In a word, such instruction as is usual in a first class theological seminary.

By request of the mission, a special class in the seminary was held for one month in the autumn. This class was open to all the evangelists and colporteurs in the employ of the mission, as well as to all pastors and teachers. There were fifty-three students in attendance. Instruction was given in the

Old Testament by Dr. Pruitt, in the New Testament by Dr. Hartwell and Rev. W. C. Newton, and in singing by Rev. S. E. Stephens. During the month there was held daily evangelistic services in Hwanghien Baptist church, conducted by the seminary teachers, the native pastors and some of the students. The class was pronounced a very successful one, not only because of the scriptural knowledge gained by the students, but also because the students from all parts of the mission were brought into personal, practical contact with the seminary, and so acquired an acquaintance with and an interest in its working that they could hardly have acquired in any other way. So favorable is the result that it is hoped that the experiment may be repeated next year, and that the special class for one month may possibly become a permanent feature of the institution.

Surely that great-hearted Alabamian, Brother J. C. Bush, could have erected no more suitable and worthy memorial to his noble parents. The institution not only bears their name, but on a marble tablet within the building is an inscription to their memory which will endure for all time to come. The institution is like a light house in the midst of heathen darkness. Hundreds and thousands of strong native preachers will go forth from the seminary to preach the gospel to their own people in the years to come. No one can doubt that the remarkable success which has been reported from the North China field this year is due in a large part to the presence of this seminary.

W. H. SMITH.

Richmond, Va.

FOREIGN MISSION DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It has been the custom for some years for the foreign mission board to ask all of our Sunday schools to observe the third Sunday in January as a special day in the interest of foreign missions. The date is January 17th, 1909, and we have something new and interesting to offer our Sunday schools this year. We think that it will be attractive to the superintendents and the schools for the following reasons:

First: Because it does not interfere with the regular lesson. We only ask that the opening exercises and the lesson period be shortened a little to give time for the foreign mission day program in the closing exercises.

In the second place the plan does not call for a children's program. Variety adds spice, and we have arranged for something different this time.

In the third place, the plan does not contemplate a hasty offering on foreign mission day, which, owing to different circumstances, may or may not result in a gift worthy of the school. But we ask that the school deliberately set before itself the task of raising an amount of money commensurate with its ability, and to go about getting it in a business like way.

Last of all the plan has a great educational value. It sets before the school facts that all ought to know about our foreign mission work.

The literature has been sent out to all of the Sun-

day school superintendents whose names we could get. If any superintendent has not received the literature, please let him or the secretary of the school write a post card to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and we will be more than glad to supply it.

We are earnestly hoping that every Sunday school in the entire convention will observe the day this year. It would mean a pleasant occasion to the school and a great help for our foreign mission cause. Will not all the superintendents who have received the literature begin at once arranging for this day? Let us make it a red letter day in our Sunday school calendar. All will agree that our missionary work has not been emphasized in our Sunday schools anything like it ought to be. If you have not received the literature, do not delay, but write at once for it.

WM. H. SMITH.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7, 1908.

FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

Evergreen, Ala., Jan. 1.

The receipts began to fall off with the coming of December, and the rally did not come, so that the month fell behind November by about one thousand dollars, and we are sad. In the early fall I began writing to pastors whom I thought could be induced to take special interest in the orphanage, as we were trying to pay a large debt, asking them to help us

and telling them if I could be of any assistance by making a visit to their churches I would gladly come.

I did not write this to all the pastors, but a select company, possibly aggregating little less than one hundred. I had letters from one of them who said I could depend on him, and that he would arrange for me to be with him later, but I heard from him no more. Another one said his people were trying to pay the last debt on the house of worship they had built. Another said they would do what they could for the home, but that I need not incur the expense of coming, and they did well, too. Another said: Yes, when he saw me, we are going to help you, and we want you to be with us when it is convenient; but the convenient time has not come. Still another said he'd do all he could, but we have not yet heard from them. One great church did tell me what they would do; in fact, I heard nothing from them, but the way I was glad when their offering came in, and I turned over to the treasurer more than \$200. I believe I heard from a few others in about the same way as I have here indicated, but the great majority has not been heard from, and in consequence our debt is not paid, and our girls are washing in the open lawn and are exposed to the inclemency of the weather. The people of our state know that I have always said we do not demand anything from anybody, but accept what they offer us. If they fail to offer anything we are without anything.

JOHN W. SMITH.

Frank Willis Barnett

Editorials

Editor and Owner

WE CAN REACH THEM.

There is one thing sure—a great mass of church members are not being reached through any of the known channels through which organized Christianity is working. Despite the effort of pastors and all the activities of the local churches, despite the various appeals of the boards, despite the agency of the religious press, in each state there are thousands of professing Christians who give themselves little concern about our various denominational enterprises. How to enlist them has been the despair of pastors, secretaries and editors. Some try to place the blame on the pastors, some on the secretaries, some on the editors. But there they are out yonder, sitting quietly with hands folded, waiting to be put to work, and God help us, it is no time for pastors, secretaries and editors to try and shift the blame on one another's shoulders, but the hour has come for us all to fall down on our knees and ask Him to point the way.

These men and women must be reached; they can be reached if we will only pay the price; but no pastor who serves a people because he can't get away, no secretary who goes up and down among the people merely to stir them to giving in order that his report may show up well at the convention, or no editor whose only thought is to increase his circulation, can be of service in the premises—but every pastor who loves his Savior, every secretary who is led by the Holy Spirit, and every editor who lies close to God can reach out, confidently expecting to bring within the active working circle more and more of the indifferent ones.

We know this situation in Alabama has weighed heavily on the mind and heart of our beloved secretary; we know that it has also gripped the hearts of many of our pastors, and we know that our own heart has recently been stirred as never before.

But let no man or woman think that the question is merely in the hands of pastors, secretaries and editors, for they are only your servants, and though they might re-consecrate themselves to their service, still the thing will never be done unless they are backed by those who sit in the pews.

We believe that we are on the eve of a great religious awakening, and for one we want to have a part in hastening its coming. Do you?

THE NEW CENTURY FOR ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The new century which has just closed has been indeed glorious. The wonder is that so much has been accomplished in the face of such difficulties, but Father Time has been kind to us and with relentless hand taken away many of the difficulties. It looks now as if we are in a position to do great things. Difficulties dare strong men to do. To noble souls they are the calls to greater endeavor.

Our danger is that the way may be too easy. Our very vantage ground may prove a snare to us. The great victories of the past may lull us to sleep and rest in a false sense of security. The very strenuousness of our ancestors may tend to make mollycoddies of us. Alas, if that should be true! But it must not be.

Let us remember that the greatest battles are just ahead of us. The past has only cleared the decks for action. Our difficulties are not the same as those of our fathers, but they are no less in number and importance, and our achievements should by all means be far greater. To consecrate our rapidly growing wealth to the coming of the kingdom, to train our great host so that each one may feel that he is responsible to his Lord for the best that is in him, to plant churches where they are needed, to develop all the churches to their very highest efficiency, and to

make them feel that their supreme duty is the evangelization of the world, here is work that calls for men. Before such a task, weaklings must inevitably fail. Such work calls for men of energy and of great intellectual and spiritual power.

In the review of the past century one thing stands out with clearness: We got our name, "Missionary Baptist," by contending for world-wide missions, and the bitterest persecutions to our fathers were caused by their adherence to the teachings of the Bible on that subject. Now let us be true to our name. Let us emphasize the "Missionary" part of it as much as we do the "Baptist." Let us glory as much in our distinctive work as we do in our distinctive principles. Let us make the new century a great missionary era. If our endeavor is what it ought to be in that direction there will still be persecution and bitter opposition. Let it come. As God has already wonderfully blessed us as "Missionary Baptist," so He will make our future still more glorious, if we really do the work which He has called us to do.



OUR NEW SECRETARY

BRO. CRUMPTON'S NEW YEAR GREETING.

To the Baptist Brotherhood of Alabama:

To my fellow workers in the ministry of our Lord; to a host of good friends not of this fold and to those outside of any denomination, not a few, whom I have good reason to class among my friends, I send my best wishes for the good year 1909. How many have spoken the friendly word with the handshake as I wearily journeyed over the state? Into how many of your homes have I gone through these years, always to receive a glad welcome! How many of you have cheered me on my way by the sweet spirit breathed in your letters with the "God bless you!" How many, for the Master's sake, have sent me money for His cause, perfumed with prayers for His blessing upon it!

I wish this to be the gladdest, happiest year of your lives.—W. B. Crumpton.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NEW INVENTION.

Elsewhere we give a page to herald to the world the new collection calendar and the schedule cards. Brother Crumpton has been working on them both

for a long while and bringing to the solution of a vexed question a score of years of practical experience as a working secretary. We congratulate him on his success and hope both the calendar and the schedules will be adopted by our churches.

THE HAPPY HABIT.

For some years we have been gathering fugitive verses and short press extracts from papers, magazines and books and hiding them away in a pigeon hole labeled "Sunshine," because they looked at the bright side of life.

The bluer the day the more we clipped, for somehow when the clouds seemed darkest we got a grim kind of pleasure in trying to puncture them just to see if we couldn't let in a little sunshine.

From time to time we have brought forth a few choice ones and printed them under the head of "The Joy of Living," for we felt that perhaps they might lighten the load of some burdened one.

We had much about Joe Mitchell Chapple and began to read the National Magazine into which he was pouring his joyous personality, and the other day we got a copy of his book felicitously called "The Happy Habit," and truly it is a volume in which contentment plays upon the heartstrings, for he gives us simple pictures of courage, enterprise, patriotism and cheery endurance of the men and women who make this land of ours the brightest and best spot on the round world.

In it he tells of the Ancient and Immortal Order of Happy Habitters, among whom we have enrolled ourselves, for a Happy Habiter merely resolves:

1st. "To be as happy, or just as happy as he can be, for every day of the years to come, giving his best efforts for the happiness of others.

2d. To try not to speak, write or think maliciously and deliberately any unkind thing about any other individual; and to go right ahead with each day's work with all the energy and enthusiasm that he possesses, realizing that his work, if well done, adds to the happiness of others as well as himself.

Dear reader, start the New Year as a "Happy Habiter," there are no dues, no lodge rooms, no ritual, but in your home, on the streets, in the cars, or anywhere that you touch elbows with any man, woman or child you can do credit to your order by showing a spirit of helpfulness. GET THE HAPPY HABIT and extend the "glad hand" to your brother.

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR READERS.

Dr. Stakely has consented at last to break his long silence and contribute a series of articles on Hymnology during 1909, which will be rich and suggestive. There are so many sides to the subject and his information so great concerning them that he has not yet settled definitely just how his articles will be grouped. We are hoping that he will get so possessed by his subject that the series will expand and last through the year.

Good as is the above news we have still a further announcement, which will no doubt enthrall our subscribers, for Dr. Cox is going to contribute a series of articles, setting forth some distinctive Baptists' beliefs. Those who heard him at Montgomery have no doubt but that the series will be helpful and instructive.

We expect to make the paper better in every way during the coming year, as we came away from our great Centennial Celebration with a larger vision, not only of Alabama Baptists, but of the part the Alabama Baptist, under God, is to play in making that vision a blessed reality.

We earnestly ask the prayers and the help of the brotherhood that we may not fall.

Our tenderest sympathy is offered to Brother and Sister T. A. Hamilton and their son, T. A. Hamilton, Jr., whose dear young wife met such an awful death last week, being horribly burned by an explosion of gasoline.

At Dixon's Mill, on the morning of December 20th, Mr. Delaney C. Holmes and Miss Eva Blanch Norris. The happy pair left at once for Montgomery, Savannah and other points. May heaven's blessings attend them and happiness crown their pathway.— J. G. Lowrey.

May the Lord bless you in your noble efforts to advance the Master's cause in Alabama. My work here is progressing nicely, and we are expecting great things of the Lord. I have met many most excellent brethren in Mississippi and I am beginning to feel very much at home over here, but I still love dear old Alabama. Mrs. Preston and the children watch for the Alabama Baptist each week like they do for a letter from me. Fraternally, A. J. Preston.

Brother L. Booker, of Phenix City, inclosed a check to pay him to January, 1910, and said: I could not do without the paper. We are building our church here with Sunday school annex, and hope to complete it in about four months. We will have a building that the Baptists will feel proud of. Brother Vandiver is doing fine work at the First church.

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Stewardship and Missions.
 We have reviewed a copy of "Stewardship and Missions," by Rev. Charles A. Cook. This book is prepared for use in connection with the "Forward Movement." It points out the materialistic tendencies of our day and emphasizes the importance of a systematic use of our means for the Lord's work. Questions are appended to the different chapters, and the little book is well adapted to classroom study. Price, cloth, 50 cents net; paper, 35 cents net; postage, 8 cents extra. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

"My Church."
 By J. B. Moody.
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A Guide to the Study of Church History.
 We have received a copy of Prof. W. J. McGlothlin's new book, "A Guide to the Study of Church History." As its name indicates, it is designed to serve chiefly as a "guide" for theological, college or university students. The gist of church history is presented in a condensed and yet interesting and attractive form, and then abundant references are given to other works sufficient to lead the reader to investigate all sides of every question involved. But it is much more than a guide and will have interest for a much wider circle of readers. It is the most satisfactory outline of church history with which we are acquainted, tracing the gradual development of the great themes of church history with fidelity and unflinching interest. Pains-

taking care has been exercised in the statement of doctrines, practices, etc. The book is not a mere dry outline, but an interesting, brief, pithy account of the things we most want to know about the progress of the Kingdom of God through the centuries. Dr. A. H. Newman, professor of church history in Baylor university, who has written one of the best histories yet produced, says of this book: "The selection and analysis of topics is excellent and the outline seems admirably adapted for classroom work, with constant references to larger works." The book is published by the Baptist World Publishing Company, Louisville, Ky., and will be sent for \$1.50, postpaid.

Dr. Zwemer's New Book.
 By Charles R. Watson, D. D.
 This book comes into print at a psychological moment. There has been awakened within the Christian church the double consciousness of a great duty, and of a great opportunity, in relation to the Moslem world. That duty has been too long neglected. That opportunity is now to be grasped. Laying aside both discouragement and indifference, both ignorance and hostility, the church is now giving promise of fulfilling her delayed mission to this neglected part of the non-Christian world.

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Rev. George W. Townsend, of Montgomery, will spend the month of January at Gainesville, Ga., with his daughter.

I herewith send check for \$2.00, according to your generous proposition. This moves my subscription up to Jan., 1910. Although a Methodist, I enjoy reading the Alabama Baptist and do not care to miss a number. The Baptists of Alabama should give you their financial support, as well as their prayers and sympathy. With best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for you and yours, I am yours truly, F. H. Fleider.

Barnett—You are a classic. I am continually pleased with the Alabama Baptist. Inclosed find P. O. money order which a friend of mine handed me for Alabama Baptist for her mother, Mrs. H. M. Spikes, Lineville, Ala., as a Christmas gift. I will have the interests of the paper better presented to my people this year than ever before. Give my best wishes to Dickinson. Much success to you. Yours truly, John P. Shaffer.

Dear Brother Barnett: My field is so wide—four churches—I am compelled to move every six months to get acquainted with my people. Please send my Baptist to McKinley, Ala. It is my pleasure to be living now with Mrs. Dr. McMillan, sister of Willie Kelly, who is sojourning here, too, and the privilege of daily being in the presence of such a consecrated woman is a blessing few enjoy. Cordially, William F. Shute.

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It brings memory to men of a tale of glad giving,
Of the Babe born in Bethlehem receiving
The scorn and hatred of men.
It brings memory of a great Father—love holy,
That shone so sweetly, so gladly, so fully
—Into the dark niches of sin.

Teach me, oh Star of unselfish loving,
The glorious path of thy upward moving,
To regions of 'ternal joy;
Guide me through life's queer, winding turnings,
Still in me wild, unconquered yearnings
For eerie earth's poor alloy.

Keep the rays of thy bright beams kindly
Over the desires that enfold me so blindly
For worldliness and dross.
Lift me upon thy steady, pure gleaming
From this blind and baleful dreaming,
Nearer the blessed cross.

Yes, carry beyond Calvary from the poor manger
Of my weaknesses, all the woeful danger
Of human entanglements;
Unblinding my eyes to passing cheap beauty,
Hold me by thy rays to wholesome duty,
And soul-embattlements.

At the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, December 13, 1908, the following resolution was read by the chairman of the board of deacons and unanimously adopted by the church. A copy each was ordered furnished The Baptist Standard of Dallas and The Alabama Baptist for publication, and one to be given to the retiring pastor:

Resolution.

"Whereas, Our esteemed and much loved pastor, Rev. James A. French, D. D., being led by the Holy Spirit and desiring to glorify Christ in the spread of the Gospel, has tendered his resignation as pastor of our church, to take effect December 15, 1908; and

"Whereas, We have lived with Dr. French as a neighbor, friend and pastor for the past twelve years, and desiring that the world shall know our estimate of this Christian gentleman and splendid pastor; therefore, be it

"Resolved, first: That in accepting our beloved pastor's resignation we acknowledge the will of our Heavenly Father, Who doeth all things well.


"Second: That we recognize in Brother French a faithful, efficient, earnest Christian minister, an humble yet bold defender of the truth.

"Third: That we heartily commend him and his noble wife, who has so faithfully and earnestly co-operated with him in all of his work, to the entire brotherhood as worthy of their

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Fourth: That, while we deeply deplore the loss of our pastor we rejoice with the church at Bufada, Ala., in securing his services as its pastor, who is well fitted to occupy the pulpit in that land.

Fifth: That we, appreciating the splendid work that he has done in our midst, we pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless his labors, adding many stars to his crown.
Respectfully submitted.

From Rockford, Ala.

Dear Brother Barnett: I received the pencil you sent me and it reminds me that it has been some time since I sent you any notes for the paper. I have only been on this field a month, but feel very much at home among these good people.

I have only three churches at present, Rockford, Shiloh and Kellyton, all in Central Association. I am located at Rockford. We have a nice pastor-lum here. Our reception here was all that we could wish for. The day we arrived members of the church came in a body and loaded the pastor with all kinds of good things. They seem to have anticipated our every need and acted accordingly. We have a splendid Sunday school with a fine corps of teachers. We have a Y. P. U. that is doing a fine work and a live, wide-awake Ladies' Aid Society that is bringing things to pass.

Shiloh is a strong country church, capable of doing great things for the Master. They have an evergreen Sunday school and Ladies' Aid society.

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There is at present a membership of twenty-five. Reader, can't you help us pay this debt? We are using the schedule at all of these churches. I would like to get in touch with some church that is without a pastor and desires services on the first Sunday. I could take another church on that Sunday, providing it was not too far off. Yours fraternally—Charles H. German

In Memoriam.

On the 8th day of November, 1908, death robbed us of one of our most beloved sisters, Miss Sallie Jones.

Miss Sallie was one of our most faithful and efficient workers in the Baptist church, a teacher of the Sunday school, leader of the Sunbeams, and secretary of the L. A. S. for many years. She was a devoted Christian and possessed those sweet traits of character which rendered her lovable and loved by all.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and mercy to remove our dear loved one from her useful, diligent and appreciated labors of this earth, be it resolved:

First: While we deplore her loss to us, we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Second: That a copy of these resolutions be sent each Camden paper, Alabama Baptist and her immediate relatives.

Third: That we spread a copy of this on the minutes of the church, L. A. S. and Sunbeams.

Fourth: That each of said organ-

izations, the U. D. C. and community at large most deeply deplore the loss of this grand and noble woman.

Fifth: We are thankful to have been associated with such an one, and may we endeavor to emulate her example.

Sixth: We rejoice to know that one of earth's most appreciated nowers has been transplanted to bloom in Heaven's rosary.

"Why should we weep when the weary ones rest

In the bosom of Jesus supreme?
In the mansions of glory prepared for the blest?"

For death is no more than a dream."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SALLIE FAIRLY,

MRS. CLAUDE HARDY,

MISS BESSIE RILEY,

Her Sunday School Class.

Ministers' Conference.

The Ministers' Conference of the Marshall association met with Highpoint Baptist church Wednesday, December 16.

The following brothers were present: J. B. Stodhill, W. M. Garrett, W. H. Garrett, J. E. Lowry, H. M. Nipper, N. C. Dinnam, C. O. Thompson, Hill Lackey, J. W. Collier, with a number of deacons and laymen.

A good day was enjoyed by all present, the ladies spreading a sumptuous dinner for all.

The subject of the day was "Upon This Rock I Build My Church." The saddest feature of the day was when the chairman arose and said: "Brethren, it becomes necessary that I offer my resignation, as I will probably not be with you again soon, having accepted the call to Jonesboro First church." When he had done, Rev. W. M. Garrett arose and spoke in behalf of the conference, followed by the brethren in turn, when Rev. Stodhill's resignation was with reluctance accepted and the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Rev. J. B. Stodhill, chairman of the Ministers' Conference of the Marshall Baptist association, has been called to the care of Jonesboro Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala., thereby severing his connection with us; be it

Resolved, By this body, while in session, that we extend to him our heartfelt thanks, thereby expressing to him, though feebly, our appreciation of his labors for and among us and for his brotherly love and Christian fidelity while occupying this position among us.

Second: It is with profound regret we give him up. However, it is with equal pleasure we recommend him to the brotherhood as one worthy of their friendship, confidence and trust. We extend Christian salutation to the Baptist ministers of Birmingham, Ala., and with it our beloved Bro. J. B. Stodhill, who is worthy your fellowship and a seat among you.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes for future reference, and a copy offered the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Signed by order of conference,
J. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

The papers have overdone the thing a little. My home, I am thankful to say, was not burned. I only lost my hay barn and crop of hay, aggregating about \$1100. I am badly hurt, but it might have been much worse. Since that loss our home was blessed by the safe arrival on the 14th of a lovely little daughter. You see there are gains as well as losses. Yours fraternally, J. E. Herring.

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Rev. A. P. Scofield becomes one of the editors of the Baptist Advance. He issues a "Salutatory," in which he says:

"As I take my seat on the tripod by the side of Editor McKinley, I am sensible of honor, opportunity and responsibility."

We should think he would also have a sense of instability. The tripod is a ticklish sort of seat, even when only one person occupies it, but with two editors side by side on one tripod a cautious person would surely scent danger. The times are hard for the denominational weeklies, but it would be better, nevertheless, to get a couple of tripods.—Religious Herald.

Brother Scofield may belong to the invisibilistic school of journalism and able to perch in airy places. We hope there will be no crowding.

Thank God for whatever good I have done during the year, and for the kind way in which pastors and people have received me. My first meeting in the new year will be at Greenville with Brother Blackwelder. Yours to serve, W. J. Ray, Montgomery, Ala.

I am delightfully situated here as temporary pastor of the First Baptist church; am boarding in an Episcopal family, just across the street from the church, and if I were an Episcopal rector (of which honor there is no immediate prospect) they could not treat me better. Preaching three times a week and walking up and sliding down these snowy hills, looking after the sick, in a congregation of a thousand people, is enough to furnish me with sufficient work, and so by way of recreation, I must write an occasional article for the Alabama Baptist. These hills and precipices make me grateful that I was born among the mountains, and have never lost the sublime art of climbing. A happy Christmas and a useful New Year to the Alabama Baptist. Very truly your brother, J. C. Hiden.

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Volume 5, No. 2, of the Quarterly Bulletins of the Marion Institute, which has just been received, contains four sermons and addresses of unusual interest and excellence.

The first article in the bulletin is an address on "The Study of the Bible," delivered by Justice Hocker of the supreme court of Florida before the Young Men's Christian association of the college. The eminence of the author, as well as the excellence of the address make it a contribution of great value to the cause of education and religion.

The second article is an able sermon by Rev. John W. Stagg, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham, delivered before the students of the institute at convocation.

The third article is an eloquent appeal to young men by the talented pastor of the First Baptist church of Selma, Rev. J. L. Rosser. This also is one of the series of institute sermons delivered before the students of the college by eminent divines of the different denominations.

The fourth and final contribution is a strong article by Rev. John R. Sampy, of Louisville, Ky., on "Civic Righteousness," setting forth in an admirable manner the place of the teachings of Jesus in modern society. This article is a special contribution to the work of the council and commons, and the Young Men's Christian association of the college in their notable work in self-government under the Marion Honor System.

These bulletins, which are generously distributed without charge throughout the South, are a very real service to the cause of education and religion. They embody the ideal of the college, as set forth on the cover of the bulletins, that "to inform public opinion is a capital function of every educational institution in a democracy."

The Gaylesville School, Gadsden, Ala., Dec. 22, 1908.

I spent last Saturday and Sunday in Gaylesville. At this point the Home Mission board has a mountain mission school. The Cedar Bluff Association, aided by others, bought this property for \$1,500. The girls' dormitory is nearing completion. This house will soon be worth \$5,000. They hope ere long to erect a nice dormitory for the boys. The board was very fortunate in securing Prof. Yarbrough as principle. I pronounce him one of the best disciplinarians in the state. He is unyielding yet kind. How much he does need every Baptist in North Alabama to stand by him and his way of doing things. If some rich friends could pass this way and give us a few hundred dollars it would amount to many thousand in the bye and bye.

It will take some of our cities twenty-five years to raise one preacher, while these mountain schools will turn out a multitude of them. When you read this piece, will you not send Bro. J. N. Webb, of Jamestown, Ala., a contribution for this school? He is the collecting agent for this school.—J. W. Dunaway.

A Tribute to Father and Mother.

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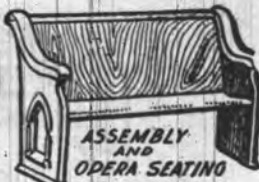
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On October 1, my mother died surrounded by her family and a host of friends. Only eighteen days was the dear father left to mourn for the one who had journeyed with him, sharing alike the joys and sorrows of a long and useful life. They are at rest and I know I should not grieve, but I miss them so. I pray that we may all be reunited as an unbroken family in that bright land of promise.

Brother Barnett, my father was always a loyal friend and worker for the Alabama Baptist. May the dear paper be as sunshine to the burdened hearts. I enjoy reading it so much. With best wishes for a happy New Year to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely,
MRS. LILLIE STEPHENS.

(Bro. Appleton was truly a friend of the paper and loyal to his Master.—Ed.)

On December 1, 1908, the beautiful, Christian life of Mrs. M. J. Lambert ended and she went to her Heavenly home from the residence of F. M. Dunaway, Thomasville, Ala., where she lived for almost four years. For one year she had been a great sufferer, which she bore with great patience and fortitude. She was a native of North Carolina, moved to this state when a girl with her father, Amos Dumas. She united with the Baptist church when young and was always faithful, and one of the sweetest Christians I ever knew. Her funeral was preached by Rev. William Kerridge, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Dunaway.

She lived to a ripe old age and was faithful until death, being nearly ninety years old. She reared a large family, being the mother of fourteen children. She sleeps in Thomasville cemetery by the side of one of her grandsons to wait the Resurrection of the just. We would not bring her back, but we will strive to meet her, for we are sure she is with her Savior, whom she loved and trusted. We weep not, as those who have no hope, for she is not dead, but gone from this earthly state to that glorious estate where there will be no more sorrow and no more parting.—F. M. Dunaway.

Convention Notes.

DeKalb County Baptist Sunday School convention, which convened at Mt. Pleasant the 18th to 20th inst., was pronounced a very interesting session.

Riddle's sermon was full of feeling and sense.

The people say Stephens makes a very satisfactory president. His is faithful.

Crawford's speech on "Best Methods of Interesting the Pupils in Studying the Lesson" caught the house. It was to the point.

The discussion of the question of libraries for the schools stimulated much interest.

They still import Georgians out there, several of whom we were pleased to meet. Georgia Baptists seem to have a continual hankering for North Alabama. Well, they are fine people and this is the Lord's good country.

We now have a corresponding secretary and Sunday school evangelist, both of which A. L. Stephens is whom. He is the right man, and now, brethren, let's use him until he squeals. He doesn't want the grass to grow under his feet.

It was arranged that our preachers meet January 6 at Beulah church to organize for themselves a conference and institute. We have promises from some of our strongest men in the South to give us a week's Institute next summer. Brethren, get ready. Next convention goes to Corinth in April.—J. B. Hamric.

FATHERLESS.

From a window small in a cheerless room
A face stares out on the winter's gloom,
'Tis a wan, sweet face with tresses fair,
That peers on the outside brown and bare.

She dreams of the crimson clover sweet,
Smoothing the way of the children's feet;
Of the pink wild rose and harebell blue,
That over the brown fields lately grew.

The tiny yard, with its rustling leaves,
For its faded blossoms sadly grieves,
And the hollow winds on the sloping eaves
A cadence sad in the young heart weaves.

Then a merry clatter of little feet
Brings a startled flush and quick heartbeat,
But the little feet go dancing by
To the festooned church with steeple high.

But the children fair, all hooded and warm,
Laughing, happy, shielded from harm,
With small arms clasping the holly green
And scarlet berries, pass on unseen.

For slow, hot tears dim the wistful eyes
That are lifted now to the leaden skies,
And the whispered prayer of the orphan child
Is lost on the winds of the Yuletide wild.

But over the hills the Christmas chime
Tells of a wondrous, far-off time,
When the lowly Christ Child came to share
The orphan's grief and the widow's care.
Then the hungry child-heart lighter grew,

And a smile stole into the eyes of blue;
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—Lella Mae Wilson.

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I have thought it best not to interfere with the present plan until the end of our Conventional year, June 30th.

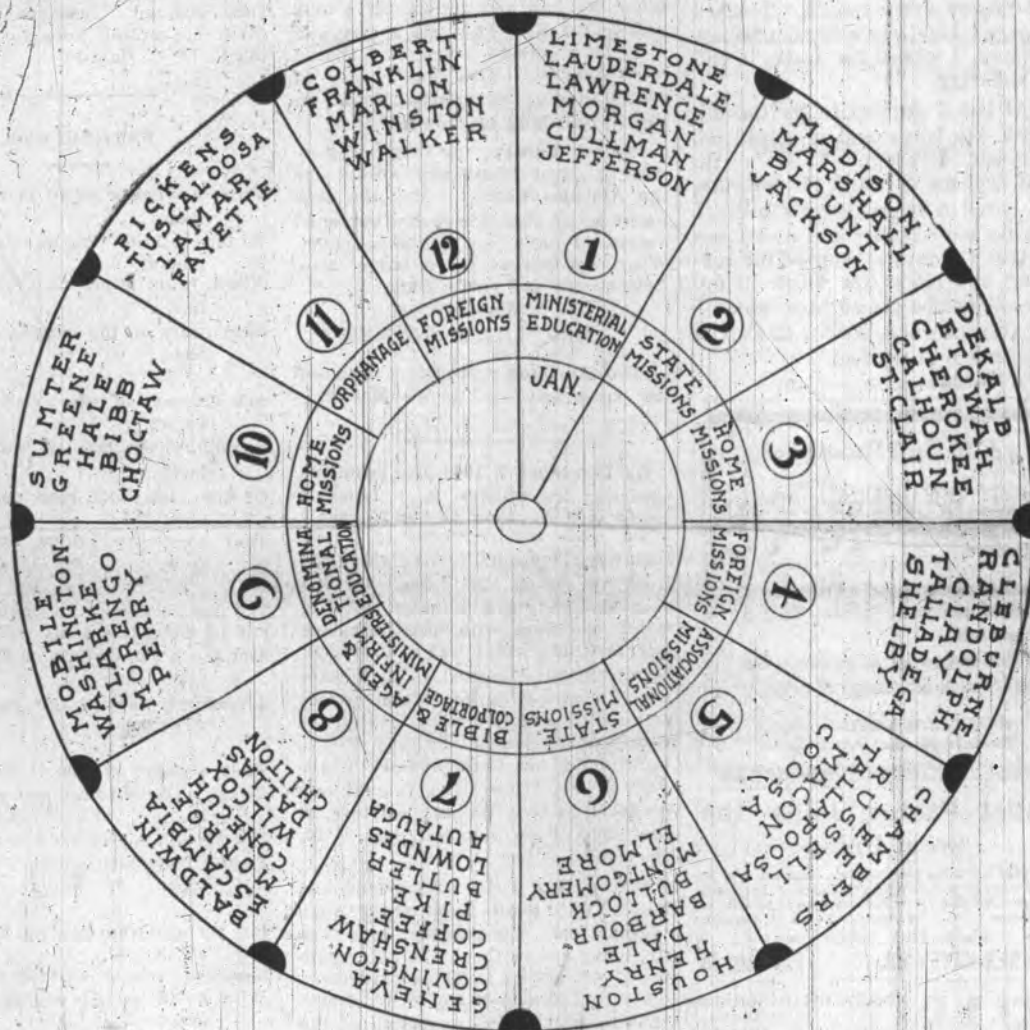
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The Collection Calendar for Alabama can be used in any State. The names of counties and the objects will be different in different States, of course.

Let the POINTER always be towards the INDEX SPACE!

Turn January and Ministerial Education under the Index (No. 1). While that part of the State named in the Index is taking collections for Ministerial Education, that part next to the right (No. 2) will be taking for State Missions, next (3) Home Missions, next (4) Foreign Missions, next (5) Associational Missions, next (6) State Missions, next (7) Bible and Colportage, next (8) Aged Ministers, next (9) Denominational Education, next (10) Home Missions, next (11) Orphanage, next (12) Foreign Missions.

Turn the wheel to the right until February and Foreign Missions come under the Index. While that part of the State named within the Index is collecting for Foreign Missions, the other parts will be taking for other objects. Two sections will be taking for each of the Mission Boards. All other objects have one section each. By this plan every object gets something each month and the Agents of the several interests can concentrate their efforts, each on his own section.



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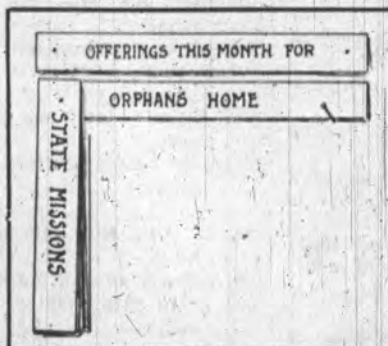
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