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Rev. George W. Swain, North Nashville church, Nashville, has been called to the charge of Central church, Norfolk, Va., succeeding Rev. E. E. Kelley, who has entered the evangelistic work.

Pratt City District Sunday school convention, of which C. S. Loren is president, will meet at the First M. E. church, South, at Pratt City, on January 17, at 3 p. m. S. P. Morroe and J. P. Bridges will make addresses.

Dr. Cortland Myers of Brooklyn has declined the call to the Euclid Avenue church, Cleveland, the pulpit which is vacant by reason of the going of Dr. C. A. Eaton to Madison Avenue, New York.

We will certainly miss L. J. Bradley. He is one of the Lord's chosen. His influence in the Birmingham district was wholesome and his work speaks for itself. We congratulate the Selma saints on getting a new one in their midst.

Rev. L. N. Brock has resigned the pastorate of the church at Girard, Ala. We are not informed as to his plans for the future. (We hope he will find a field in Alabama, for he has been a consistent friend of the Alabama Baptist.)

Dr. G. W. Lasher, editor of the Journal and Messenger, Cincinnati, is giving occasion for gratitude to his many friends in announcing that his health is so much improved that it will not be necessary for him to undergo a surgical operation.

The Third church, St. Louis, Mo., of which Dr. W. J. Williamson is pastor, lately gave \$2,000 at one time for the education of young ministers in William Jewell college. If some church in Alabama would do likewise it would gladden the heart of resident Montague.

Christian Index: Editor J. A. McKinney of the Baptist Advance, Arkansas, and Rev. Ben Cox, pastor of the First church, Little Rock, are sharing each other's sympathy in the pesthouse on account of smallpox. They will have the sympathy of the brotherhood, who wish for them a speedy recovery.

Evangelist J. J. Wicker was just closed a great meeting with the First Baptist church, Tampa, Fla. Rev. C. W. Duke, pastor. More than 100 professed conversion and at the close of the meeting 83 joined the church. Many more will follow. Mr. Wicker is now in a meeting at Lakeland, Fla. His engagements for the New Year take him to Jacksonville, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; Selma, Ala.; Greensboro, N. C., and Petersburg, Va.



Growing Old Gracefully.

## HEART THOUGHTS

By Mrs. H. B. Folk.

This book by Mrs. H. B. Folk is dedicated to her children. She says of them they have cheered the years of her life and are tenderly guarding her declining days. The thoughts she gives out were written to be read at women's meetings. Her prayer is that some heart may be uplifted to God by reading them. This good woman, who has given to her country a political reformer, a well known editor and two ministers of the gospel, presents for our consideration in this attractive little volume some heart throbs that will touch responsive chords in many a one who reads them. The little book, bound in the heart color, presents on its cover a picture of the author's beautiful home set in a gold frame. The price is 75 cents net. Published by American Baptist Publication Society.



## THE OLD FOLK HOMESTEAD

By Dr. A. J. Holt.

The quaint old homestead standeth	Their noble boys, through youthful joys,
square,	Have grown to bearded men;
In Brownsville, Tenn.,	And laid aside their bats and toys,
With light and shadows on it there,	For paper, ink and pen;
And love upon its lea,	But in the strife of busy life,
For deep within its portals wide	Working their winning way,
Love still delights to stay;	Where'er they roam, the dear old
Father and mother side by side	home
Are bright and light with May.	Is light with brightsome May.

Dr. R. H. Pitt, senior editor of the Religious Herald, whose literary touch has been a feature of the paper for a score of years, has placed the denomination under obligations by his poem, which appeared in the Christmas issue.

Dr. W. J. E. Cox sends in an interesting article, published elsewhere, on the situation at Mobile, and from extracts from the Mobile Register and the Mobile Herald, shows that these dailies pay a high compliment to the effects of prohibition.

J. G. Hunt becomes associate editor of the M. E. Christian Index. We welcome him into the fraternity. The Index is a great force for righteousness, with Bell, Graham and Hunter for editors. Georgia Baptists have cause for rejoicing.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Broucher of the White Temple, Portland, Ore., will preach for Tremont Temple, Boston, two Sundays, and address the ministers of New York, Boston and Chicago on "Portland, 1909." He wants the Northern Baptist convention.

The members of his church at Winchester, Ky., presented Dr. J. J. Porter with over \$1,000 as a Christmas gift. This was certainly a gift worth receiving. Did you ever hear of an editor being presented with such a gift?—Baptist and Reflector.

We are glad to learn that Dr. J. W. Millard, who has been quite ill for some time, has sufficiently recovered to make the trip to Asheville, N. C., where he will spend a three months' vacation given by his church. We had a notice of his book in last week's issue and hope a number of our readers will send for it.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver of Nashville, in writing to the Baptist World of a recent visit to Canada, says: "One Baptist out of every eight is a subscriber to the Canadian Baptist, of which Rev. W. J. McKay, LL. D., is the able editor." Dr. Weaver adds: "The fact that the Canadian Baptist reaches nearly every Baptist family in Canada accounts in large measure for the generosity of the churches."

Editor H. C. Morrison, in the Pentecostal Herald, Louisville, Ky., makes this strong appeal to President Roosevelt: "Mr. President, before quitting your high position as president of this great nation, lift the Big Stick and strike one mighty blow for us. Demand congress to protect our prohibition territory from the whiskey traffic which disregards our laws and walks rough-shod over our legislation. I appeal to you in behalf of the womanhood and childhood of our fair land to strike this one blow for us, and you will go out of office followed by the prayers of millions of people."

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### "WHEN GOD RENDS THE HEAVENS AND THE MOUNTAINS FLOW DOWN AT HIS PRESENCE!"

Suggested by the Earthquake Horrors of Sicily and Calabria.

A Sermon Preached in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York City, by Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D., Sunday Morning, January 3, 1909.

"We are become as they ever whom thou never barest rule; as they that were not called by thy name. Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down that the mountains might flow at thy presence."—Is. 63:19; 64:1.

We shall never understand the Bible until we break ourselves of the childish habit of beginning to read at the commencement of a chapter, and finishing when the chapter ends. We need to get rid of the folly of chapters and verses. The whole of the meaning of this great passage in Isaiah is lost—not a part of it, but the whole of it—if we begin with the beginning of the sixty-fourth chapter. The prophet is lamenting the terrible condition of the people. They are indifferent, at the best; selfish and wicked, at the worst. They have forgotten God. They seem to be forgotten of him. They are become as the peoples round about them; as the nations over whom God has "never borne rule"; as those who have never called on God's name. ~~And~~ some great and striking manifestation of God's power and presence is needed. The prophet longs for it, for a dramatic appearance of God in his splendor, in his holiness, in his almightiness, which shall testify against their fallen and traitor lives, and inspire within them once again a spiritual faith. Yes, and though God's presence should be manifested in catastrophe and terror, though he should speak in the earthquake or the storm, still would the prophet welcome his appearing. We are become as those who have never named thy name; Oh, that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence as when fire kindles bush-wood and makes the waters to boil! Oh, that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the nations might tremble at the presence of God!

You know why this Scripture is read in your hearing this morning. Our hearts are heavy as we think of Sicily and Calabria. Day by day we have walked with bowed heads and solemn thoughts as morning and evening have brought us fuller information of the disasters which have swept more than a hundred thousand human beings into death. The only escape for many of us from the overwhelming sadness of it has been a refusal to open a newspaper; and even that device has failed us, for, by the compulsion of the humanity within us, we have been forced to open our eyes and ears and our hearts to the stories of woe.

And as we have read and talked with one another, or in silence allowed our minds to brood over these things, different feelings have held us captive in different hours. At one time the terror of it all has oppressed us. This is too tragic, too merciless, too horrible! And the terror of it has made us afraid.

Then a great tenderness, a seemingly infinite compassion, a great, yearning, human sympathy has taken possession of us, and the men and women of Sicily and Calabria have been our brothers and our sisters, and it is to our own people, blood of our blood, and spirit of our spirit, that this sorrow has come. Touched to the heart, men and women have started forward with superb generosity; and once more we have looked upon the open hand and quick responsiveness of loving-hearted people.

And so the sadness has not been all sadness, nor the terror all terror. For the stories of mighty courage which have come to us, of heroic endurance, of the chivalry of search parties and readiness to face death with a smile in the hope of helping the helpless, have made our hearts beat high with joy. Thank God for these stories! How common they are! And how infinitely precious! There never is a disaster without them. There is no story of shipwreck, of huge catastrophe of any kind, or human need, writ large in the direful experience of men,

without this story of daring and sacrifice and glory written in letters of living light. It is the divinity which stirs within us.

We are not able in these days to see in these cataclysms of nature the arbitrary act of a Deity, destroying life on a tremendous scale for some inscrutable reason of his own. Time was when such thoughts were possible. They are unthinkable by us. Is there, then, in these events which have startled and thrilled the nations of the world, no religious suggestion, no spiritual meaning at all? If not, then surely the critical spirit in which we have delighted, the spirit of modern science which is as our native air, has brought us, with all its gains, an unspeakable loss. The worth of our modern spirit might almost be gauged by this. It is almost a crucial question for us. Unable to recognize in these calamities the arbitrary act of Deity, do we hear in them no word of God? Let us see.

A friend of mine, one of the most brilliant of Englishwomen, writing to me at the time of the volcanic horrors in the West Indies, six years ago, about different matters, went on:

"Lord, when thy judgments are abroad in the earth, the nations tremble at the sound of thy voice. What a grim sequel to the everlasting brag which has sickened the air of *cosmos* of late in this tragedy in the Windward Isles! What a poor creature man is when this old earth tries conclusions with him, and bids him enter into competition with her earthquakes, her volcanoes and storms!"

This is no Bible text, though my friend thought it was. The first few words are remembered phrases from an ancient prophet; and some hours of search were needed to convince my correspondent that the sentence, in its form and in its meaning, was her own. With a power of literary expression which calls back to us the Hebrew prophets, and with a fine spirituality like their own, my friend spoke just that feeling which lies at such a time deepest of all within our hearts. In one word it is—Awe. These happenings are awe-full—full of an unutterable awe which takes possession of our very souls. We realize our littleness, our weakness, our frailty in the presence of these unchained forces of Nature's life. The pride of intellect has been ours, the pride of wealth, of conquest, of empire. We have inscribed the record of our conquests with an iron pen upon the face of the eternal rock forever! We have counted the nations as the dust in the balance, we have taken up the isles as a very little thing. We have stayed the sun at noon to tell our way across the waste of seas, and snatched the living lightning from the skies to urge the cars along our streets. And in the pride of imperial intellect we look upon the work of head and hand, and cry: Is not this great Babylon that we have built, for the might of our power and the glory of our majesty? Yes; until this old earth tries conclusions with us, and bids us enter into competition with her earthquakes, her volcanoes, and her storms! Then we know how frail we are, and the measure of our days, what it is; then, when his judgments are abroad in the earth the nations tremble at the sound of his voice; then our boasting melts into prayer, and our pride into a wordless reverence, and once more, though we thought we were as gods, we know that we are but men, and he—he is God!

And so for us he has rent the heavens and come down, the mountains have flowed down at his presence. And in spite of all our critical training, our scientific methods and the scientific spirit, the deep religious feeling of many of us finds expression in words that still seem true and vital for us:

He guides the Pestilence—the cloud  
Of locusts travels on his breath;  
The region that in hope was ploughed  
His drought consumes, his mildew taints with death;  
He springs the hushed volcano's mine,  
He puts the earthquake on her still design,  
Darkens the sun, hath bade the forest sink,  
And, drinking towns and cities, still would drink  
Cities and towns—'tis thou—the work is thine!  
The fierce Tornado sleeps within thy courts—  
He hears the word—he flies—

And navies perish in their ports;  
For thou are angry with thine enemies;  
For these, and mourning for our errors,  
And sins, that point their terrors,  
We bow our heads before thee, and we laud  
And magnify thy name, Almighty God!

It is not remarkable that each generation should be driven to ponder afresh the trial of faith imposed by these tragedies of life. The human mind cannot grow accustomed to them. There is no heredity complete enough to hand down to successive ages the accumulated wisdom, submission, or trust with which the past fortified itself against the shock of sorrow and of doubt. These occurrences are not new in human history. The questions they raise are not new. Long ago reason withstood the assault. Every century has a record of such horrors, but this is nothing to the point. The human mind being what it is, the earthquake of Sicily and Calabria is a more direct and pointed challenge than the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum two thousand years ago; and the terror which has swept over Southern Italy raises feelings which the earthquake of Lisbon one hundred and fifty years ago cannot. The fact is lurid. It sets the world aflame. It is for ourselves, not for the contemporaries of Voltaire, still less for those of Pliny and Tacitus, that we ask: "Where is God?"

In despair of an answer to such a question, the bewildered mind goes on to ask another: What is God? What sort of a God is he? Does he arrange all these catastrophes himself? Or is he in such a position that he cannot help himself, could not prevent these happenings if he would? Has he with intelligent deliberation and forethought, made the universe to include all forms of terror, meaning them to be the chief factors in the spiritual blessing of mankind, or is there something in what we call the "nature of things" which is stronger than he, so that it is impossible for God to give us the good without the evil through which we pass to it? What is God? That is what we want to know.

There is no adequate answer. We have not faculties which could appreciate an adequate answer. We cannot call up a mental picture of him. To realize God as he is we should need to be as God is. But this does not mean that we have to take refuge in agnosticism, admit that we do not know and cannot know, and that all our speculations are vain. On the contrary, we have to admit that our reason is not the only faculty by which God may be apprehended, is, indeed, by no means the highest faculty nor the one best fitted to lay hold on God. The religious needs and intuitions of the human spirit are better guides to God than mere brain power. Faith, trust and love are the appointed means by which we find our way to the Father of Lights. Reason will not give us a reasonable theory which is final and complete. In the eloquent words of a friend of my own, an English preacher, now dead:

"The main trust of religion must forever be in the spiritual experience of the individual man. If he know nought by the witness of the Spirit, no cunning of argument will convince him that he who grasps the lightning and smites by the driving storm is a God of love, whose rule is along the lines of an eternal moral order. But if the witness of the Spirit be with him, if he has known God working in him in his sorrow, in his temptation, in his remorse, in the blessed experience of reconciliation, then the fires of all the volcanoes will not burn nor the waters of all the floods avail to quench his faith."

It is wonderful to think how the people in Sicily and Calabria lived their lives in the presence of these slumbering possibilities of swift destruction. They ate, they drank, they married, and were given in marriage; they smiled, and the sun shone; they went to mass, and the birds sang in the morning air; they were in their fields and their gardens and about their daily toil, and their little lives were rounded with a sleep. Men lived and loved and died, children were born and nourished to manhood, generations grew old and passed away, and all the time, any hour of any day, these tremendous possibilities of merciless calamity, of cruel, agonizing death,

wrapped them round, stirred beneath their feet and threatened from the mountain peaks above them. We know that they had not been without warnings. But what could they do? They must live their lives from day to day; live until earthquake and tidal wave swept them away.

Happy would be that land which could rest assured that no outer crust of civilization hid the slumbering possibilities of social overthrow, volcanic, cataclysmic, overwhelming. Yet no man who seriously ponders the phenomenon which every now and then emerge from the underworld of evil passions ought to doubt the existence of seismic forces beneath the surface of society, deadly energies which may yet be loosed against civilization itself. Is there anything in the history of this country sadder than the fact that three of its presidents chosen by the vote of a free people, have died by the hand of the assassin? No one who has studied the movements of great masses of men in other years and in other countries ought to hold it as a thing impossible that blood should touch blood as in 1789 and 1793 and 1848, and even in 1871. Why should it be thought a thing impossible that earthquakes and tidal waves should rend society? When a civilization shelters the rich and crushes the poor; when it loves hatred and hates love; when it enthrones Mammon and mocks Christ; when men and nations sin with a high hand and with determined purpose; when they make gold their hope, and say to the fine gold: "Thou art my confidence," then the voice of God is heard in thunder tones: "Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord of Hosts."

William Watson has spoken his warning to the old world:

"So sat, with loveless countenance cold,  
Round the arena, Rome's old,  
Pain, and the ebb of life's red tide,  
So, with a calm regard, she eyed  
Her gorgeous vesture, million-pearled,  
Splashed with blood of half the world.  
High was her glory's noon; as yet  
She had not dreamed the sun could set!  
As yet she had not dreamed how soon  
Shadows should vex her glory's noon.  
Another's pangs she could not thought;  
Of human hearts she took no thought;  
But God, at nightfall, in her ear  
Thundered his thoughts speeding clear.

Perchance in tempest and in blight,  
On Europe, too, shall fall the night!  
She sees the victims overtorn,  
By worse than ravening fogs torn.  
She sees, she hears with soul unstuffed,  
And lifts no hand, and speaks no word,  
But vaunts a brow like theirs who deem  
Men's wrongs a phrase, man's rights a dream.  
Yet haply she shall learn too late,  
In some blind hurricane of fate,  
How fiercely alive the things  
She held as fool's imaginings,  
And, though circuitous and obscure,  
The feet of Nemesis how near."

It is our boast and pride that these things are not true and cannot be true of our own great free land. Yet the worst of sin is what Carlyle called the "damnable consciousness of sin," and there is no nation so just, so pure, so free from hidden vices as not to need to pray:

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet!  
Lest we forget. Lest we forget."

Returning to the prophet's great cry for the dramatic appearance of God, to vindicate his rule and his righteousness, to silence doubt, to set free the people for new and spiritual activities, we are reminded of an idea which has had the possession of the minds of men in ancient times, and which finds a curious echo in our own. Repeatedly, in the life of the ancient world, men have dreamed of the possibility of the almost total destruction of the human race, and of a new start for the few who have re-

mained alive. The Flood story, which is not confined to Bible literature, but which runs through primitive traditions and mythologies, incarnates this longing—the longing for the fresh start of a purified race on a regenerated earth. There have been times when it has seemed to brooding souls that there was no outlook and no hope except the destruction of all existing things and lives and institutions, a clean sweep of everything, the blotting out of life which has grown corrupt, and then the new beginnings of new history and new humanity on a new green earth which had been washed clean of its old impurities by the overflowing flood.

And we, ourselves, in certain moods of the soul, find it possible to conceive of fire and blood and social overthrow as processes divinely used for working out the pure intent of God. We still sing, in that hymn of titanic imagery beginning:

"God, the All-Terrible! Thou who ordainest  
Thunder thy chariot, and lightning thy sword,  
God, the All-wise! by the fire of thy chastening  
Earth shall to freedom and truth be restored."

And we feel that we could welcome flood or flame or the wreck of empires, if upon the ruin of the Old the gladder, grander New was built.

And this is the dream of the Anarchist today!

The reflection is startling, but it is true. There are three kinds of Anarchists in America and Europe in these days. The philosophical Anarchist, gentle, a poet, a dreamer, a mystic—and with him we have nothing to do. The fierce and brutal ruffian, malignant, insane. And with him we have nothing to do. And one other, who has really given vogue to Anarchism in our time, the man who has come to think of human life and human institutions as hopelessly irredeemably bad; who believes that oppression, guilt, cruelty, and the teachery of men against their kind have so corrupted all human institutions that there is no hope for humanity upon this earth except that which is found in a clean sweep, a vast destruction, chaos come again, and then the new start of a purified people upon an earth washed and cleansed of its guilt.

The prophet longed for God's appearing, and the manifestation of his saving grace in these direful processes of chastening. "Oh, that Thou wouldst rend the heavens!" he cried, and whether the mountains flowed down at his presence or the fountains of the great deep were opened upon the earth, he would be satisfied so that only God did it. But the Anarchist has made himself as God. He has arrogated to himself the right of irreversible judgment, the power of life and death. He must stand, as it were, inscrutable as Fate, presiding over the work of destruction which rages round his feet! With him unrestraint and intellectual immodesty have passed all bounds, and the man is mad. But, be very sure that his mad and murderous designs are the perversion of a longing essentially good, of a longing, we will say, in its primal instincts all but divine. The hatred of the wrong, the love of the right, sorrow for a world over-driven, an unbearable pity for the miserable whom he cannot help, and a hunger for the justice which he cannot find—these are the noble attributes of the soul which madness has turned awry. The instincts were good once; the bad is the perversion of good; the worst is the perversion of the best.

And in this deep-seated goodness of the human heart may be found, perhaps, the corrective of the humbling of our own weakness and littleness which the earthquake horrors have brought us this week. For there is this side in us, after all, which is not weak and poor and frail. We are immortal here and now. Goodness is natural to us. Spiritual things are our proper possession. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever he formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, he is God; and it is God who is our home. Christ is our Elder Brother. He has brought life and immortality to light in his Gospel. We are following with him and inheritors of his glory. Now are we the sons of God, and it has not yet been made manifest what we shall be, but when it is manifest we know that

we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is, and in the light of that vision splendid we shall be transformed from glory unto glory, while his servants do him service. It is good for us to have felt the pride of intelligence abased when God rends the heaven and the mountains flow down at his presence. But it is good for us; also, at the foot of the Cross and by the Open Grave, to realize that in Christ Jesus we are one with God forevermore:

"The stars shall fade away, the sun himself  
Grow dim with age and nature sink in years;  
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,  
Unhurt, amid the war of elements,  
The wreck of matter, and the crash of worlds."

—The Examiner.

LEAVING THE ORPHANAGE.

How strange these words are to me! It lacks only a few days of being sixteen years since I put my hand and heart to the work. I praise the Lord for that mission of his blessing that has rested on my work. I devoutly thank all the friends who have so nobly helped. Let me beg the Baptists of the state not to lag in interest in the cause. Send your gifts to W. B. Ivey, Evergreen, and letters and matters concerning applications, either for admission of children or other matters about the family to M. C. Reynolds, Evergreen. The office of financial secretary has been abolished by the trustees, and the Home is to be conducted by an executive committee, composed of M. C. Reynolds and C. S. Rabb. Let me wish for the Home under their management the largest prosperity. And now to the dear children, for whom I have given the very best I had, and hoped I might have given all, I bid an affectionate farewell.

If the Lord has something further for me to do, He knows where to find me.

JOHN W. STEWART.

THREE OF A KIND

Dropped Coffee, Picked Up Postum, and Health.

The harmful action of caffeine—the drug in coffee and tea—is the same in all cases, it is only a matter of degree.

One person may suffer more in the way of heart palpitation, sour stomach, nervousness, or insomnia, than another, but the poison is there all the time, if one continues to drink coffee or tea.

A Penn. lady and two friends learned the truth about coffee in the same way. The lady writes:—

"About four years ago I had an attack of nervous prostration and a great deal of trouble with my heart. Sometimes feared I was dying, and my doctor seemed unable to find out the cause of my trouble. "I would frequently wake at night with these attacks and the doctor said there was some constant irritation of the nerves, and he began to think some organic disease was at work.

"One day I was told of a case very similar to mine, and that the woman could find no relief until she stopped using coffee. I did not like the idea of giving up coffee, for I was very fond of it.

"Having read frequently of Postum, I determined to try it. It certainly made a great change in me. Those spells left me entirely.

"My most intimate friend was afflicted as I was. In fact the similarity of our afflictions drew us together in the first place. When she saw the great change Postum had made in me she tried it and was benefited as I was.

"The beneficial effects of Postum on us two induced a neighbor to follow our example and so we are three of a kind who can't say enough in praise of Postum."

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.



WHAT MONEY DOES FOR A COLLEGE

Gifts to colleges bring large results, among them these:

1. The employment in the faculty of men of character, ability and learning, whose influence with and upon students is great and lasting, with whom association on the students' part is inspiration to make their lives clean, useful and strong. Never while I live shall I cease to rejoice that I had as preceptors two men who had large power in fashioning my student life and all my days since then, men who by reason of reputation and talents commanded great places in the field of education—William E. Peters, the greatest teacher of Latin, in my judgment, that this country ever had, brave, grand soul that he was, and Noah K. Davis, leader in philosophy in all our land, illustrious scholar and faithful Christian, who did more than any other state college teacher within the range of my acquaintance to bring the secular school up towards the high standard in morals of the denominational college. The possession of financial means enabled the University of Virginia to hold these famous men, whose lives were lessons that live today in the thoughts and acts of hundreds of others who are in turn leaders in the south.

2. Larger and Better Equipment. In our regular colleges three departments require and should have large, modern equipment, without which the work, no matter how able and earnest the professor may be, can not be satisfactory—biology, physics and chemistry. To furnish these schools adequately is to put into the hands of teachers and students tools with which they can and will do work worthy of a college of high grade and work that fits them for practical, effective and distinguished service in science. Do you, Christian parents, not wish your sons educated in the sciences in denominational colleges, in which faith in God, reverence for His word and the daily practice of the virtues that mark the Christian are the equipment of the teachers rather than in certain secular schools whose professors are indifferent as to whether your boys are Baptists, Mohammedans or heathen?

3. A Large, Working Library. We may have the best teachers on this continent and the finest buildings in the United States, but unless we have books which our students may consult, which they may study deeply, in which they may trace to their sources suggestions made by the professors, we can not offer a full, complete education. The up-to-date college must have books, thousands of books, histories, works on philosophy, scientific books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, books on general culture and for specific research, complete sets of the ancient authors, of modern authors, books on Christian doctrines, on the missionary enterprise, books in which the student may trace to its source everything worthy of investigation. The professor in the classroom can not go to the sources of all topics; he can only direct; original research makes the thorough scholar and equips the deep thinker. Cicero never said a truer thing than "Tardi ingenii est rivulos connectari, fontes nerum non videre." "It is the mark of a dull intellect to follow the little streams (and) not to see the sources of things."

4. Buildings Kept in the Best Repair and Tasteful, Attractive Grounds. It is poor economy to patch up buildings at a cost of a hundred or two hundred dollars when they need repairs that should cost a thousand dollars or five thousand dollars. To make a college attractive to boys, and parents, too, and to visitors, who may be givers, if they are pleased, is to draw students and to do the right thing by those who are already students. A pleasant prospect not only pleases the eye, but it conduces to sweeter, better thoughts. A beautiful, well-ordered campus makes better students and causes the boys to be proud of their college. We adorn our homes; shall we neglect the home where our boys dwell three-

fourths of their time for four or six years, the time beyond all times in which their lives are fashioned for good or for evil?

5. Means to Help Boys Without Money, But With Brains and Character. Every denominational college in the south should have a fund of \$10,000 or \$15,000, which should be used as a loan fund for worthy but indigent students. We should help not only our young preachers, but also boys who are not preachers, boys who, trained and developed in mind and soul, will serve our God and their fellow men as faithfully and effectively as any preacher. O for the time, the happy, blessed time, when we of the denominational schools shall be able to say to any poor boy, "Come and get an education whether you have money or not." My plan would be to lend a worthy boy \$100 or \$300, if necessary, for which he would give his own note, and to have him, as soon as he begins to earn money, return the loan in installments, then to lend this money to another good boy, and so on and on through the years. The man who gives \$5,000 or even \$1,000 for this purpose will live as long as time shall endure in lives made better and stronger by his far-seeing, large-hearted generosity.

6. Means to Print and Send Out the Lectures, Addresses and Other Papers of the Faculty. Nothing develops a college more effectively and more rapidly than evidences of thought and scholarship on the professors' part, evidences not given simply to the students, but also to the people at large. A published thought strikes fire, it may be, in a million hearts. A strong paper, given to the students, does large good; given to students and then broadcast through a state, over the country, it accomplishes a thousand times more good.

7. The Services of Men Outside of the Faculty. Men of Great Ability and Large Reputation. No money can be more wisely expended than in securing from time to time men who have won high places in the world, men who have done large things.

To see them is helpful to students and teachers; to hear them is to gain inspiration and strength. The great colleges of the north and east draw men from other colleges as occasional lecturers, calling them often from places two thousand miles distant.

How helpful it would be to a denominational college in Alabama to summon to its service such men as Dr. Aked, of New York city; President Schurman, of Cornell University; President Elliot, of Harvard; Chancellor Andrews, of Nebraska; Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court; Senator Beveridge, of Indiana; President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of California; Mr. Pinchot, of Washington, and others of national and international fame.

Thus the wisdom of one section would become the possession of another; and a great heart far away could speak its brave cheer to other hearts that would cherish and develop counsel given.

8. A Gymnasium. While we are developing our boys in mind and heart, it is the height of prudence and wisdom to give their bodies training. The boy who studies all the time loses the physical vigor which is essential to success in every vocation. The sane mind in the sound body is as necessary today as when the ancient writer spoke these wise words.

A well equipped gymnasium gives not only recreation to students—and recreation is a necessity for school boy, business man, lawyer, doctor, preacher—but also the exercise without which the mind is not at its best.

With the training of an experienced physical director, excellent results follow exercise in a well-appointed gymnasium. Developed muscle and healthy nerves give strength to mind and promote intellectual success. Moreover, if college students have access to a gymnasium and can thus enjoy recreation, they have less desire for intercollegiate

athletics, which are grievous to some saintly souls.

9. Means for College Extension. With sufficient means a college is enabled to send its professors, from time to time, to places, near by and remote, where they give of their best to those whose poor circumstances debar them from entering college.

No one can reckon the good accomplished when an able lecturer, on fire with his subject, in love with his fellow men, goes to a neighborhood where there are eager souls, poor in this world's goods, who revel in the mental and spiritual treat which he presents to them.

Thus many a boy, unconscious hitherto of possibilities within himself, is introduced to his higher, better self and is led to almost superhuman endeavor whereby he puts himself in touch with forces that evoke the best that is in him. Thus a stone in the roughest may become a jewel, refined and polished.

10. Ability to Offer Rewards for Special Excellence in the Student Body. A college with ample means is enabled to offer to its students prizes in money, often needed by them, for distinguished success in their studies. Announcement that twenty-five dollars in gold will be given to the student who prepares the best paper on Civic Righteousness, on Prohibition vs. Whiskey Traffic; on The Literature of the Land, and a similar offer to the best speaker among ten contestants, rewards for any rare excellence, would promote a generous rivalry and encourage wholesome effort which would arouse a fine spirit and lead to large things not only in the college, but also in the lines of those who are thus stimulated to extraordinary and diligent study and research.

There are other things, good and blessed things, that the possession of money brings to a college; but I have mentioned a sufficient number for the present.

There are many men of large means in Alabama, good, true, generous men. These men believe in education, in denominational education, in sound Baptist doctrines. They love the old faith. There are moments when, in soul exaltation, they would make large sacrifice for the glory of the kingdom of God, for the promotion of any great cause that will advance that kingdom. There are moments when God speaks to them in a stirred soul and a quickened conscience and when they are willing to say:

"I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I will do what you want me to do."

Let me say to those strong men, blessed with means, "Brethren, the time is now; the opportunity is YOURS to help Howard college do one or several or all of the things of which I have written. You are Baptists; you love your denomination, its doctrines, its institutions; you are proud of its growth and its promises for the coming time. It is yours to place Howard college in a position to do a work which shall be not only for long years, but also for eternity, in uplifted lives, in souls led to Christ. YOURS it is to place the college in a position of which you will be proud, of which the whole denomination shall be proud. Its opportunities were never such as they are today. I am told that, had the late beloved W. T. Smith lived two weeks longer, he would probably, at a banquet which he purposed to give the college, have handed me his check for \$25,000 for Howard college. He is gone; you are spared. Are you spared to do great things, things that shall make your name dear and honored long after you have gone hence? You can give, perhaps with sacrifice, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000; it is my longing, my prayer to God that He will lead you to do a great and noble thing which shall forever join your name to the history of Howard college and to Baptist learning, Baptist sacrifice, Baptist glory."

A. P. MONTAGUE.

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DR. MONTAGUE WRITES.

## "OUR DENOMINATIONAL TRIAL BALANCE."

The Standard of Chicago is to be congratulated on its great summary of what Baptists are doing yearly around the world. With pardonable pride it says:

"For now five years the Standard has provided its readers with an annual survey of Baptist conditions the world over. No other paper has ever, in one issue, so fully reported the progress of the denomination. The future historian, from these reports, could almost write the story of the steady advance of the Baptists."

One of its features was the following:

### "Denominational Journalism."

"Among the general organizations working for the good of the denomination none is more worthy of representation in this series of reports than the denominational press. The past year has been like its immediate predecessors for a decade, one in which conditions have not been favorable for Baptist newspapers. Cost of production has increased, while there has seemed to be comparatively small recognition of the useful service of denominational organs. The difficulties under which religious newspapers are published these days is shown in a large number of changes which are occurring—changes both in proprietorship and changes in policy. During the last year several newspapers have perfected arrangements by which private ownership becomes that of a corporation. The difficulties are felt, perhaps, most severely by the state papers, and in several instances the state convention has had to assume ownership of the paper in order to prevent its discontinuance. The National Baptist Union, published by Negro Baptists at Nashville, Tenn., had to give up the journalistic ghost, and the Baptist Chronicle of Louisiana is now owned by the state convention. The Baptist Vanguard of Arkansas has suspended for lack of support. The Michigan Christian Herald was sold at auction on account of financial difficulties. Its new owners are making a vigorous fight for recognition. The Indiana Baptist has wisely raised its subscription price 50 per cent. Other Baptist newspapers will be obliged to follow this policy if they are to live.

There are some gleams of hope. For the first time, at least for many years, the utility of Baptist newspapers was recognized by the denomination. The Northern Baptist convention, which, by the way, owed its existence to the publicity given to the need of such an organization, at its session in Oklahoma City, not only urged pastors to assist in strengthening the religious weeklies, but appointed a commission to make thorough investigation of the conditions and relationships of our denominational papers, and to report to this convention at its next annual meeting, with the view to securing an adequate circulation and support for, and thus increasing the efficiency and usefulness of, this denominational agency." This commission will report at Portland next June.

Brother M. M. Wood reported for Alabama as follows:

### Alabama.

Greater faith in God—a faith that works by love.

The observance of the centennial of Baptist organized work, in which we raised as a thank offering to God, something over \$90,000 for missions.

The gains in temperance have been decided enough to result in the enactment of a law with public sentiment sufficient to enforce it, giving statutory prohibition for the entire state after December 31, 1908. The greatest city in the state, Birmingham, has been this year, by popular vote, under prohibition.

W. A. Curry, who comes to Birmingham to engage in the business of auditing and higher accounting, is fully qualified, and has considerable experience in the business. He is a son of Dr. W. G. Curry.

"The Moving Finger writes; and having writ,  
Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."



REV. W. D. HUBBARD.

His Church and the Pastors of the Birmingham District Gave Him a Royal Welcome at the Watch Night Service.

## LET'S RALLY TO THE ORPHANS' HOME.

The resignation of John Stewart, published elsewhere, will bring sorrow to the hearts of many of his friends. For years he has been in constant attendance upon our associational gatherings and conventions, and his name is inseparably linked to the orphans' home, and yet great as has been his service in its upbuilding, we must not forget that the institution is greater than any man, and adopting the words of him who for nearly 16 years has been at the head of it, "Let me beg the Baptists of the state not to lag in interest in the cause." It is now our plain duty to support Brethren Reynolds and Rabb, who are to conduct the home. They are both strong, conservative and consecrated laymen. We pray God's blessings upon them in their difficult task and know that the Lord will open a place for Brother Stewart. Send your gifts to W. B. Ivey, Evergreen, and letters and matters concerning applications, either for admission of children or other matters about the family, to M. C. Reynolds, Evergreen.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

Henry Sudduth, Carbon Hill	\$100 00
Dr. George S. Gilder, Carbon Hill	100 00
Mrs. John M. Townley, Carbon Hill	5 00
Mrs. C. S. Howard, Carbon Hill	5 00
W. B. Williams, Carbon Hill	10 00
Mrs. Luther Booker, Carbon Hill	5 00
Miss Vera May McCollum, Carbon Hill	5 00
W. J. Lazenby, Carbon Hill	5 00
F. M. Merrill, Carbon Hill	5 00
J. A. Sudduth, Carbon Hill	10 00
W. P. Cooper, Carbon Hill	10 00
James Coker, Carbon Hill	5 00
D. F. Sturgis, Carbon Hill	10 00
Miss Ora Sherer, Carbon Hill	5 00

A. P. MONTAGUE.

Sunday, January 3, 1909.

My Dear Bro. Barnett:

I am in the railroad station at Carbon Hill this lovely January day, Sunday, about to return home from one of the best services we have had for many months for our college. Here Bro. J. I. McCollum is doing the finest, most telling work of his life, visiting, comforting, stirring men and women's hearts, moving them to higher things and preaching with power. He is ably aided by a noble physician, Dr. Gilder, by one of the best Sunday school superintendents in Alabama, Bro. Henry Sudduth, who is a helpful friend to every boy and girl in the Sunday school, giving them his best in service and with his means making glad their young hearts, and others, men and women who love God and serve him in serving their fellow men.

A handsome subscription was made here three years ago to our endowment. By command of our trustees, I am going forth now to collect sums due and to add new gifts. Brethren and sisters here paid their dues, and led by Brethren Gilder and Sudduth, who gave \$100 each, the friends made up \$280 as a new gift to our endowment.

I wrote Bro. McCollum that I wished to visit his church in the interest of the endowment movement. Cheerfully, cordially, he bade me come, naming the day. By co-operation he has made my work pleasant and my visit profitable. Thus preachers, conscious of obligation, knowing the needs of our college, awake to the opportunities of our time, loyal to faith, can and do help us in our work to upbuild our Baptist institutions. We can never do the work which it is our high duty to do unless our preachers emulate the example of McCollum, Metcalf and others like them, who by scores and fifties have thus generously responded, and open their church doors and their hearts to representatives of Baptist education.

Once again, I plead with those whose endowment notes are due and overdue to send the money to Bro. William A. Davis, Anniston, Ala. We build on faith in their promises. It is of extreme importance to the college and to those who pledged that their pledges be redeemed.

Yours fraternally,

A. P. MONTAGUE.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS AND THE NEW CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The last Sunday in this month will be a Fifth Sunday, and there will be a number of meetings in different sections of the state. I trust that either the chairmen of executive committees or the one who arranges the program for such meetings will include something in the program pertaining to the work for the year. Some subjects appropriate for these would be as follows: "One Hundred Years of Baptist History," "Hosea Holcomb, the History Maker," "The Pioneer Evangelists of the Century and Their Methods and Work," "The Evangelism We Need Now," "The Field of Evangelism Today," "Our State and Home Board Evangelists, and the Work They Are Doing," "New Testament Evangelism," "How Enlist the Unenlisted in Our Bounds," and similar topics.

Many pastors will have no appointment for that day and could get a congregation at one of their churches and invite others to join them. The day would be well spent in such a service. If the pastors cannot be at their churches, why not the deacons or Sunday school superintendents have such a service themselves? Plenty of literature for such a service can be had by writing to the state board, W. B. Crumpton, secretary, Montgomery.

We are to have a great evangelistic campaign in Montgomery February 7 to March 7. Dr. R. A. Torrey and his force of workers are to be here. We are expecting great things from the work. Will not all God's people pray for a revival not only to Montgomery, but the entire state? Fraternally,

J. W. O'HARA.

Montgomery, Ala., January 6, 1909.

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### WOMAN'S WORK

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ham.

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

State Executive Board,  
Birmingham, Ala.

My Dear Sunbeams: Many thanks for your let-  
ters with "Christmas greetings" and "best wishes for  
the New Year," sent by the dear children and their  
leaders. My heart is full of love for each one of  
you. May "this year of grace" be the very best  
you and I have ever seen. And may we live for  
Him who died for us. The Christmas offering is  
coming in apace—thanks! thanks! From your own  
MRS. HAMILTON.

Florala, Ala., Jan. 2, 1909.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, Ala.:

Dear Mrs. Hamilton—I wrote you some time ago  
that the "Florala Sunbeams" would contribute \$10  
to the "chapel fund." You will find enclosed a  
check for that amount. We regret that we could  
not send you the money at a much earlier date.  
You remember, I wrote you that we had \$5 on hand,  
and hoped to realize \$5 more on a collection exer-  
cise we expected to have; but unavoidable circum-  
stances prevented our having the entertainment at  
that time. However, my Sunbeams went to work  
in earnest with the Star-cards you kindly sent us  
and collected the \$5 required to redeem their pledge  
to the chapel fund. Besides the money enclosed,  
they gave \$3 to other good causes during the last  
quarter of 1908. I told them I felt sure you would  
write personal letters to some of them, and to the  
others you would express your appreciation through  
The Alabama Baptist.

I enclose four stamped envelopes bearing the  
names of the most successful workers in the Star-  
card collection. Please write a short letter to each  
of them at your earliest convenience. Nothing  
would be more pleasing or encouraging to them than  
words of appreciation and commendation from you.  
I shall tell them next Sunday to watch the Sunbeam  
column in The Baptist for your letter to them. We  
hope to do better work this year than we have ever  
done.

Mr. Whitt sends his best wishes and kindest re-  
gards. My Sunbeams join in wishing you and your  
other Sunbeams a very happy and prosperous New  
Year.

Your sincere friend,

MRS. W. C. WHITT.

Geneva, Ala., Dec. 31, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We have a fine Sunbeam.  
We have 109 on roll and have fifty nearly every  
Sunday. Miss Mae Metcalf is getting along all right.

I am having a fine time Christmas. We have had  
three Christmas trees, and all together I have twenty-  
four Christmas presents. Santa Claus brought me a  
Diabola set and a table croquet and some fruit. The  
Sunbeams gave Miss Mae an art square for a  
Christmas present. Wishing to see you soon, I am

Your Little Sunbeam,

ABBIE CHAPMAN.

Bessemer, Ala., Jan. 4, 1909.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Please excuse me for not  
sending in our report sooner. I have had so much  
work to do getting our church organized I haven't  
had time to write. I have thirty-two on my Sun-  
beam roll and have \$2.50 in our treasury. We are  
going to raise \$15 this year. Our band is moving  
on very nicely. We need some mite boxes. I think  
they would be of advantage to the children. Write  
me who to send our money to. We want to help  
those Sunbeam churches with part. Sincerely yours,

MISS DORA WARNICK,

R. F. D. No. 5, Box 99, Bessemer, Ala.

We are doing splendidly with our program. I  
will write you immediately after it is over, and I  
think you may count on my Sunbeams securing the  
Gold Star certificate. How I should like for you to  
visit us some time. I've told my Sunbeams about  
you, and we all feel as if we already knew you.  
With love and many pleasant wishes for a merry  
Christmas from us, Lovingly yours,

LELLIE D. WEST.

Billingsley, Ala., Dec. 19, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Enclosed you will find \$4  
for our Christmas offering, which we made at a  
"sock social." We are progressing nicely with our  
work. We have pledged \$10 for our chapel at Can-  
ton next year. Perhaps we can do more.

Bro. Stewart was here in October and we gave  
him \$3.50 for the orphans. I do not have any trouble  
getting the Sunbeams to work; they seem to be  
willing to comply with any plan I make. They are  
so willing to work. They join me in sending love and  
wishing for you a merry Christmas and a happy  
New Year. We ask your prayers that we may do  
more of this noble work. Your sister in Christ,

MRS. J. C. HUGHES, President.

Castleberry, Ala., Dec. 22, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I write to tell you about  
the little Sunbeam band which was organized in  
October. The following officers were elected: Pres-  
ident, Claudie Elizabeth Brawner; vice president,  
Blanche Castleberry; secretary and treasurer, Hascue  
Page. We have twenty-three members and meet twice  
a month. Our leader, Mrs. Martin, has not been  
able to meet with us but once; we hope, however,  
she will do better in the future. Our assistant leader,  
Mrs. Robert Brawner, has acted in the absence of  
our leader.

We gave an oyster supper at the residence of  
Mrs. Brawner Friday evening, and the neat sum of  
\$9.15 was made. It was given for the orphanage at  
Evergreen and to meet our obligations to help build  
the chapel at Cardenas, so you will find enclosed  
\$6.50.

Will you kindly write us about the gold star? as  
we want our little band to be among the first and  
try and win it. We hope in the near future we will  
have you come and be with the little band, as we  
are anxious to meet you "face to face." Wishing  
our superintendent and each Sunbeam a very merry  
and happy Xmas.

CLAUDIE ELIZABETH BRAWNER, Pres.

Orrville, Ala., Dec. 21, 1908.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Find enclosed a P. O.  
order for \$15.25, which we are sending as our Xmas  
offering. The Sunbeams join me in love and good  
wishes for a merry Xmas. MRS. J. L. JACKSON.

Jacksonville, Ala., Dec. 25, 1908.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Enclosed you will find  
the money order for the Sunbeam chapels; this  
amount our dear little Sunbeams have given. They  
are looking forward to receiving the certificate.  
Yours in His service,

MISSES KING AND WEST.

Union Baptist Church of Lipscomb.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We all love you at Lips-  
comb and want you to come again and tell us some  
good things. Thank you so much for the fish and  
mite boxes. I am a little girl of eleven. My little  
brother is president and I am secretary. My grand-

mamma is leader of our band. We sent Mrs. Ma-  
lone \$10 we pledged for the chapels in China and  
Cuba, and now are ready for new work. We  
thought to be sure of your getting this amount. We  
would let that be our first work. We  
meet two Sundays in a month, second and fourth  
afternoons at 2:30. When you can come, call me up,  
1471 Bell phone. Wishing you all success in your  
work for the chapels, I close for this time, as ever,  
your little Sunbeam. LILLIE MEHARG.

### "THE HOLIDAYS MADE HOLY DAYS."

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" I hope  
you all had a merry Christmas. I want to tell you  
how I spent the most profitable Christmas of my  
life.

Some earnest Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and Mis-  
sion workers met at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and spent  
the holidays in the Mid-Winter Training school. It  
was a great pleasure to sit at the feet of our great  
teachers and receive instruction and inspiration.  
There were nine states represented by young ladies  
and young men who were willing to study that they  
may serve.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., the place of the meeting, is  
one of the most beautiful cities of central Tennessee.  
It is a city of culture and education. The students  
were entertained in the new dormitory of the Ten-  
nessee College for Women. I could write an article  
on the hospitality of the people but space forbids.  
Mr. George J. Burnett and Mr. J. Henry Burnett, the  
president and general manager of the college, helped  
to make the school a grand success.

In the morning we had class work and in the  
evenings we studied till about 5 o'clock. Then we  
would have about an hour of recreation, in which  
all would take part. The pure athletics in which  
both young ladies and young men took part was a  
source of great pleasure, as well as the social fea-  
ture of the school. The social part of the school was  
worth the cost besides the real training we re-  
ceived. At night we had two lectures, one by Dr.  
Roy, on "Missions," one by some of the other  
speakers on some other topic.

The faculty was composed of the following gentle-  
men, each of whom is an expert in his own line:  
Prof. L. P. Leavell, Oxford, Miss., field secretary  
Sunday school board; Rev. B. W. Spilman, Kingston,  
N. C., field secretary Sunday school board; Rev. H.  
C. Moore, Raleigh, N. C., editor Biblical Recorder;  
Rev. T. B. Ray, Richmond, Va., educational secre-  
tary foreign mission board, Southern Baptist conven-  
tion. (I thank God for such earnest workers.)

From Prof. Leavell came the inspiration to go  
home and do some good B. Y. P. U. work in training  
our young people for the Master's use. Rev. H. C.  
Moore opened a great field for Bible study. I wonder  
why I had not seen anything in it before. While  
Rev. B. W. Spilman would lecture on Sunday school,  
we realized how we needed training. Then, while  
Rev. T. B. Roy would lecture on Missions, we were  
lifted up to higher ground where we could see the  
need of missions. I believe the students went home  
with their hearts filled with the mission idea. "In-  
formation begets inspiration." The theme of the  
meeting was, Find God's will concerning my life and  
do that.

If our people believe in missions we must teach  
them missions; if they believe in modern Sunday  
schools, we must teach them Sunday school; the  
same is true of B. Y. P. U. and Bible study. How  
are we to teach unless we know how? The time has  
come when we must do some definite study. Defi-  
nite study means:

Definite teaching, Definite planning,  
Definite work, Definite results.

When all the workers learn this the kingdom of  
God will go forward with shouts of victory.

Do you ask me if I was going next year? Just  
wait and see. If you realize the great responsibility  
that is upon you, and if you want to do efficient work  
in your church you will go, too. Let us ask God to  
give us more workers and better workers. "God  
needs men."  
J. M. ROGERS.

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### "I'LL HELP YOU IF I CAN."

Smitten by a robber band beneath a hot and Orient sky,  
Years ago a wounded man was left alone to bleed and die.  
A robbed priest beheld the crime and heard the piteous cry,  
But gave no heed nor took the time, but hastened quickly by.  
A Levite, too, while passing on beheld the wounded man,  
But no such word had he to say, "I'll help you if I can."  
"I'll help you if I can" crossed not their mind, nor yet their heart,  
For, nothing good had they to give, with nothing good they'd part.  
Tho' mitered crowns and golden robes were wrought in ancient art,  
To gaping wounds and dying groans no pity did they impart.  
But hurried on to Jerico, so fast they almost ran,  
And never thought of duty once, "I'll help you if I can."  
"I'll help you if I can," a neighbor's voice is whispering low,  
The suffering man looks up in hope—his face begins to glow—  
"Oh, thank you, friend, but for your help my spirit soon must go;  
My limbs grow cold, I'm bleeding fast—life's tide is ebbing low."  
"This oil and wine will heal your wound and cause you soon to stand—  
'Tis for your good I passed this side, I'll help you if I can."  
Passing by on the other side is a robbed priest to Judgment day,  
And a Levite, too, with haughty air and colors flying bright and gay;  
The world jolts in and a mighty crowd moves down the widening way,  
While falling fast on either side the helpless people lay.  
Oh, where are the faithful and the few the Gideons and their band,  
Calling loud to nations far, "I'll help you if I can?"  
Rich fields are ripening far and wide, the harvest is at hand,  
From Sychar's well a woman tells the news through all the land,  
From Gerizim's mountain, old and high, to Zion's far Jerusalem,  
Whoever hears the tidings glad a willing help may lend  
To Jew and Gentile, both bond and free—to every fallen man,  
There's oil and wine for every wound, I'll help you if I can.  
Samaria's sons are pressing hard, the kingdom soon to win,  
The leper's skin by faith is cleanse, his soul is saved from sin;  
And bending low, with thankful heart, the only one of ten—  
Returns to give the Savior praise for what he had done for him.  
Thick darkness falls on all around, and cheers the robber clan,  
But Jesus is the sinner's friend—"I'll help you if I can."  
Upon this beast you'll mount and ride, and there your burden place,  
And ever present by your side I'll move along in rapid pace;  
For bye and bye we'll soon reach the inn, and if no more I see your face,  
Of all you owe your debts are paid, as mine were done by saving grace.

And when you want on me you'll call, for this is now salvation's plan—

I'll harm you not, but do you good, and "help you if I can." —R. M. HUNTER, Newton, Ala.

### BRO. CRUMPTON IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Mission secretaries. Some of the secretaries believe there is good in the meetings, others, by their absence, seem to think otherwise. There is no question in my mind. I heard one secretary say: "I felt, after hearing the talk of one brother, that I had better quit and never try again." I know that another felt about the same way. It is always a hopeful sign when a brother can see the defects in his work. Then he can never do unless he puts it along by the side of another's.

All were deeply pained to know that J. B. Gambrel of Texas was kept away by the very serious illness of his noble wife. What a power for good his work. This he can never do unless he puts it along by the side of another's.

Louisville was chosen at this time because of the Lecture course that was on at the seminary. We heard some good addresses. One of these I was especially interested in because of the man and his subject. It was by George Green, the pastor of Mt. Vernon church in Woodford county. It is in the heart of the blue grass. I knew this pastor while he was a student at Georgetown. He was a good fellow, a first-class athlete. When it came to football, George was strictly in it, though a ministerial student. He came from a large family in the city of Covington. I remember his parents and the many brothers and sisters. They were devoted to one another and all believed mightily in George. As I gazed upon his splendid physique and heard his well chosen words as he told of the glories of the country pastorate, I could hardly believe my eyes or ears. By unanimous vote it was declared to be one of the most practical lectures delivered from that platform. Not all country fields are like Mt. Vernon, indeed. I doubt if there is one, but it is well to have our boys think more of the country field. The only unfortunate thing about the address was, the speaker told us he was teaching school while pastor for full time at the country church.

Maybe it is necessary sometimes, but there's great danger to the young preacher who starts out, crippled by a secular calling. Surely the ministry alone is enough to fill his heart and brain and time. God bless George Green and his noble people.

It was a joy to be, one evening, with the Alabama students. They are nineteen strong. If we can keep our hands on our boys when they go to the seminary, and bring them back to Alabama after graduation, in the generations to come, our wisdom will be commended. Of course, we cannot control them all. If they are led of God some of them will go under His guidance into other fields, but we have much to do in shaping their course. Not a man of them ought to be without work in the vacation, and the vacation ought to be spent in Alabama. Right now is the time to engage them. The executive committee of the association ought to get busy at once. If the state board were out of debt we could engage them all at once.

When I asked the boys if I should rustle around and send them one more to round out an even twenty, the answer was: "We would rather have more Alabama girls in the Training school." Alabama has only one, Miss Floy White. She, with the noble superintendent, Mrs. McClure, Drs. Sampey and Prestridge, were present at the Alabama banquet. The secretaries were invited to

### The Training School

And spent a pleasant hour. I had read of this school and heard some talk about it, "but the half had never been told." The splendid building, costing more than \$20,000, was purchased for them by the Sunday school board. What a boon it is going to be to the denomination! It is almost crowded to the limit now. More room is sorely needed. Young Baptist women, who want to dedicate their lives to God in the home land or the foreign can here get the finest

equipment for their work at the lowest possible cost. Alabama needs more representatives among the students. Said a good woman: "Alabama did a noble part in the beginning, standing by Kentucky in the support of the school. And what a contribution Alabama made to the school in giving us Mrs. McClure!"

Our Alabama women are asked to give this year to this great institution \$1,000 on endowment and \$275 to help in its support. If they had seen what I saw, this would be easy money to raise.

How the boys love

### Our John Sampey!

How much he has been to the seminary! As I looked out upon that great body of students and looked into the faces of the consecrated professors and walked about those massive buildings, I thought of Boyce and Broadus and Manly in their struggles to found this school of the prophets. Of the hundreds who gave their money and have gone to their reward; but the great school lives a monument, growing bigger every year, to the memory of the Baptist heroes who, with consecrated purse and brain, builded wisely for the generations to come.

### More Endowment

is needed. We must have it. The canvass of Mississippi is just closing. Alabama comes next. Our sister state gave \$40,000 in bonds; Alabama must not do less.

Somebody will say, "This is an awfully awful inopportune time. The State board, the Orphanage, the Ministerial Education board and Howard college are all in debt, and we are just ready to enter upon the three most strenuous months of the year for state, home and foreign missions." Every word of that is true, but it can't be helped. "The worst time" for collections is always on hand. "The best time" never hits. The army had been fighting for days; the ranks had been thinned; the remnant were worn out and hungry; they had been cheered by the hope of rest and food; surely they deserved it. But the enemy were active still. The bugle sounded and every man was in place, ready to obey the summons. The general said: "Men, you have whipped the enemy in every fight; you need rest and food; but we must charge once more—rest will come later." Every man tightened his belt buckle one hole more and the final charge was made and the victory won. There can be no end to this fight. Tired we may be, the burdens may be pressing from every side, but we dare not rest. The enemy is everywhere in full retreat and our great captain leads us on. Alabama Baptists must not falter.

### Barring the Cold

The trip was pleasant. Think of plunging out of warm into freezing water and you will have some idea how I felt when I faced the biting cold winds the first morning of my visit. The hospitality was warm and delightful, but the weather was freezing and I turned my face to Dixie land as quickly as possible. Of Prestridge and Sampey, our own, and Frost and Eager, who were put in line of promotion by living in Alabama, I wanted to write much; but these notes are already too long. W. B. C.

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Frank Willis Barnett

## Editorials

Editor and Owner

## THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

It is impossible to tell of the horrors of the cataclysmic upheaval in which cities were destroyed and thousands of people killed, but it is agreed that Italy and Sicily have just been the scene of one of the greatest cataclysms which has ever befallen the Christian world. Herculaneum and Pompeii are mere trifles compared to it. The devastation of the great earthquake of December 28 covered an area of more than 4,000 square miles, in which 1,750,000 persons lived; hardly a building was left standing; the straits of Messina, between Italy and Sicily, were so twisted that they will have to be re-charted before vessels can pass through them with safety; the two flourishing cities, Messina in Sicily, and Reggio in Italy, were destroyed; dozens of other towns were shaken to pieces, and thousands upon thousands of people were killed. The center of destruction was near Mt. Etna.

A writer in describing it says: "Chaos seemed turned loose over the country; convicts who had escaped from the prisons turned to the trade of ghouls and plundered the dead; men and women half-dressed, roamed moaning from place to place or sat shivering on the spot where their home once stood; rain came down in torrents; the dead were piled indiscriminately in the streets. Martial law was established throughout the zone of disaster, and many criminals were shot down while attempting to take money and jewels from the dead bodies. The king and queen of Italy immediately went into the afflicted districts and gave first aid right on the field at Messina and later in the hospitals. At Messina it became impossible to bury all the dead, so many bodies were burned and the whole place was put under quicklime in order to avoid pestilence. The complete total of the terrible disaster will never be known, though at present the dead are estimated at 200,000."

From all over Europe and America money has been contributed to the earthquake sufferers, and supply ships have been sent to the scene of disaster, so that relief is beginning to be felt. At first, however, hunger stalked abroad in the land, and men and women fought like wild beasts over a few crackers or a loaf of bread, and many of them caught dogs, tore them to pieces and ate them raw.

We are glad that our government offered a part of our fleet to Italy and that it is doing heroic work.

## CHRISTIAN LIBERTY.

Many pleas are being made in these days in behalf of Christian liberty. Just now there is a heated controversy going on between two prominent classes of people who call themselves the Disciples of Christ, in whose ranks are leading advocates of the so-called "new theology," or higher criticism, are emphatically demanding for themselves the exercise of Christian liberty. They are quoting Paul's words to the Galatian Christians, which, according to the old version, are as follows: Brethren, ye are called unto liberty." The revised version says: "Ye, brethren, were called for freedom." The meaning in both clauses is essentially the same. And what is the meaning? Did Paul mean that those Christians were entitled to the liberty to think as they pleased about his teachings? Did they have the freedom to put such constructions upon God's Word as accorded with their conceptions of truth and history? By no means. The whole context shows that the liberty which Paul had in mind referred to freedom from the bondage of Mosaic ceremonialism. He specified circumcision, and insisted that those Christians were then under no obligation to practice it. There were certain Jewish teachers among them who declared that they were still under the necessity of submit-

ting to that old law. Paul said that they were free from that law. He went so far as to say, "I would that they which unsettle you would even cut themselves off." Then he reminded the brethren that they were called unto liberty, or "for freedom." So, then, there is no warrant from Paul for anyone in these days to say that he is entitled to the liberty to treat God's Word as he would any other book, nor to believe just what he wishes to.

No one has the liberty to deny Christ's words, nor to disparage His testimony concerning the Old Testament. And it may be said that a real Christian wants no freedom which would allow him to question the divine inspiration of the Bible. He desires no liberty to reject the records of miracles in any part of the Bible. He is utterly satisfied with the liberty to keep within the bounds of legitimate truth. The true Christian has all of the freedom in Christ that he wants. The freedom of unbelief is distasteful to him. His daily prayer is that God will show him the truth, and help him to live in it. There is a freedom which is slavery. It is the liberty of believing in falsehood.

## AIMING AT THE HEARTS OF THE AUDIENCE.

A man never knows when a great truth is going to take hold of him, or how. It may come to him through a spoken word, may greet him from the printed page, or show itself in some act of heroism, or be revealed to him in quiet meditation. It has been truly said that persons influence us, voices melt us, books subdue us, deeds inflame us, and sometimes angels visit us. It matters not when nor how truth makes itself known, the wise man receives it. Glancing over a recent issue of McClure's Magazine an article "The Appeal of the Stage," by James L. Ford, caught our attention, and we began to read and came across the head of this editorial, whereby the writer is showing why the so-called "educated classes" are practically without influence in stage affairs, and wherefore college bred men and women fall in the difficult endeavor to become popular playwrights. They fail because they look upon their audiences with patronizing airs. Ford well says that until students of the drama are shown from the very first that the entire art of the stage must of necessity be aimed directly at the hearts of the audience—there will be no success, etc. And he asks us to compare this sophomoric attitude of condescension toward the audience with the respect, nay, reverence, of Mr. Bronson Howard, as shown in his address a few years ago to the younger persons of the play-writing guild: "Consider that awful thing that you have before you—that collection of hearts."

And Ford draws the lesson that no man of the playhouse—whether actor, manager or playwright—who does not place himself in an attitude of humility and look upward toward that "collection of human hearts" that he calls his audience, can ever hope to win the enduring success that has been the reward of Howard and others.

We were not looking for anything like this about such a subject, and yet we believe to our dying day whenever we stand again in the presence of a congregation to break to them the bread of life that we will never fail in humility when we "consider that awful thing before us—that collection of human hearts"—who silently sit waiting to be fed.

The thought of it all is enough to make any man want to go down on his knees and ask God to speak through him.

Ford closes his little sermon with this striking paragraph: "In the greatest drama that was ever played on earth's stage, it is not the immortality, the greatness, the divine birth of Him who was its central figure, but rather His meekness and lowliness, His suffering and His ignominious death that

have left their indelible impress on the hearts of all mankind, and have made the cross, not the crown, the symbol of faith that He founded. And it is because of the great heart-moving story that lay behind it two thousand years ago that this cross can still bring hardened, ignorant or unregenerate men to their knees. This could never be done with a scepter or a crown."

## PROHIBITION IN MOBILE.

The results of the first three days of prohibition in Mobile are quite interesting. The Mobile Herald had the following statement in its issue of yesterday afternoon: "Another record smashed to smithereens. Only four cases tried in the recorder's court on Monday morning. Something altogether unheard of in the history of the court, so far as any one knows. Evidently prohibition has hit the town a hefty upper-cut square on the solar plexus.

"Yes, sir-ee! Only four cases this morning. Doesn't sound possible, does it? Usually there are at least twenty-five on Monday but the docket today looked like an alpaca 'jim-swinger' after the owner has been caught in a drenching shower. It had 'drawn up' till you wouldn't have recognized it.

"Think we'll have to go out of business pretty soon," said Sergeant Schriener this morning, 'if things don't pick up. Never saw it as dull in my life. Can't say how long it is going to last, but if it keeps up long there won't be any need of us fellows. We'll all have to be looking for other jobs."

The Mobile Register of this morning says: "There were but four cases heard at the session of the recorder's court yesterday morning, this being a record in police circles, as it has been many a year, if ever, since the recorder's court had so few cases for hearing on a Monday morning. All day Saturday, all Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night there were no arrests, when a man was arrested for dangerous and suspicious. This is a record also, and Saturday and Sunday were two of the quietest days in police circles in many years."

Neither the Herald nor Register favored prohibition. Both of them have contended that prohibition does not prohibit. But even way down in old Mobile, right under the eyes of these papers, the facts for the first three days of prohibition contradict the wail of "prohibition does not prohibit."

I have heard of two butchers who have stated that last Saturday was a record-breaker with them in the sales of meat. One man said that three clerks were not sufficient to wait on the customers he had from 4 to 10 p. m. What a testimony that is for prohibition. It means that many families in Mobile had meat for Sunday who are not in the habit of such a luxury on Sunday. The heads of many families went to the meat shop when paid off instead of to the barroom. The barrooms have been fattening on what the women and children ought to have had. The barroom is a curse—only a curse, and that continually. God forbid that they should ever appear in Alabama again.

W. J. E. COX.

## JANUARY AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial education comes first: first in the year and first in importance. We believe that a moment's reflection will convince us that the cause which must have our first and best attention is the cause of ministerial education.

It is most evident also that the Baptists of Alabama are lukewarm in their support of this great cause. Let every one of us double our offerings this time and send it promptly to our board at East Lake.



PERSONAL & OTHER NOTES

Rev. B. J. W. Graham of Atlanta, junior editor of the Christian Index, had to take a lay off of ten days recently to look after his farm at Arabi, Ga. Think of the editor of a Baptist paper that well off!—Baptist and Reflector.

William J. Bryan maintains eight missionary scholarships in foreign mission schools and colleges in the east. President Theodore Roosevelt is a member of the foreign mission committee of the Students' Movement of Harvard.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Addison has said: "If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius." But a Christian says: "A shorter recipe is to acknowledge God in all your ways."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke of Princeton university, who succeeded Prof. Baker of Harvard as the Hyde lecturer at the Sorbonne, opened his series of lectures at Paris before a brilliant audience, which included, in addition to the student body, many of the most prominent literati in Paris.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Rev. S. Provence preached Cabot Sunday. He was delighted with the church and people there. He and Mrs. Provence went on Monday to Hot Springs, where they will visit for some time. However, Dr. Provence was to go on to Escator, Texas, to officiate at the marriage of one of his nieces. He is now open for pastoral work, having resigned at Wynne some months ago.—Baptist Advance.

Brown university has planned for a series of Wednesday afternoon vesper services through January, February and March. Among the eminent speakers who are to address the students each week are Dr. Hugh Black of New York, Dr. Lyman Abbott of New York, Dr. O. P. Gillford of Brookline, Mass., Dr. N. D. Hillis of Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. H. E. Fosdick of Mt. Clair, N. J., and Rev. George H. Morris of Philadelphia, Pa.—Standard.

Moses Pierce of Springdale called in to pay to 1910. He always keeps ahead. He is eighty-five and his wife is eighty-three. Both were born on the 4th day of December. This is the first case outside of my own that I have come across where husband and wife celebrate their birthday on the same day. Bro. Pierce has reared ten children. He is hale and hearty and cheered us greatly by his optimism.

It is rather late in the season to send New Year's greetings, but here they come by the train load—wishing for you, E. W., Jr., and all the folks many good wishes for the good New Year. Also \$1 to move up and to help you up, too. Please change my address from Avondale, Ala., to Selma, Ala., and you may say for me, after more than seven right good years, I am here in the work of the Lord. I called twice to see you before I left Avondale, but missed you. We'll be up soon. Yours fraternally.—I. M. Bradley, Selma, Ala.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins will begin his work at Athens, Ga., on January 1, as pastor of the First church.

The Baptist Chronicle, the state paper of Louisiana, has become the property of the state convention. We predict that it will do the convention no good to own it.—Christian Index.

The editor of the Florida Baptist Witness advises the Florida Baptists to sell the paper to some brother with energy and resources. Convention ownership has been a failure.—Christian Index.

Your paper is a source of great comfort and pleasure in my home, and I pray God's richest blessings to rest upon your home, our paper and each loved one. Your sister in love and good works.—Mrs. Mary C. Means.

Dear Bro. Barnett: I must say that your write-up of incidents, etc., touching the Baptist Centenary recently held at Montgomery as contained in the issues of The Alabama Baptist, is about as splay and interesting as any thing of the kind I have ever read. I have no doubt your readers throughout Alabama enjoyed your notes no little. How they should rally to your support and thus show their appreciation of the good paper you are giving them. A prosperous New Year to you. Sincerely.—H. M. Long.

I had the best Xmas of my life. Met Xmas day, ordained two deacons, assisted by S. W. Clements and John White, and I and Bro. John White continued the meeting until Tuesday night, leaving the church in the best working condition I ever saw one, with four members for baptism and two by letter. Will get six more soon by letter. This is the little church that Bro. Collins told of at the state convention. Its name is Hopewell. It is two years and four months old; organized with sixteen members, has now sixty. Evergreen Sabbath school had one member to lead prayer when organized; twelve or fifteen in time. Got twelve subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal.—G. H. White.

Rev. C. C. Brown, South Carolina, after thirty-four years of service in one church, the only one he has had since leaving the seminary, in speaking of the coming of the people to hear him during the year says: "I do not understand it, yet I am here to confess that my knowledge of the fact that when Sunday comes the people will be there, has nerved and stimulated me a thousand times and inspired me to renewed effort at times when all my mental and spiritual functions seemed to be dead or asleep. The moral of this is that you can make your preacher preach better sermons by going to hear him preach than you can by staying at home and growling."—Index.

The Biblical Recorder says: "The white Baptists of North Carolina now number 210,000, a net increase of 8,000 during the year. We have 1,891 churches, an increase of forty-one since last convention. We have roundly 1,700 Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 147,000, a gain of 8,000 in the year. Our sixty associations cover the entire state. Despite the panic, two state elections and the floods, contributions to five of our seven regular objects advanced over last year, the other two registering a slight falling off. Altogether our work is in good shape, and our people in fine spirit, our record fair and the outlook radiant."

Dr. D. W. Gwin is now visiting his son, Dr. H. B. Gwin of Nashville, and will probably spend the winter here. His many friends throughout the South will be glad to learn that Dr. Gwin, who has been in feeble health for some years, is now fully restored, having recently undergone a successful surgical operation in Norfolk, Va. Dr. Gwin retired from the active pastorate work some years ago on account of failing health, but he announces now that he has so far recovered that he is ready for any ministerial work he may be called upon to perform. Dr. Gwin is one of the most cultured men in the South, a Christian gentleman of the old school. We are glad to have him in Nashville.—Baptist and Reflector.

The death of Capt. M. B. Pilcher of Nashville removes a landmark among the Baptist workers of that city. We had the pleasure of knowing him intimately while assistant pastor of the First Baptist church and found him the highest type of a Southern gentleman. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family. The Baptist and Reflector says: "He was one of the founders of the Y. M. C. A. in Nashville, was elected its first president, and for twenty-five years served in that capacity. For sixteen years he was superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school, and later was re-elected to the same position. Capt. Pilcher took great interest in the of its earliest promoters, and was for some years its general manager. He was the originator of the Twilight prayers, which every visitor to Mont-eagle has found so enjoyable, and almost ever since the organization of the assembly he conducted these prayers, to the pleasure and profit of every one."

AN APPEAL.

A letter from Mrs. Carrie Watson Cusack, whom I baptized more than twenty years ago in the North Birmingham church as Miss Carrie Watson, tells me she is living at Prairie View, New Mexico, and that her husband has given up the practice of law and has entered the ministry, and they

are in a destitute part of that far-away state, where there are but little privileges such as we enjoy in this country. They are trying to reach the unsaved around them and want help to build a house of worship. If the Lord puts it into any one's heart to help them, send the money to First National Bank, Farwell, Texas, for Church Fund, subject to draft by C. E. Cusack.

JOHN W. STEWART.

It is not strange that all Baptists stand for Baptist principles in believing that we are the church, and the only true church. Many of us glory in the opportunity of thus expressing ourselves, notwithstanding the coolness it throws on the hearers of our pedo-Baptist friends. But some of us make that all right when we get the opportunity to visit their meetings in so liberally giving to their various causes. The best comfort comes like this: "When they let us lead a prayer."

God continue this church in its good work. We thank Thee for this people. This church that was planted by Thy right hands planting, etc. This seems like a serious contradiction to me. Are you guilty? If so, stop one or the other.—John F. Courson, Oden-ville, Ala.

We knew, of course, of the call of Dr. Lansing, pastor of the First Baptist church, this city, to Americus, Ga., soon after it was extended. At the request of Dr. Burrows, however, we made no mention of it at the time. Dr. Burrows made a visit to Americus, preaching to the church. On last Sunday, after a very fine sermon on the "Preciousness of Jesus," and after a delightful communion service, Dr. Burrows tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church. While he was speaking there were tears in many eyes over the house, and sorrow in many hearts. The resignation was referred to the board of deacons, with instructions to report upon it Wednesday night. We do not know at present what the church will do. Dr. Burrows has been pastor of the First Baptist church for over nine years, coming here from Augusta, Ga., where he had previously been pastor for seventeen years. His pastorate is the longest in the history of the church for a quarter of a century. He has done a great work. He has long been recognized as one of the strongest men in our Southern Baptist ministry. He is an able preacher, a thorough Biblical scholar, a helpful pastor and a noble, consecrated man of God. We should regret very much to lose him from Nashville and from Tennessee.—Baptist and Reflector.

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**INITIAL SERMON.**

There were unusually large congregations at the Palmetto Street Baptist church for the afternoon and evening services yesterday to greet Rev. Henry Wiley Fancher, who began his pastorate there, succeeding Rev. J. W. Sandlin, who yesterday morning preached his first sermon as pastor of the Baptist church at Atmore. There were no formal welcoming services, but the informal welcome was hearty and unmistakably genuine.

Both sermons were masterpieces of logic and the congregations were highly pleased with their new pastor. He is a pulpit orator of more than ordinary talent and begins his pastorate under the most auspicious circumstances.

Rev. Fancher is quite a young man to occupy the prominent place he does in the councils of the Baptist church of the South, but those acquainted with his ability and untiring energy, do not wonder at his success. He graduated with honor at Howard college in the class of '99 and entered the Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville in October of that year. He took the full three years' course, and graduated with the degree, Master of Theology. He then became pastor of the church at Demopolis. Later he preached at Atlanta and at Athens, Ala. Mr. Fancher then went to Harvard university, where he took a post-graduate course, and on his return Rev. Fancher became pastor of the church at Rome, Ga. From there he went into evangelical work.

Rev. Fancher is a native of Alabama, is unmarried and is quite youthful in appearance. The family of the Rev. J. W. Sandlin will move to Atmore on Wednesday, and the new pastor will occupy the parsonage which adjoins the church.—Mobile Herald.

**GOOD NEWS FROM WILMINGTON.**

As Wilmington is a seaport town, the chief city in the old North State, and was the storm center of the liquor traffic in the state, it may be taken as a fair sample of how Prohibition is going to be enforced. One of my deacons, Henry G. Fennell, who led the anti-Saloon league to success in the election, was made president of a "Law Enforcement League," and immediately "got busy" creating a healthy public sentiment.

The executive committee, composed of strong business men, called on the mayor and tendered the league's influence in standing behind him in the enforcement of the state prohibition law.

The mayor gathered together the forty-two policemen, with their chief, and gave them their instructions. The chief announced to his force of men that "blind tigers" were to be suppressed or their official heads would come off. The county commissioners met and announced: "No license for anything that will intoxicate; not even for alcohol in the drug stores on a physician's prescription. The City hospital is the depository for alcohol on a physician's prescription, and for medicinal purposes only."

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This is the fifth day since the prohibition law went into effect. No "blind tiger" has been caught. Only two "drunks" have been before the mayor, and they claimed that it was from whiskey that was "left over." This time includes New Year's day, Saturday night, Sunday, and the mayor's matinee on Monday morning.

A very marked increase in legitimate trade in all departments was observed on Saturday night.

Prohibition does prohibit, and does help business as well as morals. Let all prohibition workers take courage. Determined leaders is the key to the situation and the solution of the liquor problem.

FRED D. HALE.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 5, 1909.

**NEWS FROM HUNTSVILLE.**

The First Baptist Sunday school recently elected officers as follows: R. E. Pettus, superintendent; S. R. Butler, assistant superintendent; J. E. Pierce, secretary; Hugh Blair, assistant secretary; Thomas Brock, treasurer; J. C. Jones, chorister; Mrs. F. D. Ware, pianist; Miss Bessie Pettus, assistant pianist.

The Baptist Young People's union of the First Baptist church elected W. T. Mitchell, president; J. R. Lynn, first vice president; Mrs. C. G. Dillard, second vice president; Miss Pearl Dilworth, secretary; Hugh Blair, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Dilworth, pianist.

The Dallas Avenue Baptist Sunday school elected R. L. Sparkman, superintendent; J. C. Stoner, assistant superintendent; Miss Susie Jacks, secretary; Miss Cora Sharp, assistant secretary; Willie Blair, treasurer, and Ruby Lockard, organist.

The Woman's Missionary union of the First Baptist church observed the week of prayer for the mission work in church. Meetings were held each afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of some member. A leader was appointed to conduct each meeting and an interesting program was prepared. The list was as follows: Sunday at 3 o'clock at the church parlors, Mrs. M. B. Neece; Monday at Mrs. L. G. Suggs; Mrs. Walter Miller; Tuesday at Mrs. M. E. Balles; Mrs. R. S. Gavin; Wednesday at Mrs. E. D. Burwell's; Mrs. C. G. Dillard; Thursday at Mrs. Walter Miller's; Mrs. R. E. Pettus; Friday at Mrs. O. K. Stegall's; Mrs. L. A. Duncan; Saturday at Mrs. R. E. Pettus; Mrs. S. R. Butler.

The Fifth District Sunday School Quarterly convention was held in the Epworth church in Dallas Sunday afternoon, January 3, and was well attended and most interesting. A. M. Booth was in the chair and every one of the sixteen schools, all the members of the district, made reports. Much of the time of the convention was devoted to rejoicing over the prohibition law in effect. Speeches were made by Rev. R. S. Gavin, Rev. B. G. Mitchell, Rev. S. E. Wasson and R. E. Pettus.

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J. W. WILLIS.

OBITUARY.

Dora Anderson departed this life December 26, 1908, aged 22 years and 7 months. Two years ago she was married to Willie Robertson. To them was born a sweet little babe. The Lord saw fit to take it first. Poor Willie is now left alone. God does all things for the best, perhaps to draw him nearer to Himself.

Dear little Lucy is gone from our home but not forgotten. She was a member of Pinson Baptist church, and a sweet Christian. She leaves a husband, father, five sisters, two brothers, besides a step-mother and many friends to mourn, though we mourn not as those who have no hope. Some day we hope to meet dear little Lucy. Why should we lament her dying or indulge in tears of gloom. Thousands now in heaven are singing to greet her joyful entrance there.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we love is still;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which can never be filled.  
God in His wisdom has recalled  
The boon His love had given;  
And though her body molds here,  
Her soul is safe in heaven.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,  
Where two lovers are bound in heart,

'Tis hard to speak the words:  
We must forever part.  
Yet again we hope to meet dear little Lucy,

When the day of life is over,  
And in heaven with joy to greet her,  
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The reason that I did not attend the centennial was on account of moving and having to preach at Slocomb on fifth Sunday, as I could not preach for them the third Sunday. I regretted so much to miss it. I am getting on well with my new work, Samson two Sundays and Slocomb two Sundays. We have fine church buildings at both places. Yours fraternally, H. R. Schramm.

The Lord continues to be very gracious to me in my work here. Wish you could run in and see us; we'd give you a real Virginia welcome. Had the biggest snow in this section yesterday in eighteen years, over sixteen inches deep. It will be many a long day before it disappears. The mountains look beautiful in their garb of white. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless you and make 1909 the best of your history. Sincerely your friend, O. F. Gregory.



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My Dear Bro.: I write to make a confession to you and to try to offer word of sympathy and encouragement. I confess that I never prayed specially for you until I read page of this week's Alabama Baptist. Neither have I done what I should have done to help you and the paper; but when I read those "Extracts From Letters" and got some better view of that unkind and unjust criticism the

editor of our dear paper sometimes has to contend with, my heart ached for you and my earnest prayer went up for your patience and courage and comfort. May His divine grace support you and His spirit greatly comfort and empower you that you may be able to bear your great responsibilities to the everlasting good of His cause and glory of His name. I am praying for you, Yours in Christian affection.

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Albertsville, Ala., Jan. 4.

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Eutaw, Ala., Dec. 18.

I herewith inclose you my check for the sum of \$6 to pay for your paper up to March, 1910. If this is not correct, please advise me. I enjoy your paper and wish you to continue sending it, if I do get behind with my payments occasionally. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, Yours very sincerely.—Wm. Hawkins.

Sylacauga, Ala., Dec. 26.

You will please change the address of my paper from Pleasant Hill, Ala., to Sylacauga, Ala. I have taken up the work here, which starts off well. I found the church in good condition. Wishing for the Baptist a great year, I am, yours fraternally.—J. J. Johnson.

Alexandria City, Ala.

Find inclosed money order for \$2. For \$1 please move my subscription to your paper up to January, 1910, and accept the other as a contribution to the Holcomb monument, of which you spoke to me at Montgomery.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Dec. 21.

I wish you a merry Christmas and many blessings for the coming New Year. May you continue to grow in influence for good in all the Christian world as well as in our own denomination. The Lord is good to me here. My work is prosperous and I am getting more flesh every day. I have gained twenty-one pounds since coming here in March of this year. Sincerely.—J. F. Savell.

Albertville, Ala., Dec. 30.

The Baptist is a welcome visitor to our home each week, and is read with great pleasure and appreciation. It continues to grow better and may you live long to send forth its bright pages to cheer mankind.—J. E. Young.

Rev. J. B. Hamric, missionary of the DeKalb association, sends in his own renewal with two others, saying: This is a little late for a start for Xmas, but hope it may reach you in

time for New Year." (It did and made us feel quite happy.)

May the Lord continue to bless you in your great and responsible work. Fraternally.—A. T. Sims.

I want to say I appreciate much the paper you are getting up for us, and it is improving. A merry Christmas and many returns of a happy New Year for you. Fraternally.—J. B. Hamric.

The Alabama Baptist, whose pages grow brighter as the years go by, is a comfort and a blessing to every home it enters, and may God's richest blessings rest upon you and your dear family is my prayer for Jesus' sake. —John H. Bishop.

I send you \$1. Hope you may go on doing good. I love anyone who is trying to advance our Baptist cause. Wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—J. T. Yarbrough.

Dear Bro. Barnett: Times have been hard this year. I inclose \$5. Please move up subscription.—T. S. Ward. (It pays him to January, 1911.)

Please find inclosed \$2 for which run my figures up as far as January 1, 1910. God bless you and yours, and a happy New Year, will be my continual prayer. Fraternally yours.—J. D. Bethune.

Thank you very much for indulging me and hope now that I shall remain paid up. I am sorry I could not send this before Xmas day, but hope it will reach you in time to convey a little of the Xmas cheer even now. Wishing you much success in the brave fight you are making and that you may continue to give us the very good paper we now have, I am, sincerely yours.—Mrs. M. B. Donoho.

Bro. Barnett: I claim that I justly owe you 50 cents. I have paid in advance at every association when you requested me to pay 50 cents and date label. January 1 I did not have the money. It has been my intention all the time to pay in advance by the first of January. I read the Baptist, and when through pass it around, thinking to induce others to subscribe for it. One word for Barnett: The Baptist has the right man in the right place.—E. B. Tuck. (I offered to send paper to January, 1910, for \$2, but he sent \$2.50.)

About two years ago I wrote you some one had given you my name and address and promised to pay for my paper. That was correct. I wrote you all about it with tears in my eyes (I didn't tell you about the tears). I didn't see how I could live without that dear paper, yet I knew I must get along without it. Some one had sent you money for an extra paper. You kindly sent it to me. I laughed and cried at the same time. I kissed my dear paper. I didn't expect to get it any longer. You can imagine my joy when I received it. God bless you for your kindness. Now my time is out. I am a widow. My circumstances will

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I hope to be able to send you some new subscriptions soon. If the Baptist people only knew how much they need the paper it would be an easy matter to get subscriptions. Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, yours very sincerely.—Julia Lambert.

I notice you have not yet had time to read your paper. Some weeks ago you published a few paragraphs in which it was stated that the writer had been pastor at Columbia for three and a third years. In the last issue you say he was pastor there for two years. Now, Bro. Barnett, if you will find time to read the Alabama Baptist you will discover that it is much improved and the last few issues are some of the best I have seen. A pleasant and profitable New Year to you and yours. Sincerely.—C. N. James.

Wish you a happy, prosperous year and great success with your paper, which we could not do without. May God grant you and your family many blessings.—Mrs. L. N. Pugh.

I am sending you check for \$2 to pay you for your valuable paper until January, 1910. I hope every Baptist in Alabama will not be satisfied until they do as I am doing—take the paper and read it, and thereby keep in touch with our great denomination, which is the salt of the earth. Wishing you much success and praying God's richest blessing to rest on you and yours, I am yours.—R. T. Nunnely.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.  
 May the great blessings of prosperity attend you and your family in every effort you are engaged, and the blessing of the Lord be with you all, which should be the greatest desire of our life. With great respect, I am, Yours truly.—J. M. C. Cole.

Dear Baptist: I am confined to my bed, but am anxious to say that our Alabama Baptist is a greater power for the promotion of good and the peculiar views of Baptists than it has ever been. It increases in power, and Baptists who take it, or any other paper, and refuse to pay for it are unsound in the faith, and should be dealt with very speedily. I love the editor and Alabama Baptist.—J. E. Cox.

I send you herewith \$1 to pay my subscription for next year, beginning next week. I also send you my best wishes and a happy New Year, and may the Lord spare your life and the lives of each one of your family and make the year 1909 the most successful to your as editor and proprietor of The Alabama Baptist of any you have had. Your fraternally.—Josephus Shackelford.

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# The Collection Calendar

speaks for itself. If the brethren do not understand it, I will be glad to explain.

The Calendar should be seen and studied. I will send to any pastor, who wishes to study it, for 12c. Of course, if a pastor or church don't want to bother with anything, this will not interest them.

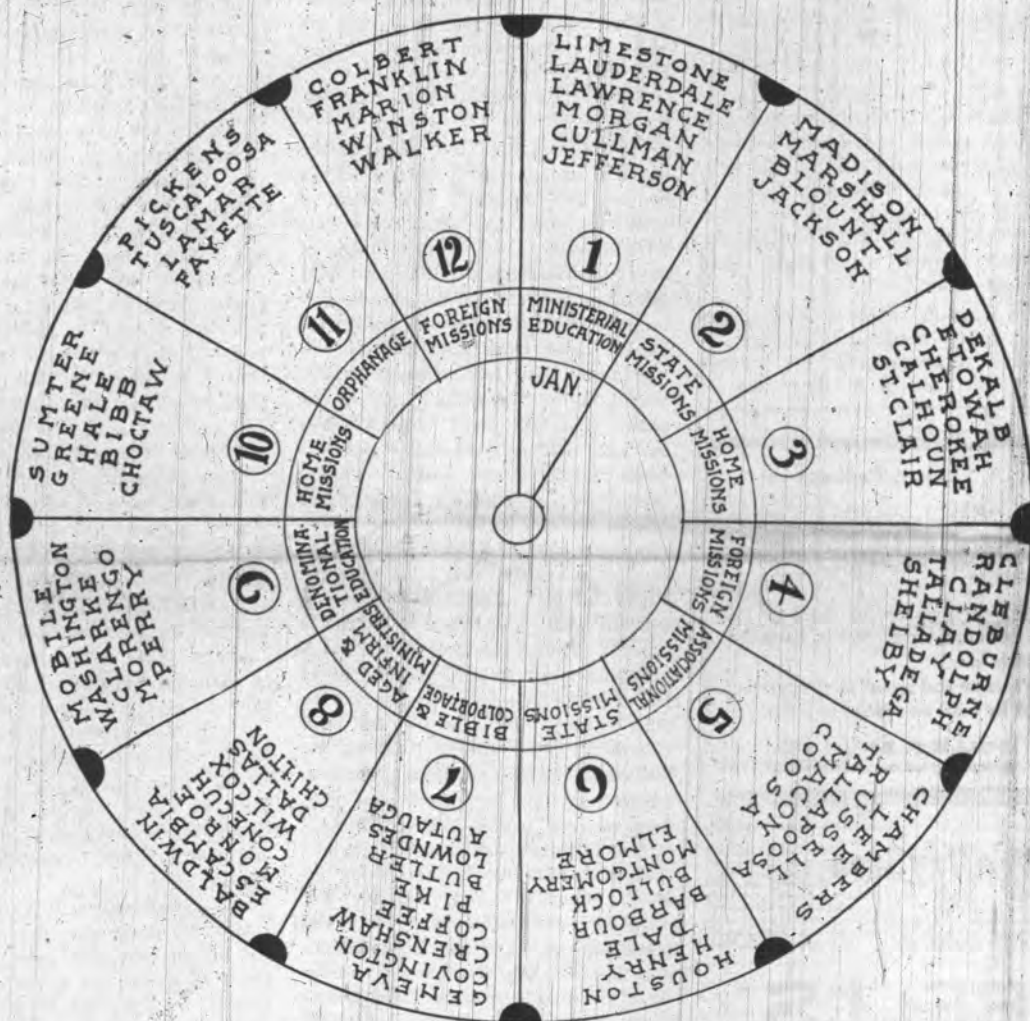
I have thought it best not to interfere with the present plan until the end of our Conventional year, June 30th.  
W. B. C.

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.



Patent Applied for by W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

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