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## A SYMPATHETIC BANKER.

Dear Barnett: Advance my date one year. I hope the \$2.00 enclosed will wipe off the octopus a few minutes longer. You are making a good fight for our paper. May you win.—D. Murfree, Troy, Ala.

Rev. Fleetwood Ball declines the call to Henning, Tex. We congratulate the readers of the Baptist and Reflector.

Rev. C. Pugh, for several years pastor of College Park, Ala., has resigned to take charge of the new University church, Austin, Tex. The church is almost under the shadow of the great University of Texas.—Baptist Chronicle.

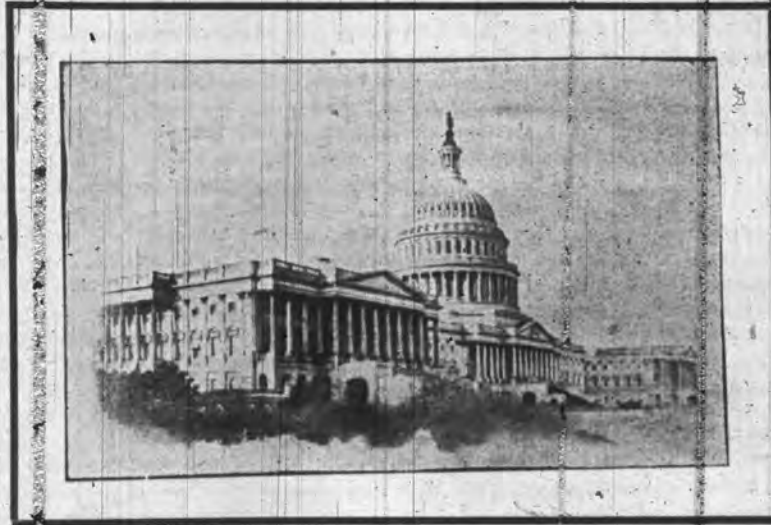
Our pastor, Dr. J. P. Staffer, is improving slowly, is able to be up, but not strong enough to preach to his church. May the readers of your good paper pray for his restoration and the Lord's blessing upon our pastor.—John H. Ingram, Lineville, Ala.

Dr. Madison C. Peters was once a German Reformed pastor. Then he became a Presbyterian. Next he tried the Reformed church. Then the Baptists got him in. Now he has gone back to the Presbyterian. Probably he will keep on around the circle again. Either Dr. Peters is very unstable or he is ready to go anywhere that he can get a call. He has recently been preaching in public halls in New York.—Baptist World.

The Marshall Banner has a picture of Rev. John S. Ray and an appreciative write-up, among other things saying: "He has been a citizen of Albertville twelve years, and during that time he has been identified with the drug, life insurance and real estate businesses. He has taken an active part in building up the town, churches and schools, and is a booster in every sense of the word. He is also an optimist and takes a cheerful view of all questions."

## THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We have 130 children in the home and more coming in every week. It costs about \$1,000 each month to take care of them; besides we must raise \$2,500 to finish paying for the new concrete school building which has just been finished. Until May, according to the schedule, we can not make an appeal to the churches, but the Sunday schools of the state might give us at least one Sunday's collection for each month until May, when we hope to pay all our debts and be able to go on our way untrammelled. Will every superintendent in the state see that we get this much needed help?  
S. O. Y. RAY,  
Financial Secretary.



President Taft.

Ex-President Roosevelt.

## Our Baptist Papers

In the present strenuous and important campaign, when the burden upon our foreign mission work is almost crushing, our Baptist papers are helping most nobly. They not only give space to the matter that we send to them, but they are writing strong editorials and gathering from many sources information concerning the work. The Journal desires to voice the gratitude of the board and all the workers for this great aid. It is just like these big-hearted Baptist editors. They are all the time striving to help every worthy cause in which Baptists are engaged.

Do our people appreciate fully these editors and the denominational papers? No Baptist is properly fitted to occupy a place in the ranks of our great people who does not read these papers. They are necessary to the full equipment of a good Baptist. The denomination would be poor indeed, and all its work crippled without the help, the information and the inspiration of these papers. We know that they are of immense assistance to our foreign mission work. Reader, if you have neglected to take your State Baptist paper, let us urge you to send in your subscription right now. It will be a contribution to a denominational enterprise in every way worthy of your appreciation. But, more than this, it will be an invaluable help to you and your family.—Foreign Mission Journal.

## LENTEN SACRIFICES.

Father's gave up billiards  
(Since he lamed his wrist),  
Sister's gave up dancing,  
Mother's gave up whist.  
Folks with no bad habits  
Still may have some hope,  
They can get in line like me,  
I have gave up soap.  
—Bertha Youngs in The Circle Magazine for March.

I herewith enclose \$3 for the Alabama Baptist—one dollar to pay my subscription to January 20, 1910, and \$2, which pays father's (W. S. Adams, Opelika, Ala., Route 5), to January, 1910. As I read those stinging rebukes in this week's paper from delinquent subscribers my heart was made to go out in sympathy for you, for when you are putting forth your very best efforts to give your readers an excellent paper—and, by the way, you are succeeding admirably—then receive such bitter response as a few that are published in this week's issue, it must be a great trial to "keep sweet."—W. R. Adams.

Speak gently! it is better far  
To rule by love than fear;  
Speak gently! let not harsh words mar  
The good we might do here.  
Speak gently! 'tis a little thing,  
Dropped in the heart's deep well,  
The good, the joy, which it may bring  
Eternity alone shall tell.

The Baptist hosts of the entire South are showing their interest in New Orleans by their support of the work in the needy city, and will be especially interested in the evangelistic campaign which is to begin the 14th of March. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, with the assistance of others, will conduct a Bible conference the first week of the campaign. The following evangelists will conduct services in the different churches, and a great central meeting will be held each day: W. W. Hamilton and W. D. Wakefield, at the First church; Luther Little, at Coliseum Place; C. A. Stewart, at St. Charles Avenue; Raleigh Wright, at Valence Street; W. A. McComb, at Grace; H. A. Hunt, at Central.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON AND MISSIONS.

The missionary lesson which will appear in all periodicals of the Sunday school board for March 28th will be substituted for the regular lesson. We urge upon all the schools that they take advantage of it to secure a collection for home and foreign missions. Last year this day was a great success. It comes at the right time to interest all our young people in our missionary work.

We urge the superintendents and teachers to make March 28th a great day for missions.

# THE SALOON AND DEMORALIZATION

"War is Hell" was the definition Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman gave of war. If that is correct, and I am sure it is, many an old confederate soldier knows what hell is. I am standing at this moment not very far from where "Hell broke loose in Georgia." I was there and saw it. Passion and hate, violence and heartless cruelty were all present in the clatter of musketry, the roar of cannon, the bursting of shells, the curses of some and the prayers of others. The music of bands and the beating of drums were faintly heard with the screams of the wounded, the groans of the dying and the wild cheers of the victors.

The shock of the battles about here were felt in every remote corner of the Confederacy—and of the nation, I might say, for here were gathered soldiers on both sides from every quarter of the republic.

Take all the horrible things that can be said about war and put them together and you have a description of HELL.

When you have made it as horrible as language can describe, you have only a faint idea of what the liquor traffic is attempting to do for our fair land. It is an effort to set hell up on every street corner and in every dark alley, at every cross roads and to kindle its flames in every heart and on every hearthstone.

The instrument used, in the diabolical business, is the licensed saloon. "There are saloons and saloons," say the Model Liquor League. They mean by this some saloons are better than others. One of our Western statesmen said a few years ago: "A good Indian is a dead Indian." So say we of the saloon. The good saloon is one dead. There may have been a time when they were mere drinking places, but as they are known to the present generation they mean more than that. A saloon today means: a place of glitter and glare, music and good cheer, where the young man is attracted; a place of entertaining games, where the long hours of the evening may be whiled away; a place where the toughs and bums do congregate; where words of blasphemy and obscenity are spoken and sung; where vulgar pictures adorn the walls; where plots and plans for lawless raids are arranged; where ministers and churches and reformers are cursed; where candidates for office are named by the liquor men and plans arranged for their nomination and election, by foul means if necessary.

The men who are in charge have solemnly taken oaths to obey the laws; but they notoriously violate them and teach others to do the same. Hard by the saloon and often owned by the same parties, are the gambling hell and the brothel.

Gov. Hock, of Kansas, said in a message to the legislature: "Not a single good thing can be said of the saloon. It is everywhere and always an enemy to society and good government; it is a disturber of the peace; it is a promoter of strife; it is a fruitful source of crime; it is the devil's best recruiting camp; it imposes more burdens of taxation upon the people than any other agency in existence; no human interest is sacred to it; it voluntarily obeys no laws; it desecrates the Sabbath and refuses to close its doors on this holy day, except when a policeman with righteous orders from some courageous mayor is on that beat; it debauches childhood, in defiance of the law against selling to minors; it makes day lurid with its profanities and night hideous with its orgies; it is everywhere and always an anarchist."

The saloon and demoralization is my subject. There is but little need to say more after what I have already said.

Is crime a sign of demoralization? Then listen to this: "Before the earthquake San Francisco had 2,500 saloons, license about \$100 a year. The city government closed them on April 18. THEY WERE REALLY CLOSED AND CRIME ALMOST CEASED. July the 5th they were allowed to open with license increased to \$500 a year. One thousand five hundred saloons were opened. Crimes and violence increased

so rapidly, conditions were almost as bad as in the old days, when the vigilance committee became a necessity. This is a historical fact, and not ancient history either.

## A Chicago Judge on Saloons.

"You may ransack the pigeon holes all over the city and country, and look over such annual reports as are made up, but they will not half tell the truth. Not only are the saloons of Chicago responsible for the cost of the police force, the fifteen justice courts, but also the criminal courts, the county jails, the great portion of Joliet state prison, the long murder trials, the coroner's office and the mad-house. Go anywhere you please and you will find that whiskey is at the root of the evil. The gambling houses of the city and the bad houses of the city are the direct outgrowth of their boon companion—drink. Of all the prostitutes in Chicago, the downfall of almost every one can be traced to drunkenness on the part of their parents or husbands, or drunkenness on their own part. Of all the boys in the reform school at Pontiac, and the various reformatories about the city, 95 per cent are the children of parents who died through drink and became criminals through the same cause. Of the insane and demented disposed of here in the courts every Thursday, a moderate estimate is that 90 per cent are alcoholic and its effects."

At a branch penitentiary in Tennessee were 760 convicts. Asked how many of these convicts were there because of liquor, the superintendent replied 72 per cent.

In Jefferson City, Mo., 2,000 are in the penitentiary and the superintendent said: "You may quote me as saying 80 per cent are here on account of whiskey."

Governor Hanley, of Indiana puts the figures at 85 per cent.

A judge in Ohio with large experience on the bench, puts the figures for his state at 95 per cent.

Hear this: Is Pauperism a Sign of Demoralization? "8420 inmates of almshouses were investigated. It was found that 33 per cent were there because of liquor."

In 1896 the commissioner of Massachusetts was instructed to make an investigation along certain lines. He reported: "Of adult paupers, 75 per cent were so because of the liquor traffic; of adult insane, 51 per cent were so because of the liquor traffic."

But the demoralization that is worst comes from the Almighty Dollar and the saloon. When the government was in financial straits to "crush the rebellion," the liquor men came forward, with a show of patriotism, and suggested that their business be allowed to bear a part of the burden.

Mr. Lincoln declined at first saying: "Once this business is entrenched as a revenue producer it can never be shaken off," or words to that effect. His advisers insisted with a promise that when the war was over it would be discontinued. The president yielded to their demands. When the war was over Mr. Lincoln was in his grave and the liquor power has been getting more on the throne every year. Now it has the government by the throat. There is where your trouble comes when you try to enact laws preventing liquor shipments into dry territory.

Good men, patriotic men, there are, by the hundreds who can see only the dollar. Pile up the figures mountain high, showing the lives saved, the homes made happy, the diminution of crime, it counts for nothing by the side of the loss of revenue. "All these I will give you if you will bow down and worship me," Satan said to our Lord. "Get thee behind me, Satan," was the reply; but many of these for whom the Christ died have bent the knee and with demonstrations of wildest glee are accepting the proffered gifts from his majesty, the devil. It will take years to eradicate this evil that has been fastened upon us.

It calls for courage, everlasting activity, constant gripping of the Almighty hand, and Christ-like pa-

tience. "They never let up," said a liquor organ about the Anti-Saloon League. God forbid that we ever shall. We are fighting the battles for the generations who are to come after us.

The plea for revenue for the government, federal, state and municipal, is the only argument that the friends of prohibition have to meet.

The liquor papers, the liquor politicians, the liquor dealers and the manufacturers with united breath urge the helplessness of the government without the aid that comes from the traffic.

The demoralization of labor on account of the saloon is one of the greatest reasons for the tidal wave sweeping over the whole country. Not because of any moral idea, or from pity on the poor, years ago the great corporations began to cut out men who drank—simply because of business; first maybe the railroad companies, then other corporations, until now it is no uncommon thing to find liquor drinking a bar to a place with many of the great business concerns of the country.

A letter was written to 207 concerns employing young men, asking a question. 197 replies came back. This was the substance: "From motives of business, we are opposed to the drinking habit among our employees. The young man who drinks has simply no chance with us, if we can get those who do not drink."

Said a cattle man of a Western county: "We shall vote to put away the saloon because we cannot get sober men enough to do our work while the saloon exists."

By no means is the war on the saloon wholly led by the "long-haired preacher fanatics." The sober, sensible business men have sharpened their pencils to figure on labor and liquor and they have written as emphatically as the preachers: "The saloon must go."

Here is another set of figures:  
 When the public spends \$100:  
 For distilled liquors, labor gets \$1.08,  
 For malt liquors, labor gets \$5.18,  
 For boots and shoes, labor gets \$22.50,  
 For clothing labor gets \$22.10,  
 For bread, labor gets \$17.34,  
 For average products of industry, labor gets \$17.78.  
 Here is a business demonstration worth while and business men are not slow to grasp it.

The preachers and all the church forces go deeper in their reasons for the fight they are making. They take God, and humanity and the Golden Rule into account. They would finally win, for God is on their side; but their work is greatly strengthened and hurried on by the attitude of the business men who are moved from purely business motives.

Demoralization among the colored people from the saloon, is one of the great moving causes in the South toward prohibition.

A colored brother in Birmingham rightly said: "Prohibition means a second emancipation proclamation to the colored man." Closely akin to this was the remark of Booker Washington, in a recent address to an immense concourse of colored people: "We celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator of our race. It would be well to mark on your calendars the day when prohibition went into effect and celebrate that great event in your history, for it means much for you." The Southern farmer and the Southern merchant, at last have come to see that poverty among the colored laborers is against him as a reliable laborer. The sober, industrious laboring man, white or colored, has a great future before him in the South. The saloon has been his worst enemy. Take it away and he will go on to prosperity and everyone who has dealings with him will prosper.

I am one white man, and there are thousands like me, who delight to crown the memory of the old slaves of the South. They were faithful during all the long four years struggle in the South, to the families of their owners. We owe it to their children

to be faithful to them and save them from the worst enemy that ever pursued a helpless people. An old colored preacher, whom everybody loved and respected, said before the Baptist State Convention of Alabama: "My brethren of the white race, I plead for our poor people. We are not all good, no, no, some of us are mighty bad; but we are ignorant and poor and we look to our white people to teach us. I don't want you to misunderstand, but I must say it my brethren, you must lift our people up, or our people will drag your people down. I don't mean social equality; but I do mean you must give us the gospel of Jesus—that will lift us up."

He was right, and we are beginning slowly to see it. The two races which are destined to dwell together in this Southland must rise or fall together. If the open saloon and the unbridled rum traffic ruins the colored man in the South, he will pull the white man down with him. It is a common enemy to all alike, and all must fight it or ruin will come to all.

By ruin shall come to none, but prosperity and peace, sweet peace, shall reign for God's going to hear our prayers and save us from the tyrant, rum.

Finally, my brethren, white and colored, let us never forget we are followers of Jesus Christ. I have said all the mean things I could think of about the saloon and the liquor traffic and the habits of the liquor vendors. I have not one word to take back; but would make them stronger if I could. Our war is against the traffic and against the wicked habits of men, not against men. We love men, even liquor men, and once they become disentangled from the business they are in, I expect to see many of them brought to Christ.

Hardened in sin they may be, but Christ loves them. Often the Holy Spirit woos them, and God yearns for them. We who are Christ's, though we grow indignant as did our Masters at the brazen obstinacy of sin, must have faith in the power of the gospel to save to the uttermost.

Under the "every creature" clause of the commission are the men engaged in the wicked traffic. To the bottom of the ocean we would send the traffic, but Christian seamen that we are, we will save the men on the ill-fated craft.

MISSION WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

Brother Huckabee, in his communication of last week, takes exception to an obscure sentence in my former article on this subject. The sentence is open to criticism he makes, and is neither grammatical nor perspicuous. Yet he seems to have caught my meaning. In the following sentence, he states just what I had in mind: "I assure Brother Dickinson that in the matter of country churches selecting their own pastors they will stand unswervingly by the New Testament usage in that matter. I believe that the country churches today are nearer free from modern innovations than any other class of churches in our land." This exposes the heart of the matter. I am persuaded that many see this question as he does, and it is worth while to ventilate this view. First let it be said that in mission work we do not deal with churches. All churches, which are as self-sufficient and full-grown as he here assumes, do not need and should not receive help from the board. But where a band of brethren, a church in embryo, appeals to the brotherhood at large to help them maintain a ministry, that brotherhood has the right and is duty bound to have a say in what that ministry shall be. Secondly, if Brother Huckabee has discovered in the New Testament any fixed and canonical usage in the matter of selecting pastors in the churches he will do the world a great kindness to disclose that discovery. This view of the New Testament as "traditions of the Elders," a law to be kept, is a term of legalistic religion, a modern Judaizing, which not only is not countenanced in the New Testament, but is in the very face of its position on that matter. It is an ancient heresy, condemned in the

New Testament itself; and from its varied forms the kingdom of God has suffered through all the ages in its taking away the liberty which we have in Christ. The notion that we are estopped in the work of God by the law of God is abundantly condemned by Jesus and the apostles; and to dispel that very delusion much of the New Testament was written. There is no such "usage" in the New Testament, and those who find it there have first to put it there; and thus, as did the scribe of old, "they make void the word of God by their tradition." So what Brother Huckabee here calls "New Testament usage" is, after all, nothing but tradition, and not Baptist tradition at that.

Thirdly, what he calls "modern innovations" is much more in keeping with the word of God and sanctified common sense than he seems to think. The kingdom of God has always produced innovations and the Lord distinctly foretold that it always would. It is not a movement in history tied out to a post, bound hand and foot so that it may not move with the progress of the world. But is like a householder who brings forth from his treasures things new and old. Four-fifths of Baptist machinery is "modern innovation;" nor is it any the less Biblical and authoritative because of it. The Bible commands "modern innovations" as we go through the world to meet the changes that are in the progress of its history; and enjoins an inventiveness and resourcefulness in the churches to meet the changing situations of life. The liberty necessary to the culture of life is emphatically given precedence over enslavement to the letter of the law. This is Baptist doctrine as old as the hills.

May it not be after all that it is this "Judaistic" type of Christianity, sought to be cultivated in modern form by our churches, which engenders this lethargy and degeneration in our people in the great work of saving the world, the work on which our Lord sent us? That type of Christianity could not live in the first century, even under the most favorable circumstances; nor has it possessed the vigor of life in its many forms since. That it ought not to survive is the teaching of Jesus, the Acts and Paul. If any man doubts that the scriptures warrant, nay enjoin, upon brethren to co-operate and agree together for the salvation of men and the evangelization of the world, he surely has read the scriptures to poor purpose. If the situation is as above, which I do not believe, then our churches not only need evangelists, but, what is much more vital, an evangelistic gospel.

It is proper to say, to the readers who may not know Brother Huckabee, that the above is not directed at him, nor is intended to represent his position; but only at a situation which his language has suggested as possibly the reason for the difficulty in the way of the country churches and the board coming to an agreement which may be mutually helpful.

A. J. DICKINSON.

AN INVESTMENT THAT PAYS.

"In all my life I never saw such an opportunity for the investment of money. As I looked at the little churches, schools and hospitals and inquired as to the original cost, I wished a hundred times I had known twenty-five years ago what I learned half a year ago." These were the words of Mr. John Wanamaker after visiting the mission stations on the foreign fields. When a princely merchant like Mr. Wanamaker, whose business success is known throughout the nation, tells you that he never saw such an opportunity for the wise investment of money as the missionary enterprise offers; when heathen nations lie prostrate in sin and shame waiting for the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, and when the ascended Lord, whose infinite compassion moved him to ask of the Father that the heathen be given to Him as an inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession, grows anxious over the slowness and delay of His people in carrying out His commission to preach the gospel to every creature, and grows so anxious that He cries from the battle-

ments of heaven, "Let him that heareth say come," why will we longer delay in raising the \$360,000 needed to bring our foreign mission board to the convention in May out of debt?

Did you read the appeal from Bro. C. N. James in last week's issue of the Alabama Baptist? Have you failed to be aroused as the calls have been sent out by Dr. Willingham? Do you believe that Dr. Crumpton would appeal to you as he does if the danger caused by the large indebtedness of the foreign mission board was not alarming in the extreme? Oh, men of Israel, redeemed of the Lord, let us awake to the needs of the board, the needs of a lost world, the opportunity for brave and heroic action, the demands for large and liberal giving and the joy that shall follow when we have done well our duty, and let us do our best for foreign missions at this time.

"Be strong.

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

"Be strong.

Say not "The days are evil. Who's to blame?" And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame. Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

"Be strong.

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong. How hard the battle goes, the day how long; Faint not—fight on. Tomorrow comes the song."

SAM H. CAMPBELL,

Vice President for Alabama.

Troy, Ala., March 3, 1909.

URGENT NEED OF THE HOME BOARD.

In the absence of Dr. Gray, who is in Cuba engaged in home mission administrative work, I am writing to tell the brotherhood of the urgent need in which the Home Mission Board finds itself.

We fear that brethren tire of reading appeals from their constituted agencies of missionary endeavor, but there is nothing else for the Home Board to do than to come to the brotherhood for support in carrying out the work which it projected by their instruction.

The convention ordered the Home Mission Board to project its work on the basis of \$325,000. Up to February 15th, two months and a half before the close of the conventional year, only \$94,672 had been received. If the board is to finish the year without debt \$230,328 must be raised in seventy five days.

Alabama was apportioned \$35,000. Of that amount up to Feb. 15th, only \$928 had been received by the Home Board. \$25,072 must be raised if the state is to come up to its apportionment.

Debt, to a mission board, is almost a paralysis. Any considerable debt at the year's end spells retrenchment. But the Home Board ought not to retrench. Everyone who has turned his mind to a thoughtful consideration of the splendid work the board has done—never more splendid than in the fiscal year now closing—and opened his heart to the great and interesting opportunities of saving the lost in our home land, feels that not retrenchment but expansion is comes this missionary agency.

We beg the pastors to lay the needs of the Home Mission Board before the churches and take a liberal collection for home missions. Some who have contributed may feel it on their hearts in this emergency to do so again. We pray that the hearts and thoughts of Southern Baptists may be so opened to the present needs of the Home Mission Board that it shall as their agency not need to draw in its activities, but greatly to enlarge them.

VICTOR I. MASTERS, Editorial Secretary.  
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 20.

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By W. M. Anderson.

Missions is a general term. For the sake of clearness and convenience, we speak of state, home and foreign mission. And this is scriptural. When Jesus was instructing Nicodemus in the way of life, he was teaching one of his own in the home land, which was state mission work, when he answered the prayer of the Syro-Phoenician woman, he was face to face with a foreigner on the home land. We would call this home mission work. When he gave the commission to preach the gospel to foreigners on foreign soil that was, strictly speaking, foreign mission work. To this last phase of missions this article is devoted.

Nature herself suggests the idea. There is some heresy in Brummond's "Natural Law in Spiritual World," yet in that wonderful book he has presented a true and beautiful resemblance between the kingdom of nature and the kingdom of grace. In a recent number of the Literary Digest, Rev. Dr. Coffin has pointed out Jesus as a nature lover. Indeed, Jesus was a nature lover. His preaching was enriched with pictures from nature—such as the good and bad ground, the seed and the sower, the foxes and the birds, the trees and the flowers, the sea and the sun. It is a scientific truth that the whole earth is composed of very small atoms, these atoms not touching each other, thereby teaching the doctrine of individualism, yet maintaining close proximity to each other, thereby giving us the principle of neighborliness and love. Atom holds atom in space and star balances star. Lucretius and other ancient philosophers, and later John Dalton, the English scientist, gave to the world what is known as the atomic theory in the kingdom of nature, but Jesus gave to the world the atomic theory in the kingdom of grace. In the world of human life are we not akin? Does atom not hold atom in space? In the sky of human life does not star balance star? If a soul wander out of its world, is it because some other soul has not performed its functions? There are no individual gifts in nature. No man liveth to himself. As all parts of nature are bound up with each other, so to each other all men are bound.

The suggestion is also found in the law of dependence as seen throughout life. Independence is a misnomer. Dependence is written on all things. We grow by the process of elimination; we get by giving, and we live by dying. It is not only true that no man liveth unto himself, but it is also true that no man can live by himself. In the patriotic oration it is sometimes said that Alabama could build a wall around herself and live unto herself, yet the speaker knows the fallacy of his declaration. The great northwest must fill our coffers with gold; the corn belt of the middle west must furnish our horse power and much of our meat and bread. Cuba and the far-away tropics must furnish our coffee, the Carolinas and the tropics our tea. This is a great nation of ours, but this, the world's greatest nation, can not stand alone. New York, with all her wealth, leans on the Bank of England. New York society walks the streets clad in Parisian kid and silks and bedecked with African diamonds. Our libraries would be poor indeed without Shakespeare and Shelley, Browning and Bunyan, Huxley, Hugo and the rest. This nation of ours is great because she grapples with and appropriates the greatness of the nation to the world. As the great ocean would fall without the ever-supplying streams, so America's wealth would fall and her glory perish without the wealth and glory of the whole world. If the business man of today grapples with world problems, should he not also grapple with world morals, and this not only for his brother's sake, but for his own protection. It has been said that foreign elements are coming into our home land so rapidly that we must do home mission work in self-defense. It is just as true that if our business has become worldwide our religious activities should become worldwide for our own protection. A man was once walking with a farmer through a beautiful field when he happened to see a tall thistle on the other side of his

fence. He jumped over the fence and cut it close to the ground. "Is that your field?" asked his companion. "Oh, no," said the farmer. "If I should leave that thistle to blossom in my neighbor's field, I should soon have thistles of my own."

And now, what of missionary achievements? If a certain brand of gun powder will not burn the warrior would better let it alone. If a remedy often applied does not help, it should not be applied again, and if a policy proves to be a failure, let it be abandoned.

If the gospel of Jesus Christ has nothing in it but a claim, then let its claim perish from the earth. Jesus says "Come and see." The foreign mission idea has found its way into the very inner life of the world's greatest men. Gladstone was a foreign missionary in sentiment. Mr. Bryan says that one missionary on a foreign field is worth more than a standing army. In fact, the brains and hearts of the laymen and the ministry of all the great Christian denominations are set for the defense of foreign missions. The foreign mission idea has increased our commercial activities. In one of our missionary journals it is stated that the fact that London and New York, and not Constantinople, are the financial pillars of the world is due to the civilizing, uplifting principle of Christianity. A great geographer said: "Geography, commerce and the spread of the Christian religion have singularly enough a common history." Rev. S. M. Swenner adds: "Missions not only promotes but creates commerce. Ipecac, quinine and India rubber were discovered by missionaries. The first steamships on African lakes were built for missionary purposes. Flour was first sold in Turkey by American missionaries." Commercial facts like these are so numerous that I commend to you the perusal in books like Wormick's "Modern Missions and Culture" or the Ely volume on "Missions and Science."

The foreign mission idea makes rounded men at home, men imbued thoroughly with the foreign mission spirit become keenly alive to all home interests—in local churches, schools, orphans' home and all departments of the work. In fact, the foreign mission spirit develops unselfishness in men.

Let us be foreign missionaries. The sun sends his beams down to the far-away worlds. The sea sends back the waters in chariot clouds to the thirsty hills. What right has the church to existence but to save the world of mankind?



The dedication services of the First Baptist church, Selma, were most fitting. The music was grand and inspiring. Dr. Frost preached at the morning and Dr. Gross at the evening service. The following beautiful dedication hymn was written by Rev. J. L. Rosser, the pastor:

O Lord, Creator of each thing  
On earth, in heaven above,  
Accept the offering we bring,  
This token of our love.

Poor is the best that we can do  
Beside what thou hast done;  
For thou hast made our souls anew  
Through faith in thy dear Son.

Around our lives have blessings flowed  
More than the stars above;  
The gifts and joys thou hast bestowed  
Bespeak a ceaseless love.

And as the days shall come and go  
On time's unresting wing,  
May hearts of stone here learn to glow  
And of thy beauty sing.

Today this church we dedicate  
To Father, Spirit, Son;  
Our lives anew we consecrate  
To duties yet undone.

### FROM BRO. CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENTS.

J. L. Stough:

"This is one of the many churches that has been doing nothing for state, home and foreign missions. Will try to get all my churches to do better."

The letter contained a contribution from one of his churches. "Doing nothing." That is the sad condition of hundreds of churches. "I will try"—that is the remedy. If only all the pastors would try! The Lord bless this pastor.

R. M. Hunter, Newton:

"Bro. Abie Jones is very sick. It is feared that we shall lose him yet. I am delighted with my special efforts for home missions. We got \$61—eleven more than I asked for. I am securing homes for the preachers."

Here is a pastor who set a mark and got there. Bro. Abie Jones is one of the best men in the world. Oh, that the Lord may spare him!

J. N. Webb:

"I do not suppose they ever had a collection before."

This letter brought a very nice collection.

Think of a missionary church that never took a collection before!

There are hundreds. This pastor not only preaches missions, but gives the churches a chance to give. He says, "I always begin the collection by giving myself."

That was written only for my eye, but it is an important point. The preacher must show by his own gifts that he is a missionary. Preaching alone will not do the work. The collection should follow with the preacher in the lead.

John L. Ray:

"I have put your 'offering cards' at all four of my churches, and will use them."

More and more the pastors are using the schedule. I hope to live to see the day when every church will use them. It means much to the cause.

J. A. Seay:

"I think we will be able to raise \$75 or \$100 this year for missions at Eufaula Second church. I have on subscription \$75 and intend to make \$100."

This pastor shows that "Where there is a will there is a way."

George W. McRae, Mobile:

"It would be interesting to you perhaps to know that our 'Cedar Street Mission' has grown into a new church which we have named 'Calvary'."

"I have never had the pleasure of having you with me at any of my churches since I have been in Alabama. You are coming this way in July to our association and I MUST arrange for you to stop over with me and give these two new churches a chance to see your face."

"We have a good people. I feel that though we can not do much for missions now. The upbuilding of this work without cost to the board is the best state mission work we could do, as we did not have the money, but did have the opportunity to do this work."

"We have erected a comfortable building for the new church at a cost of some fifteen hundred dollars."

That is good news from a worthy pastor. Glad to know the kingdom is spreading. Yes, brother, I ought to come and will, the Lord willing.

Has your church raised its share  
of the appropriation

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Time is short

**The Johannine Writings.**

By Paul W. Schmiedel, Professor of Theology at Zurich. Translated by Maurice A. Canney, M. A.

The two numbers which Prof. W. P. Schmiedel has contributed to the German series, "Religionsgeschichtliche Volksbuecher," are here presented to English readers as a single volume. The first part deals exhaustively with the fourth gospel as compared with the other three; the second part discusses the origin and importance of the gospel, the epistles, and the revelation of John. Thus the present work, besides being a special investigation of the Johannine writings, is also a comparative study of all the gospels. It is the most elaborate and important work by Prof. Schmiedel that has yet appeared in English as a separate volume. The book is excellently arranged, so that it is easy to refer from one part of the work to another. As published in German, "The Johannine Writings" has created a sensation in England. The English edition incorporates a number of improvements and additions. Dr. Schmiedel is a professor of theology in Zurich, and some would be surprised, if not pained, at the views which he puts in this book.

It is a characteristic specimen of the work of a higher critic.

Published by Adam & Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W., at 3s. and 6 p.

**The Inner Light.**

This is a study of the significance, character and primary contents of the religious consciousness by Arnold R. Wattsley, a Cambridge graduate, and is the first time of the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of London inaugurating what many Englishmen hope will prove a long line of studies in theology in the newer universities of England. The book has an interesting introductory note by Alfred Caldecott, professor of moral philosophy, King's college, London. The book is not meant to be easily read and it is impossible to epitomize. There is much in it to make one think and yet we can not endorse much that is set forth, and yet only severe training and continuous application could have produced it. It can be had of Swan, Sonnenschein & Co., 125 High street, Bloomsbury, W. C., London, England, for 6 shillings.

**Light from Egyptian Papyri.**

These papyri in Jewish history before Christ gives. Rev. Charles H. H. Wright, D. D., who has a string of other degrees, a lecturer in some of the great universities, and a knight of the Order of the North Star of Sweden, a chance in his introduction to show up careless reviewers, both American and English, and we sympathize with him, for it must be provocative to make a serious contribution to religious literature and have it examined and put into a paragraph by one who is neither scholarly nor sympathetic. If some of the advanced scholars handled the book without prejudice, he comes back at them in orthodox style. He well says: "The confusions of interpretation which ex-



**New Books**

**REVIEWED BY FRANK WILLIS BARNETT**

is amongst the most eminent of the modern Biblical critics ought not to be forgotten, nor ought their bare assertions to be received as matters of fact."

Dr. Wright maintains that the books of sacred scriptures are entitled to be regarded as divine and therefore is a safe guide. Professor Wright presents the translation of three Aramaic documents concerning the burning of the temple of Yahu (Jehovah) at Yeb (Elephantine) in Upper Egypt. In this temple Jews worshipped and offered sacrifices prior to its destruction in 411 B. C. The book is published by Williams & Norgate, 14 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, England, at 3 shillings.

**The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth.**

This book, by Thomas James Thorburn, M. A., LL. D., published under the direction of the tract committee by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, England, at

2 shillings and 6 p., is a critical examination of the evidences for the doctrine of the virgin birth. It is an attempt to lay before the reader a statement as complete as possible within the limits imposed of the documentary evidence which exists in support of the question. With this object in view the evidence of the various witnesses, canonical as well as extracanonial, is first of all set forth, the objections that had been raised to their testimony are then stated, the replies that have been made to these objections added, both statements then analyzed and the value of the evidence estimated; lastly, a summary of the trend of the evidence as a whole is given for the general guidance of the reader. The work has been undertaken in a dispassionate, calm and judicial spirit and is valuable and timely. The book contains a number of appendices.

The American Annual of Photography. John A. Tennant can well say in

his preface: "Perhaps the wish is father to the thought, but my pleasure in this the 23rd issue of the American Annual of Photography lies in the thought that the volume is better than last year's performance; more varied and helpful in its information; more interesting in its illustrations." We do not see how any photographer or lover of photography can do without the book any more than we can see how any Alabama Baptist who loves the Baptist cause in Alabama can do without the Alabama Baptist. And yet we dare say there are hundreds of photographers who are able to possess the annual and yet let the small sum asked for it keep them from so doing, just as there are Baptists in the state who fail to take their state paper. This annual is not only filled with beautiful pictures but contains much about the art of photography not only interesting to the profession but to the amateur. It can be had of Tennant & Ward, New York, for 75c.

**John Watts de Peyster.**

By Frank Allaben, author of The Ancestry of Leander Howard Crall, Concerning Genealogies, the Arms and Pedigree of Kingdon-Gould, the Arms and Pedigree of Seymour, Editor of American Gentry.

A large part of this work is interesting autobiography, presenting a wonderfully vivid picture of the life, in New York, of a wealthy young aristocrat of eighty years ago. It also gives an account of a trip made to Europe in 1834. He does not think the trip made in search of health did him much good, but says it made him very self-sufficient. Another feature is General de Peyster's criticisms of public men, generals, and even President Lincoln. We know of few things that will relieve a tedious half hour than his account of his proffer of services to Lincoln. His criticisms on the civil war will not endear him to the South and neither did they make him loved at the North. He lived long and participated in many good movements; but his failure to secure the coveted position in the civil war to which experience entitled him caused him to withdraw entirely from public affairs. It is said that he gave away several millions of dollars, devoted to the building or endowing of hospitals, homes, schools, churches, libraries and the erection of monuments of historic and artistic interest. His library of 50,000 volumes, one of the largest in the possession of a private individual, was despoiled by gifts to colleges, scientific or economical institutions and public libraries. Many art treasures and heirlooms, inherited or collected by him, were presented to public museums. The book gave us pleasure from the fact that we spent one year in the law office of Frederick dePeyster at 18 Wall St., New York, a relative of General dePeyster's, and one of the most gracious and charming men we have ever known, and whose many kindnesses to a young lawyer trying to make his way in a great city will never be forgotten. The book is published in two volumes by Frank Allaben Genealogical Company, No. 3 West Forty-Second Street, New York, at \$2.50 net.



**DR. THEODORE L. CUYLER.**

His death on February 26 in his 87th year removes a conspicuous figure in the religious life of America. He was a voluminous writer.

Avoiding controversy and denominational differences, his pen has carried the truth and grace of Christ into every part of this and other lands.

We had the pleasure of hearing him preach in Dr. Storr's church in Brooklyn in 1902, and will never forget the old time courtesy displayed by him in responding to the greeting of some lady friend who accosted him on a busy Brooklyn street. We happened to be passing and his gracious manner attracted our attention.

SELF-DENIAL AND THANK OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS.

For His Sake.

One of our well-known denominational papers has given us a striking editorial on "the new phase that has come into the vocabulary of the world." The reference is to the potential letters C. Q. D. sent over the vast, trackless expanse of ocean by the Republic in her distress. The writer says: "It is a signal of danger, of helplessness, a call for outside assistance, an alarm of the despairing and the perishing; a cry for life in the presence of overshadowing death."

How well the cry was answered is now a matter of history, and heroic history. Our hearts have been stirred and made tender in reading the story.

"May we not make application of it to present day missionary endeavor while it is fresh in the mind? From all quarters of the globe today the message of need reaches the ear of the Christian. It sounds with an insistency strong enough to catch the ear attuned to the "great commission." There can be no mistaking the signal. The Christian who sails on in the face of this call knows not kinship with the Christ. Nor has he the compelling impulses of that brotherliness which binds Christ's followers to answer the call of millions perishing in the impenetrable fogs of pagan darkness."

More than twenty years ago a secretary of one of our mission boards wrote an appeal to the churches using the caption we have chosen to head this appeal. Quoting largely from him—hear this man of God, "who being dead, yet speaketh." "Giving of our means is a service to the Lord Jesus—to carry out His longing for the redemption of the vast family of which He is the head; to make His name great "unto the ends of the earth." The certainty of success should make this work—though it have sacrifices—a joyous privilege. "For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross." Let us not forget that Jesus saved the world not by interceding for it amid the glories of heaven, but by the sacrifice of Himself. Our prayers for the conversion of the heathen are a bitter irony so long as we give only what we can ties of the Lord's work, the Lord Himself is necessitate of the Lord's work, the Lord Himself is necessitous—hence His appeal to "come up to His help" against the heathen world. Are there no large-hearted, God-fearing men and women among us who will make a thank offering unto the Lord worthy of the prosperity wherewith He has blessed them?

"If there be one whose eyes shall fall upon these lines, who can not send a dollar or a dime, we beg that child of God to join us, for one minute each day, at noon, for one month, in imploring the "Giver of all" to put it into the hearts of those who CAN give; to give "as the Lord hath prospered them."

"The claims of the boards, as the servants of the churches, are imperative. But let no one belittle himself by forgetting that the great motive in giving is LOVE TO HIM, who "though He was rich, yet for YOUR SAKES HE became poor, that ye, through His poverty might become rich," and who looking into the face of every one of His followers, asks: "Lovest thou ME, MORE THAN THESE?"

Sisters beloved of the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, are there among us the "willing-hearted" as were the women of old, who "brought their earrings, bracelets and rings," and the "wise-hearted," "who spun with their hands" and "brought the blue and purple and scarlet" to make the brodered veil of the Tabernacle? Are there not among us those who are self-sacrificing as was that "woman who was a widow," whom the Master commended as having "cast into the treasury" more than all the rich who had passed before her—for, verily she had cast in "all her living?" Have we not with us to this day some Mary—nay, many Marys, who will be constrained for the love they bear their Lord to give of their abundance, counting it as naught to sacrifice the costly alabaster vase and scatter the fragrant spikenard if

WOMAN'S WORK

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

only He be anointed "King of kings and Lord of lords."

We believe there are many who will do these things "For His Sake."

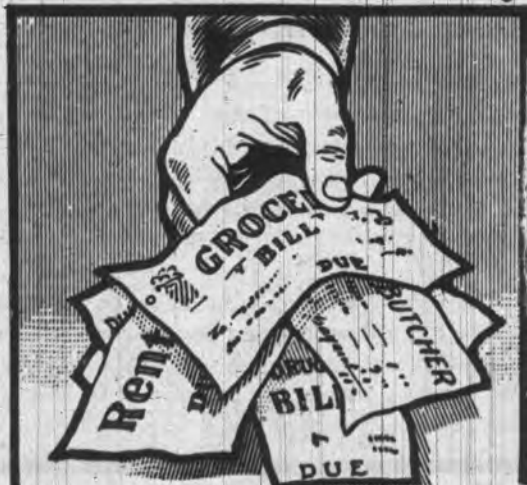
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QUESTIONS.

Please Answer All Questions and Quickly Return to Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary-Treasurer, Watts Building, Birmingham, Ala.

- 1. When was your society organized?
2. Number of members now
3. Did you observe Enlistment Day this year?
4. If so, how many new members were enrolled?
5. Name and address of one officer of society
6. To whom shall we send one free copy of "Our Mission Fields?"
7. Do you receive a copy every quarter?
8. Will you send your Quarterly Report to your Associational Vice President by April 1st?
9. If no Vice President in your Association, will you send to me?
10. The Executive Board asks that you send ALL MONEY TO ME.
11. If money has been given to other parties, please state to whom—right after the amount you report.
12. Do not report Church Aid in your Quarterly Report. Report this annually at your association.

Don't wait for your friends, better go to heaven alone, than to hell with company.



- 13. Young Woman's Auxillaries and Sunbeam Bands should send money to me; reports to their Associational Vice President.
14. Remember that EXPENSE FUNN on Blank Reports means only that every society is asked for 10 cents a member annually toward woman's work in the state.
15. Have you bought one of the pretty Mission Calendars? They are only 10 cents apiece, plus 2 cents for postage; are excellent and helpful. Order from me.
16. Will you observe the week of prayer for Home Missions, third week in March, and do your utmost for a great offering and a spiritual uplift?
17. In reporting the offering put it under the head of "THANK OFFERING."
18. We hope that each society has given during this year, April, 1908-April, 1909, a small amount to Margaret Home, and a good contribution to the training school, but the greatest need now is foreign and home missions. If you can not give to all, give to them only. To reach Alabama's apportionment we need \$5,000 for foreign missions and \$5,000 for home missions before April 10. O, sisters, I beg of you "For His Sake" to put forth your greatest efforts.

Lovingly,

MRS. D. M. MALONE, Sec'y-Treas.

WEEK OF PRAYER,

March 14-20, 1909.

If the fifty million people unaffiliated with any religious organization in the United States were gathered in a group of States according to the present population within those States, they would occupy the space marked black. Gather in the same manner the nineteen millions of Protestants, and they would occupy the light space; while the Jews, Catholics, Spiritualists, Mormons, Christian Scientists, etc., would occupy the shaded space.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

Opportunity before the Home Mission Board is undiminished—rather it is increased. Yet the Lord's treasury is not filled for carrying on the work planned to meet the opportunity; and we come to the observance of this week of prayer and thank offering with a profound sense of need. Phillips Brooks has said, "Your prayers are small because you are trying to accomplish small things. Attempt greater things and you will be on your knees crying to God." If ever the attempting of something great could send us to our knees, it is true this year, when so much remains undone because of slow contributions. Let us give these days to a patient waiting upon God, rather than long talks on the subjects suggested, that He may inspire in the hearts of all His people in our churches a new unselfishness; asking that none may fail of giving his or her best gift. May the outcome of united prayer teach us a new lesson of dependence upon our Father.

"Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

- Sunday, March 14—Christian Stewardship.
Monday, March 15—Foreign Population and City Missions.
Tuesday, March 16—Mountain Schools.
Wednesday, March 17—Special Programme for Young People, on Cuba.
Thursday, March 18—State Missions.
Friday, March 19—The Foreign Board's Specific Needs for Workers.
Saturday, March 20—Frontier Missions and Work Among Indians.

## CLAIMS FROM DR. TORREY'S SERMONS.

Of course there is a hell. If there were not there ought to be. Could you read a letter my wife received last night from a poor, heart-broken woman, you would believe there is a hell for the man in that story.

Eighteen centuries of study on the part of thousands of the ablest minds have been unable to exhaust the Bible. Many men of stronger intellect, of marvellous powers of penetration, of broad culture, have given a life time to the study of the Bible; and a man who has really studied it has never dreamed of saying that he had got to the bottom of the book in this inexhaustible mine of truth.

New light is constantly breaking forth from the word of God. The human mind has been progressing for eighteen centuries. We have outgrown every other book; but, so far from outgrowing the Bible, we have not yet grown up to it. The Bible is not only up-to-date but ahead of date.

When I and God meet, I and the Bible will meet. That is the Bible was written from God's standpoint. There is no honest escaping from this conclusion.

It never seems to occur to the rationalist that God can have a good reason for saying or doing a thing if he, the rationalist cannot see the reason. Why, one of the greatest discoveries I ever made was one day when it dawned upon me that God might possibly know more than I did.

I know men who are pure as purity can make them, yet who were once impure; and others whose ungodly tempers once turned their hearts into hell, who are now the sweetest temper of men. What is this change? Because they yielded without reservation to the Spirit of Holiness.

There are two kinds of exhilaration. One is the devil's which leads to destruction. The other is God's exhilaration, which uplifts.

Friends, there is no gladness on earth like that which comes of anointment with holy oil. On this side of glory there is no joy like that brought by the oil of gladness. Storms do not touch it. Care cannot move it. Sorrows, difficulties, discouragements or failures can never touch it. It's like a great river streaming through your life 365 days in the year.

Millionaires seldom sing. If Mr. Alexander had a congregation of millionaires before him he would have the hardest job to make them sing that he ever tackled. Money does not satisfy, but Jesus does.

You have broken God's first law and you are the lowest of sinners, a wicked person, with no hope outside of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

The last excuse is: "I'm too great a sinner." Almost every mail brings me a letter from a man or woman who deep down in sin that no hope is left. But this same of mind is inspired by the devil. It's his last resource to make us believe we are so bad we cannot be saved. I thank God that there is not one person that Jesus cannot save.

There is no person who is good enough to come to Christ in the strength of his own morality, but there is not a person in the world who won't be received by Jesus if he will only come to Him.

You cannot be saved by going to church, by reading your Bible, by attending prayer-meeting and by doing a whole lot of nice religious things. You would be willing to be saved if you could only be saved without humbling yourselves as any other poor sinner, without putting your trust in the atoning blood like other poor lost sinners.



Listen, you won't be saved until you come as a poor lost sinner. There are no two ways of salvation—one for vile outcasts and one for reasonable people. There is just one way—taking the sinner's place and putting your trust in the atoning Saviour.

Pride operates against salvation in another way. People make up their minds that they will not do certain things. They will not come to these meetings; or they come, but will not stand up; or they stand up but refuse to come forward. If you say you won't, and act it you won't be saved probably at all. You have a sovereign God who will not make conditions to please anybody.

You said, "I won't do it," and God is God. He won't take dictations even from you. The quicker you humble that spirit, the quicker you do what you said you wouldn't do, the quicker you will find peace.

Men and women, there is peace right down here for hundreds of you. There are thousands of places to find peace, but for you, whose pound will resist the spirit, there is peace right down here.

Humble your pride. Jesus stands here tonight just as He stood in Jerusalem. His heart breaking for you saying, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." Oh, men and women, say to Jesus, "I will come. I come now."

Don't wait until you are leading a better life. You would not wait until you are better physically before you called in a doctor.

You don't have to know everything from Genesis to Revelations to be saved. You must only believe that you are a sinner, that your sins are laid on Jesus Christ and that you'll accept him. He'll save you.



Some one else will say, "I am waiting until I die before coming to Christ. You don't often put it into words but its a fact with many of you. What guarantee have you that you will feel at all like repenting and coming to Christ on your death bed?"

Can you see it shining up there, the cross of Jesus? Do you know who is that white, agonized form nailed to the gibbet suffering the throes of death? For whom? For you. From that cross the power is going out tonight, going out, going out. That drawing power is drawing you, mightily drawing you. What for? That you might be saved. Will you come?

What the church needs today is conversion of sin.

The doctrine of future punishment, of judgment, of hell, has dropped largely out of preaching today. Has it not? And let me tell you the line of truth that drops into the background and becomes unpopular is the line of truth to follow and preach.

The passage, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" is continually misapplied. The meaning is that the Word of God written on the tablets of the Bible itself killeth, but quickeneth and maketh alive when written by the Spirit upon men's hearts.

Father in heaven, there are hundreds here tonight who know what they ought to do to help others find and know Thee but are unable to get up. Father, break their chains of awful pride and cowardice, that they may be free to do Thy bidding.

I wish it were possible for me to descend from the pulpit tonight and go from seat to seat, from man to man, from woman to woman, who has not publicly confessed Christ and put to each the question, "Why tarriest thou?" I believe if I could every one out of Christ in this great building would be brought to Him tonight.

The answer of some of you is, "I am waiting until I am convinced that the Bible is the Word of God." Now to everyone here who makes that answer I will make this offer. If you will come to me at the end of the meeting, I will show you with absolute certainty that the Bible is God's Word and that Jesus is the Son of God. Now if you are really an honest skeptic you will come. If you don't accept it don't go around saying you are a skeptic; you are not a skeptic, but a mere humbug.

One night when everybody else was in bed a friend and I remained up for a talk. He was seventy years old and had one foot in the grave, but he had accumulated half a million. What do you think he wanted to talk about—about eternity, about the future of his soul? No. He leaned over that old white head of his and whispered, "Achie, do you know any place where I could invest a little money where it would bring big interest?" (Laughter) You laugh, but there is nothing laughable in it; it is appalling. Thousands of men are in the same grip of that awful curse, that love for gold. I would rather undertake to save twelve whiskey fiends than one miser.

If I were not a Christian tonight and not another person started for heaven tonight, I would start though I started alone.

Pride is keeping more men and women from coming to Jesus than drunkenness.

There are some men who have business engagements ahead of them that are not just straight and they want to get them out of the way before they accept Christ. They know they cannot do them after they accept Him. Christ can be found tonight. Who can guarantee He can be found to morrow? He is near tonight. Who can tell if He will be near tomorrow? Do not risk your soul.

Frank Willis Barnett

# Editorials

Editor and Owner

## TREATMENT OF MINISTERS.

Many of the churches of our land need reminding of the fact that God requires of them a considerate and kind treatment of the true ministers whom He provides for them. It is no trifling matter for any Christian church to unjustly treat a godly pastor. He may have some unpleasant crochets; he may not be largely talented; his sermons may not be very logical, nor elegant in diction; but, for none of these reasons nor all combined should he be contemptuously treated. And suppose that the minister has reached the age of sixty, why should he be despised and driven off the field? There is no divine warrant for any church to reproach and abuse a good minister because he has reached that age. A church is not obliged to have a pastor of that age, but it is obliged to regard him respectfully, and even honorably. Remember that he is God's man. God still loves him and has a zealous care for him. He is God's anointed servant, therefore do not mistreat him. A minister had an article recently in the Baptist Commonwealth, of Philadelphia, and from it the following is taken: "One of our ministers, lately deceased, a graduate of Bucknell and Crozer, told the writer that one time, after he had reached his sixtieth year, he applied to one of our state mission boards for some small field that was not able to pay any salary, and, to use his own words, he 'was turned down.' Heart-broken, he moved to another state, and found four little struggling pastorless churches that he cared for. His health was better at sixty than it had been at thirty. Another minister, in the Presbyterian denomination, when his hair was whitening had his church to tell him plainly that they wanted a younger man. The old minister stepped down and out of that pulpit, and went into another section of the same city, and in time built up a stronger and larger church than the one in which he was not wanted." These two instances are only samples of many similar ones, and they show the fact that although churches may pitilessly reject God's true ministers on account of their age, yet He will still use them somewhere else with blessed results. If the churches will submit this whole question in prayer to God, and willingly abide by the answer which He gives, they will be acquitted by Him of the charge of wrong-doing. Always treat honorably God's true ministers.

## LABOR'S FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMPTION.

No movement is at the present time more deeply stirring the ranks of organized labor throughout the United States than the campaign against tuberculosis. Politics, strikes, boycotts, and all other issues are being side-tracked to make way for the fight which is to save the lives of thousands of laboring men. Meetings are being held and movements started in hundreds of cities for the purpose of stimulating the labor forces to activity in anti-tuberculosis work.

That tuberculosis is particularly fatal to the workmen may be clearly seen from the fact that at least one-third of the deaths during the chief working period of life are caused by pulmonary tuberculosis. Every other workman who becomes incapacitated must ascribe his condition to consumption. Dr. Lawrence F. Flick says: "Tuberculosis is peculiarly a disease of the wage workers, and this is so for the very good reason that one of the causes of the disease is overwork." In some trades, such as the metal polishers, brass workers, and stone workers, from 35 to 50 per cent of all deaths are caused by tuberculosis. Dusty trades are particularly dangerous.

## A STIRRING APPEAL.

Montgomery, Ala., March 1, 1909.

Dear Brother:

February, March and April are the three most strenuous months among the Baptists of Alabama.

I hope we did well in February for state missions; the returns are not all in.

March and April are for home and foreign missions.

We have given to February 15th for home missions \$10,510; for foreign missions \$10,616. This is somewhat in advance of the same period last year. If we make a 25 per cent advance over last year, we must give in March and April for home missions \$13,000, and for foreign missions \$25,000. Don't let any one say: It can not be done. It is easy, if all will lay hold. I beg the brethren not to put it off but begin now. Whatever you do, don't yield to the temptation to combine the two in one collection. Please don't. You can get almost twice as much in two collections.

The convention at Louisville will be largely attended. Alabamians will be there in droves. We don't want to hang our heads in shame because of the reduced figures from our state. The boards were ordered to make an advance. They did so, depending upon the churches. Let us not disappoint them.

The secretaries expect it; the missionaries expect it; our Lord expects it. I beg you to make the best effort possible. Read the letter to your church and Sunday school. Talk to the pastor. Above all, pray for the work and the workers.

Remember me to the brotherhood.

Fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.



REV. HENRY G. WESTON, D. D.

His recent death removes one of our strong, conservative men. For more than two score years he was connected with Crozier Theological Seminary, where he "presided with dignity and taught with power."

## DEFEAT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY BILL. A TEMPERANCE VICTORY.

The defeat in committee of the bill to appoint a commission of congressmen to investigate the liquor traffic was a decided temperance victory. The Anti-Saloon League had been quietly opposing this bill during the whole session, though it was favored by some temperance people who had not learned that the appointment of such a commission, though an apparent concession to temperance sentiment, was to be used as an excuse for delaying interstate shipment and other temperance legislation until it reported, and that the provision that any member of the commission whose term in congress expired should be continued at full congressional pay, afforded an excellent means of taking care of members who had been defeated for re-election or re-nomination to the house for refusing to report the interstate shipment bills out of the judiciary committee.

## MASTERS AND HIS WORK.

V. I. Masters, editorial secretary of the Home Field, in his foreword says:

"The home field does not take the place of the denominational papers. If a Baptist must decide between this home mission monthly and his State paper, he ought to take his State paper.

"Our Home Field, by the terms of the engagement with the Home Mission Board, is to be the prime vehicle through which I shall essay to serve in this great cause, and I shall devote to it diligent and thoughtful care. But it is also expected that I shall do original work for the denominational papers of the South, as a home mission press agent. This I have long believed to be a field that could be cultivated with great results, and it gives me genuine satisfaction to be in a position to put to the test my belief."

Masters has peculiar talents for this class of work and we know that our readers are going to enjoy some informing articles from his gifted pen.

## ALABAMA'S ADVANCE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Many of the people in Alabama do not realize what an advance our state has made in the great work of foreign missions in the last ten years. In 1898 we gave for this cause \$5,950. In 1899 we contributed \$28,255. At the convention in Hot Springs we were requested to contribute this year \$45,000. The churches of this state can easily raise this amount if only there is general concerted action. However, we must remember that the fact was brought out at the convention in Hot Springs that in our state there were estimated to be 393 churches in the state that did not contribute a dollar for foreign missions. Surely, many of these churches ought this year to come up into line for this great work of the Lord, and then many of our churches which are now giving can add 25 or 50 per cent to their gifts. Up to Feb. 15, 1909, our people have contributed this year \$10,743. May the spirit of the Lord move mightily among the churches and cause us to do great things in the next two months.

There are from Alabama fifteen men and women on the foreign field. Some of these who stay at home ought to make sacrifices as well as those who are going abroad. Let us give until we feel it—feel that we have made some sacrifice for the Master, and that He is pleased with our offering for Him.



Has your church raised its share of the appropriation

?

Time is short

THE DREAMLAND TRAIN

By Paul Pinkerton.

When I would go to fairyland, Upstairs the station lies. Just after dark the good train leaves; An early start is wise. I take a special sleeping car, There is no fare to pay. But mother, dear, collects a kiss Before I start away. And then she tucks me in my berth And turns the light down low. I always fall asleep before The train begins to go. Through all the night the train flies on,

It is a famous run, And when the morning comes at last I'm wakened by the sun. And then I find I'm somehow worse And in my little bed; Do you suppose 'twas all a dream As my big sister said?

—Selected.

IN THE MORNING

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Immediately upon arising in the morning, should you have a bad breath and a disagreeable taste in your mouth, try a charcoal lozenger. Simply chew the lozenger up as you would so much candy and drink a glass of water, washing it down into the stomach in this manner. The effect is almost magical. The mouth becomes sweet and the breath pure and fragrant in a very short time.

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The Centennial of Religious Journalism.

This book, edited by Rev. J. Pressley Barrett, D. D., is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, "the oldest religious newspaper," with the book which is most attractively gotten out. We received a fac simile copy of the first issue of the paper, which is about half the size of the Alabama Baptist, containing four pages, and is dated Thursday evening, September 1, 1808. The motto is striking: "From realms far distant, and from climes unknown; we make the knowledge of our kingdom known." Elias Smith, the editor and founder, in his address to the public, says much that is interesting, among other things the following:

"The utility of such a paper has been suggested to me, from the great use other papers are to the community at large. In this way almost the whole state of the world is presented to us at once. In a short and cheap way, a general knowledge of our affairs is diffused through the whole; and by looking into a News-paper, we often look at the state of nations, and see them rise into importance, or crumble into ruin. If we are profited in political affairs in this way, I do not

see why, the knowledge of the Redeemer's kingdom may not be promoted or increased in the same way. It appears to me best to make the trial."

The contents are interesting. The leading article is on Liberty. Under the head of Religious Intelligence, a revival of religion and reformation in Kentucky, there are extracts from letters. Notices of preaching and meetings, an ordination. Then more than a column is given to the publishers' business notices (showing that there was a business side even to the first religious newspaper). A short poem and then the following:

Anecdotal.

The celebrated Mr. Robert Robertson, (a Baptist minister) in England, was much respected on account of his wit, Learning, and Religion, and was often in the company of some of the first men in the kingdom. One day, being in company with one of the nobility, the gentleman put this question to him: "Mr. Robertson, what is the reason that our ministers of the Church of England, preach well for a time after they first begin; but your ministers of the Dissenters, continue to preach well through all their lives?"

I will tell you Sir, (said Mr. Robertson,) and then taking his bible,

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC



NOW YOU SEE IT!

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC



NOW YOU DON'T SEE IT

turned to John 1:1 and read "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." Now, said he, when your ministers of the Church of England, begin to preach, they read this text as it is, "The word was with God and the word was God;" and while they read so, they preach well. He then laid a Guinea on the last word of the verse, God. Now (said he) after your ministers have preached a while, a rich living is presented to them; and, instead of, "The word was God," they begin to read, "And the word was Gold;" this spoils their preaching. Our ministers are in general poor, and the people being obliged to support your ministers, are not able to do much for their own; this keeps them poor, and as they do not read, "The word was Gold," they read "The word was God," here they are called to look continually; and, in this way they preach well.

Nothing New Under the Sun.

The above showing that more than 100 years ago the idea used by Brother Crumpton in his famous temperance card where he used a dollar so effectively was not entirely new, although we know that it originated with him and that the instance given here will be news to him. The book can be had of the Christian Publishing Association, Dayton, Ohio.

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RICHARD HALL,

Vice President Home Mission Board for Alabama.

March 5, 1909.

### EVANGELIST RAY AT PINEAPPLE.

The week of meetings conducted by our evangelist (please emphasize OUR) W. J. Ray, closed here Sunday night with 44 additions to the Baptist church. Thirty-five of them were for baptism. Six joined the Methodist and four the Campbellites. The proverbial "oldest inhabitant" can not remember when Pineapple had such a revival. One evidence of the depth of the interest was manifested in the contribution to Bro. Ray of the raising of \$200 for his services. Bro. Ray also secured a contribution of \$26.50 with which to present the pastor with a new suit of clothes. The Lord is wonderfully blessing Ray. He has just enough of the dramatic in him to secure and hold attention, just enough of wit and good humor to keep even the children awake and alert, enough pathos to stir the emotions of the most phlegmatic and enough common sense and logic to convince the cool and calculative. Bro. Ray has been kept quite busy all the winter months, thus proving to Southern Baptists that they do not have to wait until July or August for a revival.

The Pineapple people have been very kind to us since we came some six weeks ago. We have been pounded and in many other ways made to feel that they are an appreciative and noble people.

Fraternally,

March 1. L. N. BROCK.

### WAS A HEN.

Little Harry with his sister and brothers was being taught natural history by the governess through the instrumentality of a game. The game was called "Barnyard." One child was a duck, another a turkey, and a third a calf, and so on—a noisy delightful game.

But little Harry remained, in all the tumult, as still as death. Far off in a corner he crouched, silent and alone. The governess, spying him, approached, saying, indignantly:

"Come, Harry, and play with us."

"Hush," answered Harry, "I'm laying an egg."—The Circle Magazine for March.

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### MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by N. S. Harris and Maggie Harris, his wife, on the 16th day of June, 1908, to the undersigned mortgagee, C. W. Rudolph, to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded in volume 507, page 329, of the records of mortgages in the office of the judge of probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 15th day of July, 1908, on account of default in the payment of notes, evidencing said indebtedness, the said mortgagee in accordance with the terms of said mortgage has elected and does hereby declare the entire debt secured by said mortgage due, and in accordance with the terms of said mortgage will on Saturday, the 20th day of March, 1909, before the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, in Birmingham, offer for sale and proceed to sell, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot 37.1-2 by 110 feet off the east ends of lots 11 and 12, Boddie's subdivision of block 775, particularly described as follows:

Begin at a point on the south line of Avenue "I," (or 9th avenue south), 137 1-2 feet eastward of its intersection with the east line of 18th street and run thence southerly perpendicular to Avenue "I" 110 feet; thence easterly parallel to Avenue "I" 37 1-2 feet to the west line of an alley; thence northerly along said line 110 feet to the south line of Avenue I; thence westerly along said line 37 1-2 feet to point of beginning, situated in the city of Birmingham, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, being the property conveyed in the above described mortgage.

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## THE TONGUE.

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.

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The Persian proverb wisely saith: "A lengthy tongue—an early death."

Or sometimes takes this form instead: "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed," Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages thus impart: "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung: "Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The sacred writer crowns the whole: "Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."

—P. Burroughs Strong.

And an American poet, Will Carleton, writes:

"Boys, flying kites, draw in their winged birds; Guard well your tongue—you can't do that with words."

## HER NAME.

"I'm losted! Could you find me, please?"

Poor, little frightened baby! The wind had tossed her golden fleece. The stones had scratched her dimpled knees; I stooped and lifted her with ease, And gently whispered, "Maybe!"

"Tell me your name, my little maid, I can't find you without it."

"My name is Shiny-eyes," she said, "Yes, but your last?" She shook her head.

"Up to my house they never said A single fmg about it."

"But, dear," I said, "what is your name?"

"Why, didn't you hear me told you? It's Shiny-eyes!" A bright thought came,

Yes, when you're good, but when they blame You, little one; is it the same When mother has to scold you?"

"My mother never scolds," she moans, A little blush ensuing,

"Cept when I've been a-frowing stones, And then she says, 'the culprit owes, Mehitable Sapphira Jones! What has you been a-doing?'"  
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## A HOME MISSION MOTTO—WE CAN AND WE WILL.

Is the home mission enterprise coming into its kingdom at last? Are the Christians of this country beginning to realize that they have been playing at home missions, as well as at foreign missions? It begins to look like it. We have become familiar with the idea of interdenominational foreign mission gatherings. Just recently we had the spectacle of a great interdenominational meeting of representatives of home mission societies.

I have looked again and again with envy and despair at Southern Presbyterian figures—\$1.09 per capita for foreign missions alongside our Southern Baptist contribution of 20 cents per capita. It has given me a little comfort (i. e. from this comparative standpoint) to see that the gap between us does not yaw quite so widely in our average gifts to home missions—Southern Presbyterians about 27 cents, Southern Baptists about 12 cents. And now comes the good news that Southern Presbyterians are distressed about the smallness of their contributions to home missions and have put in the field Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, in the interest of this cause.

I say this is good news, for surely the forces of sin and ignorance, of worldliness and heathenism on the frontiers, in the mountains, in the spiritually destitute country districts, in the slums and foreign quarters of our great cities are so great that the call to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty must be heard and heeded by every Christian of whatever name or creed. But of all Christians ours is the greatest responsibility in the south, for we have the largest number of members both white and black in our churches and of people within our sphere of influence. It was indeed cheering news last year to find that in spite of hard times Southern Baptists raised \$30,000 more for this work than ever before. But that increase is but a small part of what the work really demands, and the convention realizing this instructed the home board to lay out the work on a basis of \$325,000. The board was cautious and at first made appropriations calling for only \$300,000, but urgent appeals for help have compelled them to advance to \$320,000. This means that in the next two months \$230,000 must be raised for home missions, otherwise the board will face a debt.

Alabama has given \$10,500 of the \$35,000 apportioned to her. Can we raise \$25,000 in two months? Certainly, if we try prayerfully and earnestly. From all human reckoning the financial depression of last year meant decreased gifts to missions. But as some one has said, "the falling cruse of oil is God's special opportunity." Six hundred and two thousand dollars more was contributed to foreign missions by the United States and Canada last year than ever before! Hard times are good things to try our faith and to put into practice our professions.

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This day came Joe J. Osborn, administrator of the estate of Dock K. Allison, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same. It is ordered that the 26th day of March, 1909 be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.  
S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.  
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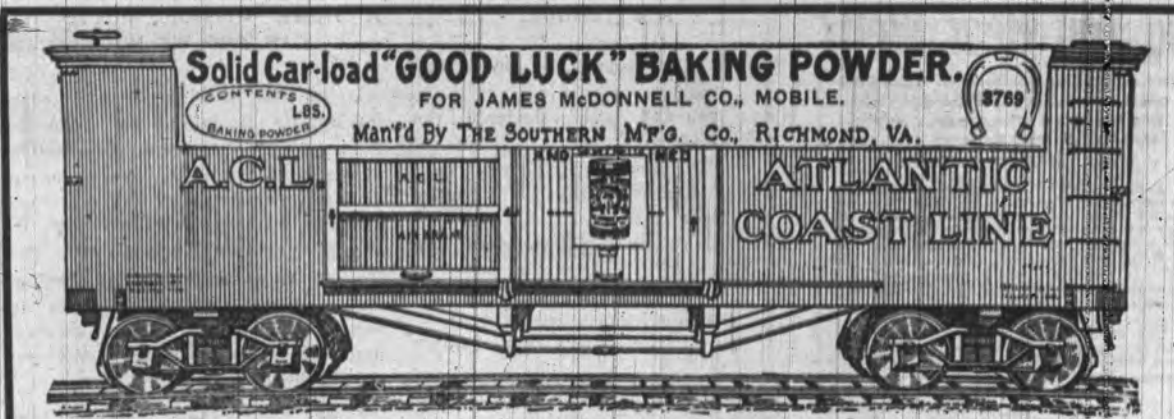


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Judge—The witness told all that happened on the second floor. Now, why do you object to his telling what happened on the third floor?  
Counsel—Because, if it please Your Honor, that is another story.



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He will probably be called a good for nothing rascal some day, but not by you, dear mother, as he is carried to the coal mines or gallows. That sweet, innocent expression will be transformed into a wild, hard, heinous stain which all the demons in hell can not improve on, and his hands and face will not be stained with smoot that you can wash off.

J. SID WOOD.

### SAD DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

While I am sick and housed up, let me tell you and the many friends of Bro. Clifton C. Ivie of his funeral. He died at Selma last Friday at 1 o'clock. His remains were brought to Old Fellowship church, Dallas county, of which he had been a member, for interment. He was a most excellent young man. The procession that followed his remains was the longest perhaps that has ever been seen in this county, which testifies to his popularity.

He had been married to Miss Edna Perry, a daughter of Bro. Andrew Perry, and a granddaughter of Rev. A. M. Perry, the old war horse in the ministry for perhaps fifty years, just six weeks to a day when he was buried. Just before our last protracted meeting at Fellowship he suggested to the young men of the church that they meet on Wednesday and Saturday nights every week until the meeting and this prayer meeting continued several months after the meeting, which was the best revival we have had in many years, resulting in the gathering into the church of some 18 or 20 members of the pick of the community. May God's blessings rest upon his young widow and the sorrowing relatives.

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We, the Baptist church of Christ at Mountain Creek, do extend our sincere thanks to Bro. Simpson and the grand old soldiers of the Soldiers' Home of the State of Alabama for their kindness and aid shown us while organizing our new church at said home. We extend to Bro. Simpson and the old soldiers an everlasting invitation to visit our church and worship with us, and we pray God's blessings upon each and every one of you. Respectfully,  
P. J. BAXLEY,  
M. MILLER,  
S. B. CULPEPER,  
Committee.

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS.**

We, the Baptist church of Christ at Mountain Creek, Ala., do extend our sincere thanks to the Methodist brethren and other denominations for their help and deliberation in building our new church at Mountain Creek, and also the community at large. We do pray God's blessings upon each and every one who extended a helping hand. Respectfully,  
P. J. BAXLEY,  
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**SAD DEATH OF YOUNG WIFE.**

On February 13, just after the sun had gone down in the western skies, the death angel visited the home of Brother Andrew Joyner and took for his victim his young and loving wife, Annie. It was hard to give her up, but we weep not as those do who have no hope, for it was only last summer that she took Jesus as her Savior and joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist church. She leaves a husband and a sweet little baby boy and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but her loss is heaven's gain.

How sad, how drear does home appear  
Without sweet Annie's face;

Though others dear may seek to cheer  
The desolate place.

Some sweet day we will take her hand,  
And be with her in heaven land.

JOHN W. JOYNER.

Our new pastor, Rev. H. T. Vaughan, came to us about December 1. Our people have fallen very much in love with him. Have already taken collections for missions, Howard college and a special collection for the orphanage, so you can tell Bro. Crumpton I think he will hear from us occasionally along the line of missions this year. Our pastor's conference here in the three cities—Columbus, Phenix and Girard—has agreed to start a series of meetings beginning March 28. We gave the parting hand to Sister Brock on Wednesday evening at our wid-week prayer service. The whole audience nearly was moved to tears at the sad parting with this sweet, lovable, Christian worker. She goes to join her husband at Pineapple. We pray the Lord's blessings on their labors there. I enclose \$2. Move my figures up to 1916.—H. S. Sullivan, Girard.

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Dear Bro. Barnett: On or about the 25th of January I sent you \$2 by registration. Have not received registration receipt or any other acknowledgment otherwise than receiving two copies of the Alabama Baptist per week instead of one. I do not need two at once. Please investigate, regulate and report. I love my paper and I hope to be able to retain its companionship so long as I live. Am 66 years old in March. May blessings attend your work.—Mrs. E. L. A. Shackelford, 302 Owen Avenue, Bessemer, Ala.

I also send you my best wishes. May the year 1909 be the most successful to you as editor and proprietor of the Alabama Baptist of any you have had.—Lucy Stough.

Inclosed find \$1, which please accept and let the paper stay stopped, as I am not able to pay for it unless I liked it better.—M. W. Barrington.

My husband and I are earnestly endeavoring to lend a helping hand to every cause represented in the columns of our noble denominational paper. We enjoy the editorials every week and the book review is so helpful. You know what you want sometimes, but do not know what book represents that theme. A good reliable "book review" is helpful. May the Lord give you light for all the dark places.

Wishing you much success in the splendid work you are doing for the Christian people of Alabama, through your paper.—D. W. Sims, General Secretary Alabama S. S. Association.

I see from the label on the Baptist that my subscription expired January 1, 1909, and as I can't see how myself and wife can get along without the much appreciated Alabama Baptist, please find inclosed postoffice money order for \$2 and send on the paper. I am only taking three papers and the Baptist will be last to surrender. Some Baptists are taking the Standard and leaving off the Baptist, so as I am an Alabamian and only take one denominational paper, I deem it my duty to support our state organ. If I lived in Tennessee or Texas I would take and read the paper of the state in which I lived. So, Bro. Barnett, as I live 40 miles from you, let me shake hands with you by pen and ask God's blessings upon you and yours and especially the cause of the Master. God bless you and your readers and speed the day when the gospel will be supported where preached and carried to earth's remotest bounds.—J. M. Alman, Ashville, Ala.

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## Specimen Letters

not sending in sooner. I can't let the dear old Baptist lapse. Let it come and may the good Lord help you to keep it as good as it is and may His blessings follow you and yours.—B. B. Espy, Boaz, Ala.

You are giving us a capital paper. God bless you in your efforts.—A. L. Blizard.

You are giving us a good paper. It grows better every week. Don't see how I could get along without it. Success to you and your valuable paper for the new year, and may it be in the home of every Baptist in Alabama is the prayer of your brother in Christ.—J. T. Griffin.

Enclosed find \$3 to pay my subscription to the Alabama Baptist to January, 1910. The paper improves with each issue. Wish you a happy and prosperous year.—Mrs. E. Hobdy, P. S.—I expect I have one of the oldest Alabama Baptist papers in the state, published in 1874.—Mrs. L. A. Hobdy.

Inclosed find \$1 for the Alabama Baptist. Send to Mrs. C. H. Brasfield, McIntosh, Ala. She is my widowed sister, and as I am paying for it, also for Mrs. V. A. Hunter, Carbon Hill, Ala., who is my widowed mother, I suppose you would send the paper to my sister for one year for one dollar, but if my supposition is incorrect, let me know and I will try to adjust it.—R. M. Hunter.

(We gladly do this and wish more sons would give the paper to their mothers and more brothers give it to their sisters.)

You are giving us a splendid paper and we can not do without it. Enclosed please find check for same.—Mrs. J. E. Mattison.

You may count on me as one who will stand by our state paper.—Frank J. Fleming, Louisville, Ky.

I appreciate the paper very much. Think it is just fine and do love to pay for it in advance when it is possible. I think you are doing a noble work and pray that you may live a long while to carry on this work in the cause of Christ. May God bless and prosper you and yours.—Mrs. L. S. Carter.

I can't do without the Baptist. It is a real necessity in my work. I find those that take and read the Baptist are those that I can depend upon in our church work, especially in the missionary work. I pray God's richest blessings on you and the great work to which you seem to be so admirably suited.—T. W. Shelton.

I think your most noble paper gets better each issue. May God spare your life and guide you by the holy spirit in your great work. It can not be estimated what you are doing for the Baptists of Alabama. Send me some extra copies that we may swell the subscription list.—Rev. J. C. Thomas.

I am receiving two copies of the Baptist each week. The dear old Baptist is good enough to want two each week, but I have only paid for one a week, and do not wish to break your new found commandment, "Thou shalt not read a newspaper unless thou payest for it." The label on my paper is split. I receive one copy labeled Mrs. M. J. Garnett, Mobile, Ala., and the other labeled N. W. Easton and Gayle streets. May none of your readers break the new commandment this year. Mrs. M. J. Garnett.

Your paper is read with much pleasure in our home. Wish every Baptist would take and read it.—Mrs. G. T. Jordan.

Enclosed find one dollar for the payment of the Alabama Baptist from January 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910. Your paper is still improving. I can't do without it.—J. T. Lovvorn.

You are giving us a splendid paper. We look anxiously for its coming. I mean myself and wife. We think we can not do without it. Success to you and the Alabama Baptist.—W. H. Harwell.

You are giving us a splendid paper in every respect, and it is such a help to all of us—so much help it is to me that I don't think I could do without it. We have just about completed the prettiest church building in this part of the county.—J. N. Vandiver.

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