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The Alabama Baptist has ambitions and visions. It has ambitions for a large constituency. It is ambitious to increase its usefulness, and its power for usefulness. It has visions of a time not far away when the number of Baptists within its territory shall be twice what it is today. It has visions of a list with twenty-five thousand names. Why should this be thought a thing incredible? The paper gets confidence out of its history and inspiration out of its opportunities. It is with profound sincerity and gratitude that we record that the Alabama situation is full of encouragement in spite of its adversities.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The Alabama Baptist has never called on its subscribers in vain. The paper has a devoted and loyal constituency—a constituency of which we are justly proud, and to which, and for which, we are profoundly grateful. They have, from the first, performed for the paper a valuable UNPAID SERVICE. This noble service has been rendered voluntarily and gladly. We are encouraged, dear subscribers, by your past devotion and co-operation, to call on you now for your co-operation in the effort to accomplish the greatest task the paper has ever undertaken.

5,000 NEW NAMES.

There are within the territory of the Alabama Baptist more than 1,000 Baptist homes with no Baptist paper. In every church there are some homes, and in many churches there are many homes, with no Baptist paper.

To add 5,000 new names, or even half this number, in one year, would be an and away the greatest thing of its kind ever accomplished in denominational journalism. Alabama Baptist subscribers can do this big thing.

We can not reasonably hope to enlist in an active way all of our subscribers, but we do not believe that it is unreasonable to hope to enlist one out of three. Will not one out of three volunteer to help us in this great 1909 campaign? These five thousand can and will do a work that will challenge the wonder and admiration of the Baptists of the South.

ONE PENNY AND ONE MINUTE.

This is all it will cost you to send your name and address on a postal card. Something like this: "You may enroll my name among the volunteers for the 1909 campaign for new subscribers."

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PASTORS AND PREACHERS.

We doubt if there is a Baptist paper anywhere that has on its list a larger number of pastors and preachers than has the Alabama Baptist. These men of God have, hitherto, been loyal helpers of the paper. They have helped in a large way in the circulation of the paper. They will not fail us now. We ask and hope for 500 preachers and pastors who will say they will help us by using the samples and cards which we have mailed them.

1,000 WOMEN.

Are there not 1,000 women who read the Alabama Baptist every week who will volunteer to help us in our great circulation campaign? In all the work of the kingdom the women are at the front. No matter, sister, how obscure your home and how limited your opportunities, you can help some. Say you will and go to work.

Then there are the deacons, the superintendents, the teachers, the boys and girls. All can help, and we want volunteers from all classes.

WHAT WE WANT.

We want the name and postoffice address of every person who will volunteer to help, little or much, in the magnificent task of doubling our list in the special dollar offer to January, 1910. It will encourage us to know that you are going to co-operate with us. And then, having your name and address, we can correspond with you and, perhaps, give you some helpful suggestions.

PUBLISHING THE NAMES.

We propose to open at once a column in which will be published the names of the volunteer helpers. It will, we believe, be of interest to each worker to know how many others are at work, who they are and where they are. This will lend encouragement to the movement and create enthusiasm. Any one sending his name and not wishing his name published, shall have his wishes respected.

THE APPEAL IS TO YOU.

Our appeal is to you. Don't say, "Well, there will be enough without me." If all should do that we should be doomed to humiliating failure. Maybe you have never tried to solicit a subscriber. No matter. All we ask is that you agree to do something, if that something is only a kind word for the paper. Send us your name, but go to work at once.

SOME REASONS.

Our reason for calling on our subscribers to help us double our list this year is because we believe the thing needs to be done, and we can not do it without their help. The good that needs to be done, needs to be done as quickly as possible. Why wait years and years to do what can be done in one year? Why crawl by inches when we can go by leaps? Why wait till the editor of the paper is in his grave before bringing the paper to full usefulness?

To give a great increase to the paper's circulation will advance the cause and kingdom of Christ. It will mean a blessing to thousands of lives. What is a blessing to you and your home will be a blessing to other people and other homes. We ask our subscribers to help in the circulation of the Alabama Baptist for the same reason we are giving our life to it, that is, for Christ's sake. It is not a source of financial gain to us. We have never meant that it should be.

In helping increase the paper's circulation you help multiply its usefulness. If it does a certain amount of good with 10,000 subscribers, it will, logically, do twice as much good with double the number of subscribers.

TIME FLIES.

Don't delay. What you DO must be done QUICKLY. Make up your mind and send your name at once, and don't wait, but begin canvassing.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

We Have Presents for Everyone Who Sends in a New Name or Club

GOVERNOR FOLK ON ERA OF CONSCIENCE

Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, the eminent political reformer, spoke in the lyceum course at the Birmingham High School auditorium Thursday night to a very appreciative audience. The auditorium was well filled, and those who had the pleasure of hearing the speaker were highly entertained by his trend of thought and polished oratory.

Governor Folk's subject was "The Era of Conscience." He began by saying that a new epoch has come about in our national life, and that today presents a vision of brighter promise than ever before. He said that the ethical awakening which has been brought about shows signs of becoming universal and lasting instead of local and transitory. Exemplifying his thought, Governor Folk dwelled interestingly upon the past corruption of public officials, the gambling evil, public service corporations, the liquor traffic and other topics. His words were ringing upon each topic, and the speech was delivered with great oratorical effect.

World Grows Better.

The keynote of the address was the thought that "under the influence of this era of conscience, the world is becoming better every day," and dwelling in detail upon this prime thought, Governor Folk said:

"Conscience is the faculty in man whereby he distinguishes right from wrong, and which imperatively commands and obligates him to do the right and abstain from the wrong. When that faculty is lacking the man is said to be conscienceless. A conscience is needed for the public, as well as for the individual, whereby the right is approved and the wrong condemned. Conscience in the sense we speak of it now is the moral sense of the public—it is educated public opinion. Up to a few years ago the public was considered as a stupid, ignorant creature, void of understanding, and incapable of protecting itself. That the public has eyes that can see, and ears that can hear, and a conscience that can tell right from wrong, is a thought of comparatively recent origin. Some financiers and many professional politicians do not understand it even now, and with strange blindness fail to perceive the strength of a moral idea. What a remarkable change has come over the American people during the last six years! Things are not tolerated for a moment now that a half dozen years ago were submitted to in silence. Then bribery was the common and accepted thing all over the land; not that all men gave bribes, or that a majority of the officials took bribes, but it was generally regarded either with indifference or despair. Men gave bribes and thought nothing of it; men accepted bribes and boasted of the fact; legislative halls were made dens of thieves, while the conscience of the people was asleep. Then came the revelations, and the people awoke to a realization of the fact that no government can long exist where official acts can be bought and sold like merchandise. They realized that a government by corruption was not a government representative of the people, but was a government by the few with wealth enough to purchase official favors. From one end of the land to the other there has been a civic awakening, and a stern demand to stamp out the offense that strikes at the heart of free government. Six years ago men would give and take bribes, and still pride themselves on their honesty. They have learned better than that now. The public conscience has taught them better. It has not been long since men high up in the commercial world deemed it entirely proper to accept rebates from railroads contrary to law. They seemed unconscious of any wrong. It was right, according to their lights, they said; but these lights, as we believe, have now been forever extinguished, and in their stead blaze the white lights of conscience. Some of the insurance officials were found to be using trust funds for their own gain. They were oblivious to the immoral character of their conduct. But they, too, have now learned the great lesson.

"A few years ago officials, even in states where

the act carried a heavy penalty, made no concealment of accepting free railroad passes. They had no more moral right to accept a free pass for favors past or prospective than to take the equivalent in money. Their conduct was repugnant to the moral sense, but they did not realize it. Today no state official can be found who will admit that he accepts such favors. They have been touched with a live coal from off the altar of public conscience.

Vice of Gambling.

"Look at the subject of gambling, one of the greatest of vices. It has only been a few years since race track gambling and gambling of other kinds were not considered as involving moral wrong. The public conscience began to realize the fact that race track gambling is a prolific breeder of crime and a corrupter of youth. When I was prosecuting attorney of St. Louis I saw a constant stream of young men passing through the criminal courts on their way to the penitentiary, made embezzlers and thieves by the alluring gambling of the race track. The state was in partnership with this gambling, and licensed it, the proceeds going to the state fair. One of the first things I did when I became governor was to recommend that the state support its fair by proper appropriation; that the law licensing this form of gambling be repealed, and in its place a law be enacted making the registration of a bet on a horse race a felony. After a hard fight this law was enacted, and it has been enforced since it became a law three years ago. The results have been so satisfactory that no one would dare attempt to bring back the days of the state race track gambling raffle. It was said when this law was recommended that its passage would destroy the breeding of fine horses in the state. Those who favored its passage urged that the breeding of horses did not depend upon gambling. That they were correct has been demonstrated by the fact that there have been more fine horses raised in our state without gambling than when gambling on horse racing was licensed. However that may be, it is more important to breed men than horses, and all the blooded horses in the world are not worth the ruined life of one young man. The public conscience has ended this form of gambling in our state, and is assailing it in New York, and in all other states where it is now permitted. In a short time this legalized vice will be a thing of the past from one end of the country to the other.

"Except where the officials, whose duty it is to enforce the law, are corrupted, to give the privilege of lawlessness to this class, the open gaming house, so common in nearly all the larger cities a few years ago, has disappeared under the assaults of the moral sense of the people. Stock and grain gambling are under the ban of this era of conscience. That this form of gambling is injurious to public morals all must admit; that the penitentiaries reap an annual harvest of embezzlers from it no one can deny. The transactions that amount to gambling on the rise and fall of the market should be prohibited and severely punished wherever they may take place, and with them will go one of the greatest evils of our country. The bucket shop is already condemned, and if the stock exchanges do not clean themselves of gambling they will be cleaned out by the people, for conscience has written that the gamblers must go. Too many men have been seeking wealth without the corresponding inclination to labor for its achievement. Too many have forgotten the divine injunction, 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.' The gambling mania is the outgrowth of this inordinate desire for wealth, and with its abolition business and the prosperity that comes from business will be upon a more moral, and, therefore, a firmer foundation.

"It has not been long since it was a common idea that directors of corporations were privileged to do lawless things that as individuals they would not think of doing. The public conscience has awakened to the fact that a corporation consists merely of individuals exercising charter powers from a state.

The corporation these individuals conduct is no better or worse than the individuals composing the corporation. The people are beginning to know that contempt for law is no less reprehensible when plotted over a directors' table than when shouted under a red flag at an anarchists' meeting, and they frequently stand related as cause and effect. Corporations have been too often used as masks to conceal the crimes of individuals. The era of conscience demands the same standard of morality for corporations as is required of the individuals that compose them. The elimination of watered stocks and inflated values is not an unreasonable demand of the public conscience. Because they are unjust to the public and compel the public to pay dividends on fictitious values, the public protests against them, and this same conscience, with its sense of justice, would as readily assert itself to protest against unfairness toward the individual aggregated under the form and fiction of a corporation as it would to protest against unfairness toward the individual citizen. It is not corporations the public complain of, but the abuses of power on the part of corporations.

Public Service Corporations.

"Take the case of public service corporations—railroads, street car companies and lighting companies, for instance. A few years ago the idea that they had the right to charge whatever they could get was not seriously controverted. Now it is generally conceded that the public has rights which must be respected. In the case of the ordinary corporation competition fixes its charges upon a reasonable basis. Where a corporation has a monopoly of some public utility, as a public service corporation must have, the people must either pay the rate fixed by the monopoly or do without the service, if there is no regulation by law. In such instances the law should step in and supply the regulation which ordinarily is done by competition. It is against human nature too far to expect fair treatment and just rates where neither competition nor law compels them. The right of the public, through law, to regulate upon a reasonable basis the charges of such corporations can no longer be seriously questioned, and this regulation should be upon the basis of the cost of the service, not the value of the service.

"In this era of conscience the people are realizing that the government of city, state and nation belongs to them, and that they can take it into their own hands whenever they wish to do so, and make that government just as good as they desire, or just as bad as they permit it to become. What has been accomplished in applying moral ideas to public and private acts has been brought about because good people have gotten into politics; and there they must stay, or the advantages already gained will be lost, and the people again succumb to the stupor of an apathy as deadly as corruption itself. Under our system of government every citizen should be a politician in the sense that he expresses an opinion, in a proper way, on all public questions; but no man in this country should be a politician in the sense that he depends on politics for a living. Ours is a representative form of government. It must either represent the best there is, or it is likely to represent the worst there is. Corrupt officials represent the people just as honest officials do. The corrupt official represents the activity of the lawless and the aggressiveness of special interests. In a word, he stands for the apathy, the negligence, the criminal indifference of the law-abiding. Government is representative of the good in proportion as the average morality of the average individual is aggressive, and representative of the bad in proportion as the average morality is low and lethargic.

As Concerns Liquor.

"The liquor traffic affords another striking illustration of the growth of the public conscience. Not many years ago the saloons felt themselves above law; they defied the authorities of the city or state, and

if an official became so bold as to demand that they obey the law like anybody else, such was their political power that they replaced him at the next election with one more subservient to their will. They are now learning that they must do business according to law, or they will not be allowed to do business at all. In places where they had no option but to obey the law they are professing a whole new respect for the law. In some places the lesson has been taught thoroughly, and in others they are still learning it.

This public conscience is teaching respect for law on the part of all. The people have learned that the republic the government rests entirely upon the laws which the people make for themselves through their representatives. The only sovereign we have in this country is law. If the law is not enforced, then the liberty of a majority of the people to make law is taken away to the extent that their will is nullified. Liberty to make laws does not mean a license to break laws. License is not liberty. Liberty to make our own laws carries with it the duty to observe them. It is a false idea of liberty that would have it imply drunkenness, anarchism and unbridled wickedness. One might say that this is not a free country because he is not permitted to shoot game out of season or to conduct lotteries. This is a mistaken view. Under our form of government liberty means law properly enforced, otherwise each might interpret liberty to suit his own purposes. If, after the sentiment of a majority is crystallized into laws, these laws could be disregarded by the selfish few, the privilege of the few would be greater than the rights of the many. If each man had the right to ignore any law not to his liking the result would be anarchy, not liberty, for then each would take and hold whatever his strength and courage could secure to himself and perpetual warfare would result as the wants and desires of men came into conflict. Individual liberty and rights of property are born of legal restraints by means of which every man may be protected within prescribed limits. The corporation magnate should realize that he must give that respect to the law regulating the conduct of his corporation that he asks others to give to the law protecting the property of his corporation. The anarchy of capital breeding contempt for law should no more be tolerated than the anarchy of labor breeding riot and disorder. That lawlessness begets anarchy, whether at the top of society or at the bottom of society, is becoming an accepted fact; that men, no matter how great their wealth, must be obedient to the law, as well as the poorest of men, and that the greatest corporation in the land must be subject to the statutes, as well as the smallest business, is a demand of the new era.

Work of Conscience.

As this public conscience goes on, day by day, correcting some evil, and day after day remedying some wrong. Its energies have been extended from the domain of the public wrong-doer to that of the private wrong-doer, and after probing into the workings of rascals of every kind, it has commenced to assault the deeper evil of special privilege. Conscience revolts against privilege, whether it be the privilege of lawlessness or the special privilege conferred by law. It matters not whether that privilege be in the form of a tariff, so arranged as to foster monopoly, or a trust to control the prices of the necessities of life, or rebates to favored shippers, or the ranning of saloons or gambling houses contrary to law. These things are prohibited by the moral law—the law of conscience. Behind every political question there is a moral question. Whatever the political question before us, we may safely seek its solution in the moral law. There is not one law for the church, another for the home; one law for the pulpit another for the rostrum; one law for the stock exchange and another for the pew. 'Thou shalt not steal,' the Golden Rule—these moral precepts are the foundation of all law of the government of human society. They apply to church, to commerce, to politics, to the affairs of nations and individuals alike. Is it right or is it wrong?—that is the question conscience an-

swers, and thereby points the way of truth and justice.

There are some who object to the exposure of wrongdoing on the ground that it hurts the city or state, or injures business. Civic disease can no more be cured by hiding it than physical disease. There is no secret remedy known for it. No state can be hurt by the enforcement of law; no honest business can be injured by eradicating its evil. Whenever a class of wrong-doers in attacked they always try to place themselves behind a community of some business interest. Whenever grafters are assailed they claim that the town or city is being attacked and discredited. When wrong-doers in the business world are prosecuted they set up the cry that business is being injured. This view is not shared by those who would do away with evil practices in business. Nevertheless it deceives many good men into opposing the prosecution of wrong-doers. The man who says that the depression in the industrial world is caused by punishing crooks argues that there can be no such thing as honest prosperity, and that the prosperity we had was that of the burglar and pickpocket. It would be more accurate to charge depression to the crooks rather than to their prosecution. The prosperity that rests on wrongdoing is not the right kind of prosperity. If the country had to choose between great prosperity coupled with crookedness, and less prosperity and more honesty, it would undoubtedly take the latter.

Urges Conservatism.

While every wrong in business should be prosecuted, care, of course, should be taken not to destroy the good with the bad. I do not mean caution in punishing wrong, but care, lest in striking blindly at wrongdoing the innocent be injured with the guilty. The man who would expose and punish no wrongdoing is an extremist, as well as the man who would pull down the good in order the easier to get at the bad. It takes no judgment to be an extremist, but to weigh things and determine the bad and the good require thought and care. Let us assail not men, but the evil men do; not business, but the evil-doers in business. The only way to stop evil, either public or private, is to turn on the light and let the people know who the rascals are. Publicity is the best remedy for civic wrongs, for through publicity the public conscience is aroused, and the remedy for malefactors of every kind, after all, is in the conscience of the people. The penitentiaries might be filled with wrong-doers, but if the people were indifferent evil would go on just the same. On the other hand, very few violators of law of high degree might wear stripes, yet if the people are aroused wrongdoing can be ended by the mighty power of the public conscience. With the national conscience clean, the national life must be clean. No, I do not believe it hurts either a state, a nation or business to punish wrongdoing. If things had gone on as they were a few years ago, when bribery reigned, when lawlessness was looked upon with indifference, when special privilege seemed impervious to attack, then the end of the republic itself might well have been prophesied, for we were going the way other republics have gone that have passed to their death. The republics that have tottered off the stage of the world into oblivion did not die for lack of material wealth, but for want of moral health; they ceased to exist not for lack of money, but for lack of morals. First came class privileges, then vice, then decay. Material prosperity cannot be permanent unless accompanied by moral prosperity. Every nation that has existed, and this nation today, rests not upon the wealth of the few, but upon the character and integrity of the average man.

In this era of conscience so important to the American people, let us be conservative in charging wrongdoing lest injustice be done in charging where it does not exist. But once sure of the evil, let us be radical in its extermination. Let us have neither the conservatism of stagnation or reaction, nor the radicalism of indiscriminate destruction. We want to progress along right lines. States and nations, like men, should never be satisfied, but ever strive

for higher development. In working out this era of conscience, it is not necessary for the people to follow new and unknown paths, which may lead them into the quicksands of dishonor or despair. Their surest and safest guide is still the old maxim that there shall be equal rights to all and special privileges to none. With this axiom as our chart, we cannot lose our course; with this rule for our guidance, the infamies of privilege in every form can be destroyed, and unto all men there be restored the equal rights which belong to each; the fair and equal opportunity of each and every man to live and labor upon the earth that God has given to all, and to enjoy untrammelled and unrestricted the gains of honest toil.

Under the influence of this era of conscience the world is becoming better every day. The exposures of wrongdoing in business and official life do not show a moral degeneration, but a moral regeneration. Even now wealth, regardless of its source, is not worshipped with the same devotion that it used to be. The question now is, not how much one has, but how honestly did he acquire what he has. A new standard has been established, new yet old—just plain, simple honesty; that is all. Political parties are beginning to learn that honesty is the best politics as well as the best policy. The old practice of condemning the utterances of a political opponent just because they are made by an opponent, is fast disappearing. The time was when corrupt men, when attacked, would hide behind the shield of party, and claim that party was being assailed, just as other wrong-doers would assert that an attack on their evil doings meant an attack on business. We are now learning that a rascal is a rascal still, no matter with what party he affiliates, and a violator of law is a criminal, no matter what business he may be engaged in.

The Era's Ideals.

The era of conscience has for its ideals charity, brotherhood and equal rights. It is the ideal that makes the life bright to people. The war of revolution was not won so much by shot and shell as by the idea of liberty in the hearts of the American people. Take away the ideals of America and the strength of the nation will be gone. We are made and governed by the things we cherish, and the public life of the nation is but a reflection of its private life. Here between the two great oceans we have founded an empire such as no conqueror of old ever dreamed of, but the greatness of a nation does not consist of mere extent of territory, nor in the strength of its battleships, but in the purity of its ideals and in the intensity of its devotion to those things that make for equal rights, that make for justice, that make for morality throughout the world. True to these principles, we shall be the most powerful among all the nations of the earth; but forsaking these, the time will come when our proudest military engines will be as toys in our hands, and our strongest naval armaments will be impotent and useless. In vain will we build battleships, fortify our coasts and man our guns, unless into every rampart and turret there be brought the ideals that make the man behind the guns.

In this era of conscience—the most important in the history of our nation—let us maintain inviolate the principle of popular self-government, and recognize the largest liberty of the individual citizen consistent with law and order; unite in enforcing the laws and in counteracting any attempt to defy them. Let us not array one class against the other, but preserve the rights of all by causing each to respect the rights of the other. Let us not seek as a remedy for existing evils less democracy, but more democracy; not more money, but more manhood; not more cunning, but more conscience."

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS WITH THE SISTERS IN NORTH ALABAMA.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.
HUNTSVILLE.

Such was the downpour of rain overhead and water beneath the feet that one could say almost literally, we set sail on the Saturday before the time appointed by the W. M. U. for the week of prayer to meet the sisters in Huntsville and spend Sunday with them. The trip was made with some misgivings, as for miles the roads were covered with water three feet deep, and there were washouts and a derailed coach to add to other discomforts. But if "all's well that ends well" be true, these things are not worthy to be mentioned save to thank a kindly providence for the watchful care that brought this scribe safely on her way. The home that was opened for our comfort and refreshment in Huntsville during this hard spell of weather was ideal. The memory of the dear little children—pictures of health and happiness—and of the young parents so loving and yet so judicious in their management of the little ones, lingers in our mind and is to be commended. Truly there is nothing comparable to that of training the young heart and mind for this life and for the life that is to come. The twittering of those birdlings in their cozy nest remains as a sweet song in our ears. It was a pleasure to meet with the Bible school, under Hon. R. E. Pettus' guidance, and to sit with the primaries in Mrs. Suggs' pretty room. Brother R. S. Gavin laid a great responsibility upon his attentive audience in the sermon he preached from his heart to his people on Sunday morning. An evangelistic campaign is contemplated under Dr. Torey and his corps of workers. May they be greatly blessed thereby. The Bible school room was filled at three o'clock with the sisters and the sunbeams from the First church, the Dallas Avenue and the West Huntsville churches. It was a joy to meet and greet some of the workers with whom we had been corresponding for years, and whom not having seen, we loved, and meeting, loved them more. Miss Lucia Foster brought a number of bright girls and boys to meet the Sunbeam mother, and it certainly rejoiced her heart to see her children walking in the light. That band worked valiantly for chapels in the home land and in foreign lands while their own church was a building. It was a pure delight to help these little people first and then dismiss them that we sisters might draw closer together and talk about the affairs of the kingdom. There was much of tender feeling and interest obvious in the meeting, the very atmosphere pulsated with desire to enter upon this period of prayer with hearts attuned to learn His will, and so it was expressed in earnest words by the president of the Missionary Society, Mrs. M. B. Neece. God grant that the blessing may come upon these dear women, which they crave, and for which they are waiting upon the Lord. The holding of the mission institute here a few months ago sets a stake up from which they date a deepening of interest in spiritual things. Fruit was found as blessed result of this deepening feeling in the securing of Mrs. R. S. Gavin and Miss Edna Cleveland as joint vice presidents of the North Liberty Association, who will go out two and two according to the scripture, for the edifying of the saints in that region. This will rejoice the hearts of the sisters who sit round the council board in the mission room at Birmingham. Miss Gertrude Cleveland and Mrs. Hay will conduct the Sunbeam band, which in years ago flourished under the leadership of Mrs. M. B. Neece. We do not say we have kept the best for the last, but we do affirm that there are thirty-three young women in the Y. W. A. in the First Baptist church at Huntsville. What a celebration there will be at the centennial of this grand old church in June, 1909. This scribe would love to shout with them when they shall recount what God hath wrought in their behalf. The leader of the Alabama Y. W. A. will thank God and take courage at this report of her girls. They are studying the uplift of China under Mrs. Gavin.

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.)

We feel like writing "at home with Mrs. W. H. Simpson," so often has her hospitable door opened to receive the peripetetic sister on her visits to New Decatur. The glorious sunshine without was no more grateful to the traveler than was the glow and warmth that reposed within. The charmed circle was as charming as ever—blessed by the presence of the dear mother, her beautiful hair a crown of silver above her placid brow. How precious the experience and faith and hope of those long on the pilgrimage, but who keep fresh the love of flowers and all things fair still in their hearts. Mrs. Simpson, for years the valued vice president of the Muscle Shoals Association, had been, as her wont, vigilant in notifying the societies of the meeting to be held in the Central church on Monday afternoon, and representatives from not only the town churches but those contiguous, attested her faithfulness by attending. The dear little Sunbeams came in fresh and rosy and so alert and appreciative, bless their hearts! Mrs. Walne Watson has them in charge and they formed a body-guard, twenty-five strong, making glad the hearts of all present. The Baracca room was taxed to hold the number of sisters who kindly lent ear to the message of that second day of the week of prayer. May this be indeed a season of refreshing from the Lord and may their gifts be as unto the Lord. The new church in Decatur is nearing completion and will be very handsome. The Central has added to her towers and lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes since last we were privileged to worship within her walls. It was a pleasure to meet Mrs. Yates again, whom we had known in Thomasville, and to hear of Brother Yates' success in his work here as there. It takes a raindrop and oftentimes many to make a rainbow, and the thought came with a pain in heart of our staunch friends, Dr. and Mrs. Curry, whom we missed from their accustomed places, and the prayer was winged if not expressed in words that him whom Thou lovest might be speedily restored to health.

A belated train was the blessing in disguise that granted us the unexpected pleasure of meeting again with the sisters of the Central church on Tuesday, when Christian Stewardship was discussed and Dr. Gambrell's excellent article, "Who Owns the Wool," was read to our benefit, we trust, and then on to Athens, where Brother Hutto had held the children at the church for more than an hour awaiting the train and the messenger to the churches. Such a pretty, convenient church building they have here at this center of wealth and intelligence. One of the cheering signs of the times is the better equipment for service coveted by our people in their church work. Mrs. Hutto has recently been made president of the Missionary Society and Mrs. M. W. Rivers is in charge of the Aid Society. May some tender heart, who would render sweetest service to the Lord, be constrained to tend the little ones. After a pleasant meeting at the church with the sisters who, though not observing the week of prayer, gave patient ear to the message, we spent a delightful evening with Mrs. Rivers. Again the train was

late and we fell under the kind care of the pastor and his wife and counted ourselves fortunate that they found it in their kind hearts to comfort us by their hospitality and to send us on our way rejoicing. It has no doubt occurred to some, who may have read these lines that the state organizer of Woman's Missionary work in Alabama was something of a Jonah on this trip.

(To be Continued.)

B. Y. P. U. AT ANNISTON.

CONVENTION DATES.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 6, 7 and 8, with Parker Memorial Baptist church at Anniston, and First Baptist church at Oxford. First session Tuesday, April 6, at 8 p. m., closing Thursday, April 8, at 8 p. m.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Southeastern Passenger Association has issued the following rates for the round trip. Ask for round trip ticket when purchasing your tickets. Following total excursion fares will apply from stations named below:

Abbeville, \$11.65; Akron, \$5.85; Albertville, \$2.45; Alaga, \$11.85; Andalusia, \$9.65; Attalla, \$1.55; Bessemer, \$3.15; Birmingham, \$2.65; Boaz, \$2.15; Bridgeport, \$6.85; Calera, \$3.05; Childersburg, \$1.90; Citronelle, \$12.05; Collinsville, \$2.45; Cordova, \$4.05; Decatur, \$6.25; Demopolis, \$7.45; Dothan, \$10.85; Elba, \$11.65; Ensley, \$3.05; Enterprise, \$10.85; Epes, \$7.05; Eutaw, \$6.25; Fayette, \$5.85; Flomaton, \$10.85; Florala, \$11.25; Florence, \$8.25; Ft. Payne, \$3.05; Fruitdale, \$12.05; Fruithurst, \$1.35; Gadsden, \$1.35; Georgiana, \$8.45; Greensboro, \$6.65; Grimes, \$10.65; Guntersville, \$2.65; Gurley, \$5.35; Heflin, 90c; Hobbs Island, \$3.65; Huntsville, \$4.25; Hurtsboro, \$8.45; Jacksonville, 55c; Jasper, \$4.25; Kennedy, \$6.45; Lineville, \$2.25; Littleton, \$3.65; Livingston, \$7.25; Luverne, \$8.05; Maplesville, \$4.25; Marion, \$6.65; Marion Junction, \$6.05; Mobile, \$12.05; Montevallo, \$3.25; Montgomery, \$6.05; New Market, \$3.05; Northport, \$5.55; Ozark, \$9.85; Parrish, \$4.45; Pell City, \$1.35; Piedmont, \$1.10; Reform, \$6.75; Roanoke, \$3.85; Selma, \$5.45; Sheffield, \$8.05; Sprague, \$6.85; Springville, \$2.65; Stevenson, \$6.45; Sylacauga, \$2.25; Talladega, \$1.10; Thomasville, \$8.05; Troy, \$8.25; Tuscaloosa, \$4.85; Tusculumbia, \$7.65; Uniontown, \$6.65; Valley Head, \$3.45; Waterford, \$16.25; Woodstock, \$3.85; York, \$7.65.

BASIS FOR FARES FROM STATIONS NOT SHOWN ABOVE.

Fares from stations not named in this tariff, but which are intermediate to stations that are named, will be the same as from the next more distant station from which the fare is shown herein.

SPECIAL CARS.

A special car for B. Y. P. U. delegates will leave Birmingham at 4:25 p. m. Tuesday, April 6. All delegates passing through Montgomery should reach that point not later than 8:30 Tuesday morning, as special cars will take delegates from Montgomery at 9:00 a. m. on L. and N. train No. 2.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Pastor and five delegates for the first twenty-five members, or fraction thereof; and one additional delegate for every five members or fraction thereof over and above the first twenty-five. Churches having no unions are entitled to the following representatives: Pastor and three members.

IMPORTANT.

Every union should send in a list of their delegates to Mr. V. L. Powell, chairman of the entertainment committee, Anniston, Ala., at once so that proper arrangements can be made for their entertainment.

The secretary of every union should fill out and return to B. F. Davidson, the annual letter and the treasurer of every union should send in any money that is due at once, as the state treasurer's books should be closed at least by the fourth of April.

SPEAKERS ON PROGRAM.

Special attention is called to the list of convention speakers. Each man is thoroughly capable of handling the topic assigned him. You will note that we have secured the services of E. E. Lee, of Dallas, Tex., field secretary of the B. Y. P. U. west of the Mississippi river.

In the past much complaint has been made that little or no time has been given at our state B. Y. P. U. convention for verbal reports and open discussion.

At Anniston this year the whole of Thursday afternoon session will be given to this item. Come prepared to give in about one minute an oral report of your union, a bit of personal experience, a successful experiment or plan of work, a recommendation. The hour will be what you make of it.

"Brief, snappy, live, to-the-point, interesting, helpful." Fraternalty yours, B. F. Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Enclosed you will find check to pay my subscription for the dear Baptist to January, 1910. The paper has been coming into my family almost from its first issue, and I feel like I would be losing a dear friend for it to stop. May God prosper and bless you in the work.—L. C. Cooper.

I enjoy reading your valuable paper and regret to know that so few people here take and read it. Wish you a prosperous year.—W. A. McCrary.

Please find inclosed \$2 in greenback, which pays for our wonderful religious paper. I don't count the notice you sent me a dun at all, but a duty you owe to careless people like myself. I knew my paper was about three months ahead of my money. The Alabama Baptist is just like money. Its just in circulation all the time. We ought to grab it in circulation all the time.—Rev. J. M. Killingsworth.

I am sending you \$1 to pay on my subscription to the paper. You say you will mark me paid to January, 1910, but you need not do it. I am willing to pay \$2 a year for it. So you just mark it to July, 1909, and I will be satisfied, and without any gift from you. I will send the other dollar before long so as to pay up to January, 1910. I notice you have my name with Rev. in front of it. I am not a preacher, so you may leave that part off. The blessings of the Lord be upon you.—W. C. Goodwin.
(What do you think of this?)

I hope the \$2 enclosed will help you push forward your work for our Master. You are making a strong fight for our paper. May you win. This pays to January, 1910.—Mrs. G. W. Taylor.

Enclosed you will find \$1, which puts me up to January, 1910. You are giving us a splendid paper and I don't see how I could get along without it. May blessings attend your work.—Mrs. S. F. Beard.

I have thought of you many a time since I left Alabama. I am glad that you are making a success of the Alabama Baptist. I enclose \$1 for renewal of the Alabama Baptist.—W. J. D. Upshaw, East Point, Ga.

Of course I can't do without the Alabama Baptist after being a reader for thirty years and more. I enjoy reading the report on missionary work, the progress we are making in the prohibition work and all the other good things you have.—K. S. Steele, Gadsden, Ala.

I enclose \$1 that I have been saving for you to send for. I don't want to do without the paper. It is good for the blues, but mine is all that comes to this office. We are not doing much over here. We seem to fear to trust God, but there are a few faithful ones yet. As for your presents, I will be glad of anything from you. Pray for us.—J. L. Harbin.

I know my time is out on the Alabama Baptist and I did not have the money to renew and kept thinking I would write and tell you so, and have the paper stopped for fear I could not pay for it, but I didn't have the courage to say stop my paper, which is so much like a dear friend coming into my home every week, and it is the only thing I have to keep me in touch with the other Baptists, as I don't have an opportunity of going to church and other public worship. I don't feel like I can do without my paper, so if you will keep on sending it I think I can send you some money soon. I know the Lord will open up a way for me to pay for it—it means so much to me. May the good Lord bless you in the noble work you are doing in his name in my prayer.

(This from a good woman. It was not stopped.)

Enclosed find \$1, for which push me figures forward two years. This means I expect to continue



reading our paper.—Rev. J. B. Ferguson.

(Wish others would do likewise. It pays Bro. Ferguson to January, 1911.

I can't let the dear Alabama Baptist stop, as it is from my old home state, and I never hear any preaching I am so far from my church. May God's richest blessings be yours.—Mrs. S. E. Goodman.

Enclosed please find postoffice order for \$2 for renewal of my subscription to the Alabama Baptist for this year. Wish for you and yours and our paper a bright and prosperous future.—Mrs. A. W. Hurst.

I have read every copy of the Baptist for ten years this month, and appreciate all you are doing for the denomination.—Mrs. J. J. Osborne.

May God bless the paper and make it a power for good throughout the state.—Mrs. Fannie Davis.

Enclosed please find check for \$2 for renewal of Alabama Baptist. Success to you and your valuable paper.—W. D. Hendrix.

I can't do without the dear old paper. Wish you and your family well.—J. T. Weatherly.

Many thanks for your kind offer to send me the Alabama Baptist this year for half price (one dollar). I have waited until I could send the full price (two dollars), for I have more than that much pleasure in reading it. Should I live I hope to take it another year, and may God bless and help you in your great work.

(This from a dear sister whom we felt ought to have the paper at the rate we give to ministers' widows.)

Now my newspaper year begins April 1 and ends April 1, so I won't change my rule to get your reductions, but send you the \$2 to renew. The paper is worth that to me without the etcetera and more, too, if it takes more to run it, and keep you "a-going." This brings to my mind the "samples" you get and publish as to letters, renewing and discontinuing the paper. I remember one brother who got "his dun" at the postoffice one day. He "clawed the air" and said he was getting tired of the "Baptist duns." I said, "Brother, I can show you how to fix them." "How?" said he. "Pay 'em," said I. Result: Conversation closed. Now, I read with deep shame the contents of many of those letters. Some say it is "no good." Some say too high, and then other excuses are offered that no one



FOR \$1.00 CASH WE WILL SEND TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS THE PAPER FROM NOW UNTIL JAN. 1, BEGINNING THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE TIME WE RECEIVE THE MONEY, SO YOU SEE THE SOONER THEY SUBSCRIBE THE LONGER THEY GET THE PAPER. WE HAVE LOVELY PRESENTS FOR ALL WHO WILL HELP

would offer who really loves the Lord and His cause. I have "sized it up" this way. The paper is no better, the paper is no worse, the 23 years I have read it. It is the reader. When his soul is filled with the spirit of Christ. He longs for weekly news from the cause and from the soldiers in the army, from sentinels out in the mission fields. A farmer needs his agricultural journal; a merchant needs his trade journal and so does the soldier of the cross. It is a mere question of interest. But you know it; all the brethren know it, except the "kicker." This is the "cultus" of one Alabama Baptist sure.—Krump Korner.

May God bless you in your noble work and thousands of more readers to the good old Baptist.—Mrs. M. L. Swords.

Enclosed please find \$2, for which run my subscription up to January, 1910. I am two months behind. Pardon me. I can't say stop it. It brings so much encouragement to me from different parts.—M. Little.

Enclosed please find two dollars to move the figures on the label of my paper to January, 1910. I think the Alabama Baptist much improved. Can't get my consent to do without it.—Joe Wesson.

The paper gets better all the time. I believe if I could get all my members to take it my work would be a great deal easier. I am sorry so many of our church members want to pull down our religious papers and their editors because the price is \$2.00. They need to be pitied, but where is the common sense in their kicking out and abusing the editor who is being led by the Holy Spirit because the price is so high and give \$5.50 for a corrupt daily that seldom ever has the word of God in it? It is very well if we can take these dailies, but it seems to me treacherous to give up our religious papers and take secular papers. May God bless the Baptist and its editor. Bro. Barnett, I pray God's blessings upon you and yours and the extension of the Baptist roll.—J. E. Merrell.

Enclosed you will find \$1 to renew my subscription. Our paper is very good.—Elder J. L. Ray.

With sincere wishes for your success and earnest prayer for the advancement of the cause for which you stand, I shall remain yours truly in the work.—M. W. Lanier.

Enclosed amount sets me up to 1910 with our paper. You need not be uneasy as to the success of the Alabama Baptist. It is a necessity, absolutely. I guess you have found that it takes all sorts of people to make a world. And some of these "all sorts" are in the Baptist churches, and we are slow to believe it, as they are our people, nevertheless there are a plenty of the good kind to support the Alabama Baptist.—J. Rivers Crumpton.

Its visits to me every Friday is just like the coming of an old friend. I do enjoy it so much.—J. E. Smyly, P. S.—My age is 74 years.

Dear Bro. Barnett: Enclosed please find money order for \$1, which will pay to July 10. Should have sent renewal several weeks ago, but have had sickness so will send on for six months. Can't well do without your paper and will be glad when all delinquents pay a year in advance so all the valuable space where you remind them can have some interesting notes. I love to read how all our churches are getting on in the work and hear from pastors whom we have known in past good days. Let's encourage each to contribute a short article occasionally which would be interesting and helpful to all. We are in possession of as good a pastor as any church in the state. He feeds the flock with well-prepared food each Sabbath. The church is steadily increasing in usefulness. Every one is being led into work which is certain to bring forth good results.—G. P. Reeves.

To a Man Who Said to Me: "Just So You Are Conscientious, It Makes No Difference What You Believe—One Church is as Good as Another."

My Dear Friend:

Please pardon the intrusion of this letter. I have done my best not to write it, but the impression won't leave me. I think I would be false to my own sense of the fitness of things, as well as to what I consider your best interests, if I should fail to write it.

In the course of our conversation yesterday on Christian duty, you said: "Just so you are conscientious, it makes no difference how one believes—one church is as good as another."

As I see it, your statement is wrong, on three counts:

1. One's conscience cannot supplant God's word as the ipse dixit of life.
2. It does make a difference what one believes.
3. One church is not as good as another.

Let us look at this trinity of statements a little.

1. One's Conscience Cannot Supplant God's Word as the Ipse Dixit of Life.

Conscience is not a law-maker. Something else must lay down the rule of life, and then conscience says whether or not one lives up to the prescribed law. If one's ideal standard of life is wrong, then his conscience will also be wrong. A man may be just as "conscientious" when traveling the wrong road as when traveling the right one. He who looks through red glass sees a red world; but if he changes the color of the glass, he also changes the color of his world. Paul was as conscientious when he was persecuting as when he was preaching. But if he was right when preaching, he was much wrong when persecuting—his conscience to the contrary, notwithstanding. The heathen who bow down to "stock and stone" are conscientious. If conscientiousness makes one right, then no man can be wrong if he will take a little pains to train his conscience.

My friend, I think your mistake lies herein—you have confused your conscience and that something else before your conscience which makes the pattern of your life. Now, your conscience does not cut out the pattern—it takes any given pattern and tells you whether or not your life is like the pattern. But wrong patterns cause wrong lives. Don't tell me how perfectly conscientious you are! I cannot attach much importance to that bit of information until I know what kind of pattern your conscience has in hand.

It depends altogether on how long a man's yardstick is as to how many yards there are in a given bolt. Hugh Miller says: "The mason with whom I served my apprenticeship put his conscience into every stone he laid." That is, at the laying of every stone his conscience said, "That is laid according to the pattern." Now, the world is full of those who cry, "Lo, this is duty!" But you'll make a great mistake if you let them cut out your life-pattern. The Bible is our rule of conduct, and your conscience cannot afford to bear anything short of that. I commend Luther's words to you, uttered at Worms: "As my conscience is bound by God's word, I cannot recant. Here I stand. I can not do otherwise, God help me. Amen!" Don't rely too strongly on your conscience until you feel pretty sure it can place its finger on all the commands of the Bible, and, with Luther, say, "I am bound by these."

2. It Does Make a Difference What One Believes.

One's belief is his pattern. Your pants are sure to be a misfit if cut by a wrong pattern, so will your life. "As one reckoneth in his head, so is he." There is a very true sense in which one must believe right before he can live right. Once, while traveling, I came to the parting of the ways. I took the wrong way. For five miles I went wrong, and yet I believed with all my heart that I was right. Such is life! As long as there is right and wrong in the world, one must believe right before he is sure that he is right. I know but few of us live as nearly right as we believe, but that is no argument against the worth of a correct belief. I know of but few wrong beliefs more dangerous than the one occupying our atten-

tion now, namely: "It makes no difference what one believes." It is making the claim that no matter what is embodied in one's creed, it's right. Jesus warned His disciples that the time would come when those who killed them would think they were offering service to God (John, 16:2). But if it makes no difference what one believes, then they who thus killed were as right as David was when he put to death the Giant of Gath.

I'll tell you what one has a right to believe and embody in his creed—that which the Bible teaches, and all that, and nothing but that. A falsehood is none the less false because some folks believe it. Error is none the less error, and none the less opposed to truth, because it wears the livery of truth and righteousness, and, perchance, is couched in the creed of religious enthusiasts.

Don't tell me how beautifully you believe; tell me where you got the things to which you tie your belief. I had rather have a weak belief hitched to God-given truth than have a strong faith hitched to man-exalted lies.

3. One Church is Not as Good as Another.

If one is as good as another, then none of them are very good. Churches gander themselves about certain principles which we call "doctrines." A summary setting forth of these doctrines is called a "creed." The law of cause and effect says that no church is better than its creed. Some individual members of some churches are a great deal better than their creed, in spite of their creed. Now, at one end of ecclesiology are the Baptist churches, and at the other end is the Catholic church. These two are as much unlike each other as it is possible for two bodies in Christendom to be. You know something of the latter's teachings and tenets. If it isn't idolatry in one of its most dangerous forms, then things are not what they seem. The Baptists believe that men are born in sin; that when infants die they go to heaven as sinners saved by grace, and that without the intermediary work of pope or priest or any such thing. They believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour; that when one comes to years of accountability he must accept Him for himself. In a word, Baptists alone believe in the absolute soul liberty of every individual; the right and duty of every one to repent for himself, believe for himself and obey for himself.

An Episcopal rector, who tells me that he knows what Episcopalians believe and teach, told me that all Episcopalians who are orthodox insist that none are saved except the baptized. That's a relic of Rome—it's rotten.

In the Southern Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga., July 30, 1908, under the caption, "Is Re-Baptism Allowable?" I find this statement: "Occasionally we have been asked by a Presbyterian wife of a Baptist husband asked by a Presbyterian wife of a Baptist husband's church. We have been compelled to reply that unless her husband's church will receive her on her present baptism, she has no choice. She cannot, in sincerity of worship, accept a second baptism." If that isn't taking one's religious liberty from him when resistance is a physical impossibility, what is it?

It's giving one a pattern before his conscience is conscious, and then forbidding his taking another later on.

I myself knew a Methodist minister who refused to immerse a lady who had been sprinkled in infancy, and whose conscience told her that that was not the proper way. In the Methodist Book of Discipline the minister is forced to say to parents who bring their children to be sprinkled: "In causing this child to be brought by baptism into the church," etc. Now, until we believe that it is right to force anybody into the church, we cannot believe in any rite or ceremony that takes one's personal liberty away from him and forces a creed upon him. Yet that is what all the leading denominations in this country are doing, from Rome on down through them all until you get to Rome's opposite—the Baptists.

I think you will agree with me in my claim that one church is not as good as another.

Your brother,
Huntsville, Ala.

R. S. GAVIN.

On Monday evening, March 15, Miss Mary Louise Patrick, the daughter of President and Mrs. Robert G. Patrick, gave her Senior Song Recital in the Judson auditorium, and made a delightful impression upon the large audience present. The program, consisting of fourteen songs, representing the best of the classics and present day composers, was a most pleasing one. The following clipping will be of interest to Judson friends:

"Miss Patrick gives evidence of most excellent training, being a pupil of Mrs. Pauline E. Gurganus, head of the voice department, whose connection with the Judson has distinguished her as a teacher of remarkable ability, and her work cannot be too highly praised.

"Miss Patrick is the possessor of a rich soprano, and her use of it was pleasing and displayed perfection of control. Her first appearance was in a duet from Der Freischütz, with Mrs. Gurganus as soprano. This was beautifully rendered, and at once captured the audience. The program was varied and entertaining, appealing to all with its songs of love, sadness and joy. Her rendition of 'Eye Hat' Not Seen,' from 'The Holy City,' by Gaul, and 'The Cavatina,' 'Although a Cloud O'erspreads the Heavens,' from Der Freischütz, were a revelation in song, and of her best. 'Die Prinzessin,' by Grieg; 'A Love Note,' by Rogers; 'The Song of My Love,' by D'Hardelot, and 'The Serenader,' by Eversole, were worthy of highest commendation. Her fortissimo passages were followed by the delicate pianissimo with finest balance and shading. Appreciation of her numbers was shown by the hearty and genuine applause which she received.

"Miss Patrick was most ably assisted by Miss Della Hudmon, of Opelika, who played Raff's 'Cavatina' and Paderewski's 'Melodie' to best advantage, both from a technical and musical standpoint.

"She was accompanied by Mrs. V. A. King at the organ and Miss Mary Williams at the piano, both of whom added much to the attractiveness of the program and were an inspiration to the singer."

Lectures.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is delivering a series of lectures on "The Gospel of St. John." This is the second series of Bible lectures at the Judson this session, the first being delivered by Dr. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., of Birmingham, Ala., on "The Book of Acts." On April 18th Dr. John A. Sampey, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will begin his lectures on "The Minor Prophets."

The Commencement Exercises

of the Judson will take place from May 20th to the 24th. The recital by the school of expression will be on the evening of the 20th. The annual concert will be on the evening of the 21st; senior class play on the evening of the 22d; the commencement sermon at 11 a. m. on the 23d will be delivered by Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, Ga. At 8 p. m. the Rev. Preston Blake, D. D., of Birmingham, Ala., will deliver a sermon before the Ann Hasseltine and Morning Watch societies. Monday morning, the 24th, the annual art exhibit will take place, and at 8 p. m. the commencement address will be delivered by the Rev. James D. Gwaltney, D. D., of Talladega, Ala.

Sad to relate, very few persons who discontinue the paper while they owe anything on it seem to feel that there is the obligation of common honesty upon them to pay back dues. And when their names are dropped by us, even after a number of reminders of the amounts due, many seem to ease their consciences of the sting that ought to accompany the beating of a fellowman out of his just dues, by getting somewhat insulted and defying us to get the money. And if we suggest collecting these dues by legal process, how piously indignant such people get. They quote, with heat, Paul's injunctions to the Corinthians about going to law with brethren—forgetting that the same Paul said: "Owe no man anything."—Christian Index.

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENTS.

LaFayette Cook:

"Dr. Gray has agreed to come to the New Century meeting at Pell City the second Sabbath in April and help us. I wish you could come. I am going to try to hold one at Ashville in May or June. Will you come to it?"

If the St. Clair Baptists will do their duty, they will give Dr. Gray the biggest crowd to talk to ever assembled in the county. He is a great man in a great position. Not often do the people have an opportunity like that at Pell City.

John A. Nelson, Gasque:

"It is distressing to me to hear that the Baptists are dropping behind in the work, and to see so many unconcerned about it. There are a few in our church who are doing all in their power, but a very few, I am sorry to say. The few faithful ones are doing more than they have ever done before in every way. We are working as faithfully as we know how to wake the sleepers up. I shall do all I can through the Sunday school. Send me some tracts for the Mission Day occasion. Pray for us that we may do the work God has assigned us. May the Heavenly Father bless you in all your labors of love."

"The few faithful ones!" What would we do without them? This brother's heart is burdened on account of the cause. The Lord hear his prayer and bless his labors!

P. L. Murphy, Mason:

"Your earnest pleading for state missions has so impressed me, I feel it my duty to make an effort in your behalf. Our church is now without a pastor. Is there any way in which you can help us to secure a pastor for Elm church?"

John L. Stonecypher:

"Enclosed please find \$5.05. It is a small amount, but we are a small band of members in a large Methodist community, but they are very good to us. We haven't any church, and we hold services in their house, but by the help of God and the good brethren, we hope to build a house. We have the deed for one acre of land to build on. Use the enclosed amount as you think best."

No church house, but a collection for missions! God bless the struggling saints!

H. A. Mullen:

"You will please find enclosed money order for \$3. This is very small, but I hope to increase the amount, as this is something new to a vast majority of people here. Will do all I can for the different parts of the work at this place. This is from Partish Baptist church. The other work is not in shape but will try at the next meeting. The weather is so bad that our congregation Sunday was small. Wish you great success in your work."

"Something new to the majority!" The Lord bless the pastors to teach His people this new something, which is as old as the gospel. The plainest command in all the book we have fallen so long to teach to the people."

G. G. Lawrence, Cedar Bluff:

"I enclose you \$11.45. Our former pastor is awake on missions, as you know. I refer to H. W. Roberts. He is not serving us now, but is still preaching to Centerville and Round Mountain churches. We are very much pleased with our new pastor, and I think he is alive on the mission cause and a strong man. May God bless you in your faithful service to His cause."

He loves the old pastor and praises the new. Evidence is on every side that the pastors hold the key to the situation.

C. A. Strickland, LaFayette:

"I see a statement in the Foreign Mission Journal that Alabama has 1,893 churches, and only 893 of them contributed to foreign missions last year. Will you please write me when you send this receipt how

many of the 1,893 did not contribute to state missions?"

Of the 1,893 churches in Alabama in 1907, 702 did not give to state missions. Under that head is included Associational missions and Bible and colportage, with state missions.

M. Rainwater, Cody:

We, the Cody Baptist church, in response to your recent appeal for state missions, send you \$10. We are glad at all times to hear from the work you are engaged in, and especially how your soul prospers. We are few in number and weak financially. Brother Crumpton, if we are not always on schedule time, we are here to stay and work while we stay."

J. R. Cowan, Cunningham:

"I enclose you check for \$15.60 for the credit of West Bend church. The apportionment for our church for state missions is, I think, only \$12 for this year, and I am only sorry that we do not send a greater excess than \$3.60. I am sorry for the faithful men who, like you, have to stand on the firing line."

"On the firing line!" Not many know about that. Old Confeds like Brother Cowan understand. It is awfully hot sometimes for those who are there. Won't the brethren at home think of us, pray for us, keep us supplied with ammunition and send up reinforcements?"

Robert Repton, South Hill ("Old Confed."):

"I took a collection in conference Saturday. The congregation was small and our pastor absent on account of sickness. I presented the claims as best I could. Please find enclosed money order for \$3.20."

God bless the "Old Confed." He fought his country's battles. Now he is battling for the Lord. Brave old soul—took a collection in the absence of the pastor! Let other Jaymen do likewise.

J. J. Lawler, Deposit:

"Please find check for \$5 for state missions from Locust Grove Baptist church."

This church has long been without a pastor. Lately they called Brother John L. Ray, and the first Sunday he put them on the track and got a mission collection.

Wm. Kerridge, Thomasville:

"Last third Sabbath the chairman of the building committee at Salem told the church at the close of the morning service that the debt on the church was paid. I feel very thankful for this mercy, and we sang the Doxology. The body of Salem church have spent \$3,500 on church building, missions, pastor's salary and other expenses since the rally. The church very much appreciated your visit last time, and I think it made this building work much easier. I am requested by the brethren to ask you to preach a thanksgiving sermon on the third Sabbath in May. We are going to have an all-day meeting."

J. L. Ingram, Hatchett Creek Church:

"Last year this church sent up for missions \$3.50. This year we will give to home and foreign missions alone \$50, and I am going to try to reach \$75 for all of our organized work."

USE THE PASTORS FREELY.

An appeal from our Home Mission Board was read before the Baptist pastors' conference Monday morning, March 22, asking us, in view of the present needs of the Home and Foreign Boards, to begin a co-operative campaign working out over all North Alabama within the next forty days. To quote a few of Dr. Gray's own words, "Our board is in desperate straits financially. I beg that you will at this time project a campaign out from Birmingham into all North Alabama enlisting pastors away from Birmingham and giving your own gratuitous services. We look to you in this time of peril. A debt at this time would be ruinous."

On motion, a committee consisting of W. D. Hubbard, T. H. Johnson, J. R. Stodghill and W. S. Brown

were appointed to present a plan for doing this work as far as possible.

The plan is as follows: That each of the pastors give opportunity for some neighboring pastor to come to his pulpit and present this urgent call; also that he be ready himself to go wherever asked and do likewise. This was unanimous. Every pastor in Birmingham stands ready, as far as he can, to go wherever asked by the committee on Sundays or week-days, at the same time giving opportunity for others to come to his field and present this work. It was left to the committee to say where each volunteer shall go and occupy a pulpit open for his coming.

Yours fraternally,
J. R. STODGHILL,
Member of Committee.

NOW FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Two weeks and more have passed since the campaign opened for these boards and only a few small contributions have been received. We must get a move on us if we are going to come near up to the mark.

Many churches, some of the strongest, did nothing for state missions in February.

Surely they will not fail for home and foreign missions in March and April.

I fear some will do WHAT I BEGGED THEM NOT TO DO—take one collection for both objects. Brethren, please don't do that. In that way you will get only about half the amount you will get in two collections. I beg the pastors to be brave and not to be turned aside from their purpose. Great things need to be done.

Great collections will save the day; nothing else will.

W. B. C.

MEETING OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

Office of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
Montgomery, Ala., March 24, 1909.

To the Baptists of Alabama:
I am sorry to tell you that the meeting of the board on yesterday was one of great disappointment to us all. We hoped the receipts of February would justify us in enlarging the work and pressing along as of old; but we found ourselves still embarrassed with debt. While we could not enlarge the work, we determined to continue the present appointments until August 1st. This will give us another opportunity in June for state missions. If we can rally our forces then to a great effort, there is no reason why we should not pay off all obligations and go to the convention in July free of debt.

The members of the board are profoundly impressed with the importance of state missions. Our pastors as never before should lay this great cause upon the hearts of the people. Our secretary needs and deserves the prayers, sympathy and earnest co-operation of every Baptist in the state. We need and must have in June \$12,000 for state missions. Why should not the laymen of the state launch their great movement in that month for the relief of the State Board of Missions? We ought to come to the help of the pastors in this crisis. What do the laymen of the state say?

G. G. MILES,
President State Board of Missions.

Dear Brother:

This letter from our president I am sending to all the missionaries. It explains the situation fully. We shall expect the missionaries to bear their part in the effort outlined. Indeed, they should begin at once. In their own churches they can create a sentiment which will be felt. In neighboring churches and with pastors whom they may meet they can do much in shaping things for the June campaign. They should put great stress on the importance of the laymen's movement. Get literature and circulate it, and embrace every opportunity to talk about it. There never has been a time when more depended upon those employed by the board.

Pray much over it, brother, and may God help us all in this great crisis. Fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

EDITORIAL

GO TO THE STATE B. Y. P. U.

We want to urge the pastors and B. Y. P. U. leaders to get ready to go to the B. Y. P. U., and to beg them to observe ordinary Christian courtesy and help to make the work of the chairman of the entertainment committee, V. L. Powell, box 927, Anniston, easier by furnishing at once the list of the delegates from your church.

The hospitality will be open and generous, the program is unusually attractive and there ought to be a large number of delegates on hand. We look forward to the gathering with genuine pleasure, for somehow we believe it is going to be the biggest and best ever held in Alabama.

Dr. J. S. Dill, we rejoice to announce, is pronounced well by his physicians. He walks to the sun parlor of the hospital and enjoys reading the papers for an hour or so each day. He will likely make a trip west for recovering strength. When the physicians decided to operate on him the next morning much earnest prayer was made through the night, and when morning came the fever and all other bad symptoms had gone. There has been no inclination towards relapse. Brother Dill says the Great Physician that night asserted his headship in the case and administered healing.

"Mr. Editor," said a patron one day, "how is it you never call on me to pay for your paper?"

"Oh," said the man of types, "we never ask a gentleman for money."

"Indeed!" the patron replied. "How do you manage to get along when they don't pay?"

"Why," said Mr. Editor, "after a certain time we conclude he is not a gentleman, and we ask him."—London Mail.

The Alabama Baptist is here to stay, and increase more and more as the years go by. A door has been opened and no man can shut it. Through this open door the paper makes its way. It feels itself to be in the day and place of magnificent opportunities. Won't you help us in our effort to increase its circulation? Drop us a card and go to work at once.

The chautauqua being held at Florala is proving quite a success, as the program is unusually attractive. In fact, we were greatly surprised to find that such talented speakers, singers and artists had been brought south. It began March 15 and will last until April 27.

DISCONTINUANCE.—If a subscriber wishes paper stopped at expiration of his subscription, notice to that effect should be sent; otherwise, it is assumed that a continuance of the subscription is desired.

To have been a Sunday school member as pupil or teacher for seventy-five years and still at 82 years of age be an enthusiastic worker in the school, is the remarkable record of S. N. Simpson, a wealthy real estate man of Kansas City.

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Read the Alabama Baptist and get your Neighbor to subscribe.

A MACEDONIAN EXAMPLE.

Brother O'Hara makes an important suggestion. Brother Crumpton suggests that the second Sunday in April be observed by the Baptists of the state as a day of special prayer for home and foreign missions.

Paul said:

And we made known to you, brethren, the grace of God, which has been bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; that in much trial of affliction was the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. For according to their power, I bear witness, and beyond their power, they were willing of themselves; with much entreaty beseeching of us the grace, and the participation in the ministering to the saints; and not as we expected, but themselves they gave first to the Lord, and to us by the will of God.

If our people will devote themselves to prayer, then our pastors can preach on missionary topics, knowing that the Holy Spirit will do His part.

If the churches and individuals will give according to their ability, or better, like the churches of Macedonia, beyond their ability, there will be no deficit, but a surplus in the Lord's treasury. We would prayerfully suggest that after the sermon each pastor would take a collection and urge each one present to ask himself, in the conscious presence of His Lord: "Am I giving according to my ability?" If this is done in the consecrated spirit of those poor churches of Macedonia there can not be the slightest room for doubt that the effort will be crowned with splendid success. God grant it.

SPEAK A GOOD WORD.

The Standard well says:

"Every other denominational enterprise is spoken of and pleaded for unceasingly, and shall not that enterprise on whose pages all the others are borne be given a little consideration?"

The Alabama Baptist stands for the Baptists of Alabama and has done its part in trying to drive the liquor traffic out of the state.

Commendations come to us from many quarters. There is no lack of appreciation, and we have reason to know that the great mass of Baptists in Alabama are in close sympathy with its weekly issues.

What we wish, now, is to put the paper into 5,000 more Baptist families. We may never reach the ideal of the paper in every family in every church, but we strive towards it. Undenominational papers can not take its place, nor do its work. The cause of religion and our denominational paper ought to stand first in the heart of every Baptist.

Can not the reader of this send in a club or at least one new subscriber on our special offer to new subscribers until January for \$1 cash. Here is a chance for pastors, preachers, deacons, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, B. Y. P. U. leaders and the officers of the W. M. U. to help. The chance is also open to any friend of the cause who is willing to help the editor in the fight for Baptist principles and civic righteousness in Alabama.

The paper has the field and the friends. Why take ten years to do what can be done in one year? Most people like to have a part in the doing of a big thing. Will you help? If so, send your name and get to work at once.

Yours for service,
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

DR. JOHN WILLIAM JONES.

The death of Dr. John William Jones at Columbus, Ga., on March 17th, removes a great-hearted southerner whose love for the peerless Robert E. Lee and whose advocacy of Baptist principles made him a conspicuous figure at our conventions and at the Confederate reunions. Dr. Jones was not only a preacher of ability, but an author whose works have a warm place in the heart of every lover of the Lost Cause. He leaves a widow and five sons, Dr. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the White Temple church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. E. Pendleton Jones, pastor at Hampton, Va.; Frank W. Jones, editor American Law Book Company, New York; Dr. M. Ashby Jones, pastor First Baptist church, Columbus, Ga.; Dr. Howard L. Jones, pastor of the Citadel Square church, Charleston, S. C. We offer them our sincerest sympathy.

In a note to the editor Brother Crumpton says: "Please say no new appropriations were made at the board meeting on the 23d, and none will be made before August. It is useless for the brethren to ask. "It is distressing for me to write this, but there was no help for it. With all the efforts put forth, the February receipts were about the same as last year, about \$7,000."

The work of the entertainment committee for the B. Y. P. U. state convention at Anniston April 6-8, 1909, will be made much easier if the chairman of that committee is furnished with a list of the delegates from the various unions in the state before the convention date. If you have not already done so, please send at once a list of your delegates to W. L. Powell, chairman, postoffice box 547, Anniston, Ala.

The conference for education in the south will convene for its annual session at Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday, April 14. The meetings will continue until the evening of Friday, April 16. The meeting in Atlanta is in response to a cordial invitation by the state of Georgia, the mayor, the chamber of commerce and the citizens of Atlanta. The educational interests and the press of the state are giving hearty co-operation. A 3-cent fare for the round trip.

We are thoroughly convinced that if the great masses of our Baptist people are ever reached, interested and enlisted in our general work, it will be done largely through the denominational paper. Help us circulate the Alabama Baptist.

We were much distressed at the board the other day, but we voted to continue the appropriations until August 1 and see what the convention would bring forth. The case is not hopeless, but distressing. God is able to give us the money and means, but we will have to do our part and please him. We ought to have \$12,500 by August 1 in order to put us in shape for the fall and winter. That would leave us about even. The board could handle it then, but would have to borrow for a few months. Love and best wishes.—J. W. O'Hara.

Co-Operation

5,000 new names can be added this year if our subscribers and friends will lend a hand. Will you co-operate?

LET US HAVE THE GOOD NEWS "I WILL"

All subscribers are counted as permanent unless notice is given to the contrary.

It is the rule with us, as with all papers, to expect payment of back dues before dropping a name.

Dr. Wharton will begin a series of meetings in Alexandria, La., with Pastor Johnson April 4.

Dr. F. D. Hall is assisting Dr. W. L. Pickard in a series of meetings at the First Baptist church, Savannah, Ga.

Rev. J. M. Smoke has resigned at Brookwood and will be glad to get work in some farming section. His postoffice is Brookwood.

Please send in postoffice address of Ben B. McLeran. He sent \$2 and we wish to give him proper credit. Also want old postoffice of J. E. Bishop and new one to give him credit.

In my letter to you about my Mufaula visit your printers left out my reference to Dr. Wharton, cutting out some four or five lines. It should read "— In the church house which was the pride of my dear friend, Dr. M. B. Wharton, now in heaven." —A. P. Montague.

I am now in a revival with Pastor B. N. Brooks, St. Elmo church, Chattanooga. The Lord is doing great things for us. We have had 55 professions up to date and the end is not yet. The foundations of the great deep are broken up. Twenty-two baptized last night. Great crowds are attending the services. Many could not get in. —T. O. Reese.

I had a pleasant trip to Town Creek March 14 to assist Rev. J. A. Eaves, of New Decatur, in an ordination service, in which brother C. C. Kerby was ordained to the office of deacon. Bro. Kerby is very much devoted to his church, and I think they did a wise thing in having him set apart to this work. Bro. Eaves preached a very impressive sermon, text, Acts 6-3. The writer read the articles of faith and led in prayer, which was followed by the laying on of hands, after which Bro. Eaves delivered the charge to the deacon and the writer charged the church. They have an evergreen Sunday school and the church is in a prosperous condition. —Rev. S. S. Hacker, Madison, Ala., R. 1.

A Call to Earnest Prayer and Heroic Effort.

On Tuesday at the meeting of the state board of missions as we faced momentous questions, looked into the face of a \$7,000 debt now with the possibility of a much larger debt before June 30th, it was a trying hour to the members of the board. The absorbing question was shall we retrench, shall we retrograde, shall we cut off the sources of supply for home and foreign missions, for all felt that state missions was the basis of these. Much was said about "looking into the people" and the answer came back we have looked, and while they have held their own the debt is no smaller than last November, when we made appropriations until April 1st. During the discussion the writer felt impressed to make the suggestion that the time had come for a call to earnest prayer to God. It seems to be a crisis, out of which only the Lord can bring us. The home board must have great sums before April 30th, the foreign board the same, and we must not recede in our state work, but rather advance.

The question comes to each of us, are we not trusting too much to ma-

chinery and human effort, and leaving the Lord out of the matter. Is the Lord pleased with everything we are doing or not doing. Is the spirit of commercialism, covetousness, pleasure seeking, lavish expenditure in private life, indifference, apathy and other sins pleasing in the Lord's sight? Have we sacrificed as we ought? Have we prayed over how much we ought to give to these causes as we ought? Have we sought from the Word of God to find out his will concerning the mission enterprise, and then have we tried to do that will? Turn to I John 3:22 and 5:14, 15 and read: "And whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do these things that are pleasing in his sight, and "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us, and if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." We need to ask God to search our hearts and if there be iniquity, and there is, for very few of us have done all we could and prayed as earnestly as we should and given as much as we should, remove it. Then, brethren, let's pray and plan

for the boards. Pray the Lord to open the hearts and purses of the Baptist hosts of Alabama and the South. Pray that our preachers may preach with more fire, more earnestness, bring more facts and produce greater inspiration, preach a whole gospel and be leaders of the people for the Lord. Pray that our laymen may give the same diligence and wisdom to the Lord's business as to their own, and that they may learn the lesson of stewardship that God teaches in his Word. Pray that the years of faithfulness and toil and sacrifice of the women and children may continue and bear fruit to the glory of God. Pray that we shall each be willing to lay ourselves on the altar of God for service, some to plan, some to execute, some to sing, some to pray, some to teach, some to preach, business men to run their business for the Lord, mothers to train their children for the Lord, all of us to give our hearts, our souls, ourselves, our money, our time to Jesus our King. Oh, dear brethren of Alabama, with whom fellowship is so sweet, let us pray for these things and pray until they have been given. When we pray earnestly, we are going to back up our prayers with diligence and sacrifice. Then

may we ask of Him "Lord, teach us to pray."

I suggest that at each of the morning and evening services and at each prayer-meeting service throughout the month of April we have in our congregations special prayer for the objects named above. This month closes the campaign for home and foreign missions and launches that for state missions. The ideal will be every member of every church praying for these boards and their work, and then every one give to them.

I make another suggestion and that is that you who read determine upon this now, and sit down and write W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala., that you will be one of the host of praying, giving and planning Baptists. He can not answer all your letters, but, brethren, it will lift a great burden from his heart. He has wrought well, he has done his part, and now, brethren, it is for us to rise up, go forward and save the day for the cause.

May the Lord bless these words to the stirring of the Baptist hosts of our beloved state. Fraternaly,

J. W. O'HARA.
Montgomery, Ala.



Please send my paper to Lampasas, Tex., instead of San Antonio, Tex. —H. B. Woodward.

The First Baptist church of Bessemer is without a pastor and wishes to communicate with those who might accept a call through its committee. —J. C. Curry, Chairman.

Please change my paper from Moundville, Ala., to Billingsley. My entire time is not taken up there. I am enjoying the paper very much. Also benefited. —J. Sid Wood.

Rev. Walter Calley, D. D., who made many friends in the south while secretary of the B. Y. P. U. is now pastor of the First Baptist church, Jamaica Plains, N. Y.

We sure are having a good old time revival at Tuxedo Baptist church. It has been going on about two weeks and let me tell you there sure has been some happy souls. Our pastor, Bro. Hartsfield, just shouts with joy to see so many poor sinners turn from their wicked ways and confess Jesus. Dear brother, trust Jesus that He may lift the burden from your shoulders that you may not have such a hard fight to keep the paper going. It is too valuable. —R. H. Moseley.

The seminary jubilee banquet will take place at the Galt house at Louisville at 6 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, May 12. An excellent menu and program have been prepared. The plates will be one dollar each. The loyal alumni of the institution ought to make this the greatest occasion in its history. Let us come together in large numbers and celebrate the occasion in a fitting way. We should have at least four hundred of the alumni present, and can take care of as many as six hundred. Communicate as soon as possible as to the number of plates you desire either with the president or secretary. —Leonard W. Doolan, President; W. J. McGlothlin, Secretary.

I was pleased to read Bro. Hiden's piece on prohibition. I think it ought to convince any fair-minded man that prohibition is the thing to have. I am glad there is an idea being advanced for the people to vote on a constitutional prohibition amendment. If the fight gets on I shall give it my hearty support. —T. J. Deason.

Last year I was a paid subscriber to a considerable number of papers and periodicals, and the complimentary copies received carried the number up to 63 in all. The number this year is equally as large, but no paper comes to me that receives more careful attention than does the Alabama Baptist. Surely each Baptist in the state could be benefited by looking through its columns regularly. Wish you and the paper the Lord's richest blessings. —D. W. Sims, General Secretary.

Rev. W. M. Garrett came to Stevenson and began a revival for the writer the second Sunday night. He preached only three sermons. Because of the sudden illness of his wife, he boarded the train Tuesday morning for Boaz, his home. Though having preached only three sermons, he won the hearts of all who heard him. I continued the meeting, being pastor, till Sunday night. We had good attendance. Stevenson is a mission point and needed a meeting so badly. The work is becoming interesting. We have had several additions. Expecting some more next second Sunday. Our meeting has greatly revived the church. —A. N. Varnell, Fackler, Ala.

I have just closed a meeting at the Woodside church, Greenville, S. C., with good results. Rev. W. E. McDaniel, of Birmingham, did the preaching, and, as he always does, he did it well. He greatly endeared himself to our people here. Bro. McDaniel's visit to my home was like one coming home, for we used to be in Burleson college in Texas together, and I boarded in his home part of the time while in school. Then he was my pastor for about three or four years in Texas. During the meeting there were about 25 confessions of faith and sixteen additions to the church by letter and baptism, and others to follow. We will let the Alabama Baptists keep him, as we can not help ourselves, until we need him again in Greenville. Then we will send for him. May God's blessings rest on you as editor and the great Baptist hosts of Alabama. —O. L. Orr.

CONGREGATIONALISM OR EPISCOPACY—WHICH?

The above heading is suggested to the writer from reading Brother Dickinson's reply to my former article on missions in the country. Let it be borne in mind at the very outset that church government has nothing whatever to do with the great question of missions. There is no question with which the church has to deal that will bear comparison with the giving of the gospel to the world; and I cannot see how any child of God who has been enlightened, and who has enjoyed the consciousness of sins forgiven, can fail to be interested in missions. And yet at the same time I see no reason why we should surrender our form of church government in order to carry out the great commission.

There are but two distinct forms of church government—the Congregational and Episcopal. And I hardly concede to Dr. Dickinson that our form of church government is merely the tradition of the elders. I think when he finds the chapter and the verse in the New Testament which condemns the practice of local church government as a heresy, he will find the very next verse in the same chapter teaches the Episcopacy. The Presbyterian form of church government is merely a modified form of Congregational church government.

I think it would be a sad day to the Baptists should Episcopacy be adopted among us. We are freemen in Christ, and if Christ makes us free, we are free indeed. No man can properly be a freeman who has not the power to exercise his franchise. This is true both in church and state.

Then another question would arise. Who would have the appointing power to name the first bishop if we adopt the Episcopacy? Would some would-be leader assume the position? I rather suspect the experiment would turn out like Dowle's did. Some other man would contest his claims to the right of director of the temporalities of the church and the whole thing would collapse.

There is one Master in all true churches. That Master is God, and we are brethren, striving together for the promotion of His kingdom among men; and however we may differ as to church polity, we cannot differ when it comes to giving the gospel to the world. And however much one may insinuate as to the purity of the gospel preached in the country, we console ourselves that Alexander Traves, Hawthorne, Dr. David Lee and Holcomb were country preachers, and played a most wonderful part in making the Baptists what they are today.

Then we will diligently follow them, even as they have followed Christ, in order to please God and bring His kingdom among men.

W. N. HUCKABEE.

Pineapple, Ala.

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1. That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.
2. That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Alabama Baptist and Marshall Banner for publication, and a copy be given to the family. Her pastor, **W. J. COLLIER.**
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Therefore, we bow in humble submission to God's will, trusting that our lives may give evidence of our highest appreciation of the heroic and consecrated example set by our much beloved brother.

We extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies, and pray God's blessings upon them.

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later, and in trials and difficulties such as all Christians have to meet. The Holy Spirit is always ready to aid us in our fight against sin, and comforts us in our distress, and leads us through temptations and vicissitudes with an unerring hand. It brings to the Christian joy and comfort when all other sources fail, and leads us on through the shadows and mists of this life unto the perfect day, and without the aid of the Holy Spirit there is no salvation, for it sanctifies and seals us unto the day of our redemption.

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THE NEW CENTURY MEETING

Of the Missionary Baptist Church, to be held with the Pell City Baptist Church on the Second Sabbath, 11th Day of April, 1909, Beginning at 9:30 O'clock a. m.

1. Devotional exercises, led by the pastor, Rev. Joe W. Vesey.
2. "The Work of the Missionary Baptists for the Last Century." Discussed by Rev. J. W. Coffman and T. D. Courson.
3. "The Needs of and Proposed Baptist Work for the Next Century." Discussed by M. M. Smith and Dr. D. B. Gray.
4. "The Duties of the Ministers in the Mission Cause." Discussed by Rev. C. J. Pike and J. P. Montgomery.
5. "The Importance of Laymen's Missionary Movements to This and Succeeding Generations." Discussed by Rev. D. F. Funderburg and Rev. T. K. Trotter.
6. "The Sunday School as a Factor in the Missionary Work." Discussed by A. D. Greene and Prof. John W. Allen.
7. "Parents as a Power in the Mission Work." Discussed by Rev. I. W. Izzer and A. O. Campbell.
8. "Woman's Work and Influence Over the Rising Generations." Discussed by Mrs. Joe W. Vesey and others.

Each church in the Southern division of St. Clair county is requested to send representatives to this meeting and lay out a work worthy of our denomination and according to the tremendous needs of the heathen and non-Christian world.

Dr. D. B. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga., will be present—a prince among platform speakers—and holds one of the two most important positions of the Southern Baptist denomination.

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We had our dedication services Sunday, March 21. Dr. J. M. Frost preached the dedicatory sermon. Had a large audience and the services were highly impressive. The church owes absolutely nothing.

WHAT SHALL THE ANSWER BE?

Alabama has paid about one-third of her apportionment for home missions and it is less than two months to the meeting of the convention at Louisville. What are we going to do about it? Surely we will not, by our failure, cast our vote for retrenchment!

The hand of Providence has brought the heathen to our doorsteps and made it possible for us to reach representatives of almost every nation without leaving our own shores. It is true in this case that opportunity spells responsibility. It is equally true that in the neglect of these foreigners we are brought face to face with the greatest danger that threatens our civilization. Unevangelized, they become a menace to our Christian institutions. We are no longer an Anglo-American nation as we were half a century ago. We are a polyglot people. Heathenism is pouring its people into our land by the millions. Almost every ship that comes to our shores is crowded with steerage passengers, bringing their filth, their ignorance, superstition, many of them knowing nothing better than how to make a dynamite bomb, the majority of them "agin the government." They are here. The leaven they have put into the lump is at work.

It is a serious question—"Shall we Christianize them or shall they paganize us?" We can not laugh it out of court. It is becoming more and more serious every day.

Forty-five per cent of the population of the United States is alien. And the percentage is increasing. The birth rate among the foreign population is much higher than among our own people.

Jacob Riis says: "We in New York let our city grow up as it could, not as it should, and we woke up to find ourselves in the grasp of the slum, to find the population of two million souls living in an environment in which all the influences made for un-

righteousness and for the corruption of youth. We counted thousands of dark rooms in our basements in which no plant could grow but in which boys and girls were left to grow into men and women, to take over, by and by, the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. That was our sin, and we paid dearly for it, paid in tuberculosis mortality of 10,000 deaths a year, half of which were due directly to the dark and airless bedrooms; paid in an indifferent citizenship that was a dead weight upon all efforts for reform for years. You could not appeal to it for it had lost hope, and we have paid for it in treasure without end. It is a costly thing to forget your neighbors. What is true of New York is going to be true of other cities into which foreigners are flocking if the conditions are allowed to remain the same.

These foreigners did not come all at once into the north. They came gradually. If the people of that section had grasped the situation at the proper moment, if they had made an honest effort to evangelize these aliens and had Christians of every nationality to meet their own people as they landed on our shores, the conditions would now be very different. They utterly failed to recognize their responsibility, and now heathenism is entrenched in their very midst and defies any interference on part of Christianity.

Shall we make the same mistake? Shall we learn wisdom from the history of the past?

Our home board is seeking to save us from the fate of our northern cities by making provision for the evangelization of the influx of foreign population. More especially is it seeking to answer the evident call of God to give them the truth that is able to make them wise unto salvation.

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numbers. They prefer the genial climate of the South to the more rigid climate of the North. They are already filling up the Southwest at the rate of one hundred thousand a year. The completion of the Panama canal will further add to the facilities and inducements to turn these oppressed and restless, ignorant and idolatrous people toward the South. In the canal zone, there are fifty different languages spoken today.

In Texas there are three hundred thousand Mexicans. In Tampa half the population can not speak the English language. St. Louis is the German City. Baltimore and New Orleans are practically lost to the Protestants. In these cities there are more barrooms than Baptists, and the cities are dominated religiously, politically and morally by Roman Catholicism.

In the southwest there are nearly 170,000 Indians and 500,000 foreigners. Millions of money is being spent upon the education of the negro. Shall that education make him a greater menace to the South, put in his hands more effective weapons for wickedness, or shall we throw around him the religious influences which will make him a Christian citizen?

The home board holds the key to the situation. Close our eyes to the true condition and refuse to recognize our responsibility and we will become the hapless victims of our own indifference.

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