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Dr. M. Ashby Jones has accepted a call of the First church of Augusta.

Some one at Billingsley on March 25 sent me a card with \$2.00, but forgot to sign name.

Rev. George W. Truett, D. D., will assist Dr. E. C. Dargan in a series of meetings at the First Baptist church, Macon, Ga.

The Index Printing Company, of Atlanta, Ga., has bought a magnificent piece of property on Ivy and Ellis streets. We predict that if they will hold it ten years it will double in value. We congratulate Drs. Bell and Graham and their associates on their purchase.

I have been busy for some weeks raising my \$12,000 church debt, but have it in good shape now, and will give some attention to the interest of the paper. My meeting begins next Sunday, 4th inst., and will run for two weeks. Dr. F. C. McConnell will be with me. Praying the Lord to bless you and yours, and the Alabama Baptist, I am, with sincere affection, yours eternally, Sam H. Campbell.

We have received the annual of the First Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla., and as usual find it attractively gotten out and much that should cause Pastor Hobson and his people to praise the Lord for. In Pastoral Paragraphs we find Dr. Hobson giving utterance to this sentiment: "The church that wastes its time on kicking will never carry out the commission."

Here is another son of the Old Dominion who is bringing things to pass in a quite remarkable way. We are thinking of Rev. J. L. Rosser, of Selma, Ala. On February 28th they dedicated their handsome house of worship with elaborate and beautiful exercises. One of the features was a graceful hymn of dedication, written by the pastor. We congratulate our gifted young friend and the Selma Baptists.—Religious Herald.

For the past twelve days we have been engaged in a series of meetings in which the Lord has wonderfully blessed us and is still blessing us. A large number has already been added to the church and the meetings will continue for some days. The pastor has had no help, but has been doing all the preaching. We hope to hold another series of meetings later in the spring. The work of the church is in good condition in all its departments and our hearts are made to constantly praise God for his wonderful goodness to us. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice."—Ashley V. Pickern, Pastor Adams Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.



Pastor W. M. Olive and the Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. This is a vigorous new church with an aggressive pastor.

## ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Sunday night was the time appointed for a Sunday school rally at the Central Baptist church and for awarding the medals and certificates to those who attended Sunday school for one year without missing except with a written certificate from a physician that illness prevented their coming. About thirty received these pins, Mildred Green, Alice Bowles and Earl Petty being the youngest to get them. A dozen little primary pupils sang a little song about "Baby Moses."

One especially pretty song was "His Love for Me," sung by the choir while the other children of the Sunday school led by the pastor joined in the chorus. Miss Annie Watson and Master Neill Johnson sang faultlessly, with pipe organ accompaniment, "Why Stand Ye Here Idle." Mr. B. L. Malone, superintendent, made a stirring appeal for the school. Mr. D. F. Green made a speech in behalf of the Baraca class of which he is the teacher. This led up to the pastor's recent visit and call to Pine Bluff, Ark., where he attended a banquet by a men's class of 260 enthusiastic members. Rev. Yates then told of his trip and closed by stating his decision to turn down the call to this church of

800 members which had made him such fine offers, including a salary of \$2,500 a year. The large audience which filled the auditorium and Sunday school room was so overjoyed that they forgot the time and place and applauded as one man, and closed with "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."—Morgan County Times.

The Moody Bible Institute is planning a special summer course of study in the Bible and methods of Christian work. Special attention is also to be given to instruction in gospel music and evangelistic singing by Dr. D. B. Townier, assisted by E. O. Sellers, J. B. Trowbridge, W. C. Coffin, W. L. Gilpin and George S. Schuler. Special attention will be given to various phases of practical Christian work under the direction of Rev. H. W. Pope. Open air, tent and gospel wagon meetings will be held daily. An opportunity is thus afforded pastors and theological students to get a thorough training in practical methods in Christian service. Full information regarding the summer course may be obtained by addressing Rev. H. W. Pope, superintendent of men, 80 Institute Place, or Miss C. A. Cary, superintendent of women, 230 LaSalle Avenue, Chicago.

Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, will preach the introductory sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention.

We congratulate the editors of the Florida Baptist Witness upon the very great improvement in the mechanical make-up as well as the way in which the matter is handled.

If you have a son or daughter already in or coming to Birmingham to live write Rev. A. D. Glass, 300 First avenue, Birmingham, and he will look them up and try and interest them in church work.

Here's some good news. Our W. M. U. has just sent \$50 for home missions—self-denial and regular contributions during March. The church has paid or pledged about \$200 more, making \$250 for home missions this month.—Richard Hall.

Dr. Henry W. Battle has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Kinston, N. C. the resignation to take effect May 1st. The Biblical Recorder says: "During his pastorate there has been an average of at least one accession for every Sunday, a remarkable record, indeed, in Eastern Carolina. Dr. Battle is an eloquent preacher and reticent pastor, and multitudes of his friends and admirers in North Carolina will earnestly hope that he will remain in our borders."

(We would like to have him in Alabama.)

There died in Boston, March 18, a remarkable man. His name was Geo. T. Angell. He was the president and founder of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and his influence extended over the whole land. He was buried on the 20th of March, and a striking feature of the funeral procession was the escort of thirty-eight work horses. The horses were nothing but bristles, to which were fastened black rosettes. Each rose was led by a groom, and their hoofs were polished and their coats shone. This unusual feature fitly typified the work to which Mr. Angell gave his life.—Religious Herald.

Rev. Rufus Russell Rockett left North Birmingham fourteen years ago with his parents and moved to Texas. Preached Sunday night in Twenty-first Avenue Baptist church, in which he was baptized twenty-one years ago. A large congregation made up of his old friends and associates heard him with great pleasure. There is certainly a great deal in religion. He will preach Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Twenty-first Avenue Baptist church. Everybody is cordially invited. He is a nephew of James M. Russell, of this city, and related to the Rockett family.—James M. Russell.



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## GOD'S CALL OF THE YOUNG INTO SERVICE

Text: "And Jehovah came and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak, for thy servant heareth."—1st Sam. 3:10.

Here is a boy who was born in answer to prayer, and his mother promised Jehovah, if He would give her a male child, that she would give him unto Jehovah all the days of his life. So when he was born and was weaned, his mother took him to the high priest and gave him to God. I believe if we had more people who would do what this woman did we would have more great men in the world who would stand for uprightness and sobriety. Mothers and fathers these days seem to be interested only in having their boys trained to make money. They spend sleepless nights over this, but never spend a night in prayer that God may make their boy a great preacher of the gospel and a soul winner. Then there are so many who do not seem to care what becomes of the boys. This woman wanted her boy to be something and was willing to let him go away from her and live with the priests where she could see him only once a year, perhaps, in order that he might be the very best. God be praised for such mothers, and may He give us more of this kind.

Now I wish you would notice that God gave Samuel a call to service. This was not imagination, but a real call from God. Some people do not believe that God calls young people into His service, but they go outside the Bible to get their belief. We find that the larger part of people whom God has called into His service received the call when young. We wish to discuss this subject from two standpoints: 1st, Why did God call Samuel? 2d, Why did He call him while he was so young? May the Spirit of God guide us as we speak and as we hear.

First, Why did God call Samuel? There are several reasons, four of which we shall mention. The first is that God had a message to be delivered. He had warned Eli before, but Eli had not heeded his warning, and now he is to know that God is going to punish the wicked and careless. God wanted Samuel to tell Eli what He was going to do. That is the very reason why God calls people today: To tell the world what He is going to do, and has done. Oh! how much God needs real messengers today. There is wickedness all about us and they should be told what the wages of sin are. There never was a time when we needed preachers more than now, both at home and abroad. Young men, do not some of you feel that God wants you to preach the gospel? Have you not heard a voice calling you some time to work for God? Oh, how I wish for men to give their lives to the great work of preaching the gospel to the Son of God.

The second reason why God called Samuel was that Israel needed a prophet: "There was no frequent vision." God revealed His will through prophets in those days and so He called Samuel for this work. Oh, how much we need men today who can really know God's will and reveal it to the world. Then God called him because Israel needed a judge. Yes, she needed one that could not be bribed. It was an easy thing in those days to do this, and for this reason there was very little justice. How much these days of ours are like that. It is no uncommon thing to bribe men, or things called men, who have an office of some kind. Politics have become so corrupt that it is a hard struggle to get an honest man into office. True, there are some. I do not mean to say that all are that way, but so many are. Then, men in the jury can be bribed and lawyers, and so many lawyers will take a case when they know a man is guilty and work some scheme to get him out of it. Now I believe that men who would scheme to keep the law from dealing out justice to men, or rascals, who violate the law, are worse scoundrels than the fellow who commits the crime. In the first place, men of this kind are supposed to

know more and do better than the criminal, and are less excusable. Then they are chargeable for most of the crimes committed, because the criminal knows he can get a rascal to get him out of trouble into which he would be certain to come if he should get justice. All this being true, one can readily see that our country is very much in need of men to occupy such positions as will be Christian gentlemen. If there is a real need for a judge, lawyer or any other officer, I believe God calls men to fill these places, and God does not want rascals to fill them, either. The devil's crowd does not want an honest man or a Christian, and so they try very hard to keep them out, as they are struggling in Atlanta today to keep out of office a good man and put a man in who is favorable to the devil's side. Now, young men, God is calling for good men, men with pure lives, and stable men, who can not be bribed and will not bribe others. I had just as soon risk one of the fiends right from hell, as a man who can be bribed or who will try to bribe another. One who does either has absolutely no manly principle in him at all. But we still have Judas Iscariots in the world. As churches, may God help us to cry out against this so as not to have the blood of men required at our hands.

Now, one other reason why God called Samuel. The priest's office needed to be redeemed. "And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind." Eli had not been faithful and his sons he had allowed to become so corrupt that the office was disgraced



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and God dishonored. He had failed to declare the whole truth to his boys and also to others, the latter he could not do because he did not the first. I believe we need more preaching in a practical way. It is all well and good to discuss the subjects of the Bible, but I have never known that to save a soul yet, nor have I heard of it. What we need in this day and time is showing men that they are lost and that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. I believe the duty of a preacher is to tell men of their sin, as John the Baptist did Herod, though we have to suffer for it as John did. There is entirely too much sugar-coated preaching these days. The preacher is fearful of hurting some fellow's feelings, especially if he is some "well-to-do" fellow. Paul said: "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables." We see a great deal of this in these days. There are some churches that had rather have a man as pastor who is a great society man, and has a fine flow of language and who does

not, condemn such things as dancing, theater-going and card playing, than any other qualification he could possess. They do not care much about his spiritual power, think nothing at all of that when it is the one thing needful above all others. Let a man get filled with the Holy Spirit and you will see things brought to pass. If I should pastor a church for six months and have no conversions in ordinary services, I would soon leave that place. I would feel that God or I one had made a mistake, and He never does that. There are some churches that, if they should have a conversion at the morning service on Sunday, would be so surprised they would not know what to do. Why is this? Is it not the business of the church to win men for Christ? And did he not promise to give it success? Yea! Yea!! Yea!!! Then why do we fail? It is a lack of telling men that they are lost and condemning sin in every form. Preachers are afraid to speak out against social evils. We need some more Nathans; men who will say, "Thou art the man." But we do not need any Balaams, who tried four times to get to curse Israel in order that he might get a reward from Balak. God is calling for men today who have courage to speak out the truth regardless of whom it hurts. This is the thing that will tell for eternity. May God give us men who stand for right and always and everywhere against that which is wrong.

Now, let us see why God called Samuel when he was so young. Why did He not call some old person who knew more and had had more experience? No doubt there were others there who were wiser than this lad of a boy. But God did not choose them and there are reasons for it somewhere. I believe God called him at this age because life was out before him. If He had called some one whose life was half spent they could not have done near so much. But with life out before one he can have time to prepare himself and do a great work. How much more one can do in a whole day than in a half or less than a half! If you want work done, you want one to do it who will begin early in the morning so they can do a real day's work. You will please pardon me for this personal reference, as it illustrates this point so well. I remember to have wasted ten years longer to give my life to the ministry than I ought, and consequently can never be what I could have been had I begun earlier. Ten years of the best time for preparation are gone and can never be recalled. Oh! how sad to look back on it now. Opportunities gone; time wasted that could have been used for God's glory. Young man, young lady, if you want to work for God begin now so that you may give Him the best. I think it is a shame for us to spend the best part of life for our own gratifications and for the devil and then give God the rotten end of life. Is it treating Him right? If we look at life out before us and begin right it will help it to the end right. May God help us to give Him our whole life so that we may be able to do something for Him worth while. Do not waste time that is so precious and which you will be sure in future years to regret. Oh! that I could call back the wasted years of life! But some one says: "Every one has to sow his wild oats." Well, now I would be very glad if they would show me where they learned that. They must be very smart, for our best people have never found it recorded anywhere. That is only a scheme of the devil to help them excuse themselves. Furthermore, if one sows wild oats he will certainly have to reap them, and that takes up more time and is worse than the sowing. So if we want to miss the reaping we must not sow. Sow to the Spirit and reap everlasting life.

Then God called Samuel when he was young because his mind was not yet corrupt. This is, in my mind, one of the greatest reasons for God calling him at this time of life. He could train his mind better if it be not started in the wrong way. Oh, how many have had their minds ruined by indulging in things that are impure. Then so many

use impure language and have impure conversations until they get to the point where it is very hard to use good language or carry on a good conversation. Again, those who have been in the habit of doing such things find that when they want to use good language or do religious work of any kind, these old habits are a hindrance to them. These old things are continually coming up. As we look at it from a psychological point of view, it is very easy to see that, when one's mind has once been made corrupt, it is so hard to overcome. Let us illustrate: Take a person who has for several years been doing one thing or following a certain trade and you will find that it is very hard for him to do anything else. The reason for it is because the mind has been trained to run in a certain channel. Then one will get to the point where they will do things unconsciously if they practice it for some time. That is why men swear sometimes in the presence of ladies. They have formed a habit of using profane language and practiced it so much that they do it without knowing it. So we can readily see why it is so hard to break one's self of these habits when once formed. Then the first impressions made on the mind are the ones never forgotten. And if the mind is filled with things that are impure it leaves no room for righteous things. There is one prayer I pray every day, and that is that God will help me to crowd out the things evil and impure with things pure, holy and righteous. That is the very thing we can do, as young people, if we give our lives to God early in life. We can train our mind to do right, think right and work right, which will cause us to live right. If we begin before evil has gotten hold upon our mind we can train it to do better work for God. I find that men who gave the early part of life to God's service can do better work than those who waited until middle age to begin. It is true in myself. If I had begun earlier I could have had a better mind for work now.

Now, the last thought: God called Samuel when he was young because he wanted to bless him and make him the greatest possible blessing to the world. It would be impossible for one to prove as great a blessing or get as great a blessing if they began service for God at middle age as they could begin in early life. If they begin early they get the early blessings and thus prepare themselves for later blessings, and so on with regard to proving a blessing to others.

Now, let us see if we may know God's call. If so, how? First, I believe some people receive a call just as Samuel did. It comes at night while asleep. It may be a dream. But some one says, "do you believe in dreams?" Yes, sir, but not all of them. There are some that leave such impressions on one's mind that they can not very well shake it off, as was the case with Samuel about his call. He knew some one called. Then seeing the need of a certain thing is, in my mind, a call from God to do work for Him. To illustrate: If I see the need of workers in the Sunday school, that is a call from God for me to go to work, or at least prepare myself for work. If I see the need of any part of the church, it is time for me to get busy to help supply that need. So it is anywhere. Paul heard a voice, in a dream, from Macedonia for help, and he took that as a call from God and went over there and preached to them and God blessed his labor. Do you see the need of workers in our church? Do you need Sunday school workers? Prayer meeting workers? L. A. S. workers? Deacons? If so, that is a call to you. God reveals the need to the one whom He wants to do the work. Had you ever thought of it in that way? It is true, nevertheless. Then doing what one ought to do, faithfully, leads to greater things. God will call one to do a great work who has done faithfully the smaller task. "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much," are the words of Jesus, showing that He will entrust much to those who do well the smaller.

In conclusion let me speak a word on the reward. If I expect to receive a reward I must begin in time. After all, the joy that comes as a result of blessing other lives in this world is enough to lead me to

give a whole life to God's service. Happiness now. What is greater joy than that of leading a soul to Christ? There is none in this world. Then making other lives happy! My! My!! My!!!: What unspeakable joy! It is more than tongue can tell. Then the reward in heaven. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Oh! glorious day when we shall sweep through the pearly gates to walk the golden streets of the celestial City of God, and receive a crown that fadeth not away; full of stars, shining brighter and brighter, on and on throughout eternal ages! Then we can say, with Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved His appearing." Oh, Jesus help us so to live as that we can look back and rejoice when we come to the end of this life, for thine own sake. Amen! Let us pray.

#### TO THE CHURCH CLERKS.

Montgomery, Ala., March 24, 1909.

Dear Brother: I am exceedingly anxious about home and foreign missions. You know March and April are the months to take collections in Alabama for these boards.

#### April 30th the Books Will Close.

If we raise only what we did last year, we need for home missions \$7,000 and for foreign missions \$15,000, a total of \$22,000. But we must go beyond what we did last year. The boards by instruction of the convention pitched their appropriations on a basis of a 25 per cent advance. To meet the advance Alabama Baptists must give for home missions \$12,000 and for foreign missions \$22,000, or a total of \$34,000. Don't anybody say "we can't." We can, the Lord helping us.

What must be the anxiety of Secretaries Gray and Willingham now! Their Lord and ours knows their anguish and is touched with a feeling of their infirmities. Think you not that the eye of the One who sat over against the treasury in the olden times "and beheld how the people cast their money into the treasury," beholds His people now when they are making the great efforts to replenish His treasury.

"He knows it all—my Father knows."

I want to see a great delegation in May at Louisville from the Alabama churches. Should you go, how could you hold up your head and read the figures, if they were less than last year? We must not allow them to be less. Let us make them 25 per cent more.

I write this appeal, the last before the close of the books, in my Lord's behalf. I ask that you pray over it, read it to the church, see the pastor, talk to the brethren about it and get the largest collection ever taken in your church. Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

#### THE CO-OPERATIVE CAMPAIGN.

Inaugurated by the pastors in Birmingham, I commend with all my heart. If the pastors all over the state will take it up we can save the day. Let pastors help each other. Don't wait for Sunday, but use the week nights. Don't depend on the services at the church, but take the streets the next day for a house to house campaign. This is all that is left us now. Waiting for Sunday services will ruin us. Hand to hand, heart to heart work will bring results.

W. B. C.

Montgomery, Ala., March 25, 1909.

Dear Brother: Can't you get pastors in reach of you together to consider a campaign like the one spoken of in this circular? See if you can't get them to meet you on Monday. By using the telephone you can easily make them understand. Please do what you can. Fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The giving card is a great help in taking a collection. Put one in the hand of each person, then let the pastor read it with them, beginning with "Valuable Information," etc. Write me how many you can use and they will be sent.

W. B. C.

Dear Brother Barnett: The following letter and circular goes out today to about sixty pastors. I beg for the co-operation of all the pastors in this important movement.

The hand to hand method, supplementing the public appeal and public collection will do the work.

Let no discouraging word be spoken, but everybody take heart. I beg the pastors to get together and lay their plans. I can not write to all, but they are all in my memory and much on my heart. God bless every one of them.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

#### FOREIGN MISSION NEWS NOTES.

A letter from Miss Julia Mackenzie, dated Yang Chow, China, January 7th, brings the following good news: "This is the eleventh day after Mr. Napier's operation for appendicitis and he is progressing finely." Brother Napier faced this trying ordeal very bravely. He said in a letter written shortly before the operation, "I do not anticipate anything but recovery, and I am anxious to live a long life in China, but if it be best that some more worthy man should take my place, I will gladly fall out of line. Whatever happens, I hope the board will reinforce Yang Chow and open a new center one hundred miles east, where there are five million souls in the midst of whom no foreign missionary lives. All this section seems to us to be a hard field, but some day God's Spirit will blow the embers of truth which are being placed in the hearts of the people into a great forest fire. Would that it might begin now! Those who are co-workers at home in this great cause are doing a noble work in bearing supplies to the front and catching the glimpses of glory as the Lord leads on the outer fighting line."

These are brave words at a critical time. His host of friends in Alabama will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering and the prospect is bright that his wish for a long life in China may be realized.

#### FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

In writing of last year's work, Dr. T. W. Ayers says: "It is the best year's work the Hwangtien station has ever had." He reports that the present membership is 527. Of these 55 were baptized during the year. Two new churches were organized. There were 38 students in the seminary. There were 82 pupils in the boys' boarding school, and 32 in the girls' boarding school. There are 12,497 patients trained in connection with the medical work, an increase of 21 per cent over last year. There were more than twice as many conversions among the patients as last year. The missionaries and the native Christians have entered a covenant of prayer asking for 200 baptisms next year, and the brethren are confident of going beyond that number. This station has long been begging for two more men to do important work in the district.

#### APPEAL TO LAYMEN.

It is a matter of vital importance that our home and foreign mission boards close the year without debt. This crisis affords the laymen's missionary movement an opportunity to move and to demonstrate its claim to live. Let one or more leading laymen in every church make a personal canvass of their brethren and secure extra offerings for this emergency. I am requesting the leaders in the different states to institute the most vigorous campaigns possible during April to supplement this work of the ordinary agencies. The budgets are too small anyway, considering our strength, and we must meet these demands. "We can do it, if we will." Let the response come back from thousands of laymen. "We can do it, and we will."

J. T. HENDERSON,

Bristol, Va.

General Secretary.

*Remarkable Institute Closes*

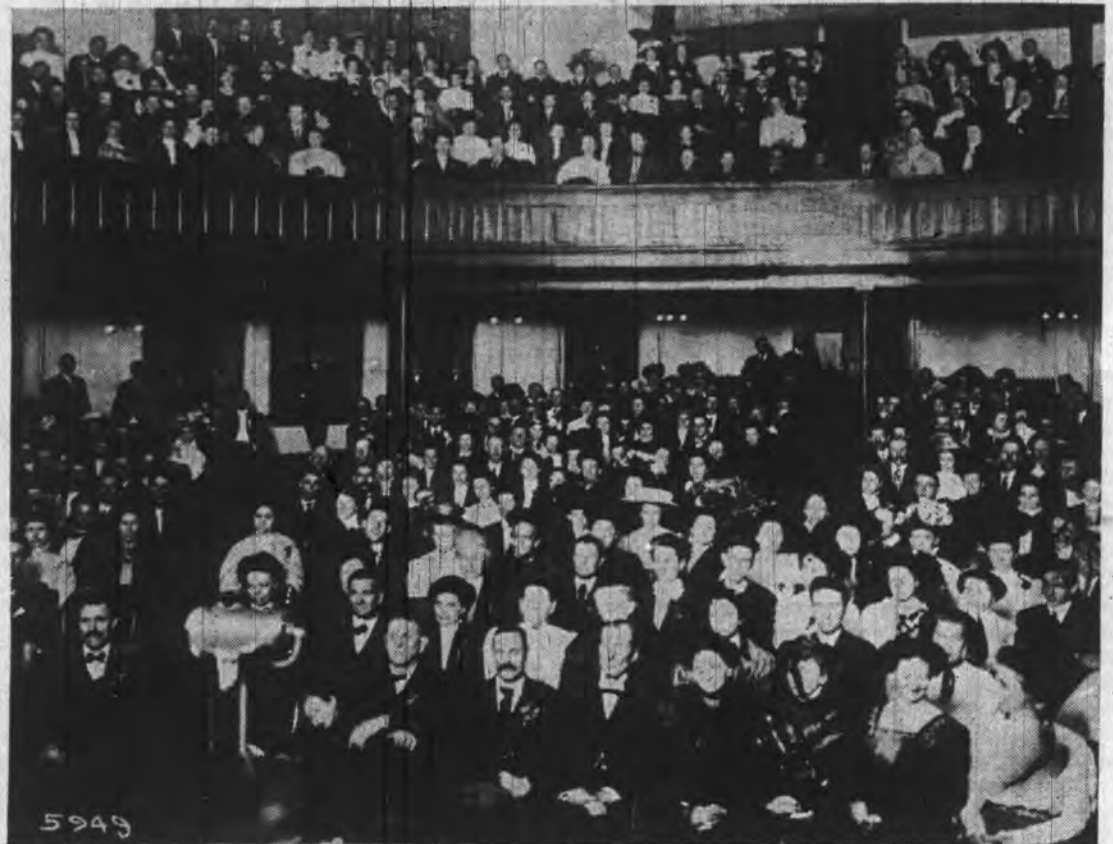
What has been the most successful effort in Sunday school teacher training ever made by Southern Baptists will close Saturday night at the First Baptist church. In point of attendance this institute has surpassed the hopes of its most ardent supporters. The actual enrollment of teachers and workers has exceeded 900, while the attendance has been over 1,000 every evening since Monday.

The interest has continually increased and enthusiasm has run high. All the churches in the district have been represented. It is not putting it too strong to say that four-fifths of the Baptist teachers and superintendents have attended regularly.

**Novel Feature.**

The lunch served each evening at 6:30 to 7:30 was one of the most enjoyable, as one of the most successful features of the institute. The ladies of the different churches furnished and served lunch free to all and fed from 900 to 1,000 people every evening. The First church served Monday evening, South Side Tuesday evening, East Lake Wednesday evening, Woodlawn Thursday evening, East Birmingham and West End Friday evening.

Prof. S. W. Macon, Mr. Marbury, and Prof. Spright Dowell are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they managed the meeting.



Flashlight of notable scene at the First Baptist Church where over one thousand have been attending sessions of the Baptist Sunday School Workers' Institute.

**PRAYER MEETINGS.**

I wish to say a few words in reply to Bro. R. M. Hunter on prayer meetings. Of course, in some respects, it looks like the brother is about right. To look at it in a religious way, I think he has the wrong idea of it. We are taught prayer is the only mediator we have to Christ. If so we should try to make our prayer meetings better by prayer. We should ask God to give us the souls to pray with us who are not converted. Then if we, by our prayer meetings, could gain one soul to Christ, what have we done? We have won a great victory over Satan. Of course, young people go to prayer meetings, it seems, to amuse themselves and to have somewhere to go. If this is their only motive, then we should keep up the prayer meetings, for when they are there they are not at a party, dance or some place of society, but are where they hear prayers to God for the salvation of their souls and will get some good out of it because Christ says the prayers of the righteous availeth much. We may never see the effect of these prayer services, but Christ will take care of every prayer which is uttered in earnest. Then why oppose the prayer meetings because we can't seem to get the people interested in them? There are in every community some people who will not go to prayer meetings or to Christ, but we are not responsible for their deeds. That does not clear us of our duty. We should be more interested

than ever on account of them; we should pray more earnestly that God will cause them to become more interested in the salvation of their neighbors and neighbors' children. Show me a prayer meeting in a place where carried on by good Christian people who are in earnest and who do not get impatient and I will show you a prosperous neighborhood and church, religiously speaking.

Young people are going to go somewhere and today we have them in our neighborhood and in our churches who go to dances and parties. Why? Because they are going somewhere, and the prayer meetings and all church meetings are not amusement enough for them. Then why not as Christians make the prayer meetings and all religious meetings more instructive by asking God to be with us when we come together and help us to get the young people more interested in the prayer meeting than in parties, dances and other such worldly pleasure? How are we going to do this? What better way can we show the young people we are interested in their souls' welfare than by coming together and asking God in prayer to show them the condition they are in spiritually and help them to come to Christ. We don't know the amount of good done at prayer meetings or the amount of harm done by not having them. So let us as Christian people continue to run our prayer meetings and pray God more earnestly, to help to be instrumental in bringing some poor soul to Christ, and if good brothers and sisters don't come and help us let us pray for them also. Yours for the advancement of prayer meetings, E. S. BRUNER.

**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.

**These Will Help.**

- J. W. Jones, Section, Ala.
- Rev. C. J. Pike, Cropwell.
- Rev. J. W. Walker, Ashland.
- Rev. R. S. Wood, Mountain Creek.
- Rev. A. M. Jenkins, Dadeville.
- Rev. W. J. Ray, Montgomery.
- Rev. L. L. Gwnaltney, Prattville.
- Rev. S. H. Campbell, Troy.
- Rev. D. P. Goodhue, Gadsden.
- Rev. W. T. Davis, Lineville.
- Rev. W. K. E. James, York.
- Rev. Richard Hall, Evergreen.
- Rev. B. W. Matthews, Lineville.
- Rev. J. W. Phillip, Ohio.
- Rev. J. L. Shaw, Hartford.
- Mrs. Willa Johnston, Cedar Bluff.
- L. L. Jones, North Birmingham.
- Rev. J. L. Smoke, North Birmingham.
- Mrs. G. W. Taylor, New Market.
- Mrs. M. N. Huffman, Maben.
- Rev. T. W. Shelton, Flint.
- Mrs. J. A. Smith, Blowhorn.
- J. M. Parmer, Lafayette.

**A GREAT MISSIONARY COLLECTION.**

Last Sunday was a great day for the Central Baptist church at this place. At the close of the morning

service, after an earnest sermon on missions by the pastor, the annual missionary collection was taken. Pledges for missions for the associational year were made. As is their custom only one collection of this character is taken during the year and that is usually at this time of year. The offering exceeds any previous one of this church, and breaks the record of any church in North Alabama. The amount was \$2,200, with more to be added by members who were not present at this service. This is considered a splendid showing considering the existing financial stringency, and is the result of sound missionary doctrine instilled into the minds and hearts of the members by their pastor, Rev. G. L. Yates, with a great deal of credit due to some of his predecessors' earnest work.

The church has made rapid strides along this line as well as in other departments of the church work. The present and recently completed equipment for the Sunday school is becoming inadequate for the needs of the school and with the expected increase in attendance resulting from the enthusiasm of a live Baraca class the school will soon be confronted with the problem of room.

The laymen have just organized and hold regular meetings on each Thursday night and great results are promised from this movement.

The church is greatly encouraged in that it has retained the services of their faithful pastor, after the earnest and enthusiastic call from Pine Bluff, Ark., with its great field and flattering offer.—Morgan County Times.

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## 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.

## CHANGE DATE OF THE CONVENTION.

W. W. Hamilton.

The date for the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention ought to be changed so as to have that body convene one month later than the present accepted time. There are doubtless many other reasons than the ones given below, but these are submitted with a hope that they may bring about a change in the time of the meeting.

1. June is more of a vacation time and many more of our Baptist people could attend, making the trip to the convention their annual outing.

2. The suggested date will be further removed from the commencement season and the commencement sermons. Many are kept from the convention by these two things.

3. The June date would give opportunity for fathers and mothers to introduce their children to this great gathering. Our young people need and deserve such an opportunity.

4. The change of date would also afford opportunity for the teachers in our denominational schools and in the public schools to attend. They too need the convention and the convention needs them.

5. Those who live in rural districts and whose interests are on the farm could possibly come better in June than in May.

6. The country churches would be in better working order for the summer, which is their best season, and could be better enlisted for attendance in June than in May.

7. We would far more likely have settled weather for the convention. The proverbial cold spell in May certainly is as bad if not worse than the heat of June.

8. All hotel men know that June is between seasons with them, and the June date would find the hotels not so crowded, not so much in demand and would possibly secure us better rates.

9. Special rates on railroads for the summer months are usually put on for the first of June and we could certainly secure just as good rates

for June as for May.

10. Pastors are not so busy in June as in May and are not near so likely to have special meetings on in their churches. Many pastors stay away every year for this reason.

11. Evangelists are not so busy in June as in May, and could more easily attend a June gathering than one in which they are usually so busy.

12. May is one of the best months in the year for revival meetings in cities and towns and our home board forces could have another whole month and good month for evangelistic campaigns.

13. We are always eager for business men to attend the convention. May is not a good time for them to get away from their duties. Many of them could leave or take vacations in June.

14. All the faculty of the seminary could attend in June. This they can not do now.

15. No seminary student would need to stay away in June on account of class duties or from the fear of failing on examination.

16. Home and foreign missions would have the best month of the year for increasing the gifts of the churches. As it is now this good month is practically lost. March and April are so uncertain that the country churches often have very few, if any, good Sundays for enlisting their membership in this great work for the salvation of the lost at home and abroad.

Conclusion: Let's change the date to June and increase our efficiency as a convention by 25 per cent.

## Prohibition at Seale.

One who was there wrote from Seale to Brother Crumpton as follows:

After prohibition went into effect the dealers determined to sell at any cost, and immediately opened up soft drink stands. These proved to be unlicensed saloons. Reference to the revenue books in the office of Collector Thompson at Birmingham shows some fifteen or twenty of these places have retail liquor and malt licenses. The Law and Order League of Girard

finally employed a first class detective, who easily caught a large number of these violators. These cases were made in the probate court, but were appealed to the grand jury and after much unavoidable delay have just been tried before Judge Evans in our circuit court.

While the jury was out on the first of these cases the accused was caught communicating with the jury and was reported to the court. When this jury returned a verdict of not guilty the judge asked the acting sheriff to be sworn and to state what he had seen. The accused juror admitted his guilt, but said he did not know that he was committing any offense. The court informed him that if he did not know that such procedure was wrong he "did not have sense enough to sit on the jury," and promptly dismissed him from the jury for the term. Turning to the defendant he said: "I fine you \$50 and sentence you to five days in jail for contempt of court." He then asked each member of the jury if he was opposed to convicting for the illegal sale of whisky, to which question every one replied in the negative. After this there was a complete change. The same jurors brought in verdicts of guilty in every case submitted to them for this offense.

The court in addition to the fines imposed by the jury sentenced all those convicted for offenses against the prohibition law to six months' hard labor for the county, but suspended these sentences upon good behavior. This may not have been the wisest course, but there can be no doubt that unless these blind tiger men take this warning there are picks awaiting them in the coal mines.

It is a pleasure to mention the valuable services of our brilliant young solicitor general, Henry B. Steagall, who was ever on the alert and held his own with the best talent at this bar augmented by strong men from Columbus, Ga., for the defense. Steagall should be kept in this place as long as he will consent to serve us. Not less deserving of the things of all good citizens is the Honorable B. DeG. Waddell, county solicitor, who

was a member of the last constitutional convention of Alabama, and who is determined to do all in his power to have our laws respected. The assistance he rendered his chief in these cases was indispensable.

The case of McLeod, who was indicted for soliciting orders for liquors in a prohibition district, about which you made inquiry, was called, the point raised as to the action of the Alabama supreme court, but Judge Evans held that as the supreme court of the United States had held in a similar case that the law was constitutional that that fact, in effect, reinstated our law. McLeod then entered a plea of guilty and the jury fixed his fine, he confessed judgment and was released. There will be no appeal in this case.

It is apparent that our prohibition laws are effective when the officers of the law are in sympathy with their enforcement.

## OBITUARY.

Catherine Cox was born in Anderson district, near Greenville Court House, S. C., on May 4, 1818. She was married to Berry Clinkscales at the age of 17 and moved to Walker county, Georgia, in 1844. Then in 1854 she moved to old Benton county (now Calhoun), Alabama, in 1854, and later (1860) to Shelby county. She joined the Missionary Baptist church in 1848, moving her membership to Macedonia Baptist church, in Shelby county, in 1861, remaining a member here till the date of her death, March 3, 1909. She was the mother of 14 children, eight of whom are yet living, and has living today 56 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren and one great-grandson. This means that she has living 135 direct descendants.

She had been confined to her room for a long while, due to her agedness. She leaves behind her a good record, all of which gives her loved ones joy in their bereavement. Hers was a peaceful sunset. To the sorrowing ones I commend I Thess. 4:13-18.

A. C. SWINDALL.

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### LETTER NO. 10.

To one who said to me, "I believe that immersion only is baptism; but the Methodists say they will immerse me. So I am thinking about joining them. What would you advise?"

My Friend: I take it that you want my candid opinion. I would never let the Methodists immerse me. And this is no effort, primarily, to switch you from the Methodists to the Baptists. If you are really a Methodist you ought to join the Methodists, but if you are not a Methodist, then you oughtn't. And it can be proven that anybody who believes that immersion, and that only, is New Testament baptism, is no Methodist. Yes, the Methodists say they will immerse you—and they will, if you force them to do it; but theirs is not an immersing church. I have seen one Methodist minister immerse, and he but one candidate. They immerse as a last resort. Your case would be no exception. They would do their utmost to dissuade you from your purpose, and if you were determined to follow the New Testament they would immerse you rather than miss you. A man demanded immersion of a Methodist minister, and he refused, saying, "Some other way will do as well." And then a Baptist was asked if he would immerse him. He said: "If you're converted, try me." Then when the Methodist learned what was about to happen, he immersed the applicant. That's the way it goes!

And really I can not blame them for refusing to immerse as long as they can avoid it. They can really only be consistent with themselves by not immersing at all.

1. If sprinkling is baptism, then immersion isn't. They say that just so water is used, "a spoonful's as good as an oceanful." But no man on earth can reconcile that statement with the entire teaching of the New Testament.

If "burying in water" is baptism, then "sprinkling water upon" isn't. You believe the former only is baptism. How can you consistently ask those who believe the latter also is to immerse you?

2. Of course they can immerse you in truth—but I doubt if they can do so in spirit. But all acts of worship ought to be in spirit as well as in truth.—(Jn. 4:24.) If they can not immerse you in spirit, their act becomes sacrilegious and you will be in part the cause (perhaps innocently) of it.

3. They are guilty of enough of unkind cuts at immersion as a religious ordinance to make immersion by them extremely inconsistent.

(1) In some tracts sent out by their publishing house a few years ago the following striking sentences appear:

"Immersion is so revolting to our delicacy in these times that we can not but think it an innovation."

"The practice of immersion is indecent."

"Immersion makes those who are clean every whit appear more like objects of grief," etc.

"It is improbable that a religion like the Christian, so scrupulously delicate, should have enjoined the immersion of women by men and in the presence of men."

"With all the arrangements of modern times, baptism by immersion is not a decent practice; there is not a female, perhaps, who submits to it, who has not a great previous struggle with her delicacy."

(2) The following editorial appeared in the columns of the Alabama Christian Advocate not very long since:

"In the Evangelist, one of our Baptist exchanges, a brother is running a belabored article on the brand new subject of 'Baptism.' Same old story—gleaning the molded wheat from the threshing floors of long ago. Poor old Baptist! They have ducked her in the pools and mud holes until she is pale, thin and almost exhausted. When a brother sees her beginning to show some signs of resuscitation he seizes her again and down under the water—however cold or stagnant—she goes. She wheezes now with asthma and coughs like a consumptive. Her long, bony arms stretch out in piteous pleadings to the unmerciful dipper, but he has no compassion on her. He grabs those long bony fingers in one hand,

and with the other he grasps her by the back of the neck, and back into that little drinking place in the desert, the size of a man's hat, he forces her. Pity, pity! This same old class haul out the dry bones of some remark of Wesley or Watson (strange how much stress they lay on what Wesley said then) and gnaw and growl over these bony fragments like half-starved hounds. Poor fellows; pity some meat is not on them. Will not some one throw them some bread? But the tribe is rapidly passing away. When you see one of the 'baptidzo' fellows his elbows are threadbare, his sleeve cuffs are raveling, his knees show signs of too long stay in moisture, his eyes are sunken with a glare—not of fire, but of an extinguished volcano—his Adam's apple has the appearance of the hump on a camel's back. You will know him when you see him. Poor fellow! he has lived too much in the river swamps ever to recover. But his posterity will not follow him. Drop a flower on his grave and remember he is the remnant of a once large and hopeful family."

Now, I can't see how any denomination that will allow its official organ to print an editorial like the above can consistently immerse.

4. They claim that immersion is not taught in the Bible.

(1) Dr. T. O. Summers, one of their brainiest men, said: "Immersion is valid, in spite of the plunging, and not in consequence of it. It is a mangling of the Savior's ordinance. We may indeed in special cases and in condescension to weak consciences administer the ordinance by plunging."

(2) I have a booklet written by Dr. J. F. Sturdivant, a prominent member of the North Alabama conference. He has named it "A Plain Discussion of Baptism."

It is really a series of articles run in the Alabama Christian Advocate a few years ago, and the whole is a strenuous effort to prove that immersion is nowhere taught in the Bible. I give you a few sentences from this very learned (?) discussion of the subject. In the doctor's "Preface" he states that the articles were written at the request of Rev. J. H. McCoy, who was then the editor of the Advocate, and that he had placed them in booklet form at the request of some of his brethren. I, therefore, judge that they have the indorsement of the Methodist church. Here are some specimen sentences: "So then it is beyond doubt that John himself did not practice immersion, and did not even stand in the water when he was baptizing the crowds who came out to him."

"Methodists accept and practice baptism by immersion, sprinkling or pouring, not because they believe immersion taught in the Bible, but because they believe emphasis is to be put upon the thing, and not the how."

"While Methodists practice and accept all three modes of baptism, I do not believe there is any scriptural authority for immersion as a mode of baptism."

"I do not recall a Methodist minister who believes immersion is taught in the Bible."

"A majority of Christians do not find immersion in the Bible at all."

"The modern pool is an effort to make immersion nice."

"In the large number of baptisms mentioned there is never any mention of wet clothes. This is strange if any one was ever immersed."

"Immersion as a religious rite is an innovation. There is no command to immerse."

"Imitating Christ in baptism by immersion is a complete failure. The effort would be amusing if it were not so serious a matter."

"I make the assertion that no man can find a clear cut case of baptism by immersion in all the Bible. Nor does the Bible teach it."

Now, my friend, I want you to know that I have not made the above quotations in this letter out of any spirit of malice. The Methodists are very dear to me. I wouldn't do them an injury if I could; I'll never do them an injustice if I know it. They are bad wrong on the immersion question.

I do not think, in view of the above quotations, that they ought to consent to immerse anybody; I

do not think anybody ought to consent to immersion by them. It's all too inconsistent! That is why I have written you this manner of letter. Please accept it in the spirit of love and good will in which it is written. May God keep and bless and guide you. Yours sincerely,

Huntsville, Ala.

R. S. GAVIN.

### THE NECESSITY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. L. Rosser.

As the time for the round-up on foreign missions for the present convention year draws near it behooves us honestly to consider and faithfully discharge our duty. We should measure our obligations, take an inventory of our abilities, and in the sight of God see that there is no disproportion between duties incumbent and duties performed. We use advisedly the caption—The Necessity of Missions. Yes, the NECESSITY.

1. It is necessary to obedience. The crown authority has spoken. The command is "Go," and no ingenious juggling with words can make go mean stay. The ideal of obedience is not external command, but inward spiritual impulse. Christ desires us to see things as He saw them, to feel about them as He felt about them, and act towards them as He acted. But if we have not reached that ideal stage, we must obey on His authority. If we have confidence in Him we must obey on faith, even though we do not adequately understand the reason for our orders. Be assured that no mistake has been made. Let us not impugn His wisdom. Our obedience is the test of our love. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." "Love is the life of which obedience is the form." You remember the story of the Roman commander who forbade any engagement with the enemy. His own son accepted the challenge of the hostile champion to personal combat. The son slew his enemy, and in triumph carried the spoils to his father's tent. That parent refused to accept disobedience, though triumphant, as evidence of love, and exacted the penalty of death for that disobedience. Our Chief accepts obedience only as the test of our love. "Go ye, therefore."

2. It is necessary to spiritual health. It is one of the laws of our spiritual being, and that law is as irrevocable as any other law. If we violate it, we injure our moral and spiritual health. Spiritual vitality will not enliven us, and success will not crown our efforts in collective church life. We are violating the law of health. The tree outside my door has immutable laws of health and conditions of growth. If these laws are disobeyed a stunted growth is the result, and growth can be secured only by a return to normal conditions. Men are greatly deluded on this point. They fancy that they will do, or not do what God commands in regard to missions, and the results not be felt in their own midst. Truly the God of this world has blinded the eyes of all who reason so. As well violate any vital law of our physical being and then expect health, growth and joy. Many spiritual harvests are not garnered in our own church because we are not obeying the laws of that harvest. God does move in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.

3. It is necessary, in order that the heathen may have the gospel, which is the only power of God unto salvation! As it is written, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Would we ever have been saved if no one had preached the gospel to us? How then shall they receive remission of sins if the gospel way is not pointed out to them? Will the Lord find another door than that which scripture declares to be "the door" only? We do not so read the divine oracles. Brethren, if we do our duty in this matter, the salvation will be theirs, the blessing shall be ours and the glory shall be His, whose we are, and whom we ought to obey.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

The week of prayer and self-denial for home missions has been generally observed by the women of Montgomery and vicinity, an occasion of unusual interest and profit.

In the Montgomery meetings the tender, urgent appeals of our southern W. M. U. president, Miss F. E. S. Heck; our state president, Mrs. C. A. Stakely, and our state organizer, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, have proven of great stimulus and inspiration to earnest prayer and heroic self-denial in doing our part to meet the deficit of \$10,000 to reach Alabama's apportionment to home and foreign missions.

The topics for discussion were forcefully and sympathetically dealt with by the leaders and those who assisted them on the programs. A peculiar and happy privilege has been ours to enjoy the presence and words of our own missionary, Miss Willie H. Kelly, who, for the past fourteen years, has represented the Baptist women of Alabama in China, where God has wonderfully blessed her work. A woman of unusual charm of personality, of rare mental endowments and of consecrated piety, Miss Kelly is an Alabama woman greatly beloved and respected in her native state, where she now enjoys rest and refreshment from her work in China.

Emphasizing the importance of answering God's call when it comes, no joy on earth comparable to that of personally carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth, Miss Kelly has earnestly and characteristically spoken to Montgomery women of the meaning of the Christian religion to the women and girls of China, as it lifts them out of heathenism, ignorance and superstition into the light, knowledge and joy of Christianity. They accept, as it is so tenderly, earnestly and plainly presented to them, from the child of tender age to the woman of 96 years, some learning to read at 50 years in order to teach their heathen sisters salvation through Christ.

Miss Kelly described the work at Old North Gate, Shanghai, the old church, the Yates Girls' school and the Smith Memorial Bible school, in which she is principal, and where the native Christians are taught to be Bible women.

Miss Agnes Whitehead, for twenty six years a noble, gifted, consecrated missionary of the Northern Baptist Board in Burma, addressed the women at the First church upon the Specific Needs of Workers in the Foreign Field as caused by vacancies made by death, return to the home land for rest or restoration to health and new missionaries to take up new work, often the new recruits being only sufficient to fill the places of those made vacant by death. The laborers being so few and the work so great, the foreign missionary's burden is not so much the actual work to do, but so few to do the work, and without workers to carry on it must go backward or be lost.

Miss Whitehead is very near to our women, for she is the niece of our sainted Miss S. G. Follansbee, so, in her exalted life and work in Montgomery, exerted such a powerful influence for the mission cause.

MRS. T. W. HANNON,  
Asso. V. Pres. W. M. U.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union was held with the Bessemer church, Friday, March 19th.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. T. H. Johnston, who conducted the devotional exercises. A fine old hymn, "Coronation," was sung, after which Mrs. Bussey led in prayer. After an interesting commentary on the commission, "Go ye," the president asked for a chain of prayer for our missionaries.

The secretary being absent, Mrs. Kelly was appointed. There being no minutes of the previous meeting the program was announced and Mrs. Herbert, a former missionary to India, gave an interesting paper on foreign missions, with map illustrations. Mrs. Dickinson followed with an unusual strong presentation of the responsibilities of Christians, especially women, in this work.

Mrs. Hanby delighted all with a solo "God is my

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.)

Refuge." Mrs. Thompson presented home missions, enlarging on our obligations to the negroes, Indians, immigrants and the frontier work. Mrs. Stamps reminded us of the great needs of the state board and of the problem of the "stranger within our gates." Mrs. Ed Moore spoke interestingly of the Margaret Home and Training School. Mrs. Malone, our secretary and treasurer, gave some distressing information on finances. Her report shows that the Alabama W. M. U., if we meet our apportionment, must bring in before April 19th: For foreign missions, \$600; for home missions, \$300. This amount is apportioned among forty secretaries, and if all do their duty—and surely they will—Alabama can still take a front seat with dignity, conscious of having redeemed all pledges.

Mrs. Massey then led in a prayer that the anxiety of the boards be speedily relieved. This closed the program, after which the hostesses served an appetizing lunch.

In the afternoon reports from the societies were made showing a general observance of the week of prayer, and great earnestness in meeting their apportionments.

Mrs. Salter, from the missionary society of Elyton Methodist church, was introduced and spoke encouragingly of mission work at large and especially in the Birmingham district. After a business discussion the resolution was passed that the program committee meet and arrange the program as early as practicable and forward the same to the secretary, the secretary to forward a copy to each society; also that in future the program of every quarterly meeting include a conference of the secretaries and treasurers of societies with Mrs. Malone, the secretary and treasurer of the Alabama W. M. U.

The next quarterly meeting will be held with the Woodlawn church June 25, 1909.

When the Birmingham delegates were ready to return, we found waiting at the station a special car, sent out by Mr. Harris, the manager of the Birmingham Electric railway. The ladies very much appreciated this courtesy.

DR. S. J. PORTER COMING

The foreign mission board is in desperate straits financially, and that is why Dr. S. J. Porter is going to spend most of the month of April in this state. He is a sweet-spirited, strong and splendid preacher and will be a blessing to any pastor whose field he may visit. If you would like to have him with you, brother pastor, please drop me a card as soon as you read this, and I will confer with him, and if possible he will give you a date. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together is what we need to bring the board to Louisville out of debt. Who will help? What you do, do quickly! As Dr. Drumpton says, "Don't trust to any hat collections, but get out and see the brethren one by one and work as we ought to work to discharge our obligations. 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'" Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

SAM H. CAMPBELL,

LOOK HERE—VICTORY BAND!  
10,000 SHARES IN A GREAT INVESTMENT.

It looks now, March 31st, as if we may have a debt of \$50,000 on our foreign mission work at the close of this convention year, April 30th. For eleven years with one exception we have reported NO DEBT. This meant ADVANCE. This year we will report by far more conversions and baptisms than ever before. Shall we fail in our support of the work? Many of our young men and women are saying, "Here am I, send me." Shall we by having a large indebtedness, force them to stay at home and let the work suffer? Our Presbyterian brethren of the south are trying to average this year for foreign missions \$4 a member. Shall we fail to average twenty-five cents? If we average that much there will be no debt.

Here is our proposition: That we take this \$50,000 and divide it into 10,000 shares at \$5 each, and ask that these shares be taken at once. This must be over and above the regular gifts and must not be taken from home missions, which is greatly needing help also. We have divided out these shares among the various states as follows:

Alabama	900
Arkansas	200
District Columbia	50
Florida	150
Georgia	1,200
Kentucky	900
Louisiana	200
Maryland	200
Mississippi	800
Missouri	700
North Carolina	900
Oklahoma	100
South Carolina	900
Tennessee	800
Texas	1,000
Virginia	1,000
Total	10,000

Are there not churches, societies, bands, Sunday schools, individuals who will take one or more shares each?

We ask that every one who will do so will drop us at once a postal card simply saying, "I (or we) will take—shares at \$5 each" and sign your name and postoffice. It is understood that the money is to be given or raised by you and sent through the regular channels before April 30th.

We expect to give each week in Alabama Baptist the number of shares taken in this VICTORY FOR ADVANCE MOVEMENT, and the number taken in your state. We hope to hear from thousands the very first week. Will you be one to lead off? Many can take a share and get five or ten others to take shares. May God lead us for His glory.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Richmond, Va., March 31, 1909.

N. B. While conferring about this matter, we unintentionally read the above where a little boy nine years old was present. He at once spoke up, asked a few questions as to its meaning, said he had some money, and that he would give \$5. We found out afterwards that he had in all \$6.50.

This proposition was read at the Monday morning pastors' meeting in Richmond, and though several of the pastors were away, thirty one shares were taken at once. We have thirty-four shares now taken, let others roll in.

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

It should be understood by every minister of the gospel—that if he would expect the presence of the Holy Spirit in his work as a preacher he must thoroughly honor the Word of God. It is a fact of great significance that the Spirit never accompanies the preaching which is filtered through with intimations that the Bible is so human a book that it contains many errors, contradictions and inconsistency. Nor is the Spirit present with that preacher who speaks doubtfully about the deity of Christ. No divine power ever accompanied the preaching which presented Christ as one who was but little different and better than a good man. It is not at all singular that no Unitarian church ever had a genuine revival or manifested any spiritual fervor. Such a state of things is perfectly consistent with the assumption of that people that Christ was only a man.

It also grows out of the fact that they regarded the Bible as inspired in no greater degree than is any other good book. And this is true of any kind of church or religious body that refuses to honor the Bible as the very word of God, and rejects the deity and Lordship of Christ. A nominally orthodox church, maintaining such an attitude toward the Bible and Christ, is spiritually powerless. It is absurd to suppose that the Holy Spirit is with such a church. And this mainly accounts for the spiritual barrenness and inefficiency of many churches which are called Christian, and yet are not vitally Christian. It is asserted by the advocates of the "new theology" that sinners are as numerously converted through the labors of pastors and evangelists of that type as there are by those who hold to strictly conservative doctrines. This is not true. The "modern theology" preachers may secure a large number of reputed converts, but there is nothing significant in that. Mormons are notorious for making converts, but they are far from being Christians. We are certainly warranted in saying that the Holy Spirit does not sanction the ministrations of those men who treat the Bible and Christ as the rationalistic theologians do, and who preach another gospel, which is contrary to the true Bible gospel. But the Spirit is present in great power wherever such men as Dr. Torrey, Dr. Chapman, Gipsy Smith and others like them, hold a series of meetings.

Those men are positively true to Christ and the Bible, and the lesson is a significant one.

#### TUBERCULOSIS GOOD NEWS.

Not only is the campaign being promoted by the weekly and daily press, but it has also been taken up by the various magazines, weekly story papers, trade journals, religious papers and others of a similar nature. Even the foreign papers are interested. A bulletin sent out recently by the national association was printed in five different languages.

The national association declares that consumption will never be wiped out until the prevalent ignorance concerning this disease is overcome. To combat successfully this lack of knowledge immense amounts of literature of various sorts are being distributed constantly. Within a year's time thousands of tons of leaflets, aggregating over one hundred million pages, are distributed by the various organizations engaged in the warfare against tuberculosis. But more than all of these individual agencies, the national association believes that the press is the greatest means of educating the masses concerning this disease. If the present rate of interest on the part of the newspaper world continues it is estimated that within a few years every man, woman and child in the United States will have learned the simple doctrines of tuberculosis.

We publish Brother Crumpton's appeal to the church clerks. This will probably be the last appeal he will make to the churches. We join with him in urging everybody to discard the "we can't" disposition. Brave hearts now will carry us through.

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

#### TAKES SHARE IN A PAYING INVESTMENT.

Elsewhere we print a proposition which ought to accomplish great things for the Lord's work. The plan will accomplish great things if it is pushed. It can be easily worked by a general movement among the people. A great many will be willing to take one or more shares, with the idea of paying the entire debt. Some can take a share and can get others to take shares. Many pastors and Sunday school teachers who do not feel able to give \$5 can take a share and get five others to help by giving \$1 each. Dr. Willingham will wire us Monday afternoon of each week and let us know just how many shares have been taken up to that time and how many have been taken in Alabama. We hope Alabama Baptists will take the 900 shares allotted.

#### WOULD ABOLISH SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The latest phase of the drink traffic's "educational campaign" is a shrewd and carefully launched attempt to undermine and secure the repeal of all laws requiring scientific temperance instruction in the public schools of America.

At the same time the "trade" is proposing to flood the newspaper and periodical press, so far as they can secure a hearing in their advertising columns with a choice selection of dogmatic bluff, falsehood and misrepresentation, attributing in a most plausible fashion every conceivable scientific value of their particular brands of alcoholic beverage.

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These illustrate the lies which the brewer is just now paying millions of dollars to insert as syndicate advertising in the greatest papers of the country, and in order to secure free field for the circulation of these falsehoods they have decided to concentrate their energies in breaking down the educational bulwark erected by the leaders of the temperance cause during the past quarter of a century.

The first definite evidence of this plot is creeping out in Illinois, where the astute leadership of President Schneider, of the Chicago school board, and Principal Armstrong, of the Englewood High school, backed by the liquor interests, a bill has already been prepared which, if carried through the legislature, would nullify the splendid scientific temperance instructions law now upon the statute books, and put the whole matter of temperance instruction in the grammar school grades in the hands of educational politicians who are evidently allied with the brewer.

Elsewhere in this issue is a strong article from Brother J. L. Rosser, of Selma, on "The Necessity of Foreign Missions." Like everything coming from the tongue or pen of Rosser, it is "worth while." Read what Brother Rosser has to say, and then remember that the secretaries of our foreign mission board at Richmond are writing in every letter, "Do all in your power to help us. Our board has never been in such a close place." The board has gone forward in the work as we instructed them at Hot Springs last May, and now we must not allow them to go to Louisville with a big debt on their hands. It would set us back ten years if we should fail to meet our obligations this year. Brethren of Alabama let us do our best.

It is related that a young Christian woman residing in a southern state, recently wrote to a minister in another state, saying that she had a great fear of death. She said that she believed that she is a Christian, and yet she is harrowed by this fear, and she asked the minister to pray for her. Perhaps we have some readers who are slaves of such a fear. In the epistle to the Hebrews reference is made to certain ones "who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." This is surely a deplorable condition for one to be in. It is natural enough for those who are not Christians to be in fear of death. Well may they fear to die unsaved. But the real Christian ought not to be the slave of such a fear. The Bible is full of bright promises to those who have committed their hearts to the Lord of life. They have the strongest assurance from God that He will be with them even to the end of their days on earth, and that He will not forsake them in the hour of their departure from this world. Many a Christian who now fears death will find that in his or her dying moments there will be a joy exceeding any that had before been experienced. The joy of the Lord will fill the soul, causing the believer to say, as one saint said in his dying moments, "It is sweet to die." Moreover the majority of Christians who have died were unconscious during their last hours. They realized no suffering. It was a painless death. The fact is, most people suffer vastly more during their lifetime than they will at the time of death. Eminent physicians say that in almost all cases death itself is painless. Let this fact be your comfort. Then, too, do not continue to think about your coming death. It is worse than useless; it is injurious to one's health; it is a foe to one's peace of mind; it makes one gloomy. The better way is to put one's mind upon his present blessings. Keep thought upon the good things which are at hand. Think much of the possible ways in which you may be of service to others. You may be in poor health, but even if such be the case you can do something to make others cheerful. In some way or ways manage to be ever free from the slavery of fear.

#### WE DO NOT KNOW THEIR LANGUAGE.

Recently we were greatly stirred with a pamphlet by J. H. DeForest, of Japan, on American Ignorance of Oriental Languages. One can faintly imagine the fearful responsibility of Kami, the premier of the Shogunate, when Commodore Perry came. He had to make some kind of a humiliating treaty with those "Western barbarians" of whose language and intentions he could know nothing, or else involve his country in a disastrous war. The dilemma forced from him this lamentation:

"Nothing is worse than a barrier to the Communication of thought."

Our government has only a few trained Japanese interpreters of whose work we may justly be proud. But a great and neighboring nation like ours, upon whom rests the exceedingly difficult and delicate responsibility of exactly understanding every department of national life in Japan, might well have scores of able university students living here and studying in the language of this people not only their diplomacy, but their system of laws, education, morals, family life, religion, business methods, their local self-government, their monuments and history and art, and all that goes to make up that unique spirit of Japan called Yamato Damashii.

And yet colossal misunderstandings have arisen between these two halves that have bred ill will and suspicions and wars, until now, in spite of the Hague and other peace movements, statesmen and scholars are found who allow themselves to go on record as predicting that a bigger war than the "world has ever seen," one that will shake the earth, is inevitable between the yellows and the whites.



DR. MONTAGUE'S TRIP NOTES.

Dr. br, br; the alarm clock raised its shrill voice at 4:45 a. m., and before 6:30 dressing, a car ride of 15 miles and breakfast must be completed that the train might not miss a passenger. Some travelers complain of the Birmingham, Selma and Mobile road, alleging slow schedules, rough track and poor cars. But with planning for Howard college and an interesting book or magazine the time with it passes swiftly by, and I have no complaint to register against the railway.

Speaking of the Southern Railway, let me say that it has as its president (Mr. Finley) one of the ablest men in the business world of our country. Not only is he an expert in railway matters, a great head of a great system, but he is also an accomplished, vigorous and instructive public speaker. His addresses before college students and various audiences are marked by smoothness of diction and a vital power of thought that render them both entertaining and in a high degree helpful.

My objective point on the 27th of March was Uniontown, in Perry county, where I was scheduled for two speeches on Sunday, the 28th of March.

Reaching my destination, I found at the Uniontown station Brother J. E. Barnes, who was there to meet me, and Brother J. G. Dobbins, of Greensboro, who was en route to his home. Before my arrival Brethren Bomar, Rosser, Dobbins, Shute and Dickinson, formerly of Grove Hill, had been assisting Brother Barnes in an institute lasting from Thursday to Saturday. That meeting was productive of much good. Why do not our Baptist people have more of these gatherings? They teach doctrine, inform as to the faith, stir hearts and minds for missions and bind the brotherhood by closer ties.

I was taken to the home of Brother and Sister J. A. Haynsworth, which was also my home from Saturday to Monday, and never have I been entertained more graciously, more comfortably or more hospitably than in the beautiful dwelling place of that kind brother and his charming wife.

Sunday morning our Baptist people came together, and with them a number of the Episcopallians of the town. After an address, Brother Barnes and I made simple statements of the needs of Howard college; our deacons went among the people; the result, with some additions during the afternoon, secured by my dear brother, O. L. Woodfin, a most excellent and useful Baptist, and myself, was \$538.50—and that from a church but recently aided by Bishop Crumpton's board. This fine result was largely brought about by the attitude of Rev. J. E. Barnes, the pastor, a Howard man, not only by graduation, but, better still, by sympathy and judgment. There are Howard men and Howard men.

Brother Barnes impresses me as one of the most thoughtful and progressive men in our ministry in this state. A student, he is also a worker; believing in theory, as all men of culture believe in it, he is intensely practical. With sound mind, high faith and a kindness that makes friends and brings happiness, he accomplishes things for the good of the cause and the glory of God. His people believe in him and cheerfully follow his wise leadership.

In spite of having work to do, it was my privilege to form many acquaintances in Uniontown, to make friends, I trust. I met many who are the kindred of my children and some of my own kinpeople. There are very many Virginians and descendants of Virginians in Uniontown, members of families whose names are familiar to me, as many of them were once known personally.

As an indication of the fine feeling prevailing in that delightful town, the ministers of the several churches, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian, had services in their own churches Sunday evening, but all came to the Baptist church, and in the matter of numbers and the spirit of the people, we had a great service.

Monday morning I came to Selma for an interview with our brother, Mr. James B. Ellis, president

of the trustees of Howard college. I found in the counsel of this princely layman new inspiration for work, as in his palatial home, with him and his accomplished and gracious wife, the time passed only too swiftly.

I paid my respects to Colonel H. S. D. Mallory and the thought came, "What a noble governor he is going to make Alabama." Possessing a strong and active mind, high character, great amiability and yet loyalty, intense loyalty, to the right, a patriot, cultured and wise, he has all the requirements for success in the gubernatorial chair.

On the street I met Brother Rosser, the eloquent young Virginian, who came some years ago to the First church pastorate. It is a wonder to me that some lovely Alabama girl has not yet convinced Bro. Rosser, without effort on her part, but only through her graces and charms, how sad it is for man to be alone.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

PROHIBITION NOT A FAILURE IN CULLMAN.

It is claimed by our anti-prohibition friends, and has been advocated through the columns of one of the state's leading newspapers, that the statewide prohibition law is non-effective in Cullman, and that the exit of the saloon era and its power for hell and the devil, has only tended to increase the use of intoxicants, to decrease business and to disparage the value of property in the county and town. This is far from being the case as it exists. It not only has been proven to be a great blessing morally and financially, but from a standpoint of education has it been a great success. Does prohibition prohibit in Cullman? No, not absolutely; neither does the law against murder, theft, arson and any of the other laws against criminality prohibit absolutely. But it has prohibited in our town to the extent that our citizens are in better financial condition, better spiritually, and in fact the law has brought about changes in the citizenship of Cullman that would never have come about under the saloon regime.

For instance, to show whether or not prohibition has been worth anything to the town from an educational point, take the mayor's court under the saloon era and compare with the same court of today: When there were nine saloons in Cullman there was there a Monday morning but that from five to twenty-five names graced the docket of his honor, the mayor. Since the liquor traffic has been abolished the city hall has been converted into a public school room, and today in the same building where once men stood with bowed heads in disgrace and shame and had penalties meted out to them for different violations of the city's laws, brought on solely through the liquor traffic, young minds are being trained and molded both spiritually and intellectually in the way they should go, and characters are being formed that in after years will grace the citizenship of our country with honor and credit to those who espoused, fought for and perfected the extermination of the ignominious liquor traffic. This is only one proof of the fact that prohibition has been a God-send to the people of Cullman, from this point of view, and hundreds of other evidences stand for themselves ready to substantiate the truthfulness of this assertion. The city under the open saloon employed from two to five policemen; now only one is necessary to do the same work where once five men were necessary to protect the peace and dignity of the town.

Not only has prohibition had its bearing upon the educational, financial and civic betterment, but from a spiritual view. Marvelous influences for good have been felt in the churches of all denominations in Cullman.

Never in the history of Protestantism in Cullman have there been such strides for the advancement of the kingdom of God since the devil has lost his mighty foothold in the going out of the whisky traffic. Sunday schools have increased in membership from one hundred to two hundred percent. This is the case with the Sunday school at both Baptist churches, and I am told by the pastors of churches of other denominations that the same conditions ex-

ist in their churches. Influences have been brought to bear upon the hearts of men and women, and they have been constrained to come into and take part in Sunday school and church work that have never been known to darken the doors of any church. Did the exit of the liquor traffic have its influence in this? Certainly it did. These conditions did not exist before. Efforts equally as strong were put forth by the people of God while saloons and dives of sin and vice were running in full force, but without results. These marvelous increases in church and Sunday schools were accomplished by personal work, I admit, but why were they not brought about before prohibition was here? From the very fact that the devil's most powerful instrument of warfare has been put to flight, and the evil is not here to battle against. We have ex-saloon keepers who are members of our Sunday school at the First Baptist church, and God being our helper we intend to have their names on the church roster before the end of summer.

Oh, yes, prohibition has been a power for good in Cullman. Things have been done that could not have been accomplished otherwise, and results have been reaped that will stand out as a golden monument to the memory of those who fought and suffered for its cause throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

H. CLAY SMITH.

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When a church, embracing in its membership no rich men or wealthy women, having already given with a splendid generosity toward the erection of a new building, having given until the keen edge of sacrifice cuts into the daily life, is approached to give to a cause outside of the local church work and makes liberal donation, its action deserves to be noted and its example is worthy of emulation at the hands of other churches better off financially and less burdened to support their own immediate needs.

On Sunday, March 21, the writer unexpectedly dropped into the Calvary church of Birmingham. A warm greeting from the pastor, Rev. J. D. Ray, gave instant welcome. In response to an appeal to help our college meet the expenses incident to certain large improvements, a number of brethren and sisters responded, responded generously, cheerfully, handsomely, giving, practically all cash, \$52.50.

Only a noble church, led by an equally noble pastor, could, in the face of very great local expenses, perform a deed like this. All honor to the Calvary church and Brother J. D. Ray.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

SOME REASONS.

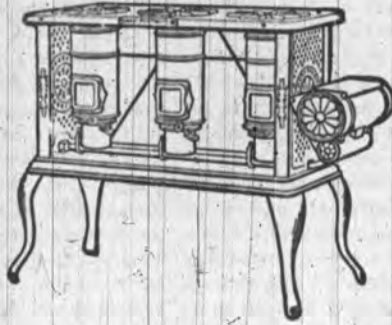
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To give a great increase to the paper's circulation will advance the cause and kingdom of Christ. It will mean a blessing to thousands of lives. What is a blessing to you and your home will be a blessing to other people and other homes. We ask our 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.

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The fifty-fourth session (sixty-fourth year) of the Southern Baptist convention will be held in the First Regiment armory (Sixth and Walnut streets), Louisville, Ky., beginning Thursday, May 13, 1909, at 7 p. m.

The annual sermon will be preached by E. C. Dargan, D. D., of Georgia, or his alternate, George W. McDaniel, of Virginia.

The office of the secretaries will be open in the armory Wednesday, May 12th, from 2 to 10 p. m., and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Financial representatives and fraternal visitors are earnestly requested to file their cards as soon as possible after arrival.

Representatives of associations will not be forwarded cards in advance, but will be expected to present themselves with their credentials for enrollment as such.

Please do not wait for the opening of the convention. Come before Thursday afternoon if possible. This will greatly assist us and the state secretaries in presenting at the opening session a correct roll of those actually present.

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The twenty-first annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Fourth and York streets, Louisville, Ky., beginning Thursday, May 13, 1909, at 9 a. m.

The executive committee, with the state vice presidents, will meet in the chapel of the training school, 334 E. Broadway, at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, May 12th. The boards of the training school will meet at 4 p. m. and the boards of the Margaret home at 7:30 p. m. at the training school.

FANNIE E. S. HECK, President.

EDITH CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

Other Meetings.

The Baptist Young People's Union will hold their sessions in the armory, beginning Wednesday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m.

The Southern Baptist Educational Society will hold their meetings in Walnut Street Baptist church, Third and Catherine streets, Wednesday, May 12, at 8 p. m.

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Form of Ticket.—Tickets of iron-clad signature contract to be used. Such tickets must be signed by the original purchasers in the presence of the ticket sellers at the time of purchase, and such tickets will not be honored for return passage until validated by authorized validating agents.

Each ticket will be non-transferable. The holder of a signature form of ticket must be identified as the original purchaser to the satisfaction of any conductor or agent by signature or otherwise whenever requested. If such a ticket be presented for validation, passage or checking of baggage by any other than the original purchaser it will not be honored, but will be forfeited, and any agent or conductor of any line over which it reads shall have the right to take up and cancel the ticket.

Interline Tickets will be on sale at regular coupon agency stations only.

Baggage.—The usual baggage regulations will apply in connection with tickets sold at the fares published.

Stop-Overs.—Will be allowed in accordance with the regulations contained in the tariffs of the carriers over whose lines the tickets read.

Extension of Return Limit may be secured by original purchasers of such tickets by depositing their tickets with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, at Louisville, not later than 6 p. m. May 22, 1909, for period not longer than June 9th by payment of fee of one dollar.

Rates.—A general basis of three cents a mile, plus 25 cents, for the round trip is given; but there are so many exceptions in the joint passenger tariff that I quote the figures given for your state. 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 named.

**O. F. GREGORY,**  
Secretary of Transportation.

Following total excursion fares will apply from stations named in territory Southeastern Passenger Association:  
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Andalusia	17.45
Anniston	13.00
Attalla	11.80
Auburn	15.85
Bessemer	12.25
Birmingham	11.95
Boaz	11.35
Bridgeport	9.55
Calera	13.00
Carbon Hill	13.75
Chehaw	15.85
Citronelle	17.45
Childersburg	13.00
Clayton	17.65
Collinsville	11.65
Cordova	13.00
Decatur	9.40
Demopolis	16.30
Dothan	18.55
Elba	19.00

Enisley	12.55
Enterprise	18.40
Epas	15.25
Eufaula	17.35
Eufaw	14.65
Fayette	14.20
Flomaton	17.45
Florala	18.70
Florence	9.55
Fort Payne	11.20
Fruitdale	17.45
Fruithurst	13.30
Gadsden	11.80
Georgiana	16.60
Greensboro	14.95
Grimes	18.25
Guntersville	11.05
Gurley	10.30
Heflin	13.30
Hobbs Island	10.15
Huntsville	9.70
Huntsboro	16.60
Jacksonville	13.00
Jasper	13.30
Keeney	14.20
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Lineville	14.65
Littleton	12.70
Livingston	15.70
Luterne	16.45
Mablesville	14.05
Mapton	15.70
Mapton Junction	15.25
Mobile	17.45
Montevallo	13.60
Moatgomery	14.95
New Market	9.40
Northport	14.35
Opelika	15.85
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Whereas, the quiet, thoughtful type of Sunday has been from the first a characteristic of our American life, law and history; and,

Whereas, there is a growing tendency to utilize Sunday for various sorts of business and for noisy sports:

We, the citizens of Birmingham, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby enter our protest against this tendency, and insist that nothing but works of real necessity and mercy should be allowed on Sunday. We pledge ourselves as loyal to the principles of our civilization and to the best interest of our fellow men.

We hereby call on all of the citizens of Alabama to join with us in demanding the enforcement of our state statutes on this matter.

We call upon the citizens of Alabama to get local ordinances wherever necessary to make more effective the practice of Sunday rest.

We assert the necessity of one day of rest in seven for every toiler, and wherever a man must perform work on Sunday he must be relieved an equal number of hours on either Saturday or Monday.

Since the Sunday League of America calls on all the churches of all America to observe the first week following Easter as the Lord's Day Week, we hereby request all the pastors in Birmingham of all faiths to preach on this subject on the 18th day of April, and we do hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure for our busy community a quiet and thoughtful Sunday every week in the year before us.

G. B. TARRANT,  
L. F. WHITTEN.

The above resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting held in the First Methodist church on Sunday, March 7, 1909, after an able address by Rev. Dr. Thomson, of the Sunday League of America.

From Lauderdale.

I am missionary pastor in Lauderdale Association. I have five churches, and besides these, do a good deal of wayside preaching. My work is Waterloo, Liberty, Johnson Cross Roads, Rogersville and Evergreen. I came into this field last November. We have had a hard time contending with rain and high water, but now the spring is on and we shall have better weather and better roads, so we must get a move on us and push the work with all our power. My people all seem to like their pastor, and I know I love them. I am well pleased with my work and with "Alabam" so far. I hope to attend the state convention and meet the brethren and get to shake their hands. I remember to have seen that grand old servant of God, Dr. Crumpton, at Dock River Association in Tennessee several years ago. I remember while making a speech he said that he thanked God that we all could worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and the Baptist according to the Bible. I thank God for such men as Brother Crumpton. I am a Bible Baptist and thank God I do not feel the least inclined to make apologies

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to any one for it, either. I love the blood salvation. My father was a Methodist and my mother was a Campbellite. I am a Baptist purely from a study of God's word. Oh! that men would study God's word, how the Baptist ranks would be strengthened. I came to this field from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., where I preached four years. When I came on the field there we had fourteen members, the house not seated and otherwise incomplete, and a mortgage on the property of \$487. When I left them their house was complete, the debt all paid and a beautiful vacant lot bought by the church on which to build a pastorium, and ninety-three members. Brother Crumpton, I ask that the state board pay for our work here. God bless all the brotherhood. Love to all.—J. K. Bone.

The Kentwood Commercial of Louisiana, has a good picture of Rev. W. A. McCain, pastor of the Baptist church. It is about time this good brother is coming back home.

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However gratifying our past has been and however assuring our present condition, we are fully aware that the further developments of our society into greater proportions will not be accomplished by any force inherent in our policy or the fact of our past success. Therefore, as we look into the future we are dependent upon our own present members to aid us in gaining the attention of the brethren to the advantages of our organization.

If you are already a member make a special effort to increase our membership. If you are not a member allow me to urge you to become one that the society may assist your family or the family of a brother preacher in case of death. Please read this and send me your name at once. I ask it in behalf of your wife and children. Be sure and send us one or more names. We can double our membership this year if you will help us. Write immediately for blank applications.

W. J. ELLIOTT,  
Sec. Treas.

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And living to self  
Is barely worth the name.

The world needs men with a motive,  
With a purpose strong and brave;  
With a hope that is bright  
With a heart that is right  
A life that begins with the grave.

—A. J. Thompson

**SONG.**

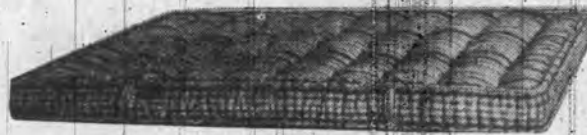
April, April,  
Laugh thy girlish laughter;  
Then the moment after,  
Weep thy girlish tears!  
April, that mine ears  
Like a lover greetest,  
If I tell thee, sweetest,  
All my hopes and fears,  
April, April,  
Laugh thy golden laughter,  
But the moment after,  
Weep thy golden tears!

—William Watson.

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### Evangelist Ray at East Tallassee.

By invitation of the East Tallassee Baptist church Evangelist W. J. Ray commenced a series of meetings with that church on Sunday, the 21st of March, which continued until Sunday, the 28th. Previous to the commencement of these meetings the pastor held a prayer meeting on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and Brother Stuckey preached on Friday night, and we had also a service of song conducted by Brother J. Mack Parker, who accompanies Brother Ray as his singer. On Saturday night it rained very hard and we had no service. Bro. Ray preached on Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. A large congregation was present at both services during the remainder of the meeting twice each day. The congregations in the day service were beyond my expectations, as I had been told by members of the church that it was difficult to get the people to come out in the day on week days; that they had not done so in former meetings. A cotton mill is located here and a large majority of the people are employed in the mills and they can not leave their work. The day meetings were so arranged as to give an opportunity for some to attend, and we had very good congregations in the day, as some from the country attended; at night we generally had a full house. On the last night and Saturday night before we had the house full to overflowing. Our church house will hold about 700 when packed, and it was packed on Sunday night. Many could not get in. I never saw anywhere in my long ministerial life, now 55 years, a better behaved and more attentive people than we had at all these meetings. There were many children who attended these meetings day and night. They occupied generally by request the third or fourth front benches of the middle section of seats and they behaved admirably. The principals of the public schools of East Tallassee and Carnsville dismissed such pupils as wished to attend the meetings. Bro. Ray's methods of conducting a revival meeting differ somewhat from other evangelists that I have heard. He does not make so many propositions. He does not seek to get up a great excitement. He preaches the truth in plain language, easy to be understood by the most ignorant. He denounces sin of all kinds in emphatic language and makes no apology for doing so. He dwells especially upon the necessity of regeneration, repentance and faith. He pleads with the sinner to come to Christ for salvation and not depend upon their good works. He insists upon a pure life as an index of a regenerated heart, and the duty of obedience on the part of the Christian to all of the commandments of Jesus Christ. He emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of the soul and in helping the Christian to do his duty. He earnestly exhorts the members of the church to live Christ as well as to profess to be His disciple. I think Brother Ray a safe man as an evangelist to preach the truth as we Baptists see it. While some criticism may be made as to his manner and methods, which may be best done privately and not publicly,

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yet I am satisfied that if he conducts all his meetings as he did the one at East Tallassee and preaches the same great truths, his work will be of great service to the cause of Christ and to the upbuilding of our churches where these meetings are held. We had very good music during the meeting, both vocal and instrumental. Bro. Parker played the cornet and Miss Naomi Dorman, who teaches a music class at Carrville, a neighboring village, and Mrs. W. S. Leatherwood, wife of Professor W. S. Leatherwood, principal of East Tallassee's public school, presided at the piano and organ. Rev. A. C. Clayton, pastor of the Methodist church at East Tallassee, who kindly dismissed his services on both Sundays, rendered us great assistance in leading the vocal part of the music. The immediate results of this meeting were an addition of ten members to the church, two by letter and eight by experience, an awakening of the church members to a more faithful discharge of their duties. I believe that others will be added to the church by the influence of this meeting. There was a deep and serious feeling manifested by many persons in the congregation and I am informed that the seed sown will spring up and bear good fruit. This church has been greatly injured by dissensions in the recent past. I am hopeful that our meeting has done some good in restoring harmony, and that now a brighter future is before it. About \$60 was contributed by Bro. Ray and the state board of missions. JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD,

Pastor.

Tuskegee, Ala.

Our church in Riverside has just closed a gracious revival conducted by Evangelist W. P. Price, of the home mission board, of Atlanta, Ga. Bro. Price came to us the 14th of February and remained till the 21st, including two Sundays. As a result of two weeks of earnest preaching twenty were added to the church, thirteen by letter and seven by profession of faith. The meeting was a great blessing to our church and the city. Riverside church is the youngest of the eight churches of Jacksonville, being only five months old. It was organized the last Sunday in September, 1908, at the close of a good meeting held by Rev. Arnald S. Smith, of Alabama, and the pastor, then the city missionary of the state board of missions, with a membership of 31. We have received 30 members since its organization and granted nine letters, which leaves a present membership of fifty-two.—T. F. Hendon.

Elizabeth Lucille Perkins, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Perkins, was by gentle hands planted in the garden of rest at Elmwood cemetery, West End, Ala., February 15, 1909. So frail and tender the little flower seemed only to bloom but a few months, and passed from one sphere to another more like her own.

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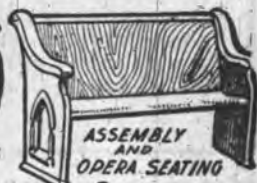
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FOURTH PRIZE—Credit Check	120
FIFTH PRIZE—Credit Check	115
SIXTH PRIZE—Credit Check	110
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FIVE PRIZES—Credit Checks	500
TEN PRIZES—Credit Checks	750
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### Rules Governing Contest

- 1—The words SEALS PIANO CO. must be written plainly with pen or pencil.
- 2—Write on one side of card or sheet only.
- 3—Only one card may be submitted by each contestant. Magnifying glasses may be used.
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- 5—Use any plain card or paper 3 1-2x6 inches and fill out coupon below and attach to or inclose with card sheet.
- 6—No one connected with the music business may contest.
- 7—Neatness will be taken into consideration.
- 8—Contest closes April 15, 1909.
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P. O. ....

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Have you upright or square? .....

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