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This city seems to be Baptist headquarters to a certain extent. Rev. L. M. Bradley has built a home and is serving at least four churches (I understand) in the surrounding country. Rev. L. C. DeWitt has moved here lately by reason of Mrs. DeWitt's health. Of course, you are aware that Dr. Rosser, pastor of the First church, married last month. He strayed over into the Presbyterian fold to secure Mrs. Rosser. Their many friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life. The Second Baptist church has under consideration the resignation of their pastor, Bro. S. H. Bennett. Thomas J. Williams, Selma.

Bro. W. J. Ray held two meetings recently in two miles of Montevallo and organized two churches, one at Aldrich and one at Wilton. He spent less than a week at Aldrich and left a church of twenty-five members, and they soon had a Sunday school of fifty. At Wilton he preached from Sunday to Friday and left a church of 43 members, 17 having been received a baptism. Bro. Ray organized a church at Pelham in this association last in the summer. All this work is the result of co-operation between the state board and the executive committee of the association. This kind of work certainly counts much for the kingdom. It is a good thing the board is enlarging this work by employing Bro. Howard for the same kind of work. Fraternally,

W. W. LEE.

Montevallo, Ala., Dec. 17, 1909.

## BEYOND THE THRESHOLD.

I have passed the door which opens to another year. The latch of the door was lifted for me by hands not my own. I could not stay in the old year any more, even if I tried. I loved its suns and snows, and even its storms and darkness were good for me. I do not mind now the sting of the pain-dart which struck me, nor am I ashamed of the resultant scar. And then, sometimes, there was the touch of gentle hands and the kinship of understanding hearts! These were my wine in weariness. All that is past—all save the memory of it and the effect of it; these abide—a part of the fiber of my latest self. But for this other year—the new, strange one—what? I ought not to ask. A veil is over its days, mercifully. I only know that I have essayed it; that it is but a little bit of the whole span of life, an annual unit in the sum of Time; and that in it lie my further adventure and opportunity. I shall go on. From their height the stars will see me, the earth will prove itself my friend all over again, and I shall meet my brothers on the way.—Success.

The last night of the year finds us in a retrospective mood. Eight years as editor of The Alabama Baptist has given us food for thought, if not for the body. They have been years of strenuous toil, and yet, looking back over them, they have been happy ones, for as each mile-post was passed the number of our friends had increased. The love and sympathy given by the way has heartened us at times when it seemed as if in sheer justice to our family the work must be passed to other hands. The dying year has been the hardest of all from a business standpoint, and yet God is to be thanked for the chance to fight on His side and in the name of His Son. We go into the new year without a "grouch" of any kind. If we have hurt the feelings of any one we hope they will forget and forgive. We want 1910 to be the best year of our life, and we need the prayers and sympathy of the Baptist hosts of Alabama if we put into effect the plans we have for making the paper better serve the denomination. We have undergone heavy expense to inaugurate some special features during 1910. In place of outlining them now we ask our friends merely to watch the issues from week to week and note the improvements. We cannot make the paper alone, but if the brotherhood will rally to our help we will spend ourself and means to give our people a paper which will interest, instruct and inspire every member of the family. Thanking those who have stood by us and wishing all our readers a happy New Year.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

## THE GAYLESVILLE SCHOOL.

The Baptist mission school at Gaylesville is doing splendid work. The fall term has been by far the most successful of any we have had. About one hundred pupils, with a greater per cent of them in the higher grades.

Bro. J. J. Yarbrough, the principal, is wholly devoted to the interests of the school. Miss Willie Bankson has charge of the intermediate department and is doing excellent work. Miss Daisie Tolen has the primary department and is making good impressions with the little folks. She also does some advanced work.

Miss Allison teaches music and always has plenty to do. She is full of life and keeps in fine humor.

We are looking for new pupils next term. The school is a success. The atmosphere here is favorable to school work. We wish for it continued success and growth. If there is anything that the common people should be interested in, it is Christian education.

If our people could just look out in the future and see the need of preparation to meet the problems of the days to come they would double their diligence. They would see to it that every child would go to school and prepare for usefulness. I wish some rich man or woman would give us money enough to do the necessary

building. We have done some building the past year and want to do some more. Let all of our subscribers remember we need money now.

Well, Bro. Editor, I received your pencil and will try to use it to write you sometimes. Yours truly,

J. N. WEBB.

## OUR EVANGELISTS.

W. J. Ray and W. W. Howard are in the field and want to hold meetings every day in the year. Bro. Ray has demonstrated his ability to bring things to pass in any field. Our stronger churches can rely upon him to "do the work of an evangelist" effectively and every time leave the pastors and churches closer together. Bro. Howard has been very effective, too. In many meetings, though never a regular evangelist until now. Why shouldn't we hold meetings in the winter? They do it further north. Where the house can be made comfortable and the roads are in good condition, the country churches can have their meetings in the winter better than at any other time. No trouble about the towns having them in the winter. Our evangelists can't afford to be idle in the winter. In the summer they will have more calls than they can fill. Bro. Ray's postoffice is Harpersville, Bro. Howard's, for the present, St. Elmo, Tenn. Let pastors write them at once.—W. B. C.

I gave my lecture, "Jerusalem Under the Turks," at Fonke, Ark., to a good crowd of men last night, though it rained all evening. We had eleven men for prayer at the close of the lecture, and nine of them were converted, three of the number being Universalists. They all came to the front and before the great audience were sworn into the service of King Jesus. One of them is a family physician. I believe every family doctor should be a Christian. I love to see infidels and Universalists converted. Frank M. Wells.

I began my work on the matrimonial line by uniting Mr. S. J. Doffron to Miss Francis E. Wood, of Ensley. She was a member of the church at Wylam and a fine girl. We will greatly miss her. They left for Chattanooga, Tenn.

My next work was sad work. I had to attend three funerals in three days following.

First was Trexy Smith, a little girl ten years old, buried Thursday. Friday a man in middle life, Clint Eubanks, and Saturday we buried Bro. Henry Evans. He was considered the pillar of the Baptist church at Wylam. His place can never be filled. The next week I conducted the funeral services of Bro. Sanders. ~~was a member of the church at~~ death, you see, made us instant visits.

The church elected Bro. H. H. Sawyer trustee of the church in place of Bro. Evans, an honor well deserved, and he is taking right hold of his work. Our church is going to work. H. R. SCHRAMM.

## LOOKING FORWARD IN 1910.

If we are to make the most of 1910, we must enter it saying, This is to be the best year in the history of the world and of my own life as well. Wilkins Micawber is no patron saint of prosperity, but if all discouraged people start the new year in high hope that something is going to "turn up," they will help to turn something up before many weeks. Robert Louis Stevenson's "happy thought" for children is not without interest to older folk:

"The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

Was ever the world more full of things than now? Is it not enough to make one happy, simply to live in these wondrous days? Keeping step with all material advance is a sense of mutual interest, binding more closely all grades and classes of society—a growing unity of the race. In our own fair land a steadily rising average of civic and commercial and social righteousness is a sign of the times. No, the millennium has not dawned; but, taking it all in all, it has never before been so near.—Leslie's.

THE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER AGAIN.

Dr. G. W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, tells of a brother who came to the Baptists from another denomination, and says that during two or three years, after becoming a member of a Baptist church, he never heard the name of a Baptist paper mentioned, and said he wondered whether the Baptists had a denominational paper or not, and learned almost accidentally that they had. Dr. Truett adds:

"In general, I want to say that one of the weakest places in our denominational life is the neglect of the denominational paper. Surely most of us, if not all of us, need the sharpest kind of rebuke for dereliction with reference to the denominational paper. It will pay, immeasurably pay, in all directions, pay perhaps, beyond any other denominational investment for pastors, teachers, deacons and all the rest to magnify the denominational paper. It ought to be counted a disgrace for any Baptist family not to receive the denominational paper. The right kind of talk about this important matter would bring on a complete change with respect to it, in every church in the land. By all means let us begin such talk, and begin it right away, and keep it up until all our people receive the denominational paper and know what it contains. Pastors, above all others, must take the initiative in this matter, and do their whole duty by it."

Dr. Truett is right about it. We have been putting emphasis upon everything in our denominational life except the denominational paper, when, as a matter of fact, the denominational paper is necessarily at the basis of all of our denominational work. Without some such medium of communication all of this work would suffer very materially, even if it could be carried on at all.

Brethren, when you help your denominational paper you are not simply helping the paper or helping its editor, but you are helping the denomination along all the lines of its work; you are helping yourself; you are helping the church; you are helping the brother into whose home you put the paper by making him a more intelligent Baptist, and as usually follows, a more liberal contributor to our work.—Baptist and Reflector.

This has been another sad, sad Christmas for us. On November 16th Sam Jones, adopted son of I. T. and Jennie Stephens, had his arm torn off in a gin. The shock was too great; he died that same afternoon. He was a noble Christian, joined the Baptist church in early youth. He leaves a young wife and two children. Again on December 20th the angel of death visited us and called the young wife of Herman Stephens. She, too, was a noble Christian, a talented musician, a loving wife and mother. She leaves a husband and one boy, with a host of relatives to mourn her loss. She was a grand-daughter of the late Rev. John B. Appleton. May we all be able to say "Thy will be done." We will miss them, but it will not be long until we will meet again in the beautiful home above.—Mrs. Lillie Stephens.

The Bright Side.

There is many a rest in the road of life,  
If we only would stop to take it;  
And many a tone from the better land,  
If the querulous heart would wake it!  
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,  
And whose beautiful trust ne'er falleth,  
The grass is green and the flowers are bright,  
Though the wintry storm prevailleth.  
Heart Throbs in National Magazine.

We have received a copy of The New East, published quarterly at Shanghai, China. Frank Rawlinson, editor, in the interests of the Baptist missionaries of China. We note that Rev. H. W. Provence, is the secretary and treasurer of the China Baptist conference. The frontispiece gives a good likeness of the late Mrs. Martha Foster Crawford.

The following announcement will be read with pleasure by the many friends of the bride and bridegroom: Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Stodghill announce the marriage of their daughter, Mamie, to Dr. Joseph S. Wittmeier on Wednesday, the twenty-second of December, 1909. Bessemer, Ala.

THE NEW YEAR

By Rev. O. C. Peyton.

It has come! We write it now, 1910. The serious and important question is: What are you going to do with it? It will assuredly bring you many opportunities and privileges. Are you going to make a wise and profitable use of them? "Ah!" you say, "it is no use for me to make any resolutions for this new year. I have done that so often and they were soon broken." But let me tell you your mistake. You relied for strength to keep them on yourself, and of course they were broken. Surely, you do earnestly and sincerely desire to be better and to do better. Is not that so? Now, it is silly to place any reliance on vague longings or half-hearted intentions. If you do honestly long to arouse yourself from your life of sluggish ease or galling slavery to evil habit, you must say from your heart, "I must be better than I am, and by God's grace, I will be." Now, in face of your failures in the past, I beg you to unite with me in adopting some resolutions for 1910. It is true that they take their shape and color from my own personal need, but I trust you will find them in some degree alike applicable to your own case.

I.

I will strive during this year of 1910 to feel more than ever before a sense of my individual moral responsibility to God for the talents and the opportunities for using them He has given me.

II.

To the end that I may be more useful to my fellow men, I will try diligently to cultivate my powers, and at the same time to acquire a greater and more direct personal influence.

III.

I will seek to devote more time to the careful reading of the Bible and try to cultivate a spirit of hearty reverence and sincere prayerfulness both for myself and for those I love and whose lives I would bless.

IV.

I will cultivate the feeling that in the widest sense I belong not to myself and that life can have no true and genuine meaning to me, unless it is bearing blessings to those by whom I am immediately surrounded or who are within the circuit of my personal influence.

V.

By tongue, pen and life I will strive to convince men of the genuineness and desirability of the Christian religion; to aid the cause of temperance; to discourage vulgarity, profanity, lying and every species of immorality and to encourage an energetic public sentiment to the same ends.

VI.

Living in an age and nation marked by impatience and restless activity, I will strive to be more patient, enduring without complaint the ills and disadvantages of my lot and persevering in my efforts to do all the good possible in my station and using my opportunities.

Now, may God bestow the riches of his grace that you may be restrained from sin, constrained to duty and sustained in trial throughout 1910.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

Rev. R. S. Gavin has declined the call extended him by the church at Lake City, Fla., and for the present will remain in the evangelistic work.

Gladstone in his fight for home rule said he fought for principle. "There is no greater honor to a man than to suffer for the sake of what he thinks to be righteous."

LaFollette's Weekly Magazine has for its motto, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free."

AS TO THE UNDENOMINATIONAL LAYMEN'S CAMPAIGN.

The Undenominational Laymen's Missionary movement, with headquarters in New York City, has projected a missionary campaign throughout the country, north and south, with appointments for seventy-five cities. This movement is undenominational. It is pitched primarily for foreign missions.

Our Southern Baptist convention in Richmond declined when they projected the Southern Baptist Laymen's Missionary movement to confine our efforts to foreign missions, but included home and foreign missions. The Southern Baptist convention has only to do with interstate work and therefore state missions was not mentioned by the Southern Baptist convention, though our brethren in the various states are properly including state missions.

Brother J. Harry Tyler and Professor J. T. Henderson, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the executive committee of our Southern Baptist convention Laymen's movement, have felt that we should as a denomination get as much as possible out of this undenominational campaign projected by the undenominational committee in New York, and so have written and spoken to me on the subject, urging that I would provide literature for display and furnish speakers on home missions at the denominational rallies to be held in the same states during the undenominational meeting.

Of course it is understood that we have nothing official to do with the undenominational campaign—that is projected solely by that committee in New York—and so far as I know, no home mission secretary has been requested by that New York committee to speak at their meeting. Brethren Tyler and Henderson have felt that it would be wise for us to use this denominational rally to gather up results from this meeting and turn them in the direction of our work in general.

They have likewise urged Dr. Willingham of the foreign board force to join in making the most of the situation for our two great agencies.

All this is in perfect accord with our laymen's missionary movement of the Southern Baptist convention. We are not responsible for the program, either as to speakers or subjects in the undenominational meetings, but wish to make the best use we can of this campaign for our denominational work. Other denominations will do likewise. It ought to be possible for us during this home and foreign mission period of the year to do much towards averting a debt on our two boards by April 30th.

Let our best pastors and laymen be on hand, and whilst they have no official connection with these undenominational meetings, make the very best use possible of the occasion for our great work. Fraternal yours,

B. D. GRAY,  
Corresponding Secretary.

If You've Anything Good To Say.

If you've anything good to say of a man,  
Don't wait till he's laid to rest,  
For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken  
Is an empty thing at best.  
Ah! the blighted flower now drooping lonely  
Would perfume the mountain-side,  
If the sun's glad ray had but shone today  
And the pretty bud espied.  
Heart Throbs in National Magazine.

There is a splendid cut of Dr. W. F. Yarborough in the Alabama Baptist this week, and a cordial welcome to the state given by Editor Barnett, who always does things nicely. Take good care of him, Brother Barnett; we want him back soon.—Baptist Record.

I am now back from the seminary and I need and want a pastorate as soon as I can get it. A merry Christmas and happy New Year to you and yours. Yours fraternally, John L. Ray, Albertville, Ala.

Wishing you a happy new year and much success in your work, I remain your brother in Christ, Jas. B. Poole.

Rev. S. H. Bennett has resigned Second church, Selma, and will move to the Goodwater field.

# BOOKS

## The Washington Story-Calendar, By Wayne Whipple.

There are fifty-three stories of vital and commanding interest told of the Father of our Country, woven into a continuous narrative. Never before has the biography of George Washington been treated in such a fascinating and authentic manner. Without lessening one iota from his dignity, Washington has been taken down from his pedestal of cold marble and placed before us in terms of human warmth and thrilling interest. The stories have been illustrated by J. W. Gruger. The drawing for the cover is by the same artist, and is reproduced most appropriately in the colonial colors, blue and buff, with a touch of red. Boxed. Price, \$1.00.

## The Children's Calendar.

Drawings by Jane Allen Boyer. There are four calendar sheets printed in red and black with a cover in four colors. Each inside sheet contains a calendar for three months of the year, with hand-lettered quotations from some of Robert Louis Stevenson's delightful verses. The drawings which decorate these depict to the full the charms of child life and are unusually pleasing in every particular. They will appeal to parents and children as well. Printed on a rich white heavy paper, size 7 by 11 inches. Price, 50 cents.

## The Bibliomaniac's Calendar.

The calendar is 6 3-8 by 12 1-4 inches in size and printed in sepia colored, ripple finish heavy cover paper. There are four sheets bound together with a silk ribbon. On three of these appear quotations from the Bibliomaniac's Bride. On the other is a quotation from The Bibliomaniac's prayer:

"O let it such a volume be  
As in rare copperplates abounds."

These quotations are effectively illustrated with scenes and decorations that cover each card. Each sheet also contains an appropriate illustration with attractive decorations by Julia Greene, printed in red and black. Price, 50 cents. All of these calendars come boxed and may be had of Franklin Printing Company, 514-520 Ludlow street, Philadelphia.

## The Southerner.

A novel, being the autobiography of Nicholas Worth. A novel full of real history, of romance, of dramatic contrasts and of triumph. A view of southern life and progress hitherto neglected in fiction—the buoyant, constructive, successful struggle of the builders since the war. The first scene presents the breathless interest of two boys at the railroad station when the war sends home its dead to be buried; almost the last scene presents the insane asylum which has buried those whom the kindly grass has not yet covered. The hero's father dies, not in battle, but in the dastardly aftermath of battle, which turned the scum of camp followers into burglars and highwaymen. Over the entire story falls the shadow of the Civil War, yet strange to say the book is not sad. It is inspiring with the efforts of the sons of the Confederacy to bring out of the throes of war and emancipation the New South. The New England Magazine says: The Southerner, one comes slowly to see, is neither an apology nor a defense, but an explanation. Pre-eminently the book is a live one of social progress as well as a magnificent interpretation of the past fifty years of recovery. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. \$1.20

## What a Woman of 45 Ought to Know.

By Mrs. Emma F. A. Drake, M. D. Cloth, 211 pp. Vir Publishing Co., 200 N. 15th St., Philadelphia. Price \$1.00 net.

The publication of the above book completes the best and most exceptional series ever published on avoided subjects. In this latest and concluding book of the series, Mrs. Drake has equalled in style and interest the character of her previous book, entitled "What a Young Wife Ought to Know," for which she received a prize of one thousand dollars. It is written in that wholesome, sympathetic manner characteristic of all the purity books in this series.

This book is for single women as well as the married, and its pure yet stimulating teaching is calcu-

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond a life.—Milton.

lated to give confidence to the most timid. Besides telling of the heralds of the change and the various symptoms disturbing the mental and nervous equilibriums of women at this trying period of their lives, it gives many valuable suggestions for the improvement of the health and the care of the body. A careful following of the hygienic advice given in this book ought to lengthen the lives of our women and make their closing years the happiest and most useful of all.

## What a Man of 45 Ought to Know.

Sylvanus Stall, D. D., Vir Publishing Co., Philadelphia, 200 N. 15th St. 284 pp. Price, \$1.00.

It has been aptly said that a man at forty-five is either a fool or a physician. In the earlier books of this Self and Sex Series, the author, Sylvanus Stall, D. D., associate editor of the Lutheran Observer, has sought to save young boys, young men and young husbands from mistakes which can only be avoided by intelligence. Few men know that great physical changes await them at middle life. Perhaps it may be truthfully said that men of forty-five are as ignorant of the nature of the changes through which they are passing as boys at the period of adolescence. In this book Dr. Stall, in that honest, frank and fearless, but pure and matchless way which distinguishes the earlier books of the series, sets forth the character of the changes which occur in the physical life of both men and women. The author makes out a clear case; apprises laymen of what all intelligent physicians admit; prepares his readers to solve the mysteries of those changes and by intelligence to escape the sad consequences of ignorance. To many men the guidance of this book will be a timely benediction.

## Kindly Light, By John Milton Scott.

This volume is for the seeking soul and the weary heart as it contains poems in verse and prose prayers. Rev. Heber Newton says the poems illustrate the right of the author to bear the noble name of John Milton. The poems of progress soothes and rests the mind and are as balm to the yearning. We give one of the poems:

### A Human Face.

"Thou needest, Lord, a human face  
To smile and make Thee known;  
O be in me a tenderness,  
That smiling face mine own.

Thou needest, Lord, a human tongue  
To say Thy truth divine;  
O be in me a holy thought,  
That truthful tongue be mine.

Thou needest, Lord, a human hand  
To bind man's aching wound;  
O be in me compassion sweet,  
That hand mine own be found."

The Nunc Licet Press, Philadelphia. \$1 postpaid.

## A Trip With Phoebe Snow.

This is one of McLaughlin Bros., New York, latest home and society games which is justly having a great vogue, as it teaches one something about his own country, being no less than a contest to see which player can go from New York to San Francisco the quickest. Everybody can play it. The board reminds one of a checker board, while the movable players are on the order of chess pieces and the arrow indicators give a pleasurable element of luck. Brimful of exciting chances of set back, advances and side-tracking, with the stations and distances accurately noted en route. Full instructions are sent with each box. \$1.00.

## Silk Book Marks.

A series of twelve poetical silk book marks in assorted colors. Titles, A Benediction, Birthday Wishes, Children, Come! Christmas, Eastertide, He Bringeth Them, Lonely? No, Not Lonely by Carrie C. Dickinson; Mizpan, My Lord and I, My Times are in Thy Hand, Sometime, The Message of the New Year. These book marks are on beautiful silk ribbon and are suitable for gifts to Sunday school scholars, for birthday gifts or an acceptable gift to a friend at any time or in any place, as they can be sent in a letter. Price, postpaid, 25c each; \$2 per dozen. M. E. Munson, publisher and bookseller, 77 Bible House, New York.

## The Truth of Christianity.

Being an examination of the more important arguments for and against believing in that religion. Lt. Col. W. H. Turton, D.S.O.

The chief characteristics of this most excellent handbook are, first, its combination of lucidity and simplicity with scholarliness and accuracy of thought, and then the remarkable freshness of presentation which is given to those arguments which have already brought intellectual conviction to thousands. It is well adapted to be the standard compendium of Christian evidences for the busy man. The brilliancy of the author does not consist in his rhetoric or appeal, but in the really brilliant fairness which he displays towards the other side, in the accuracy with which he analyzes each situation, and in the clear and simple arguments which he adduces. The book has received its tribute of praise from both the secular and the religious press. G. R. Putnam's Sons, New York.

## Tarbell's Geographical Manual.

This is made up of well selected maps and pictures, with proper texts of explanation. It is an invaluable hand book for all who wish to know something of Palestine in the time of Christ. Martha Tarbell, the well known authoress of Tarbell's Teachers' Guide, has placed every earnest student of the International Sunday School Lessons under obligations. The Bobs Merrill Co., publishers, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Your New Year Present Solved.

The Bible Reading Friendship Calendar for 1910 is prepared especially for those who wish to have their friends remember them each day during the year. Neither work nor expense has been spared to make the calendar both beautiful and practical. Desk size, No. 2, 50 cents, boxed ready for delivery. Church Calendar Co., 156 5th avenue, New York. In addition to the memory verse, two devotional passages of scripture are suggested for reading. The Bible Reader's Friendship Calendar has been prepared primarily to assist in deepening and strengthening the spiritual life. The memorization of at least one verse of scripture each day is one of the methods that it suggests for this purpose.

## The Balanced Life.

This is one of the famous books from the Nunc Licet Press, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1, postage 9 cents (on heavy tinted paper.) It aims to make matters of infinite significance as pleasant as music, as vivid and stirring as a play.

This book is one of the best by Clarence Lathbrery, whose fame as an interpreter of life has been sung by many men and women of note. It is hard to review a book of this type, and so we will give an excerpt:

Healthy Struggle: We should not complain of trials and temptations, for they mean only that we are learning to handle the world, getting facility of feet and hands and precision of eyes. The young bird, fashioned to live in the air, at first flutters and falls clumsily to the earth. The novice mechanic must experience a preliminary difficulty in fitting the tool to the hand, the fingers to the keys. Difficulty simply reveals the lack of facility and with facility it vanishes. Difficulties are thus friendly messengers pointing out a crudeness that may be remedied. Difficulty is only the process of adjustment of the personality to life; the act of keying the raw and young existence to its environment. It is a good, normal and healthy experience and inextricably attached to growth.

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

Did anybody ever see three such Sundays as we had in December!

No preacher was more sadly disappointed than the one who pens these lines. I wanted to meet several congregations myself and talk to them about the different interests, and a large force of brethren had engaged to go out for me to see the pastors; but the whole month was well nigh lost. "Thinking about money, eh!" I hear some one say. Yes, brother, that is on my mind all the time—not for myself, but for the men whom your board has employed to carry on the work. I must think about the money and "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

The missionaries of the Home Board and those in the far-off field are much on my mind, too. What a burden rests on the hearts of our Brethren Gray and Willingham. Alabama ought to do her part for these important interests. Can I forget them? God forbid.

The bad Sundays ought to emphasize the importance of the envelope system. Just yesterday a brother was telling me how much better his church got along after adopting and working the duplex envelope system. Rainy Sundays make but little difference once this system is inaugurated. That is the weekly system—which is the Scriptural system. We are coming to that just as fast as the pastors have courage to break away from the old slipshod methods to the new—which is not new, but the very oldest—the one recommended by Paul to the church at Corinth. Let us hope that better weather will prevail now, and we can make a new start. Think of it.

Only four months until the books of the Home and Foreign Boards close their books! Brethren, pastors, there is very much to do if Alabama comes any way near doing what is laid off for us.

#### Take a fresh grip, brother.

So many pastors write me of their troubles. It is a good sign when a pastor is troubled about his work. It shows that his conscience is in what he is doing. Being dissatisfied with oneself and one's work is no bad thing. The happy, go-lucky fellow who doesn't care is never troubled. He amounts to very little anywhere. Nor those who are troubled amount to anything if they are quick to turn loose and get out from under the burden. "My people are kind to me, but—" one writes; another, "I want to stay here; I don't believe my work is done, but—" Some time I am going to get these "buts" all together and I will have something to say on each. But this is intended as a sort of general exhortation to those who are troubled about their work. They all need to take hold with a fresh grip. With the acquaintances you have made, the friendships you have established with your understanding of the needs of the field, with a new grip on things, couldn't you do better where you are than on a new field among strangers? I know you could. Is the salary short? Is it not regularly paid?

Put new life into your sermons, your visiting; wake up the prayer meeting and the Sunday school; get your women excited and interested; stir the young people and the salary matter will soon settle itself. A heart to heart talk with one or two good men will be useful.

Is somebody mad with you? Has a family dropped out for some reason. Love them back to the church and to the work. Is there opposition because you talk through your nose, or because you don't stand erect? Straighten up, that will be good for you, and try to improve your manner of speech. Whatever you do, brother, don't turn loose. It will be worse for you and for the cause.

"When ought a fellow to move?" I do not know. Maybe some ought never to have gone, another ought to move in a year if he is a misfit and he and the people are both sure of it. But I believe in good long pastorates; sometimes they are too long, oftener they are too short.

Where should the pastor go, if he makes a change?

The Alabama answer seems to be, "To some other state." It is hard for us to hold our men. "Does Alabama want me?" a young preacher in the Seminary wrote me. I did, but I hadn't the power to call him. I put his name before several churches. Any

one of them would have called him had he been near at hand; but he was "away off yonder at Louisville, Ky." We lose most of our boys that way. After one returns and fills well an important field, and learns and grows in power with God and man; if he feels that he needs a broader field, he will have to go out of the state to get it. The churches "higher up" say, "We don't want to rob any of our Alabama churches, so we will look abroad." They look abroad and get a good man. He comes, he is all they expected of him as a preacher and local worker. About five years later, when he has learned the state and the brethren, he becomes as useful to the general work as one of our Alabama men would have been from the start. Many times before the five years have passed his pastorate is changed again.

All honor to the preachers from other states who are filling the Alabama pulpits. They have wrought well. We want them to remain. But we need to hold our Alabama men. We must do it, if the cause in Alabama is to make the forward move we all have a right to expect.

Let our boys who are in the Seminary come back. Let them take work wherever it opens. If need be, let them suffer a little for the cause's sake. Depending on God and doing the work next to them, they are certain to be led into the place where God wants them to work. We must cultivate the Alabama spirit. We need it badly. "Why is it if the cause does not prosper more in California?" one asked of a California preacher. "For the want of a native ministry," was the answer.

"Why is it Mississippi Baptists are so harmonious and do such great things?" one asked. A Mississippian replied, "Our Mississippi men come back to us—they are our leaders." W. B. C.

### FOR THE NEW YEAR.

These are the gifts I ask of thee, Spirit, serene:  
Strength for the daily task,  
Courage to face the road,  
Good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load;  
And for the hours of rest that come between,  
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.

These are the sins I fain  
Would have thee take away:  
Malice and cold disdain,  
Hot anger, sullen hate,  
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great,  
And discontent that casts a shadow gray  
On all the brightness of the common day.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

### A KINDLY WORD OF WARNING.

A large number of our friends are in arrears on their subscriptions for the Alabama Baptist. We have been pleased to extend to them credit as might suit their convenience and the paper has been sent to them regularly. Some of our subscribers have paid in advance in accordance with our regular terms, but we beg those who are in arrears to note the ruling of the postoffice department at Washington, which has issued an order to all weekly newspapers in the United States forbidding the use of the mails at second class rates for sending such papers to subscribers more than one year in arrears. We urge our friends who have failed to pay their subscriptions to do so at once and to include sufficient to cover a year in advance.

Our old friends, we are sure, will understand the situation and that this notice is prompted by our desire both to obey the regulations of the postoffice department and get in enough to pay our new year bills.

Inclosed you will find check for my subscription. I wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year, with your entire family, and I hope the Lord will greatly bless you and give you many new subscribers.

Please find inclosed \$1 for your most valuable paper. As I read your paper I see that others are understanding God's word as I do. May God bless you and your paper.—Rev. W. H. Preston.

Please find inclosed check for 1910 and 1911 as a New Year's gift. I am well pleased with the Alabama Baptist; it gets better each week. May God's richest blessings be on the editors. Yours for service. J. T. Anderson.

I am sending check for two dollars for your Alabama Baptist for the year 1910. My time is out January 1st, so I renew in advance, but you need not think I am rich, but wish I was wise to the teachings of the dear old paper. This is the Christmas present you wish for. Yours sincerely, J. E. Wilkins.

Brother Barnett: I hand you amount due you for paper. Preaching and running religious papers are too lightly regarded by too many people. Yours very truly, W. R. Whatley.

(As usual, he hits the nail on the head. Pay your preacher and pay for your paper and you will enjoy your religion more.)

I am a boy twelve years of age and have worked and made the money myself that I am sending you. A merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. Yours in the work, Charles Edward Hawkins, Jr.

(Just think of it. This dear lad sends \$2 for the paper. May God bless him both in his school and Christian life, is our prayer.)

May the Lord bless you and crown your efforts and labors with the best of consequences, and that the Alabama Baptist may grow stronger and stronger and be a power for the Master's kingdom. Yours lovingly, H. M. Mickle.

(May this dear brother's prayer be answered in our prayer. We want to be strong for His sake.)

The Alabama Baptist is very dear to my heart, and I feel that I couldn't get along without the weekly visits of the dear paper. You will find check for \$6 inclosed. Thanking you for the good paper during the past year and wishing you a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year, Mrs. W. C. Herren. (This good sister sent in three new subscribers.)

Christmas greetings with a check for \$2 for the Alabama Baptist and two journals. Send paper to Mrs. Eppie Walters, Covin, Ala., and the journals to me at Covin, Ala. This will help you a little I hope. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for you and babies and dear wife. Your brother in the faith, L. A. Weathers.

(Wish others would send paper to friends as a New Year's gift.)

I want to say to you that your paper, coming weekly to my home with a great store house of good things, its ability to adjust itself to any condition for the glory of God and the betterment of man is most wonderful, and I trust it may receive all the love and admiration of the people that is due it. May the Lord bless you and your paper in all your noble efforts.—J. B. Shaw.

Less your fears of an epidemic of the loss of memory, especially on my part, prove true, I herewith inclose you a check for two dollars to pay for the current year. Will say that I was highly pleased with the stand you took in the fight for the amendment, and I humbly trust and pray that the work done, not only by you through the Baptist, but that all the work done in the state, may be as "bread cast on the waters, to be gathered many days hence." Wishing you and yours a pleasant Christmas and happy New Year, I am fraternally yours, in Christ, J. A. Fanning, Hanceville, Ala.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

W. M. U. MOTTO:

The people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.—Daniel 2:3.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"I know not what shall befall me  
As I enter another year;  
But the past is safe in God's keeping,  
The future his mercy shall clear;  
And what looks dark in the distance  
May brighten as I draw near."

Amongst real Christian friends there need be no fear, so while I tremble to undertake the work as regular editor of our Woman's Page, I do not really fear it, for I believe that back of all I try to do in the right spirit will be the help of God and of you, dear friends. Without His guidance I do not care to work, so let us pray together that in the very beginning we may attempt nothing through this page which shall not strive to be well pleasing unto Him. Hardly less desirous am I to do anything without your co-operation. If the page is to be mutually helpful to the workers in all parts of the State, it should be read by these workers and contributions made to it by them from time to time. Whenever you feel that God has given your society or some member you know an especial blessing, or when your society has had an interesting meeting or successful entertainment, or when you wish to ask suggestive questions, be sure to write all these things out for the page:

"Have you a blessing known?  
Pass it on—  
'Twas not meant for you alone,  
Pass it on."

This new year finds our headquarters transferred from Birmingham to Montgomery. The Mission room is in the Bell building, near the offices of Dr. Crumpton. I sincerely trust that as Montgomery is centrally located and that as the Bell building is very attractive, our workers from all over the State will come up to see the room and bless it by their interested presence. If you can not do this, be sure to write me and thus let us try to be mutually helpful to each other for Christ's sake.

During this blessed week of prayer let us not fail to pray most earnestly to God to guide our executive board in the selection of a state leader for the Young People's societies. This matter will be settled, we hope, at the board meeting the fourteenth.

AN ENCOURAGING BULLETIN FROM BALTIMORE HEADQUARTERS.

Those who follow with interest the progress of the Woman's Missionary Union usually look at the Treasurer's reports as a sort of thermometer. And that is a pretty good index of how the zeal and earnestness of the members stand. We have now the reports of the first and second quarters, and we can stand at the close of the first half of our year, looking first back to the record and then forward to the goal. How far have we come on our course?

In Home Missions we have given so far this year \$26,869.08. Please note this carefully as an error in regard to the Woman's Missionary Union's Home Mission offerings appears in the Home Field for December, where it is stated that up to November 1st the women had given only \$11,000 for this object. \$26,869.08, then, is the amount so far that we have given for home missions. This is an increase of more than \$9,000 over the offerings for the first half of last year. But, friends, \$85,000 is our goal, and we must set our wills to make a great advance in our self-denial offerings that we may reach that. Let me remind you, too, that we must take care to designate for mountain school work some of our home mission gifts, that we may not fall short in this special object. Thirty-five thousand dollars of the

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- (All contributions to this page will please be sent to Miss Kathleen Mallory, editor.)

\$85,000 should be called by the title "Mountain Schools."

What are we doing for foreign missions? The mark for the first two quarters stands at \$35,334.42 for foreign missions—about \$10,500 ahead of what we did in the first two quarters of the previous year. If your Christmas offering is not in, hasten to send it, and bring up the figures nearer and nearer to the aim, \$115,000.

Counting all our objects together, the W. M. U. offerings from May to November have reached almost \$71,000, or about one-third of our aim for the year. That is over \$21,000 more than for the same period last year. But wait a little—don't let the doxology drown the ringing cry that very much yet remains to be done. The best part of our working year is on, the boards are in debt, and we are receiving rich blessings which increase our ability to give. Let these facts unite to bring to all our societies the stimulus and the hopefulness that will nerve us to reach Christ's high thought of our possibilities. Read again Paul's little reminder to his friend, found in Col. 4:27, "Take heed to the ministry that thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." Much of our task lies ahead; let us spare no effort until we fulfill it.

EDITH CAMPBELL CRANE,  
Corresponding Secretary.

THE CALL OF THE NEW YEAR.

Laborers of Christ, lift up your heads. Be not dismayed or disheartened. No one life is long enough, no one vision broad enough to measure the results of mission work and witness. But there is no lost effort for human uplifting which is in the line of God's own appointment. The promise of God is sure; His Word is living and life giving. The gospel is the power of God to salvation. The Christian school shapes the plastic clay of the young character, the healing art paves the way for the Soul Healer; the native church is at once the proof and the propagator of missions; the dissemination of the Bible is the dispersion of the divine light; and the great Captain of Salvation perpetually goes before to lead his army of conquest, to open doors and break down barriers, while the all-conquering Spirit mysteriously breathes life into the dead. God is for us, who can be against us? The mountain is full of horses and chariots of fire, and we must not trust the carnal vision to which spiritual forces are invisible and unreal. The only way to do any work for the unseen God is to

Y. W. A. MOTTO:

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.—Daniel 12:3.

work as well as walk by faith and not by sight, to believe that beyond the range of our short vision and finite observation stretch limitless realms of truth and fact. Behind all work for God stands God himself, its inspiration and its assurance, its warrant and its reward. Let us believe that His command constitutes authority and His promise security, and in that faith to the end dare to do our duty as He has shown it, waiting for the end to interpret the beginning and all that lies between.—Missionary Review.

A NEW YEAR'S WORD OF CHEER FOR OUR READERS.

"I would flood your path with sunshine,  
I would fence you from all ill,  
I would crown you with all blessings if  
I could but have my will.  
Aye! but human love may err, dear,  
And a power all-wise is near,  
So I only pray God bless you  
And God keep you through the year."

IN THE MONTH OF JAN.

(A Modern Pilgrim's Progress.)

First Week.

Hear the sinners swearing off!  
Hear the joyous crew  
Vowing they're going to doff  
Naughty things they do!  
Sweet reform is in the air,  
'Tis a splendid plan,  
Cutting vices everywhere  
In the month of Jan!

Second Week.

Hear the sinners weakening!  
Hear their sorry plaint!  
How the crowd is murmuring,  
"Hard to be a saint!"  
'Tis not easy to be good—  
Mighty few who can  
In this surging multitude  
In the month of Jan!

Third Week.

Hear the slipping sinners slide!  
Hear 'em climbing back!  
Best will weaken when they're tried;  
"Vows are getting slack,  
Taking on their former ways,  
Now beneath the ban—  
These are very trying days  
In the month of Jan!

Fourth Week.

Business is resumed again  
All along the line!  
All these once converted men  
Now are going fine.  
There has been an awful thaw  
In the saintly clan—  
Seems to be a sort of law  
In the month of Jan!

—John Kendrick Bangs, in Judge.

December 31, 1909.

My Dear Bro. Barnett—I do wish for you in the New Year every happiness and all success.

May your own spirit of helpfulness, cheer and generosity stir like feelings in thousands toward you, and may The Alabama Baptist grow as it has never grown.

All join me in best wishes.

Your friend,  
A. P. MONTAGUE.

THE UTMOST EXPEDITION.

By Eldred M. Stewart.

"And ye shall be my witnesses . . . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

The expedition to all the earth, the plan and the equipment of which are from heaven, is far beyond the most boastful attempts of man who can not even grasp its prophesies save by faith and who marvels at its progress. Failure to keep posted regarding it is also refusal of the most recent news and information of advancement from the nations of the world.

The attention of Christendom is being directed as never before to the "utmost" lands. The treasures that Christ came in search of and told us to labor for, are there in multitudes. Precious souls are there and we would bring them to Jesus. Those who have followed their Leader, seeking what he called a plenteous harvest, have never been disappointed, and it becomes us to thank God for every one with a part and record in world missions. Call them back? How could we treat them so shamefully? How could we turn our backs upon Jesus who left this charge upon us? He will be honored and his word will be obeyed. His expedition must be completed to the ends of the earth.

Let us pause where the world forgets her greatest benefactors and ask "Do we believe in Him who came to save men"? Then as true disciples following in love, we shall stand up for him. We shall not, because all the land is not clearly in sight, mutiny. The field of wealth is ahead, and through danger and suffering, many are determined to keep his directions till His will is accomplished. If any new world today is great enough to be called equal to the privations which it cost to find and occupy, surely when His kingdom shall come, as He said, the ingathering will greatly exceed in wealth the poverty endured preceding it.

Christ gave us the picture of what will be. Do we, as the world toward real prophets, refuse to be lieve it? Or do we, in faith, see the annals of history pointing to the glorious consummation when the gospel shall be preached unto the "utmost," and looking from the substance of things hoped for, do we thank God that in our day he used us, weak as we were yet strong by grace, to adorn the pages with loyalty to Him in the undertaking? May the reflection not be that we did not believe in the expedition thought of His own hands, that we loved ourselves or our possessions too well or that we were weak in love, when all is finished and he is crowned Lord of all.

All other far-reaching expeditions, more important to us than the mere glance at their advertisements would indicate, point to a longer radius of opportunity for the Christian that will eventually reach every portion of the earth's surface.

Members of the commission who have this expedition strictly in charge are believers, everywhere and at all times. Surely God has commanded our attention and support to the cause. The responses today through the laymen's movement, the Woman's Missionary societies, and the young people's organizations in the interest of missions are but awakenings to serve the appointments of our Lord and thus to be members of the great expedition party.

Some lives have been spent with purpose to go unto the "Utmost," and still it has not been reached. Possibly some of this age are close enough from the highest mountain peak of faith to get a view of the land and they will not be allowed to remain till it is entered. But the land is ours—Ps. 2:8. And there is joyous hope to those who are marching toward it, or sending to it.

There are many channels through which news of progress at the front is being disseminated. The boards of the different denominations for foreign missions publish reports of new ground being gained by the men at the front. Christians visit the fields and return with words of cheer. The missionaries return for rest and encourage us with what they have seen and heard. Foreigners coming to our shores tell us good things about the fruits of the laborers. Educational bureaus state that calls are being made through the commission for Christian teachers and training. Government bulletins have it that those in power are looking for the true source of power. Commercial reports show by acknowledg-

Pine Apple, Ala., Dec. 14, 1909.

Mr. F. W. Barnett, Editor Alabama Baptist.

My Dear Sir and Bro.—I inclose to you P. O. money order for one dollar to pay for the Alabama Baptist. I think this pays me up to January, 1910. When the time is up you can discontinue the paper. If I pay for a political paper I want a daily. If in the future I want your paper I will subscribe for it. Very respectfully,  
W. N. HUCKABEE.

(We are sorry Brother Huckabee quits, but we are glad he paid up before he did, for some fall out with the paper and forget to pay. I was called a "political parson." It seems our good brother thinks I am also a "political editor," but where, oh where, is the man who will be bold enough to say I was a "political prophet?")

ment of its influence that the expedition is succeeding. Literary periodicals contain helpful articles on the subject, and as all means of communication are being extended, a missionary reaches another extreme station to send us word that they are pushing on to the "utmost" destination.

Let us look for a message from our foreign board. From a summary of reports we have it that the outside border is being rapidly entered. This year the great word, received from those aboard the foreign destined vessels of 231 missionary passengers and 375 native helpers, of nearly three thousand conversions and additions to our churches, inspire us with renewed energy and hope.

Is there a word from God for this particular day? Surely there is a word for all the future, for he has promised to be with us in the expedition unto the end.

Shall we not do more for foreign missions? Let the expedition party work and pray till through them Christ finishes the work. The question with you and me is, Are we helping on the expedition at God's call? Are we faithful in offering ourselves and our means in furthering this expedition? God does not tell us to decide whether it shall be made, but He has decided that it shall and commands us to carry it on. Are you arguing the question of the right of foreign missions, brother, when it is of God? Or are you leaving that with Him and praying and thinking about your faithfulness to His command and your duty? God help us to be true, every day of the voyage, to our Captain. Soon we shall hear the sound of rejoicing even in the "utmost part."

"Uplift the banner! heathen lands  
Shall see from far the glorious sight,  
And nations, gathering at the call,  
Their spirits kindle in its light."

Tips to Magazine Buyers



THE METHODIST

We were glad to receive the January number of this interesting magazine, which is published for the M. E. church, South, at Nashville, Tenn., and edited by my esteemed friend, Dr. Gross Alexander. The table of contents makes one eager to find a cosy corner by the fire in order to enjoy the evening with the well known writers. Bishop Hendon has an article on William Ewart Gladstone, the Christian Statesman, which is well worth the price of the review. The notes of the editor on the contributed articles are readable and the Book Review Department is up to date. Smith & Lampar, agents, Nashville, Tenn.

The Strand Magazine.

This is the great popular English magazine, which

is also issued for Sir George Newnes by the International News Company in New York. It always has a number of rattling good stories and its department in which curiosities of various kinds are pictured form a delightful and amusing feature of each number. A large number of celebrities contribute to this periodical.

The Red Book Magazine.

The Red Book Magazine for December offers a really notable collection of short fiction, written in nearly every instance by authors of the foremost rank in America today. It is not often that magazine readers are offered in a single issue specimens of the best work of such well known writers as Robert Herrick, whom no less a critic than William Dean Howells regards as the foremost living American novelist; Zona Gale, whose Friendship Village sketches have won her so many friends, and others. The illustrations and decorations in the Christmas issue of the Red Book Magazine are in splendid keeping with the high literary quality of the issue, and especially enjoyable is the large array of art studies which serve as usual to lead the number. The Red Book Corporation, Chicago.

The Pacific Monthly.

Jack London in the South Seas.

Jack London has recently returned from a two years' cruise in the Snark, during which time he visited many almost unvisited islands in the South Seas. He has written a wonderfully vivid and interesting account of this cruise, which will appear during the coming year in The Pacific Monthly, published at Portland, Oregon. His first story appears in the December, 1909, issue. Each story is distinct in itself, yet each one treats of some incident of his cruise.

Cut this notice out and send it with \$1.00 to The Pacific Monthly and you will receive this beautifully illustrated magazine until September, 1910, and the December number, just issued, containing Jack London's first story, will be sent to you free. Address The Pacific Monthly, Portland, Oregon.

The Country Gentleman.

The Country Gentleman is a weekly agricultural newspaper covering the whole field of rural life in all its branches—general agriculture, breeding, gardening in every line, fruit growing, dairying, poultry keeping, etc., with due consideration also for living room and kitchen.

Who write for it? Every department is in charge of the very best specialists; no other agricultural paper pretends to compare with it in qualifications of editorial staff. The Fireside and Domestic Economy departments are timely and interesting and in short, this paper fills completely the whole sphere of rural life. Luther Tucker & Sons, Albany, Ga.

Every Day Housekeeping and Cooking Magazine, 50 Cents a Year.

While this is one of the low priced magazines, yet it contains many articles of interest and worth to careful and conscientious housekeepers. Its recipes are dependable and its menus are appetizing. Everyday Housekeeping Co., Salem, Mass.

Education, \$3.00 a Year.

This high class monthly, which is devoted to the science, art, philosophy and literature of education, is ably edited by Frank Herbert Palmer. The special articles by recognized experts carry weight with the thoughtful, and, taken together with the editorials, foreign notes, book notices, etc., makes the magazine of invaluable help to serious students. Published by the Palmer Co., Boston.

Pardon my seeming carelessness in paying up "the editor's bill," which should have been paid long ago. I think my time was out last February. However, I am sending order for a year, which will pay me up to February, 1910. This isn't very far ahead, but you know this is near Christmas, and I will have to try to "divide the spoils" this time. Wishing you much success and a happy Christmas and prosperous new year, I am yours sincerely,  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

(We are glad to get our share. All we ask is a "square deal.")

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

May God bless you and the paper. May you have a happy Christmas.—J. I. McCollum.

Wishing you much success for the incoming year and a happy Christmas, I am, your friend, T. R. McCreary.

Wishing you and the paper a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Oh, my, didn't we get left; but all will be well, I hope. God knows best. Your brother, J. W. Gibson.

(We surely did.)

I inclose you check for \$1.50, which is not so much a Christmas gift as it is your dues and a discharge of my obligation. Well; we lost the amendment, but we haven't lost our religion or our God. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas, I am yours as ever, J. T. Watson.

Please find enclosed \$2 to renew my subscription to the Alabama Baptist, which expires January 1, 1910. My wife and myself don't think we can do without the paper and we never read the paper without its being paid for.—D. D. Cannon.

Enclosed find postoffice order for two dollars. My subscription expires January, 1910. I want a clear conscience when I read your gentle reminders.—M. P. Moseley.

(Wish others would clear their conscience real soon.)

Inclosed you will find check for two dollars, for which you will please move my label up on the Alabama Baptist. You will please accept it as a Christmas gift. I appreciate the fight you made in the campaign, but we lost out. Hope you will have a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Yours truly, L. B. Glaze.

I send money order for \$2 to renew for 1910. I did not send it in time for a Christmas present, but hope it will get there for new year's. Hope you will get hundreds of letters this week with money, not like Bro. W. B. Crumpton's, empty. I have been reading the Baptist for years, but never on credit. Always pay in advance.—Mrs. A. G. Hawkins.

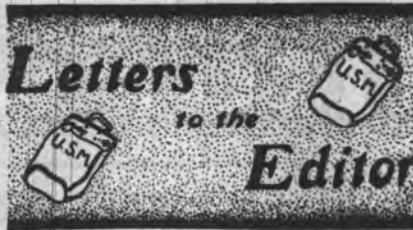
I could not keep house without the dear old Baptist. I have been reading it as long as I can remember. The paper is a great power in the Baptist ranks. Hoping you have had a joyous Christmas and that the New Year may bring peace and plenty, I am, sincerely, Mrs. Lillie Stephens.

Inclosed find my check for \$2 to renew my subscription, which carries me to January, 1911. I trust your appeal for renewals will meet with prompt response from every one. The Alabama Girls' Industrial school is having the most prosperous year in the history of the school. Yours fraternally, T. W. Palmer.

I leave the Baptist orphanage after the first day of January, 1910, to take a position with Newton Collegiate Institute as financial secretary. Let all matters connected with the orphanage be sent addressed to Baptist Orphanage, Evergreen, Ala. I want in this connection to offer sincere thanks to all who have so nobly responded to our appeals for help since I have been with the home.—S. O. Y. Ray.

I am truly sorry we got defeated in the amendment, but we can only pray that the Lord will bring out blessing from it, that we are unable to see at this time. Jacob grieved the loss of Joseph, but saw the wisdom of God in bringing a blessing to him later on. Hope we will see something of that kind for us in the next campaign.—J. B. Poole.

At the age of sixteen Phillips Brooks entered Harvard college and was graduated at the age of nineteen. He became a teacher in the Boston Latin school, but owing to his inability to maintain order, resigned that position. This failure as a disciplinarian turned his thoughts to the ministry, in which calling he was destined to become one of the leaders of the American pulpit.



My father, Rev. A. R. Scarborough, took the Alabama Baptist as long as he lived (always paid in advance) and said he wanted it in the family as long as it was a paper. Wishing you success and prosperity in the coming year, I am, yours very truly, Mrs. M. E. Hart.

You can hardly know how I appreciate its weekly visits with news from many friends. I wish you continued and increasing success. I am very happy in my new work. This is a splendid church. With the compliments of the season, I am sincerely yours, J. F. Watson, Los Angeles, Cal.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, with abundant success in your great work, I am sincerely yours, W. H. Smith.

(We wish the general editorial secretary of the Foreign Board great success with the Journal during 1910.)

We feel thankful for so strong and brave a man to edit our paper. May the Lord bless your great work.—Laura Bishop.

(She sent \$6 for renewals. We wish others would help us in our work.)

Although I am in the far west, I enjoy my home paper as much as ever and really more.—Mrs. A. J. Higgins, Quannah, Tex.

(We are glad that her love for the paper is growing. It is such letters that cheer us in our daily grind. No token of sympathy or love is ever overlooked and many silent prayers are offered by the editor asking God to bless those who take time to say a kind word to him in their letters.)

Find enclosed \$2.00 to pay for the Alabama Baptist to January, 1911. I have taken the paper and paid in advance for years. My intention is to take and read it as long as I live. Would feel lost without it. Hope the \$2 will help you enjoy Christmas.—C. S. Wallace, Independence, Ala.

(This brother has acquired the good habit of paying in advance. We wish it was "catching," and that an epidemic of paying ahead might break out all over the state.)

I have been reading the paper for quite a while and I am sure that I would feel lost without it. You fought a hard battle for the amendment and lost, but good seed have been sown and will finally germinate and bring forth fruit. We will come again, and I believe we will be successful next time. I am glad to be able to say that only about five of Mt. Olive voted the amendment. With best wishes I close.—THE brother, M. Y. Swindall, Hollins, Ala., R. 1.

Please find inclosed money order for three dollars on my subscription for my paper. Sorry that it has been a month behind, but apologies won't run the paper no more ye editor. I am not mad, Brother Barnett; I just need the paper in my business. Fraternally, S. M. Humphries.

(If he isn't mad, we assure him we are not. When it comes in sums of three dollars back dues we almost feel like closing up and taking a holiday.)

Find inclosed money order for two dollars. That puts me up to 1911. I am neither rich nor wise, but don't want to read a paper not paid for. It has come to my home weekly for thirty years. Your friend, Mrs. J. B. Terry.

(In ye editor's eyes all who pay a year ahead seem both rich and wise. We hope many more will seek wisdom by getting rid of some of their wealth in a good cause.)

May God's richest blessing rest on your work next year. Pray for me.—J. W. Haynes.

Enclosed please find five dollars on my subscription account.—F. S. Twitty, Columbia. (Short, but sweet.)

Your paper grows better all the time. With best wishes for you and your family and the Alabama Baptist.—C. S. W. Paulk.

You are giving us a good paper. Brother Gayin's letters are fine. You made a noble fight for constitutional prohibition. We hope things will come our way yet. A merry Christmas to you. Fraternally, J. M. Head.

I am going to do all I can before the 1st of January for new subscribers, but find money scarce. Wishing you a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, I am yours fraternally, D. S. Martin. (It's right scarce around here.)

Inclosed find \$2.00 to pay for the Alabama Baptist for another year, as my time is out January 10. I thought maybe you needed the money. (He was right.) I am going on 82 years old. I can't do without my paper. I wish you and family a happy Christmas and happy new year.—J. H. Martin, Vincent, Ala.

I feel happy this morning while counting the blessings of God extended to me and the people of Alabama. I hope you and your fine boys (sons) and your good wife are enjoying today very much. I am very glad that God has blessed us in the gift of Frank Willis Barnett, Sr., and his service as editor and owner of the Alabama Baptist.—L. J. Bishop.

Hearty good wishes for a happy New Year to you and yours and a prayer for the success of the dear old Baptist, for it is very dear to each of our family. Yours in Christ, Mrs. B. F. Spencer.

(Now, isn't it lovely to think that all the family loves the paper. We want to make it of interest in 1910 to every member of every family into which it goes.)

I am glad many nice things are said of you and your paper. It may be the paper ought to be better and will be when some other oughts are done. I will do what I can for the paper. I send you pay to January, 1911. Thanking you for a good paper and a smiling label, I send you Christmas cheer, wishing you and yours a prosperous New Year.—Z. S. Wyatt.

I wish you would make your proposition to the old subscribers, all three for \$2—Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field. You would see many renewals and it would be appreciated. I just suggest. You are the judge. Yours in the work, J. W. Mitchell.

(It has nearly "busted us" to send to the new subscribers, and if we sent both journals to the old subscribers, we would soon be out of business.)

Dear Brother Barnett—We are not all broke, but some of us are pretty badly bent, however not to the extent that we can't pay for the Alabama Baptist. We just can't keep house without it and be an up-to-date Baptist. Well, you made a good fight and we got whipped, but that don't mean we will stay that way. I trust old Santa will be good to you and that 1910 may be just as you would have it. With kindest regards, I am yours fraternally, M. C. Reynolds.

(God's blessings on Brother Reynolds and the Orphans' home.)

Thanks for your sympathy and kind words in reference to my father (Bro. David). He is very feeble. Does not seem to improve much if any, but is cheerful. We can not understand much that he says. He sits up most of the time. Does not rest well at night; can't breathe good lying down. He reads a little and always asks for the "Alabama Baptist" as soon as it comes. With best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful, prosperous new year, Mrs. M. M. Hobbs.



CONSERVING THE GIFTS OF NATURE.

We are told conservation of natural resources is one of the oldest practical principles of industrial humanity. Every child has been taught to lay aside something for a "rainy day." Every member of a frugal family has learned the art of preserving that which may have been given as a present—either for birthday remembrance or because of meritorious work in school or other place where attention to duties deserved a reward. Students of nature insist on preserving, protecting and perpetuating the natural scenes of forest, mountain and vale, in order that the present and future generations may look upon the handiwork of the Creator and obtain inspiration from the wonders that appear all about the earth—upon its lands and in its waters. The foundation of all true education is laid upon the solid rock of conservation.

The human family loses—or retains—interest in things material in exact proportion to the conservation of the gifts of nature. Young men may leave the homes of their childhood to seek fame and fortune elsewhere. Nature may smile upon them and shower her best gifts from the forest, mine or river—and in a few years they return to the old home with the determination to remain and become a permanent and valuable citizen. But, the country has changed—the people do not appear the same. The old woodlands have been cut away—the hills are barren of profitable crops, and the scene presents a picture of desolation which they desire never to see again. The people failed to properly conserve the gifts of nature, and permitted the old landmarks to be destroyed.

Nature can not be robbed every day in the year without showing signs of desolation. The soil requires the application of plant foods to insure yearly crops in abundance. The forests must be replenished to hold the reservoirs of water and thus insure seasons of plenty to the valleys, the farms and the gardens. The fields of natural beauty—the floral chambers of Paradise—demand protection from the ruthless hand of man in order that they may retain their charms for coming years.

"Replenish the earth" was the command given by the Creator to our forefathers, and it has a double meaning today, when so much of the works of nature give way to the hand of commercialism and the soil is not properly cultivated and replenished.

Conservation is another word for sunshiny in the souls of men and women. It signifies the holding of the good things of this earth in their proper places, and scattering rays of happiness wherever its principles are practiced.

We read of a young man in an old eastern home who decided to leave his native place and journey into the great and wonderful west—in quest of fame and fortune. The family held a reunion and bade the member goodbye. As a last word of warning the father said: "John, you are going to a new country where nature has not been disturbed. You will meet with many obstacles in the path to success. The Indians may threaten, and wild animals attack you. Oftentimes

# Editorial

## NEW YEAR FACTS ABOUT FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have a message from the Foreign Mission Board, sending to us, and through us to all our readers, words of greeting and good cheer for the new year. The board wishes for all a year of prosperity, happiness, spiritual blessings, and above all, a year crowded and crowned with success in working for the coming of the Kingdom. The board feels that there are some outstanding facts concerning its great work about which our people ought to know and consider earnestly on the threshold of the new year.

It should cheer the hearts of all our people to know how largely God is blessing the work of our missionaries. In China one mission station reports for the first three quarters of the year 151 baptisms and the organization of a new church with seventy members. All over China our workers are meeting with encouraging success. In Africa Dr. Green reports that the Bale, or ruler, with his chiefs and a thousand of his people recently attended a religious service conducted by the missionaries and the training school students. In Italy, apostolic scenes are being repeated. In one town, there is bitter persecution and at the same time seventy candidates for baptism. The report comes from Brazil that an entire household, consisting of fifteen persons, has been converted by reading a New Testament given to one of the boys, and have united with one of our churches. These instances are taken almost at random. Let us thank God and take courage in view of His evident favor upon the work.

All our people ought to rejoice over the remarkable interest which is being created by the laymen's movement. In the city of Richmond the Baptist churches, under the influence of a laymen's convention, have doubled their contributions. About twenty of these conventions are to be held in the South during the first two months of the new year. It is confidently hoped that such results as came in our churches in Richmond may be repeated in all the cities where these conventions are to be held. From every quarter come indications of an awakened interest in foreign missions. Many princely gifts are being reported and our people are beginning in a systematic way to secure some contribution from every member of every church. Our hearts should be greatly encouraged over these signs which portend a blessed advance.

There are many considerations which should arouse all our people to more strenuous effort. There has never been such a day of opportunity in foreign lands. Movements which are nothing short of revolutions are going on among the heathen nations. The board feels that it has never before faced such opportunities, or encountered so many troublesome obstacles, perplexing problems and stupendous tasks. An almost overwhelming undertaking is at hand. Considerably more than \$100,000 per month must be raised for the next four months. Nothing but the power of God can enable the board to accomplish these tasks.

It ought to move our hearts when we think of the number of our brave workers who are sick or who have fallen in the conflict. In the last few weeks two noble men and one fine young lady have been called from labor to rest. Many others have been compelled to return home on account of broken health, and still others are striving to carry on the work though hardly able to continue at their posts of duty.

All of these facts make a trumpet call for prayer, sympathy, and effort. The special appeal of the board at this time is that all our people shall unite in the secret places and in public worship in earnest prayer and supplication for our great foreign mission work. From every altar throughout the land, let earnest prayer go up to God. He is able and willing to do wonderful things, but He will be inquired of by His people.

you will need friends. Whenever you wish to call for help look in the windows of the house you enter. If there are flowers in the window you will be safe and that family will protect and assist you."

The work of the conservationists is to hold fast to the gifts of nature. His duty is to educate the men and women of today in the principles of wise conservation of the natural resources in order that others of tomorrow may not come to an impoverished land. The conservationist does not desire to injure any man, or endanger any exist-

ing industry by insisting upon an era of conservation. He demands the right use of the forest, the soil and the water, and all other gifts of nature to the end that the channels of commerce may be kept open for the present and for the future without damaging any legitimate industry. The conservationist simply desires to give an exact accounting for his stewardship on this earth by practicing that which has been taught him from his youth—accumulate and lay aside something for use in the coming years.

**The special offer of the Alabama Baptist, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal for \$2.00 to new subscribers has been withdrawn**

ATONEMENT AND PRAYER.

He who assumes that he can have answers to his prayers, and yet despise the atonement which Christ made, is vastly mistaken. Yet there are many thousands of professedly Christian people who act on such an assumption. They say that they believe in prayer, but do not believe in the necessity of the atonement. Indeed, they scorn the idea that Christ's atonement ever made any difference in God's attitude toward mankind. They say that God, as a gracious Father, is most glad to hear the prayers of those who appeal to Him, quite regardless of Christ's death on the cross. But such ones are ignorant of the truth. They are blind to the conditions of acceptable prayer to God. They ignore the instructions which God has given in the Bible. Those instructions show that there is a vital relation between Christ's atonement for sin and the availability of prayer. The throne of Divine grace is founded upon the death of Christ. The mercy seat is sprinkled with the atoning blood. The true altar of prayer is sanctified by the sacrifice of Christ. Acceptable prayer must ever ascend by way of Calvary. Prayer, without a sincere recognition of the cross of the world's Redeemer, is just as ineffective as was the crying of the heathen at the altar of Baal. It is because of the lack of such a recognition that multitude of prayers have never been answered by God. This also accounts for a great deal of tameness and lifelessness in many of the prayers that are offered by professedly Christian people. It is not enough for one to say at the close of prayer, "For Christ's sake," unless the praying one have in his heart a faith which accepts His atoning work. The true meaning of the phrase, "for Christ's sake," has its roots in His atonement. It is for His sake, as an atoner for sin, that God is pleased to answer prayer, and to do anything for the sons of men. Get a grip on this vital truth, if you would receive great answers from the great God of heaven. And fall not to honor the Holy Spirit, as He honors the crucified Son of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF TESTAMENTS, GOSPELS AND TRACTS.

Many know the blessedness of using them; yet many others seldom, if ever, pass the printed message to another.

A woman dropped a tract in the way of Richard Baxter, which led to his conversion. Richard Baxter wrote "The Call to the Unconverted," which was the means of bringing a multitude to God, among others Philip Doddridge. Philip Doddridge wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul," which brought thousands into the Kingdom; and among others the great Wilberforce. Wilberforce wrote "A Practical View of Christianity," which was the means of bringing many to Christ; among others Leigh Richmond. Leigh Richmond wrote "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been the means of the conversion of many. God compounds compound interest beyond our computation.

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A WEDDING IN CHINA.

Miss Floy White-Rev. Wayne W. Adams.

"All the world loves a lover," and is interested in the culmination of "love's sweet dream"—marriage. Letters have reached us which were eagerly waited, telling us of such an event in far-away China. Believing that the Y. W. A.'s of the state and our many friends would like to know the circumstances and rejoice with us, I take the liberty of picking out and putting together such statements as the writers have been pleased to make, letting them speak in their own words. Miss Jessie L. Pettigrew, my daughter's travelling companion all the way from New Orleans to China, writes from Hwang Hien Nov. 2:

"I was in Teng Chow the day before and the day of the wedding. I wish so much you could all have been here. I am sure Floy's happiness would have been complete. You never saw a girl more composed in your life. I don't know when I have seen a prettier home wedding—simple and impressive, yet solemn and beautiful."

Dr. T. O. Hearn writes from Pingtu Nov. 4:

"On last Thursday evening, October 28, I had the pleasure of uniting your daughter, Miss Floy, in marriage to our good Brother Adams, of Teng-chow fu. It was a happy occasion, and I felt like writing you a word about it. A nice company was present and Miss Floy looked well and perfectly happy; but some one said that she was more composed and did not appear to be 'bubbling over' with joy so much as the groom. Mr. Adams has already made a splendid impression upon the entire mission and all are expecting much from this happy pair."



Mr. Adams, the groom, writes from Tengchow fu, Nov. 25:

"Your daughter reached China and Teng-chow fu after a long voyage. But truly she did not seem so much tired by it. After a few days of quiet resting at the home of Miss Lottie Moon, until I could get the house ready for occupancy, I, in true Chinese style, escorted her to the house in which we are to live, and which has since that hour become our home. The house was beautifully decorated, yes, beautifully, though we are in China. About six o'clock a beautifully arranged dining room with its bounteous feast was enjoyed by all. For this we are indebted to Miss Moon, Mrs. King and Miss Taylor, our co-laborers in Teng-chow fu. We are happy and the Lord is with us. I am grateful to the home in Thomsville, which so lovingly and with such sacrificial loyalty has given its best to the work in Teng-chow fu and to me."

And the dear girl writes:  
"Teng-chow fu, Shantung, China, Nov. 31.—I feel quite sure that you are waiting eagerly for the report of our marriage. Yes, we were married

Oct. 28 at 4:30 p. m. I did not come to my new home at all until that Thursday afternoon when Mr. Adams came, dressed as the bridegroom, to take me home. The sedan chair he had bought for me in Chefoo waited at Miss Moon's front door. As we passed out there were many, many spectators in the little narrow street to watch the procession—something indeed so new and strange to them. It is only a short distance from Miss Moon's to our home. So I did not have the gaze of the onlookers for long, for as soon as we were inside our own gate the closed doors and high walls shut out all this. We passed on through the second gate, and for the first time, like a true Chinese woman, I beheld my own home. The day was beautiful though cool. The bridal party, consisting of three of the training school girls, Dr. Ayers, Mr. E. S. Stephens and two little flower girls, formed ready for marching just outside the door in the yard. The dining room and sitting room were thrown together and some of the party entered by the rear door of the dining room leading into the back hall, while the others came from

the sitting room door leading into the front hall. Mr. Stephens acted as best man and Dr. Ayers as in papa's place to give me away. Dr. Hearn, also from Alabama, said the ceremony. Just after the prayer two of the training school girls sang a little benediction taken from the 91st Psalm, one we had learned at the training school. After the ceremony the party passed out across the hall into the study, there to receive the congratulations of the guests.

"Miss Moon, Miss Taylor and Mrs. King had planned to give us a dinner and they decided to prepare it for our own dining room. Two tables were set, seats prepared for twenty-one guests, and the two little girls. The tables were arranged before the ceremony, but did not detract one bit from the effect. Really tables in our own home land could not have looked prettier. The dinner was served in courses. First, soup; second, fish and salad; third, goose and vegetables and tea and coffee; fourth, dessert, candies. Dr. Ayers was master of ceremonies at our table and Dr. Hearn at the second table. Dr. and Mrs. Ayers have been almost like father and mother to me. The evening was delightfully spent until about 9 o'clock, when the guests departed.

"There was only one thing lacking to make our happiness complete—the absence of our own immediate loved ones. How lovingly and how often my thoughts turned to you all that day. But every one has been so kind. We received a number of very pretty and very useful presents.

"Now, I have given to you in words as well as I can a description of that happy event. I wish my heart could convey to you more of the true, sweet joy, the tenderness, the love of that afternoon."  
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NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.

Another year has flown away,  
Rich in memory, Lord, to me,  
Our blessings come from day to day,  
And still, O God, we need Thee.

I blush in shame for sin and wrong,  
It makes me sad to grieve Thee,  
When trials come to hush our song,  
'Tis then, O Lord, we need Thee.

O stay our lips when we would speak  
An unkind word before Thee;  
And oh for strength when we are weak!  
In word or thought we need Thee.

May we but love Thee more each day,  
And cast our cares upon Thee;  
May all our sorrow—self-imposed,  
But make us know we need Thee.

And let me never fail to find  
Thy hand in everything I see,  
But feel that all is sent to us  
In love, since we do need Thee.

Withal, may I not seek my own,  
But others' joys possess me,  
May we but follow Him alone,  
His Spirit says we need Thee.

The burden of my prayer shall be  
"Consecrate us, Lord, to Thee!  
And let this whole world plainly see  
That every soul does need Thee."

And when we're called to heav'n above  
Where all are loyal to Thee,  
We'll shout Thy praise in tones of love  
For faith to say "We need Thee."  
O. B. I.

REGRETS BRO. LOWREY'S MOVING

Wednesday, the 16th day of November, was a sad day with the pastors' conference of the Marshall Association when Rev. J. E. Lowrey informed us that he was going to move to the Birmingham district to take charge of the Lipscomb Baptist church. He will be greatly missed by the people here, but mostly by the pastors' conference. It is passingly strange that churches here do not see the importance of supporting and thereby retaining such talents among us. He was raised in this county; joined the Mt. Vernon Baptist church and was licensed and ordained there and was its pastor for one year, which was marked with almost, if not greater, success than any year in the church's history. He has been a successful pastor and evangelist and with him go our prayers for greater success.

We congratulate the Lipscomb Baptist church in being so fortunate as to secure his services. (Written by request of the conference.—W. M. Garrett, Moderator.)

My work at Antioch, Catherine, Harmony and Ephesus is moving on nicely, and we hope to accomplish more during the coming year than ever before.

The pastor is very much gratified to be able to make this report. During the summer months we held protracted services with all of these churches.

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Wishing you and the Alabama Baptist success, and with best wishes for a merry Christmas and pleasant new year, I am yours fraternally,

JNO. A. DICKINSON.

### CONVENTION NORMAL DIPLOMAS.

I am happy to report to you that we have on our records in this office the names of 4,525 persons who have either received our convention normal diploma or who are now at work on some portion of the normal course.

In a short time I hope to be able to issue a detailed statement of our teacher training work, showing the number of classes in each state, Alabama included, and the number of graduates, number of students, etc. In order that this statement may be full and complete, I will thank you to request all the readers of the Alabama Baptist who have not already done so, and who are taking any portion of our teacher training work, to send me their enrollments as soon as possible. This, in order that they may be included in the proposed statement. There are a number of classes and a number of individuals in Alabama who should be enrolled.

With best wishes for the coming Christmas, I am fraternally yours,

C. B. CROSSLAND.

### FROM ALBERTVILLE.

Please change my Baptist from Albertville to Bessemer, R. 1. I have learned to love the saints at Union. I believe we have some of the earth's salt at Union. Bro. Stodghill did a fine work. It was touching to see the reluctance of the church to give him up. I am asking the prayers of the brotherhood that I may be able to carry on to success the work begun by him. We have been hindered some in our parsonage, but hope to soon have it done. Owing to the fact of my being engaged on the second Sunday at Altoona, I am only preaching three Sundays at Union, but in my absence the church is asking one of the Howard college boys to preach for them on the second Sunday. Bro. Smyley has been supplying. I wish to say of the church at Altoona: Rev. D. D. Head has done a fine work, having served the church since the church was organized. The beautiful church with its fixtures is a monument to his untiring energy. Bro. Head is a dead worker. I do not mean deceased, but everlastingly at it. He stood by the church through the panic when it looked like things would go to pieces. As the church is made up of working people, the panic struck them hard. We are looking forward to a good year at Altoona. Pray for us.

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HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

Under the authority given me by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, as shown on pages 63-64 of the minutes of the last session, and at the request of the management of Howard college, I, as president of said convention, do hereby appoint the following brethren as additional members of the committee on Howard College Endowment, namely:

- W. B. Alexander, Felix, Ala.
  - J. F. Avery, Shelby.
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  - J. E. Barnes, Marion.
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  - James Walker, Nauvoo.
  - J. A. White, Thomasville.
  - P. E. Wallace, Ackerville.
- Respectfully submitted,  
N. D. DENSON, President.

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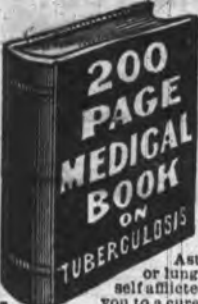
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Let us others be bringing.

While the new year bells are ringing  
Let us the glad news be spreading,  
And as Jesus pulls the chords of the heart,  
May all souls in him be dwelling.

While the new year bells are ringing  
To Him we our troubles are telling,  
As He patiently listens to our cries,  
Near Him our hearts are swelling.

While the new year bells are ringing  
May we remember Jesus our sorrow bears,  
And gives answer to our ardent prayers.

While the new year bells are ringing,  
Let us the Savior be crowning,  
At last, when the King's bell rings,  
Around Him His children will be crowded.

Fifth Sunday meeting of the Cahaba Baptist Association to be held with the Fellowship church, Dallas county, on January 29 and 30, 1910:

**SATURDAY MORNING.**

9:30. Devotional Service—P. G. Maness.

10:00. Consecration—H. C. Sanders.

10:30. Christ's Plan to Evangelize the World—J. A. McCrary and J. D. Martin.

11:30. Sermon—C. L. DeWitt; alternate, J. E. Barnes.

**AFTERNOON.**

2:00. Devotional Services—P. G. Maness.

2:15. Co-operation: The Key to Success in the Work of Evangelizing—L. M. Bradley.

2:45. The Sunday School's Part—C. L. DeWitt.

3:15. The Church's Part—J. A. McCrary.

3:45. The Pastor's Part—J. E. Barnes.

**SUNDAY MORNING.**

9:00. Devotional Services—P. G. Maness.

9:15. The Condition and the Need of the Field.

1. Our Association—J. A. McCrary.

2. Our State—C. L. DeWitt.

3. Our Southland—H. C. Sanders.

4. Other Lands—J. E. Barnes.

11:30. Sermon, subject, "Christian Stewardship"—L. M. Bradley; alternate, J. A. McCrary.

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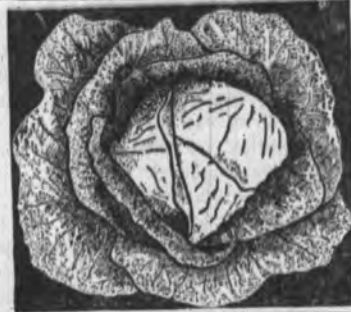
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