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We need two copies each of the following issues of the Alabama Baptist for our files. If you have any of them please forward at once, as we wish to have them bound by January 1: January 6, 13 and 20, March 31, October 27, November 3.

Please announce that my postoffice address is Moundville, Ala., instead of Pine Hill, Ala., and visit me there. Happy new year.—J. G. Lowrey.

I have resigned my work at Athens and am looking westward. Happy new year.—A. A. Hutto.

(We hope Bro. Hutto will remain in Alabama. He is one of our true and tried men.)

Married, at the home of the bride, on Saturday night, January 1, 1910, Mr. James Barr was married to Miss Margaret Murry, of Wylam, Ala., the writer officiating. Both parties are of Wylam and will make it their future home. They served a sumptuous supper, which all enjoyed. May the Lord greatly bless them on life's pathway.—H. R. Schramm.

Married.—At the pastor's home of the Wylam Baptist church on Thursday, Dec. 30, Mr. A. E. Blankenship was married to Miss Omar Vardeman, the writer officiating. Mr. Blankenship is from Savannah. Miss Vardeman is of Ensley and a member of the Wylam Baptist church and a consecrated Christian. They left for Savannah. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.—H. R. Schramm.

The Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., of the American Institute of Social Service, is touring Brazil, Uruguay, Argentine, Chile, Bolivia and other South American countries, and later will visit Canada and the orient in the interest of a movement to organize branches of his society and so to aid in the work of social service. These branches are expected to institute public schools and to take up sanitation and other matters. They are to take the emphasis in missionary work from spiritual work and place it upon the social side of life.—New York Observer.

Dr. F. C. McConnell suggests in the Baptist Standard that a specific day be set apart in all the churches in Texas, when the pastors will pass through the congregation and receive subscriptions from the entire membership for the Standard. He says: "If this movement is at all hearty we will easily give the Standard 50,000 new subscribers within the next three months and through every one paying his subscription we will be in the best sense endowing a great religious newspaper. Instead of having a perpetual endowment we will have by this means an annual endowment." Dr. McConnell is right about it. This is the finest possible endowment of a religious paper, and it is the cheapest, costing each person only \$2.—Baptist and Reflector.



Some while back we feared our delinquents had suffered a lapse of memory, then we surmised they were broke, but now we know they are froze 'stiff,' but we hope when the sun shines out they will thaw out sufficiently to send us their back dues and renew.

WOULDN'T YOU GET MAD, IF WE DID?

Monday we received a letter from a collection agency which begun in this wise:

"Haven't you sometimes felt blue, with a capital B, and generally 'up a stump' over slow collections?"

"Haven't you often realized how 'swimmingly' you could get on, how gloriously you could push your plans, if only the money due you were to your credit in the bank?"

Haven't you sometimes felt in the press and stress of things that the fellow who happened to 'pay up' just at the time could be your chum and friend forevermore?"

"Bills come in with that clock-like regularity and are more or less insomnia inducers, especially that circulation department."

By this time he had us going, for he had diagnosed our case. And then, to rub it in, he added:

"We handle your subscription list as a department of the paper, explaining to the subscribers that your time is entirely taken up in elevating the standard of your paper, thereby not only holding the good will of the subscriber, but also securing his advanced subscription for the current year."

Don't it sound pretty and tempting and yet ye editor knows that if he fell and let the agency have the delinquent list that such a howl would be raised that the echo of it would never cease to haunt us at associations.

Now, brethren of the order of delinquents, please remit us direct and help us to keep this persuasive collection crew from over-persuading us in a moment of weakness.

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The most comprehensive publication about the south, its resources, and its progress, its prospects from every point of view, ever issued is the Manufacturers' Record of January 6. If set in book form it would make a volume of over 1,000 pages. It contains a greater number of important special articles about the many features of southern progress than has ever before appeared in any publication.

At Moro, Dec. 20, 1909, Mr. I. D. Seymore and Miss Mattie Eaves were happily united in the bonds of matrimony, the writer officiating. Mr. Seymore is a former pupil of the Moro academy and a promising young farmer of that section. Miss Eaves is the daughter of Mr. Isaac Eaves, an old settler and a prosperous farmer of north Dallas. May God's richest blessings rest upon this couple. W. R. Seymore, pastor Boyles Baptist Church.

God bless you for the good work you are doing. God has been very gracious to me this year. We have now about 325 connected with our Sunday school, which is at least twice what it was two years ago. Our church is out of debt and in good spiritual condition, and we are planning for aggressive work. I am just now entering upon my third year as pastor of this church and I am beginning to feel right much at home in Mississippi. However I love the dear Alabama brethren and often think of them.—A. J. Preston.

The Geneva pastor has just passed through the joyous experience of a genuine pounding. Christmas eve a dray literally loaded with table supplies was discharged at the parsonage. The load included everything from a barrel of flour down. So we are "abounding." How delightful! How thankful we are! We appreciate these gifts because of their intrinsic value, but infinitely more do we appreciate the sentiment behind the generosity. This gives us renewed determination as we enter upon our third year with this splendid people. I shall present the claims of the Alabama Baptist from my pulpit next Sabbath. I do this occasionally. As the paper stands four-square to every denominational interest and, as it is one of our most powerful leverages for good, and as it so greatly aids the pastors in their local work, we should find real pleasure in presenting its claims on all suitable occasions. A happy and prosperous new year to the editor and the Alabama Baptists. A. T. Sims.

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Letter No. 34.

TO A MOTHER WHOSE TWELVE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WANTED TO UNITE WITH THE CHURCH UPON A PROFESSION OF FAITH, BUT THIS MOTHER OBJECTED ON THE GROUND THAT SHE WAS "AFRAID THE DAUGHTER DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WAS DOING."

My Dear Friend—I am writing you this letter in the religious interest of your daughter, both her present and her future. As I see the situation, this is a crisis in her life. Evidently she has come to the parting of the ways—and you are objecting to her going the way she wants to. And you are offering as the ground of your objection the fear that she "does not understand what she is doing."

Now, while I shall write you in a Christian spirit, still I am putting myself in your daughter's place; and hence I shall write you as plainly as I can in her behalf.

I—She Wants to Do Her Duty.

I think her wish to become a church member argues that. You think she wishes to unite with the church because some of her companions are joining. Be it so; but even in that event, her wish is doubtless born of a sense of duty. Somehow she has come into that state of mind and heart that Paul's question implied when he asked, "Lord, what will you have me do?" Suppose she reasons it out this way: "If it is right for my companions to unite with the church, it is right for me." Is there anything radically wrong about that? Does it prove that she is unfit for church membership? At most it only proves that she is falling into line with the most of us. We follow one another as unthinkingly as a flock of sheep follow the bell-weather. Manners are contagious. A sense of duty is as "catching" as the measles. You yourself told me that you joined the Baptists in preference to all others because your parents were Baptists. Yet now you say you have never regretted the step you took.

That is another way of saying that you think you did the proper thing when you joined the church. You know God has many ways of showing us our duty. And duty is none the less duty because one sees it in the light of the conduct of others. When I see another doing what, somehow, he has found to be his duty, it makes me wonder if it isn't my duty to do the same thing. My friend went to college, and that made me wonder if I ought not go also. Hence I began to want to go to college, and I went; and my going made others want to go. I reckon we are all greater imitators than we are willing to admit. Even the dress you wore when you were expressing your objections to your daughter's uniting with the church was determined, as far as the style of color and fashion of garment were concerned, by the dresses worn by some other women.

Yes, your daughter wants to do her duty. She has been awakened to a consciousness that she ought to unite with the church. Does it make any difference what awoke her? If I am in a burning house asleep I care not what wakes me up—whether it be the noise of the fire company on the outside, or the heat and smoke and water inside, or even the foot-falls of others in the house as they make their escape—I say I care not what awakes me. It is enough for me to know that I am awake and to govern myself accordingly. That is why I maintain that you have no right to object to your daughter's uniting with the church because the joining of some of her companions first set her a-thinking. God had to show her her duty some way. Why not use the trust and obedience of her companions as efficiently as any other means? "I drew them," says God, "with the cords of a man, with bands of love."

II—Is She Converted?

"But," you say, "I am afraid she is not converted." Now, of course, if she is not converted, she ought not unite with the church. But upon what grounds do you base your fear that she is not converted? Let us reason about this matter a little, for the religious interest of your daughter makes it necessary that no mistakes be made, if we can help it.

1. Is it because she does not understand theology?

Conversion is a change deeper than the head; regeneration is not knowledge. The new-birth is a heart-change; education is largely a head-affair. If

your daughter does not understand theology as well as she ought then you should be ashamed that you haven't taught her. She is not to blame for that—neither does it argue that she has not experienced a heart-change; that is your fault, and the fault of the others who should have taught her. One thing is sure, she knows as much theology as you have ever learned her. Now, why do you want to doubt her change of heart-centres, and then do your best to argue her out of the kingdom of God, because she cannot stand a satisfactory examination in the theology which you should have taught her—and didn't?

We explain the plan of salvation to men, and teach them the doctrines of grace, and then ask them to accept what we have learned them. We think that meet and proper—the proper order, and properly done. But when a child believes on Jesus Christ, and then fails to answer all the deep questions in religion we put to them, we throw up our hands, look pious, and exclaim, "I am afraid they do not know what they are doing!" If we'll teach them the answers to our deep questions, they will know them. I had rather have one in the membership of the church who doesn't know theology, but has experienced a change of heart, than to have a dozen who are graduates in theology, but, at the same time, are strangers to saving grace.

Please do not reduce regeneration to an intellectual basis. We have too much of that kind of religion now.

2. Do you doubt her conversion because she was not a "seeker" for a long time?

How long do you think one should be a "seeker"? I know of but few things, religiously speaking, that are more useless than "seeking."

Christianity is not a religion that has to be "sought." It is a very much found religion. So says the Gospel. It has been found ever since Jesus exclaimed, "It is finished." It is ours, not to seek it, but to take it. When we come into the possession of it by repentance and faith, it then becomes a very important matter that we seek the best ways and means of developing it—and I confess I know of no better way to begin its development than by obedience in the matter of church membership.

All regenerations are instantaneous. It may take a long time to get one's consent to turn away from sin and to Jesus Christ, but the act itself is instantaneous. You can never measure the genuineness of a conversion by the length of time it took to lead up to it. Jesus says: "He that believeth on me, hath eternal life." (John vi, 47.) It may take one several years to get willing to believe; others, like Nathaniel, believe immediately. It isn't the time that counts, but the believing. The notion that it is necessary for one to be "a seeker" for a certain length of time before he can experience saving grace, is either a relic of superstition or an abomination of Romanism. It may be a combination of both.

At any rate, it has no place or right in the working machinery of a Baptist church. No form of penance can save from sin. Nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can do that; and the sooner one is willing to accept the remedy, the better. I know some people who have been "seekers" for several years. They are still "seeking." I wonder if they will ever be anything more than mere "seekers?" I would not give what I believe your daughter has experienced in her inner life for all the seeking of all of them. We get into this wonderful grace experience, not by seeking, but by believing.

3. Do you doubt her conversion because you are unable to see any marked change in her life?

In a life, young and comparatively innocent like hers, a visible change of any marked degree is impossible. At the beginning of the parting of two ways the difference in direction is imperceptible—but the change in directions is there, and the difference is real, nevertheless. They tell me that young tares and young wheat are very much alike.

All the babies of our race that I have ever seen favor, but that is no argument that all grown folks look alike! Now, the life of one young in sin, and then young in grace, may, for a little while, be very much alike. One thing is sure, the two cannot be very much unlike. You cannot apply the same test to a child's profession of conversion that you do to the profession of an adult. I say so because a spiri-

ually dead child and a spiritually living child are not nearly so unlike as are the spiritually dead and spiritually living grown. Often the beginnings of very divergent results are very much alike. Primers are only simple lessons in the fundamental principles upon which the superstructure is yet to be built. I have four brothers. One of them is a lawyer, the three others are physicians; I am a minister. Yet, when we were in school, even after we had decided our callings, we studied the same text-books. Judging from these text-books, one could not have identified the lawyer, or the physicians, or the minister; and yet our life-purpose was even then revolving about separate centres, as testifies what we five brothers are today.

Please do not be more unreasonable with respect to your daughter's profession of conversion than you are with reference to everything else.

We come into the kingdom of heaven as little children, you know; and so when little children come in, they are already very nearly at their normal self. Their heart-change, while a real change, is yet almost but imperceptible. I got lost once by taking the wrong way. If I had turned back after having taken my first few wrong steps, the change in directions would not have been so tiresome. But instead of that I went in the wrong direction more than five miles, and when I went back I found it was as far from where I stopped, back to where I began wrong, as it was from where I began wrong to where I stopped. Yes, whether or not, we can see much change in the life of converted folks depends very largely on how much change has to be made. The little girl that Jesus raised from the dead didn't stink, yet she was dead. She hadn't been dead very long. I may say that while she was as dead as she could be, yet she wasn't very much dead. But Lazarus was very much dead.

Said his sister, "By this time he stinketh; for he hath been dead four days." The sister was right, don't you think? In the raising of Lazarus Jesus had to do two things, give him back his life and remove the offensiveness from his long-dead body. But He had only to give the little girl her life again. And she was twelve! My dear mother, be wise.

I'll write you another letter before our meeting closes. There are some other words I ought to say to you touching this important matter. Yours sincerely,
R. S. GAVIN.

No. 7528, Hillman Avenue, East Lake, Ala.

THIS OUGHT NOT TO BE.

To the Friends of Howard College:

It is never pleasant to tell or to hear a disagreeable fact; and yet there are times when one must be even painfully candid. In this case, when the welfare of an institution is at stake and the promises of many men are in question, it would be a positive wrong to be silent.

Recently Dr. Wallace Buttrick, executive secretary of the General Education Board of New York, through which Mr. Rockefeller gives much money to colleges, through which Howard College has received aid, visited the college and informed me that of the sixty institutions of learning assisted by the board two had made the poorest showing so far as payment of endowment pledges was concerned, and that Howard was one of these two.

I am sure that every reader of the Alabama Baptist who sees this note will, with me, feel intense mortification.

Dr. Buttrick asked me if any had failed to pay who had signed notes. Humiliated and grieved, I had to answer in the affirmative.

This gentleman, accustomed to an absolute fulfillment of promises and a sacred regard for a signed obligation, could not understand, how any man could make a pledge and not keep it, how any man could sign a note and allow it to pass not only the day of settlement, but 1,460 other days unpaid.

Once more I ask subscribers who are in arrears to meet their promises and to redeem their obligations.
A. P. MONTAGUE.

January 6, 1910.

BOOKS

Woodwork for Schools.

By James T. Bally and S. Pollitt, headmasters in English schools. 150 pages. 75 cents. The Manual Arts Press, Peoria, Ill.

This little book on woodwork is cast on strictly scientific lines; it is designed for a course for class work or private study, the distinct aim being to link the class room with laboratory and workshop by giving due prominence to the practical usefulness of the subject learned. An important part of the course is the construction of science models for use in the physical laboratory. It is profusely illustrated.

Some New Hymn Books.

The Tullar-Meredith Co., New York, has sent us two hymn books. The Bible School Hymnal is planned to meet the needs of the regular Sabbath gathering for Bible study, whether in Sunday school, church, conferences or conventions. The book is well put together. Cloth, \$30 a hundred, or \$25 in paper. The Hymns of Worship and Praise is adapted for Sunday school, young people's meetings, prayer meetings and evangelistic service. Limp covers 20 cents copy or \$15 hundred. Board 25 cents or \$20 hundred.

The School Arts Book—\$1.50 a Year.

The Christmas number came to hand laden with many helpful suggestions to manual workers, and the illustrations and examples of work done and outlined were inspiring. Until we looked over the edition we were unaware that any such publication was being issued. We certainly think it has a field and is filling it. We note with pleasure that many schools are giving serious thought to training their pupils along art lines. Published by the Davis Press, Worcester, Mass.

One Hundred Lessons in Agriculture.

This, while a manual and text of elementary agriculture for rural districts, by Aretas W. Nolan, A. B., is more than its name indicates as it has short, practical and interesting lessons on all the questions kindred to agriculture, including more particularly the subject of horticulture. The subject of soils and their composition, one of the very first treated and of primary importance to every man engaged in agriculture, is so briefly discussed and in such a practical way that any person can grasp it, although it is intended merely as a text for the teacher.

Prof. Nolan's book is timely. The author is exceptionally qualified by his ample knowledge of the subject and by his long and successful experience in public school work to write such a book.

The book happily combines textual instruction and nature study, that is, it indicates many of the methods by which nature study may become effective. The Acme Publishing Co., Morgantown, W. Va. 65c.

"Keep Sweet" Calendar.

Mr. Tullar, who originated the "Keep Sweet" calendar, has arranged for his own personal use and to supply a few friends a very neat "Keep Sweet" blotter set, consisting of twelve desk-size blotters (3 1/2x 8 1/4 inches), each one bearing the "Keep Sweet" motto, a very choice poem or prose quotation and a calendar for the month, thus giving a complete calendar for the year and twelve beautiful quotations in keeping with the "Keep Sweet" idea.

These are printed in three colors, and bound together with a wide, silk ribbon, fastened with a "Keep Sweet" pin.

These will be mailed in a neat Christmas box, red, green and gold holly design, to any address postpaid for only 25c each, or five to one address in one package for \$1.00. Tullar-Meredith Co., 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

Intercollegiate Debates.

Edited, with an introduction, by Paul M. Pearson, professor public speaking, Swarthmore College. Cloth, \$1.50 postpaid, octavo.

In this volume are included all the questions discussed last year in intercollegiate debates. No question discussed in an important intercollegiate debate is omitted from this volume: Harvard-Yale-Princeton, Brown-Dartmouth-Williams, Michigan-Northwestern-Chicago, Ohio-Indiana-Illinois, Vanderbilt-

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.

Georgia, and all the others. The report of each debate comprises a synopsis of all the speeches, both affirmative and negative, which side won and a list of the best references—and many reports have a synopsis of the rebuttal speeches. These reports were prepared by the debaters themselves. It is the most helpful book ever published for those interested in debate or public discussion.

Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, publishers, West Fifteenth street, New York city.

Among Country Schools.

The minute we untied the parcel which brought the above book, we knew that we had found a treasure, and right here we want to thank the author, O. J. Kern, for giving us a thrill of pleasure on New Year's Day, for while we turned the leaves, glancing at the text and pictures, we realized that at last we had a book with a purpose big enough to transform our country schools, if only trustees, superintendents and teachers would read its uplifting pages. We are glad to know that this is one of the books now being used by the Alabama Teachers' Reading Circle. Ginn & Co., Boston. \$1.00.

The Community and the Citizen.

By Arthur William Dunn.

This book is a departure from the traditional methods of presenting the subject of civics to young people. Heretofore it has not been customary to differentiate between civics and civil government. The author, believing that this should be done for the benefit of the young students, has given us a book that should appeal to high school scholars and be helpful in inspiring them to become useful members of the community. The author has not neglected government, but has presented it in its proper perspective. A feature of the book is the use made of local history. The book contains a number of suggestive illustrations. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

The Summers Readers.

Primer, First Reader and Teachers' Manual. By Maud Summers. Illustrated by Lutey Fitch Perkins and Marion L. Mahony. Frank D. Beattys & Co., New York.

We have just received in the above series the Primer (30 cents), the First Reader (36 cents), and the Second Reader (42 cents). These works, published by Frank D. Beattys & Co., 225 Fifth avenue, New York, have in text and illustration done much to make the careful work of Maud Summers perform the work of interesting and inspiring children to take a genuine interest in reading. We heartily congratulate author, artists and publishers. The team work has resulted in something worth while, for out of it has come the literature of childhood presented in the language of childhood.

Maud Summers a few years ago was principal of one of the large elementary schools in Chicago. She was not only a success as a teacher in the classroom and as a supervisor over the interests of her school, but she was active and successful in larger spheres of activities outside the schoolroom. Since giving up the principalship in Chicago, she has been active as an institute instructor and educational lecturer.

School Management.

This excellent work, by Samuel T. Dutton, contains many helpful and practical suggestions concerning the conduct and life of the school, and we congratulate the Alabama Teachers' Reading Circle for having adopted it as one of the three books to be read during the present period. As the problem of school management presses harder upon conscientious trustees, superintendents, teachers and parents, we advise them to get this book and read it closely, for in it they will find much to encourage them.

We wish the book could find its way in every home in Alabama. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.00.

Writing for the Press.

This manual, by Robert Luce, has been through the fifth edition, which shows that it is worth while, for in the nature of things its clientele is somewhat circumscribed. It's a good book to have on one's desk if he ever rushes into print, and if more writers for the press would peruse it editors and proofreaders would have easier times, and yet even they cannot afford to pass it by. We advise all who write for the press to buy the book from the Clipping Bureau Press, Boston.

The Biology of Sex.

This is a study of the sex problem, according to the latest facts disclosed by biology and evolution by Gideon Dietrich, and published by Samuel A. Bloch, 1322 N. Oakley avenue, Chicago (50 cents). The author says: "Never in the history of the human race has there been as much crime, insanity, misery and degeneracy, resulting directly from abnormal sex lives, as at present." While one may not agree with the author in his theses, yet no one who reads the book will fail to have found some startling matters presented for his serious consideration.

Paul Douglas, Journalist.

By Charles M. Sheldon. Cloth, 12 mo., \$1.00. Advance Publishing Company, Chicago.

This story recites the experiences and problems of a young and enthusiastic newspaper man of high ideals, and takes up incidentally the problems of a high school boy, and matters pertaining to the extravagances of crowding children into social life and the business effect of the liquor traffic both in England and America. It is characteristic of the author of "In His Steps," and maybe was suggested by the day in which he edited a great daily. It is a good, healthy story for young men.

Tillage of the Heart.

By Alvin S. Hobart.

These sermons were preached in the Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., as vacation sermons, in the summer of 1909. Dr. Hobart well says: "We are in an age of criticism. The man who denounces gets a hearing. We need more encouragement to high living." This book goes forth with a spirit of hope. American Bible Publication Society, Philadelphia. 40 cents net.

The Lore of the Honey-Bee.

By Tickner Edwardes. Dedicated to the chairman of the British Beekeepers' Association, Thomas William Cowan, F. L. S., etc.

A history of bees and their masters from the earliest times. One of the most fascinating books ever written on the subject. In fact, until it came into our hands we never dreamed that there was such a fund of information about the "busy bee." The book is not only of great interest to beekeepers and lovers, but is full of delightful information for the ordinary man and woman, the only trouble being that whoever reads it will have a longing to become a beekeeper. The bookmaking and illustrations are worthy its London publishers, Methuen & Co. The book can be had in this country of the A. I. Root Company, the famous bee experts of America, at Medina, O., for \$2.

Synthetic Bible Studies.

By James M. Gray, D. D., Dean of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

About ten years ago we spent some time at the Moody Bible Institute and had the privilege of hearing Dr. Gray both lecture and preach, and we were greatly pleased with his scholarly and reverent spirit. Any genuine lover of Bible study will find much in this book to help and inspire, as the churchman says: "Dr. Gray avoids as much as possible any mechanical analysis, and the lessons he gives are drawn from a whole section rather than those taken from the exposition of single texts." This outline study of the Bible with suggestions for sermons, addresses, and Bible expositions, by a master in Scripture analysis, can be had of F. M. Burton, publisher, Cleveland, for \$1.50 net.

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FAMILY ALTAR DAY IN THE CHURCHES.

By William Edward Blederswolf.

Far more even than its founders anticipated, the Family Altar movement has taken hold of the churches and the Christian public. Requests have already come in for more than 50,000 Covenant cards, and the movement is bringing great blessing to thousands of homes all over our land. An advisory board has been formed, and the personnel of it shows what the leaders of many of our great Christian enterprises think of an undertaking of this kind. Dr. E. Y. Mullins is a member.

Surely any plan which will serve in any degree to call us back from the spirit of materialism, from un consecrated commercialism and Epicurean indifference to the things of God, all true Christians will gratefully approve.

Letters are pouring in continually to the main office requesting information and telling of what the work is doing, and three-fourths of this mail is from ministers of the Gospel. Pastors are everywhere presenting the league to their people; and it is this fact which prompts this article with its suggestion of a day for presenting the Family Altar League to the church. The thought is not that some particular day be fixed upon for all churches alike, although if this could be done once a year it could not be without a blessed and mighty influence. But for the present, if the pastors of the country could devote the morning service, on some Lord's day of their own choosing, to this vital theme, and after preaching on the Family Altar, or on some phase of Christian truth in which the need of family prayer in the home could be emphasized, presenting to his people the Family Altar League and through such a service induce as many of the homes as possible to erect the place of worship, no one need be told of the infinite amount of good that would be accomplished.

Full information about the league will be furnished all pastors who believe in an effort of this kind, and suggestions, together with a supply of Covenant cards, will be sent on application.

In the "Family Altar" for January will be found a splendid order of service. This will be sent free to all who desire it.

The Family Altar League is not commercial in any way. So far God has given it friends who have cared for its financial needs, and we believe He will continue to do so, and the league, with its office, its clerical help and its literature is ready to be of every service possible to all who are willing to be identified with what seems destined to become one of the really great movements for the Kingdom of Christ in these modern times. It is the intention of the league to keep in touch with all homes enrolled and to help them in every way possible. Especially do we hope to do this through the daily Bible readings and suggestions for carrying on worship in the home.

The next step, logically, it would seem, is for the people to have this important matter laid upon their hearts by their own pastors. Family Altar Day has come to us with great force. It would be one of the richest and best days of the ministry if entered upon with real heart. If it were planned for and prayed for and the people led to look forward to it, this certainly would be true.

The American headquarters of the league are in Chicago, and mail should be addressed to the Family Altar League, 602 Lakeside building, Chicago Ill. The number of Covenant cards ordered is usually determined by the number of families in the church. The actual cost, including postage, of the Covenant cards is 26 cents per hundred. If those ordering can bear the whole or part of this expense, it will be appreciated. The cards, however, in any case will be numbered and sent immediately upon request.

That poverty is a friend to consumption is demonstrated by some recent German statistics, which show that of 10,000 well-to-do persons, 40 annually die of consumption; of the same number really moderately well-to-do, 66; of the same number really poor, 77; and of paupers, 97. According to John Burns, the famous English labor leader, 90 per cent of the consumptives in London receive charitable relief in their homes.

BROTHER CRUMPTON WANTS TO HELP THE PAPER.

Brother Barnett—I have been so busy this Christmas and New Year, I haven't taken time to even say, "A Happy Christmas," at the close of a letter. How my correspondents have showered them on me! From everywhere come letters about almost everything, and they close with a kind wish for me and the work for the New Year.

Well, I feel to say it to you and to every one of all our great constituency in our beloved State.

You made a good start in the initial number of the Baptist. I want to help you make it better than ever this year. If I only knew how to put a hungry feeling for religious reading in every heart! Then you would not have a press big enough to print the paper.

Are the pastors helping like they ought? A brother sat here the other day and told me of a great meeting they had in his church, only a little way from Montgomery. It was weeks ago, but not a line has appeared in the Alabama Baptist, and I don't believe the daily papers printed anything about it. What makes the brethren do that way? Don't they know we all want to read about the good meetings in the churches? Nothing could be better for the paper.

You know there are hundreds of our preachers who do not read the paper. It is so strange! Surely it is not on account of the cost—only one dollar to preachers. I expect if a preacher would get you two new subscribers, on the receipt of \$4 with the names, you'd give him a year's subscription, wouldn't you?

This has occurred to me: Suppose you divide the preachers, who are not readers, up into blocks of ten and propose to send the paper three months to them for, say, \$2.50, if some one will send you the money. Then you write to each one saying a friend is sending the paper to him for three months, hoping he will then become a regular subscriber. When you get through with the preacher list, take up the Sunday school superintendents and later the clerks of churches. I believe a downright campaign to put the paper in every home ought to be inaugurated this year.

I am here, Brother Editor, to help you.

Faternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

(Ye editor will be glad to co-operate along the lines suggested by Brother Crumpton. The pastors hold the key to the situation. Who will volunteer to assist in putting the paper in the homes of the people?)

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

To the Baptist Pastors and Laymen of DeKalb, Etowah, Calhoun, Cherokee and St. Clair Counties: Dear Brethren—January is the month set apart in the calendar for your contributions to the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund."

This fund has heretofore been much too small to meet the needs of our aged and infirm brethren who have exhausted their energies in the proclamation of the Gospel to us. Their spiritual service in our behalf has been long and priceless; can we afford to do less than give them the physical comforts as they linger yet a little while with us?

Let our contributions be large enough to meet the needs of this fund. Send contributions direct to R. F. Manly, Birmingham, Ala. Cordially,

GEORGE W. MACON.

Nature has so crowded this section with resources and opportunities for the creation of wealth that we could not have stopped material upbuilding if we had desired. But have we done all that has been in our power as compared with what other sections are doing, is a question which it behooves the whole South to ask itself.

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

In 1908 in our Sunday school work, we had a six months' study of the Gospel of John. At that time I had the honor of being the Sunday School Secretary of the Alabama State Mission Board, and recommended all through the state, and through the columns of the Alabama Baptist, a little vest-pocket edition of John. I also gave an outline of the book by chapters, giving the "Key Word," the "Key Verse" and the "Key Thought" of each chapter.

Last year we had the Book of Acts, and the same plan was recommended.

A great many Sunday school teachers all through the state and all through the South used this plan of work, and secured some very, very fine results from it.

Matthew.

During the coming year of 1910 our lessons will be based on the Gospel of the Kingdom—Matthew. For use in this year's work, the Sunday School Board has prepared a durably bound separate copy of the Gospel of Matthew (authorized version), which can be had in any quantities for 3 cents per copy. It contains in its 95 pages simply the 28 chapters of the Gospel.

Outline.

Field Secretary Leavell has prepared an outline of the Book of Matthew, which is very valuable for our work this year. The "Key Words" of the chapters are so selected as to form an acrostic of the alphabet. This is a great help to the memory. There is no reason why men, women and children should not memorize at least the "Key Words" during the year.

Each teacher might secure a blackboard, or a couple of yards of Manila wrapping paper, and diagram it off in accordance with this outline, and as the study of each chapter is completed, fill in the "Key Word" and the "Key Thought."

Next December should be in front of the class, and in their minds and hearts, a detailed picture of what the Book of Matthew really is.

If any pastor or superintendent or teacher desires a supply of these outlines for distribution, I will be glad to send them for the asking.

C. E. CROSSLAND, Field Secretary,
Nashville, Tenn.

HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Monday, December 27, 1909, was one of those clear, crisp, bright and beautiful days that we sometimes enjoy at this season of the year and during the joyous holidays. The date was not forgotten by many of the brethren and the day was appropriately and delightfully observed in one of our Greenville homes. The children were there, and most of the grandchildren. The grandfather was in his usual happy frame of mind, happier than usual, hopeful and helpful as always and enjoying his wonted good health, and, but for the surroundings, was ready for work in the early hours. Those who were present and saw him, and enjoyed his usual good cheer and flow of spirits, could not fully realize that it was Dr. T. M. Bailey's eightieth birthday, but such it was.—Baptist Courier.

Dr. Bailey's many friends in Alabama will join us in wishing him a Happy New Year and praying God's blessing upon his labors during 1910.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Baptists of Baltimore are actively at work making arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention. They are looking forward to an attendance of delegates and visitors of at least 5,000 and are making preparations accordingly. They have secured the best hall in the city, the Lyric, which is regarded as an ideal place for the convention. The committee having the matter in charge has also arranged with the Belvidere, one of the finest hotels in the United States, as headquarters. The Belvidere has made special terms and will be able to accommodate, outside of its usual guests, 400 or 500 delegates.

Rev. W. H. Baylor, pastor of Grace Baptist church, Baltimore, is the chairman of the local general committee, and Mr. William E. Byrd, 213 Courtland street, Baltimore, is chairman of the entertainment committee.

May God's richest blessings be on you and yours and your work for His cause. Your humble friend, W. R. Gamel.

I think more and more of the Alabama Baptist every year. May Heaven's richest blessings be upon you in the great work you are engaged and for the noble stand you took for constitutional prohibition. Fraternaly, J. Lee Tucker.

Enclosed find check for \$1, which pays for Alabama Baptist to January 1, 1911. May God bless you in your work. I like the paper better than ever. Your brother in Christ, M. A. Johnston.

I have just finished reading your Christmas number of the Baptist, which was full of inspiration and did me good, especially Sister Strickland's letter. May God bless her and may she continue to write such letters. May God's richest blessing rest upon you and yours for the noble service you are doing the Baptists of Alabama and elsewhere, for pulling down the strongholds of Satan and forwarding the coming of His kingdom.—John B. Bishop.

Enclosed find postal order for the renewal of my subscription. If every Baptist in Alabama, were as earnest and enthusiastic as our editor, what a happy band of Christians we would be. Any one that will read the Alabama Baptist with interest will surely have their spiritual strength renewed. God bless the editor and his family. Yours fraternaly, Theodosia DeWitt.

I could not get along very well without the Baptist. The able letters that are written to the Baptist, and especially the able letters of Rev. R. S. Gavin, D. D., on Baptist doctrine, are worth what the paper cost.—D. W. Howton.

There is a goodly number of church workers around us that do not take the paper. I will do all I can for you. Please send me a few copies and I will try to enlist their feelings for reading our paper. I don't see how they get along without it as church members. I can make a trial, and hope I will not make a failure. May your success increase. Your brother, J. W. McGill.

1910 Greeting.

Unto you and yours every good and perfect gift, health of body, vigor of mind, peace of heart and a full purse. May the new year be the best you have ever known.—Richard H. Edmonds, Manufacturers' Record.

May every blessing come to you and yours during 1910. And may the Alabama Baptist have the best year in all its history. Cordially yours, J. A. French.

Dear Brother—I would like for you to put Sister Barnett's picture in the paper, as I have seen yours and the children's.—Rev. E. F. Davidson.
(We would like to, as she is the best looking member of the family, but she will not let us.)

Wishing you and yours much success and happiness for 1910. I love the Alabama Baptist and the cause of Christ and I pray God's blessing upon you that you may be enabled to accomplish much good for Christ and the Baptist cause.—J. L. Neeley.

Enclosed find \$2 for the renewal of my subscription for one year. I can't get along without the Baptist. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year. I remain, yours truly, T. L. Elam.

I hope you had a pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year, and that 1910 will be to the Alabama Baptist the very best year ever known. May God be with you, with our paper, with His people, and with our state and country. Truly your brother, George E. Brewer.

Brother Barnett—You will please stop the paper of Mrs. M. J. Adams, of Alabama City. She has changed her name to Mrs. J. H. Nix, and one paper will do us both.—J. H. Nix.
(We congratulate Bro. Nix.)



If we were any way near together I would let you give me a good kicking for my carelessness in the matter of my subscription to the Alabama Baptist, but I suppose you will be glad to get it anyway from such a chap as I am. You will find enclosed Southern express order. Best wishes for you and yours. I remain yours truly.

I send you check for \$2. Please move my date to January 1, 1911. I can't afford to be without the paper. I appreciate the stand you have taken for civic righteousness. May God bless you and yours.—A. M. Smith.

Just a little good will greeting this Yuletide, \$3—\$1 to continue my paper another year and \$2 to have the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field sent to the president of our W. M. U. at Marbury, Mrs. E. Wood. Want my women to start right next year. See! Love to the junior editor and Proctor H. With the best wishes of the season from my heart.—Robert Jones.

I wish everybody loved the paper and its editor like I do. If they did you would not have so many unpaid subscriptions to your paper. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, and may God's blessings rest on you and your labors. Yours very truly, W. B. Kennedy.

I am enclosing in this voucher for \$4 to help you keep off the landlord and groceryman. Very truly yours, D. H. Marbury.
(Will others join "Dave" in his good work?)

I can't do without the dear old paper; it is like a dear friend. I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Your sister in Christ, Miss Kate Nutting.

Wishing you a happy New Year and much success with the paper. Most sincerely, Mrs. W. D. Hardy.

Please change my paper from Cllo, Ala., R. F. D. No. 3, to Ozark, Ala. as I have moved here. Wishing you a nappy New Year and great success all the year through, I am, yours to serve, R. B. Arnold.

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.

Dear Brother Barnett—I enjoy reading the Alabama Baptist more and more; it is just like getting a letter from home when a fellow is out of the state. My family will remain here during the winter and letters addressed to me here will reach me. I enter upon my work as one of the Alabama State Board evangelists January 1st, and will be glad to correspond with any pastor wanting me to assist him in a meeting. My present address is 504 Alabama avenue, St. Elmo, Tenn. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, fraternaly, W. W. Howard.

Dear Baptist—Brother T. C. Carleton, one of our State evangelists, has just closed a meeting of twenty days with my church. We received twenty new members, nine by baptism. At the close of the meeting eleven young men and women offered themselves for the ministry and mission work. We have 800 students in the Central Normal here, 150 of whom are Baptists. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year I am fraternaly yours, J. W. Willis.

Dear Bro. Barnett—Please find enclosed \$1 as renewal for the Alabama Baptist. I heartily appreciate your noble stand for temperance, truth and the right, as well as your generous helpfulness, to all our denominational interests. May the new year hold for you and yours much that is good. Your friend and brother, Arnold S. Smith.

SUGGESTED BY A SERMON.

Some Thoughts After Listening to a Sermon from This Text, "I Press Toward the Mark for the Prize, of the High Calling of God, in Christ Jesus."

The Christian's progress is like unto a traveler ascending the Alpine heights. He toils onward and upward, patiently and perseveringly, for the goal of his ambition is a view of the grand Alpine scenery, which is on the mountain top. This Alpine scenery is a grand, sublime vision, and with a firm grasp of his staff, the determined sight-seer climbs the dizzy heights, step by step, never looking backward, but presses ever onward, and upward, until he gains the summit.

With careful steps, he balances himself with his staff, and passes safely over the rough and dangerous places; then, having made progress, he gains a secure foothold, and pauses only a few moments to rest, ere he begins anew the perilous ascent, knowing that if he faithfully presses forward he will eventually be rewarded with a sight of the grand Alpine scenery.

So it is with the Christian's progress. With love in his heart, a determined will, and God's help, the Christian can surmount every difficulty, in his spiritual life, and climb higher and higher, if he only will press patiently and perseveringly onward and upward; he will gain the mountain top, be rewarded richly in God's love.

The Alpine heights, in the spiritual life of the Christian's experience, is a grander vision than is the scenery to the traveler on the mountain top of the Alps. Like the traveler, the Christian must balance himself with his staff, the word of God, climbing step by step, higher and higher, never looking backward, but ever pressing onward and upward, if he would reach the goal of the Christian and bask in the sunlight of God's love and approval.

Prayer and faith are the Christian's safeguards; with his staff, the word of God, he passes safely over the rough and dangerous places in his spiritual life. And when he has made progress, unlike the traveler, he cannot stop to rest, for therein lies the danger; he cannot maintain his ground; ere he is aware of it, he slips back while resting. No, he must continue to climb while life lasts, if he is to be rewarded with a spiritual sight of the glories on the mountain top of the Christian life; it is wonderful, rich and grand—it is the Heaven within.

John saw the glorious vision in a wide stretch, on the Isle of Patmos. Paul saw it, too, more than once, and there is nothing to prevent the present day Christian from seeing the same. God help him to try.
MRS. W. D. HARDY.
Tyler, Ala.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

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Headquarters, Mission Room, 1122 Bell Building, Montgomery.

Motto for 1910—"Let us advance upon our knees."

W. M. U. MOTTO:

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

There are two good rules which ought to be written upon every heart: Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true. Never tell even that, unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.—Henry VanDyke.

In this, our first issue from the new mission room, I take pleasure in sending greetings to all our friends and co-laborers, and in thanking those who have already sent up their words of encouragement to me. The new room is wonderfully attractive so far as location is concerned, being far above the noise and dust of the city, and commanding an unbroken view far into the west. I can but believe that many of you will visit from time to time, and that you will always feel free to call upon me for any assistance which it or I may be able to render you. On the 14th, which will doubtless be the day when many of you will be reading this page, the State Executive Board will be meeting here in the new headquarters. A full meeting is being planned for, and we ask you to pray God's blessing of divine guidance in all that may be done or said.

THE CALENDAR OF PRAYER.

The New Year is with us, and we would venture to say that the new calendars are prominent in every home. They have been chosen for their attractive scenes, some for their suggestive mottoes, some for their weather predictions, and some just because they are ours. It is well to have even so many, and yet, above all, there should be in every Baptist home our own missionary calendar of prayer. The ones for 1910 are unusually attractive, being gotten up on white paper with the red and black lettering. The arrangements of subjects follows the outline of the year's study of missions and is thoroughly illuminating. We all believe in prayer, and we all want others to pray for us. This calendar appeals to us to pray for others.

"Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness, a decay
Of courage, darkness some lost sense of right—
And so in case he needs my prayer I pray."

We also believe in the power of united prayers, and so can recommend our calendars as a means to such an end.

If you or some friend in whose spiritual development you are interested has not such a calendar, order one from the mission room. We have about fifty still on hand. The mailing price is 15 cents. We shall take pleasure in filling an order from you.

HEARTACHE.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you've left undone,
Which gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent dear,
Are your haunting ghosts tonight.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way,
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say,
The loving touch of the hand, dear;
The gentle and winsome tone,
That you had no time nor thought for,
With troubles enough of your own.

The little acts of kindness,
So easily out of mind—
These chances to be angels
Which every mortal finds—

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

They come in night and silence,
Each chill, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging
And a blight has dropped on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late,
And it's not the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you the bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

MISSIONARY MAIL BOXES.

If there is one person who is universally interesting and to whose messages we give immediate attention, it is the postman. Upon reflection, we often laugh to think how intently we read a letter from one who is not at all interesting when in person with us. Still we wait for the letters and their carrier, the postman, and are ourselves daily adding to others' pleasures by our contributions to the mail boxes. Along the streets of the cities and upon the public roads of the rural districts these mail boxes are daily used. Some one has said that these rural mail boxes with the delivery which they demand have done wonders in the development of the country.

Realizing these things, our wide-awake workers in Baltimore have had a number of miniature mail boxes made out of light grey pasteboard, in the belief that the universal interest in the larger boxes of the street corner will be felt in these when it is realized what good can be done by them. They are to be used as missionary offering boxes, and when their contents are collected may it not truly be said of them that they have done wonders in the development of the country—be it Alabama, or the South, or the far-away lands.

In the mission room we have quite a number of these very attractive and thoroughly practical boxes, and we shall be glad to send some to your society if you can use them to advantage. They will be freely given, and we trust you will freely use and enjoy them.

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.

THE MISSIONARY AS AN ECONOMIC FACTOR.

The missionary is usually considered from a religious standpoint. His relations to society have so enlarged of late that we can class him with other social workers, and draw comparisons.

The principal thought of the missionary has always been to make converts. But ways to that end have greatly changed and multiplied. Formerly he was often sent out with scarcely more than a common education, and little knowledge of the language or the languages he was to meet. His Bible and his zeal were his equipment. His education now can hardly be broad enough.

Our thoughts wander to the first missionaries who came to this country, those doughty knights of the cross, Fathers Hennepin, Marquette, Joliet and others. But little they studied economic conditions in the society of our North American Indians.

In colonial days, Roger Williams, the missionary-preacher, builded far better than he knew as he worked out ideas which made him a pioneer of religious liberty.

The modern science of philology owes a great deal to that grand man, John Elliot, "the apostle to the Indians." He was one of the first to study such a language as theirs, to systematize it, and to translate the Bible for their use. Following his example, missionaries have compiled grammars and vocabularies of two hundred and fifty different languages which aid the researches of the learned German philologist, according to Dean Farrar, and help in the study of comparative religions.

It is said that missionaries are the backbone of our geographical and exploration societies. Long ago they partially explored and mapped out Greenland and Australia, certain parts of Africa and Oceania.

General Lew Wallace said that the civilizing work of missionaries outside of their religious work is tremendous. They have fought intemperance, the use of opium, public prostitution, prison evils, and slavery everywhere.

The recent Kongo exposures were largely due to missionaries there, and the Belgian government has brought a suit against them for "charges of maladministration and oppression of the natives."

The archaeologist is also indebted to the missionary for the discovery of the Moabite Stone, the Nestorian Monument and the Hittite Inscriptions.

After the Spanish-American war, the missionaries aided our government somewhat in sanitary reforms in Cuba, and in fact they are always considered important factors in foreign countries in any sudden epidemic. Relief work is generally given into their hands, as it was in Turkey after Armenian massacres. One of the Japanese envoys now in this country said that the work of the Red Cross Society in the Japanese army was instituted mainly through the efforts of the missionaries.

A professor in the University of Calcutta says that "modern missions have everywhere heralded an educational revival. No attempt will be made here to show what they have accomplished for medical, industrial and higher educational advances in foreign lands.

The over-burdened missionary may be still further employed in general welfare work. At a recent meeting of the American Board in Minneapolis the following suggestion was made: "Turks and Armenians have united and are looking for able leaders to aid them in developing their fatherland, and cannot this board send men there in future who understand somewhat the latest methods of agriculture and are competent to help in developing mines and water power?"

It seems as if in addition to his religious work the twentieth century missionary must cover every phase of human life and settle down to the idea that "the world is all my neighborhood."—From Cleveland "Club Notes."

SAYINGS FROM SEC. CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENTS

We began our meeting at Bridgeport Sunday, the 3rd, and continued until Thursday, the 14th, with fifty-one additions, thirty-eight by baptism. This leaves this little church with one hundred and twenty members and in a vigorous spiritual condition, and a strong hold on the town. It certainly has a great little man for pastor. He is giving all of his time now to this one church and is doing fine work. The school is not very large, but will surely grow. They have a fine faculty. I believe there was only one student above the primary that did not profess to be a Christian when I left Bridgeport. Brother Stout is certainly a fine pastor, and though young, he has a strong hold on the town—in fact, his personal popularity has done much toward making the church what it is.—W. W. Lee.

This is a report from a meeting in September. For twenty years we have wanted to do something at Bridgeport. We began just a year ago. How the Lord has blessed us! Think of it! In just a little more than a year we have a membership of one hundred and twenty and preaching every Sunday! Does it pay to help State missions?

As soon as the associational year is over I start my people to work. I have four little country churches, and one of them I began with the fourth Sunday in January, and not one cent had they paid since the association last year. They have paid about \$11 in five months and have pulled up to over \$30. To God be all the glory. You know how the air is often poisoned with omissionism. I have asked my little churches to give, and I always give the tenth out of what all my churches give on all their benevolent purposes, and I find the more I give some one else wants to keep up with the pastor, while at my home church, of course, I give more.—A. P. Majors.

Brother Majors' churches give more money, according to their means and do it more regularly than any churches in the State. It is all because he believes in missions, asks his people to give and sets the example.

A good business man: "I regret to say that the outlook is not good with us. Much complaint among our business men here; trade and collections are poor, and the farmers are very much behind; crops very short in this section."

So many reports like that. It is distressing. What are we to do about it? Give up? No. Economy should not begin at the house of the Lord. The greater the sacrifice we make to give to His cause the greater the blessing.

Hartselle.—I felt so rejoiced last Sunday that I preached from the text, "The Lord is my shepherd." We are getting along nicely with the pastor's home—it is possible that we can get it finished this week. We will have to hold you to your promise to visit us sometime—you naming the day. Don't forget us. Had four more accessions last Sunday week. Two of them for baptism—splendid young man and his wife—whom I had the pleasure making "one" last July. We are growing.—A. A. Walker.

Keep your eye on Hartselle. This splendid young pastor is bringing things to pass. Preaching every Sunday and the pastor living in the splendid new pastor's home! That is good.

A missionary: "It is my intention to lead them in giving."

If you do that, brother, and get before them a good system of regular giving, they will follow you. The example is all right—many preachers fall right there. The preacher may advocate giving as much as he will. If he doesn't give himself the people soon notice and will not give themselves. But the example will not do the work. Make it easy to give by teaching them a plan.

Tuskaloosa.—Am feeling fine. Sorry I could not be at the board meeting the other day. Hope the prospects are good for a year of aggression work. Wish you would send me one of your calendars, etc.

I am a little "out of touch" and want to catch up again.—L. O. Dawson.

Hundreds of Baptists in Alabama will read these lines with gladness. Brother D. drew himself into his shell for over a year at the command of his doctor. He has been, like Peary, lost to the world, in search of, not the North Pole, but his lost health. His great church said, "Go and rest yourself back to health and we will take care of you there and the stuff here." The first symptom of returning health to a sick boy is he wants something to eat. See how this pastor cries out for a calendar. There is no question in my mind about his permanent recovery.

From one of the amenders: "Oh, my, didn't we get left! God knows best. I am still where I stood before, and shall be until I die. It is indeed sad to think of, but it will all come right some day."

That is the way to feel about it. When one has done what he considers to be his duty, and it goes the other way, let him stand still and wait God's leadings. It will all come out right. Let every man be faithful and true.

Bridgeport.—About the church building we hope to begin in the spring. Lots have been secured and the plans have been asked for. We want a modern brick church, seating about four hundred. The church is doing nicely. Dr. A. E. Brown said our B. Y. P. U. was the best and largest he had ever seen anywhere. I have met nobody who stated any different opinion. We hope to have the attendance at Sunday school reach one hundred and fifty by January 1. The W. M. U., Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams are "booming." We have a great lot of work. Brother Lee's meeting gave us a marvelous impetus. Now, as soon as you possibly can, come up and see us. We need your visit.—William W. Stout.

There is another word about Bridgeport. Some day when the news goes out that the pulpit at Bridgeport is vacant, the secretary will receive scores of letters from men in every quarter of the union asking to be put before the Bridgeport church. It is a fine town in the extreme northeast corner of Alabama.

The thing that impresses me is the fact that the people are inquiring for the truth. You will help me greatly by sending me some tracts on missions and giving. I find them to be very helpful in this kind of work. All we need is to get the people to read more, to have a more liberal people.—W. R. Thomas.

Brother Thomas is right. Let the people know. They can't know without reading matter, though the pastor preaches on some phase of the work every Sunday. Brother Thomas is doing mission work on Sand mountain. Oh, that I had the money to keep up my tract fund!

"You know this place has never been much for missions."

That is what the new pastor writes. Yes, brother. I know it. Though the church there was organized by a missionary of the board and the board helped them for years, but "the church is not much on missions." Wonder why? The answer is easy! The pastors haven't been "much on missions." Alas, that is so in so many places.

"Until I forget the open graves in which I, as a minister of God's word, have deposited the bodies of drunken men and boys; until I forget the homes and hearts wrecked by the saloon, and so long as God gives me strength of mind and of voice, I never expect to make any compromise with the evil nor cease my efforts to put it out and keep it down."

So writes a consecrated preacher, who with a heart to feel for suffering can't for a moment think of compromise with the monster evil!

Jackson, Miss.—Hope to be able shortly to adjust myself to the situation in your State. I am coming to give myself and the best there is in me to the

interests of the Kingdom in Alabama.—W. Y. Yarbrough.

Alabama gets one of Mississippi's best. Parker Memorial at Anniston is the fortunate church. Bro. Yarbrough comes to one of our very best churches to follow one of our very best men. God bless his coming among us. We give him a glad welcome.

I presented to our church the mission cards, and the oldest members did not like them. The pastor, Rev. J. R. Brown, is a missionary, and we got last year double the amount for missions that we generally get.—W. Y. Brindley.

So strange that people oppose what they haven't been used to. I am sure that these old members, if they are sure enough missionaries, will be glad to fall in line when they see the good that comes from the use of the cards. The Lord give us more members like the writer, and more missionary pastors.

"We will have something like \$100. This is not all we will do for foreign missions, as you will see later. Can't tell now my plans for fear you would send it to the Baptist, but will say this much, I am striking high. We are going to get in a good class this year. In my annual letter I advised some building in connection with our church. When my letter was read by one of the deacons before the congregation immediately \$645 was given and committees ordered and were appointed to get the work on foot."

Oh, that modest pastor! All right, brother; I'll not tell who you are, but a man who is doing things can't get off. "Striking high," eh! That's a good text. Why can't we all strike high throughout the good year of 1910? The matter with us is we strike low. We are content with low ideals. Dr. Mullins said to the laymen at Louisville: "We are living in a day of visions. Fancy a little worm peeping up and viewing the territory an inch or two about him and saying, 'My, what a big world this is.' A rabbit races around an acre or two and says, 'What a big world I live in!' A squirrel runs to the top of a giant oak, he looks abroad and says, 'Ain't this a big world?' The eagle flies above the clouds, and looking down from that high altitude says, 'This is a wonderfully big world.' Every one has a vision—which are you? Do you have the vision of the worm, the rabbit, the squirrel or the eagle? God give us the vision of the eagle." A vision less than that of the eagle is not worthy of Christian men.

Carrollton—I still wear my white ribbon and am well and ready for the fray whenever it comes—and maybe it is on now.—W. G. Robertson.

An old veteran writes that way. From all over the State messages like that come. No cause can ever die when people are animated like that. Old hoose is the greatest foe to the race and it must go. Good men and women everywhere must speak the same thing and be of the same mind.

Heflin.—We lost the amendment, but we are not discouraged; we will have another chance. We know that we were right. We did all we could. Pray for us.—A. J. Halley.

Keep on talking that way, brother. We must fight now to hold what we have won in thirty-five years of effort. Yes, we were right and God knows it, and the right must and will triumph.

From one of our boys who goes to another State: "I would have gladly stayed in Alabama, but I asked God for an 'open door,' and he gave it to me."

In another State. God doesn't close the door in Alabama against our boys, but the churches do. Here is another letter from an Alabama boy in the Seminary: "Where shall we go next June? No Alabama church has intimated a desire for my return." Not an association should be without a missionary next summer. Some of the best missionary timber is to be found among our boy preachers now in school. Will the executive committees give the boys a chance to come home and work?

EDITORIAL

A DRAWING GOSPEL.

It is a mistake to suppose that the true gospel of Christ has become unable to draw people to hear it, when it is rightly proclaimed. A cry is going out from certain religious theorists that "a new gospel" is needed by the masses. It is the shallow cry of men who know not the Calvary gospel. The truth is, the true preaching of the true gospel is wonderfully drawing people of all classes to its hearing. Wherever Evangelist Gipsy Smith, of England, holds meetings, his services are flocked to by vast numbers of people. The staple of his preaching is Christ and Him Crucified. In every place that he visits, either in England or in this country, there is no building large enough to hold all who desire to hear him at a given time. This is true of every visit that he has made in this country. This fact is an answer to those who say that the old gospel is no longer a winning force. It is a rebuke to those philosophic dreamers who say that "a new religion" is demanded by the times. Where is the preacher, with a new gospel to proclaim, who can so use it as to draw as many hearers as does Gipsy Smith? Preachers of the liberal type have no such audiences, and certainly no such mighty results attend their efforts. No community is moved and melted by any untrue gospel.

In The Standard, of Chicago, appeared a report of a great revival in Scotland, as told by Rev. Dr. John A. Earl, of Chicago. He stated that at Airdrie, the place of his birth, there had long been a low state of religion, and the general morals were bad. But a series of meetings were begun, and they continued for over a month, during which as many as 5,000 people at a time gathered to hear the plain old gospel and hundreds of people were saved. Dr. Earl says that he and his assistant preached the gospel of the cross, and the hearers were charmed and charmed by it. Give the old gospel a chance and it will draw mightily.

REMARKABLE CONTRAST OF ABSTAINERS AND DRINKERS IN BRITISH ARMY.

"Twenty-five per cent of the soldiers in the British army are now total abstainers, and in some depots 66 per cent of the recruits before enlisting are total abstainers," declared Col. L. G. Fawkes, R. A., honorable secretary of the Royal Army Temperance Association, in his address before the congress on the subject, "Alcohol and the Efficiency of the Army." "The consumption of drink in the British army is rapidly decreasing," declared Colonel Fawkes, who noted the fact that there are now 203 branches of the Royal Army Temperance Association in England and the colonies, that in India the temperance room is recognized as part of the regimental institutions. His majesty, King Edward VII, is patron of the association, and every encouragement is given the movement by Field Marshal Earl Roberts, and almost all others among the leading military men.

TAKE A FRESH GRIP, BROTHER."

Did you know what Brother Crumpton said in the last issue by way of exhortation to the troubled pastors? It was timely, good advice. Wouldn't it be a good thing for us all to do, this New Year? None of us have ever done our best. To resolve to lay ourselves out to be better and do everything better would be an inspiration to us all. Like measles, it's catching. The inspirational effect of a "higher aim," as some one has said, would be magical in every one coming in contact with us.

The last enumeration of missionaries in China gives their number as 3,270. The native church is doubling about every seven years, and the missionary force every ten years. The issue for 1906 of the Christian Movement in Japan gives the Christian communicants in the Protestant churches of Japan as 48,087, with 5,099 adult baptisms during the year—the same pamphlet affirming that "the influence of Christianity in Japan is far and away greater than the statistics of the churches would indicate."



"HERE'S YOUR SAMPLE TRUNK; THERE'S YOUR TERRITORY; GET THE ORDERS."

That is what a sales manager said the other day to a man he was just starting out.

All salesmen do not carry sample cases nowadays, but nevertheless the principle is just the same.

Whether you are selling groceries, novelties, typewriters, insurance or bonds—it's all the same—you are told to "get the orders."

Sales are brought about, not by technical knowledge alone, but by the power to persuade others to your way of thinking.

Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth, the greatest promoter the world ever saw, gave marching orders to his followers, saying:

"Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The world's the field, the Christian must tell the story.

ABOUT RESTING.

There is one thing a boy can do which many men, most of them, cannot. He can rest. A tired boy will stretch himself on the grass, nibble a spearhead of it, look up into the sky or across the field and forget himself. Then his brain and body are resting in the true sense of the word, for they are given a chance to pull themselves together. What a pity that every boy, as he grows older and engages in the battle of life, cannot take this rest time with him. There is a way for him to do it, and that is to work so earnestly and faithfully at his task that when he has done it he can dismiss it from his mind as a good job. Then there is no chance for worry or the other brain-naggers.

The boy unconsciously earns his rest by playing hard. Get busy so that you can take a rest.

The power of the United States in world affairs has for its foundation material resources and geographical location unmatched by any other country—we might safely say, unmatched by any other continent. Our peculiar advantages, our vast resources for the development of manufactures, for the production of foodstuffs with which to supply the needs of hundreds of millions of people and for growing the materials—cotton and wool—with which to clothe them, are unique. The world has no duplicate.

There are various grades of murder, from manslaughter up to matricide, but the most disastrous murder since Cain is the killing of time. God made plenty of it, but none of us get enough. I have never known and civilized human being who had as much time as he needed. There comes an hour when the very ones who have murdered years are glad to pay hard for minutes. Time is the friend that gives us to live, to love, to learn, to grow, to be happy. To kill time (and these things with it) is really murder in the first degree. 'Tis a sorry thing that the greatest invention ever made for the cultivation of the mind should have become the greatest enemy to its use.

For nearly ten years the Youth's Companion has been endeavoring to aid in creating a national sentiment which would eventually result in beautifying the grounds of our rural schools. The rapid development of this movement has attracted wide attention. Bleak and cheerless grounds have been planted with trees, shrubs and flowers; unsightly objects removed; coarse grass and weeds displaced by smooth green lawns; buildings repaired and painted; windows cleaned; walls decorated with patriotic pictures; and last, but not least, a love for the beautiful imparted, which will manifest itself in the homes which these pupils shall build in future years. A movement of this kind is a type of patriotism which must exercise a lasting influence for the good of our nation's life.

In their appeal to the teachers of public schools they ask teachers: "What is the environment of your schoolhouse? Does it meet your ideals? If not, we can aid you in converting the school grounds into a place of beauty. Send for literature and other aids which will arouse the interest and co-operation of your pupils. These will be sent free. An early application will enable you to formulate your plans before the opening of the school year. Address the Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass."

We wish a movement could be organized by some one to do as much for beautifying the grounds of our country and village churches.

THE ALABAMA SPIRIT.

on which our secretary touched, is worthy of serious thought. What are we doing to hold our Alabama men? Everything else being equal, an Alabama man is the best man for any of the pulpits of our beloved State. Where certain essential qualities are lacking in an Alabamian, we do not see good as a man from another State with those qualifications.

We wouldn't encourage the cultivation of a spirit of criticism among our Alabama ministry. A suspicious, envious, narrow feeling is unbecoming a minister of the Gospel, wherever he is from. But a certain amount of State pride is very desirable, almost essential, in the leadership of a great State. Tenderly loving our brother preachers from other States, who have cast their lots with us, let us give every encouragement to our Alabama men who remain with us.

AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

Elsewhere we print a communication from Dr. Montague, which calls for immediate action on the part of those who have signed endowment notes, unless the good name of Howard College is to be put to shame. The president of our college writes strongly, but then he has felt the sting of having the institution of which he is the head classed as one of the two having made the poorest show in the payment of the endowment pledges. We sincerely hope that his plain statement of the case will stir the neglectful ones to a proper sense of their duty in the premises.

It was in Sweden that Alfred Nobel lived and accumulated the great fortune which he left in prize foundations to promote the arts of peace. Christiania is the seat of the administration of the fund bequeathed by him for peace prizes, and the Nobel Institute, which has grown up in connection with the administration of this fund, is one of the greatest centres of peace influence in the world. Stockholm has the honor to be the seat of the administration of the other four Nobel prize funds.

When prices of necessities reach an exorbitant height and the cost of living in large cities becomes almost intolerable, there always comes over the tolling masses the sentiment, which is best expressed by the words, "Back to the farm." The conviction comes over thousands and thousands in large cities to whom ease and comfort is denied that after all farm life has its beauties and its advantages and is far more preferable to city life.

FROM BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

When converted you felt that you wanted every one to know the precious Savior you had found. How do you feel about it now?

Twelve to fifteen new Baptist churches are needed in the Birmingham district. Who will help to build them?

The Church Extension Society will meet at the First church at 3 p. m. Sunday, January 9, 1910. We want one hundred new members in January. Will you become one?

God has greatly enriched the Birmingham district in material wealth, and thus put us under obligation to Himself. How many of us acknowledge our obligation by our contributions to the upbuilding of His cause?

Rev. J. J. Milford, a Howard college boy, went into sixty-five homes at Big Pipe shops, Bessemer, on the Saturday and Sunday in December when the sleet and snow covered the ground and preached to fifty people at the school house on Sunday. Who will send in a contribution to help do the mission work in this district?

A well-to-do merchant, who was not enjoying religion, was asked on one occasion by his pastor if he would like to spend half an hour in heaven. He was sent to the home of a poor widow, whose children were suffering for the necessities of life. After supplying their needs and holding prayer with them he went away saying it was indeed the happiest hour of his life. The opportunity for happiness is very near your door, brother.

East Thomas has a noble band of young Christians who are having a great struggle to rebuild their house, which was destroyed by the wind in October last. They need three hundred dollars to enable them to do this work. Won't some of the stronger churches come to the rescue at this time?

The Ensley First church, with their beloved pastor, pledged one hundred dollars for state missions at a recent visit of the superintendent of missions.

Avondale and Rev. C. J. Bentley, the pastor, seem to fit each other admirably. They are following the schedule in their contributions for missions. Their service of song was an inspiration and helped the visitor to preach to them with delight.

East Birmingham and their pastor, Rev. E. A. Page, are growing strong together. Under the leadership of this consecrated brother the church is climbing up over her difficulties and forging to the front. The outlook in this section is very promising.

Rev. John W. Stewart, 730 North Twenty-first street, Birmingham, preached at Jonesboro on Sunday, December 26, morning and evening. The Jonesboro people greatly appreciated the messages he brought.

The pastorium at Union is nearing completion and Pastor Lowery is moving in.

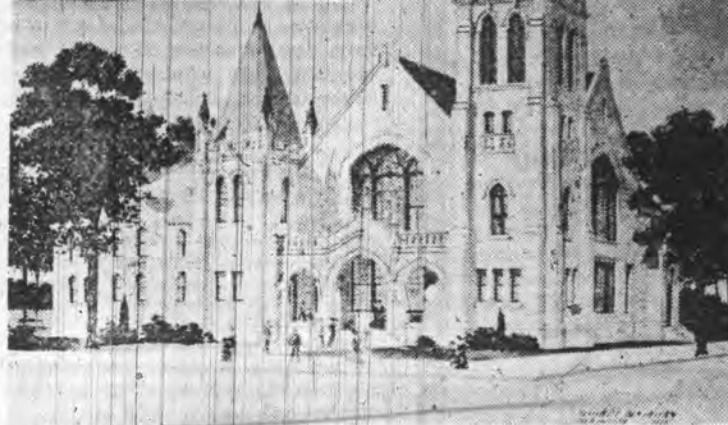
Packer Memorial has taken an advanced step and Pastor Hughes will give his full time to the work another year, so we are informed.

Rev. Curtis Shugart gives promise of becoming a great evangelist. He speaks as a man whom the Lord had snatched as a brand from the burning. If we give him our sympathy and our prayers I believe the Lord will use him to great purpose.



DAUPHIN WAY BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. E. E. GEORGE, PASTOR.



The Mobile Register of Monday morning, Dec. 27, had a full account of the laying of the corner stone. The services were simple, but impressive. Rev. W. J. E. Cox, pastor First Baptist church, in his greetings, among other things, said that he regretted his inability to devote more of his time in assisting the sister church in its construction, and he would have done so were it not for the fact that "it was a case of the mother and daughter going to housekeeping at the same time," it being remembered that the construction of the First Baptist church was under way at the time as that of the Dauphin Way church.

The First Baptist church had unbounded interest in the "daughter," that it had watched its remarkable growth from an organization of but a score of earnest workers who held services in a residence on the lot but

a short time since, and that this small band's work was but an evidence of what really could be accomplished, no matter what the handicap may be.

At the conclusion of the reading of the historical sketch of the church Pastor George, among other things, said that the church was being built on faith, prayer and self-denial; that his people were building with an eye to the future; that they had tried to erect a building in keeping with that section of the city in which it was situated and that they had met with many disadvantages, but nevertheless felt very much encouraged. He declared that the church when completed would be a monument that will stand in ages to come and for the glory of God.

We sincerely congratulate Brother George and his members on having such a beautiful church in which to worship.

As the tide of times sweeps us into the new year let us purpose in our hearts to make a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether.

J. R. STODGHILL.

Dec. 28, 1909.

I am real hungry for a copy of the Alabama Baptist. I have received only five copies since last May. Change my address to Madisonville, Tex. I am pastor here now. Sunday was my first day here. We begin the work under right favorable conditions, though this is a very hard field, so considered. I can't get along without the Alabama Baptist. It always cheers my heart to read it. Will send check next week. May this be a prosperous year for the Baptists of Alabama and our paper.—Adolphus F. Loftin.

Died, at Evansville, Ind., Nov. 23rd, aged 28 years, Miss Julia Howard, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Howard, of Columbus, Ga.

A star hath fallen from the household sky,

A precious jewel is no longer there,
A noble womanhood, that could not die,

Hath full perfection in a brighter sphere.

An opening life that reached earth's fullest bloom,

In weak sentinels will never wain;
She, passing like her Savior through the tomb,

Early the crown of victory to gain.
Rejoice! an everlasting youth is given

To her who bore her part so nobly here;

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Man inhabits every part of the globe where, external influences can be successfully resisted. Food is an important element in effecting this, and nature has provided for it accordingly. The colder the climate the more animal food and oily substances are required; the warmer a preponderance of vegetables and fruits is necessary in one's diet.

The whale-blubber of the fur-clad Eskimo, and the rice of the nude African, are as much necessities of locality as matters of choice. The same indications exist in civilization. Thus, the edict in America and England is essentially different from that in Italy, Spain and Egypt.

The effects of universal communication are nowhere more obvious than on the luxurious table. To furnish the refined cuisine, all climates, both sea and land, are laid under contribution and the stomach is expected to digest, without assistance everything that is put into it. Combining together such varied products, and the neglect of the relation between climate and foods, are very active causes of dyspepsia.

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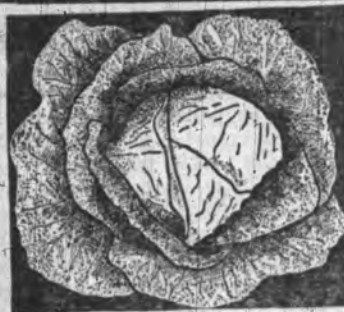
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Will all who read this pray for the work here in Phenix City, Ala.? We have here hundreds of people who seemingly care nothing about the Savior of men.

Yours in the work,
OLIVER C. DOBBS.

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In memory of Bankston, the four-year-old son of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Holcomb, who died here Dec. 14 from an attack of croup. I have read of a king who owned a garden which was cared for by a favorite servant. This servant was heart-broken one day when he went into the garden and found his choice blossoms gone. But another servant said: "I saw the king walking in the garden this morning and he plucked the flowers and carried them away." Then the servant was content. Bankston is gone, but remember your own Lord has done it and He doeth all things well.

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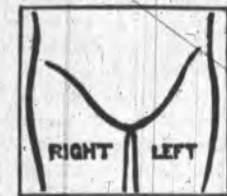
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Useful Information for Housekeepers.

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 Since the advent of the Pure Food Law, housekeepers are more than ever interested in what "things to eat" are made of. So many housekeepers have asked the question, "How is gelatine made?" that we are going to answer it briefly here.

The best gelatine is made of selected calf bones, such as you personally would use in your own home for making soups. This raw material comes from the plains of India and South America, and not from American packing plants, as many suppose, and it has been guaranteed by government inspection. This raw material is washed in pure, artesian well water, then kept submerged in pure lime water until ready to cook.

In the kettles the gelatine stock is covered with distilled water and cooked for hours at a low temperature. The liquor is then strained, filtered and clarified, after which it is cooled (jellied) under water; this to keep it from any impurities in the air. The jelly-like substance is then dried out into clear sheets, under extreme heat, in specially prepared rooms. Finally it is ground to powder and packed by machinery into the sealed package which you buy from your grocer.

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Pure gelatine is absolutely free from any taste or odor. It may interest you housekeepers to know that in the Crystal plant all employes wear white duck suits which are changed every day, the manufacturers maintaining their own laundry for this purpose. It is gratifying to remember that Boston Crystal Gelatine is not touched by human hands in the making.

Attention was first called to gelatine as an article of food in 1782, at the time of the French revolution. In the struggle to provide a cheap and useful food for the soldiers and people, gelatine was adopted as containing the most nitrogen of any food at a similar cost. While it is not practical as a steady diet for people under severe strain, its popularity remained undiminished with the coming of peace, and the use of gelatine has increased steadily for over one hundred years.

France has naturally taken the lead in the manufacture of gelatine, though the United States consumes more than any other country in the world. It is generally conceded, too, that with our improved scientific methods we make the purest and best gelatine.

Pure gelatine is very nutritious, and Boston Crystal Gelatine is especially so. A pan of gelatine liquor weighing forty pounds is concentrated into two and one-half pounds. Furthermore, in order that its unusual strength may be preserved, it is packed in air-tight, moisture-proof packages.

The housewife can make a calf's foot jelly at home by boiling a soup bone, but she can not obtain the same result as the manufacturer, who not only brings a life time of experience into the problem, but the chemist and his laboratory as well. One ounce of Boston Crystal Gelatine will make two full quarts of jelly.

While gelatine may be used to advantage in making ice cream, marshmallows, etc., it is primarily a dainty dessert and is combi- more and more into favor each year in all sections of the country.

Boston Crystal Gelatine sets very quickly and makes a clear, transparent, tender jelly, which can be mixed with milk or cream without curdling. By "tender" we mean a jelly which will rapidly dissolve in the mouth. Some kinds are not tender in this sense. You have to almost chew them as you would a gum drop. Some kinds are undesirable as they show poor material, faulty manufacture, or both.

In our next article we shall give some valuable information as to the various uses of pure gelatine. Crystal Gelatine Company, Boston, Mass.

A SAVING GRACE.

Last week an old colored lady, by the name of Mrs. Patsy Vale, died in this city, who had been a faithful servant for four generations of one white family. At the time of her death she was living with Mrs. Carey at the corner of South Perry and Grove streets, and in the days of slavery she was a slave of Mrs. Carey's mother. Almost her entire life (which was a long one) was spent in service for and devotion to this white family.

During all of her long illness she had the most tender, personal care of these white people, who in their love were just as sincere and devoted to her as she was to them. While there was the absence of colored relatives to mourn her loss, these white people stood around her lifeless form with bowed heads and grief-stricken hearts. As they walked tenderly and quietly around the room it was noticeable to the colored minister and others that their grief was real. They rode in the procession to the church and listened to the sermon; they then followed her to the "old church yard" over the way, and dropping a tear upon her newly made grave, bade her a long farewell. All this happened right here in the city of Montgomery—the once capital of the confederacy. A clash between the worst elements of both races would have been telegraphed to the other side of the continent; but this incident, which shows the tender love in the hearts of the members of both races for each other, is not known throughout our own city. This is only one incident that could be multiplied a thousand times right here to show a fundamental condition that is a blessing to the South and that will yet preserve both races. It is seen in the care negroes take of the white people's children and in the pride they take in doing the South's labor. It is seen again in the care that white people take of the old and honorable colored poor, and of their liberal contributions to the building of negro churches and schools. No intelligent negro should ever be guilty of saying one word or doing one deed that will retard the beneficent and helpful influence of this condition. God grant that the Vales and the Careys will be multiplied until our Southern country is rid of every criminal and every demagogue that mar our happiness and disturb our peace.—Colored Alabamian, Montgomery.

HOW TO COOK RICE.

Properly prepared, rice is the easiest cereal to digest and the most nutritious. Excellent in cold climates. Write for our free Cook Book, "Creole Mamma Rice Recipes." Rice Association of America, Desk 5, Crowley, La.

We had two good services at the Wylam Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 2. I preached a new year sermon in the morning and received two by letter, and at night we received two more by letter. The church seems to be putting on new life.—H. R. Schramm, Pastor.

Lady Uses Tetterine for Eczema.

Edgar Springs, Mo., July 15, 1908. The Eczema on my face usually appears in the spring and your salve always helps it. I use no other preparation but Tetterine and find it superior to any on the market.

Respectfully,
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 Tetterine cures Eczema, Tetter, Itching Piles, Ring Worm, and every form of Scalp and Skin Disease. Tetterine 50c; Tetterine Soap 25c. At druggists, or by mail direct from The Shubrine Co., Savannah, Ga.

FLORIDA NOTES.

After a year's stay and labor in Florida am happy to report that we are all healthy, happy and well pleased with the state and with our field.

My church has recently extended an indefinite call with substantial increase in salary.

Have baptized 57 since coming to the state.

I give half time this year to evangelistic work under the state board.

The crying need of work in this state is alarming. We need more trained preachers very sadly.

Stetson University furnishes a few, and our beloved Columbia college at Lake City, the Howard of Florida, though in its infancy, is beginning to give us some strong young men for the work.

Dr. H. W. Tribble is making good as president of Columbia, as also is Prof. Granberry, formerly of Alabama.

Rev. S. B. Rogers, successor to the lamented Dr. L. D. Geiger, as secretary of the State Board of Missions, is easily the most popular man in our ranks in the state, as well as the most hard worked. He puts a remarkable amount of business, plan, push, wisdom and conscience into the secretaryship. The brethren over the state seem not to know how to refuse his requests except in the matter of large remittances, and there is improvement along that line.

Our state convention convenes at Gainesville the 25th of January.

About all the associations of the state left the time of next meeting with their executive committees, at the request of Secretary Rogers, with the understanding that representatives of said committees and the secretary get together at the coming convention and arrange dates of their meeting to come consecutively in future, so as to enable the representatives of the different interests to attend practically all of the associations, and that also without long travel to each succeeding one.

We deplore the defeat of the prohibition amendment in Alabama, but will try not to let it dishearten us for a similar struggle that is on us here for next fall.

Long live the Alabama Baptist. It is as dear to our hearts as ever, and its weekly visits are always eagerly awaited.

Hopson, Ivey, Callaway, Long, Moore and other Alabama boys in this state are all doing well and much loved and appreciated.

The recent cold weather has wrought considerable damage to the orange crop and the trees. But the supply had become so abundant that most of the growers found it unprofitable. A lot of oranges have sold in south Florida this winter for 25c per crate. Quite a lot rotting on the ground.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. WELLS.

Jennings, Fla., Jan. 4, 1910.

Stockmen and Farmers, Attention!

Wanted—If interested in soil building, stock breeding, seed selection, yours and your neighbors' addresses. We can help you double your crops and pasturage. Lambert Stock and Seed Farm, Darlington, Wilcox Co., Ala.

\$8,760,000,000!!

That's the Value of Farm Products for 1909—Isn't It Great?

Think of producing on the farms of the United States twice as much new wealth in one year as is represented by all the gold money in the world outside of this country!

No wonder our esteemed friend, Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is jubilant.

It is a showing that every citizen is proud of, whether he had a hand in the production or not.

The most gratifying story told by these figures is that they represent a gain over the previous year of \$869,000,000.

We are going ahead—going ahead rapidly. That is the best message we gather from this report of our results for 1909.

But, instead of being content with these figures, let us take them only as an indication of what our real possibilities are, and let us use them merely as a mile post in our climb to better things.

Let each of us, for instance, look back over our operations of 1909 to determine whether or not we did our share toward making this showing possible.

We all know that there are about 6,000,000 farms in this country. Did 6,000,000 advance improve, produce more wealth—or did one million, two million, or three million do all of this pushing and improving of methods to make a gain of \$869,000,000 possible?

We ought to stop and think of what has made the gains of former years possible. We must stop to realize that this gain of \$869,000,000 for 1909 is not due to so much more land under cultivation, but has been brought about primarily by better methods of cultivating the same land that has been cultivated before; by better methods of preparing the soil, sowing the grain and harvesting the crops.

Without the wonderful strides made in the development of farm machines, an \$8,760,000,000 crop would be entirely out of the question.

And yet there is room for progress—the rules of 1909 farming are not the rules for 1910. New machines mean new advances and new wealth. Do you keep abreast—are you posted about these things?

About traction plowing—how to plow more acres, in less time, with less expense, for better, bigger returns:

How a good disk harrow will enable you to make better seed beds:

Why it's to your advantage to spread manure the right way—as soon as you get it—instead of spreading it after half its value is gone.

About the money-saving and money-making advantages of having a good, reliable, dependable gasoline engine on your place; how it will help to keep the boys at home; how it will save you a hired man's wages—and how it will more than pay for itself in twelve months:

What the right kind of a cream harvester means to you in increased milk and butter profits—and skim-milk calves:

Why a good feed-grinder means fatter stock:

How greatly to increase the value of the 1910 hay crop by using the right mower, tedder, baler, etc.

How to know all about harvesting machines:

How to get the most possible profit out of the stalks as well as out of the ears by harvesting your corn in the right way—at the right time:

How to know the ear marks of a good wagon.

If any of these will help you please secure a copy of our book—"Glimpses of Thriftland." That tells the whole story briefly and in verses that you'll like. Then we have some books that are still more business-like—the I. H. C. Almanac and Encyclopaedia, and Farm Science. Say which you are most interested in. All are free for the asking.

There is an International dealer near you. He will be glad to see you to hand you one of our new 1910 calendars, posters, catalogues or pamphlets on harvesting and haying machines and tools, and tillage implements, or any of the machines mentioned above.

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The Way to Cure All Skin Diseases

The Prescription is Simple: Purify the Blood by Using Stuart's Calcium Wafers—and the Rest is Easy.

If people only realized the utter absurdity of attempting to cure a pimply, blotchy, unsightly complexion by means of the many irrational and illogical methods employed in "beauty parlors," and also in the boudoir, thousands of dollars which are wasted every year—literally thrown away—would be saved, and the complexion rendered clear and free from blemishes through constitutional treatment, at about one-tenth of one per cent of the cost of the "fancy" and exceedingly expensive local "treatments."

The idea of massaging the cheeks, and attempting to rub in a so-called "skin food," is the height of nonsense. Nature never intended the skin to be fed from the outside, but from the inside exclusively, and it is the blood which really feeds the skin, builds it up, and supplies it with nutriment absorbed from the digestive system. There is really no such thing as a "skin-food," any more than there is a "heart-food," or "lung-food," or a "brain-food."

The skin is a water-proof, air-proof envelope over the muscular system, and it has no power to absorb cold creams, or any other medicaments when rubbed over its surface. While, of course, steaming the face, or massaging with electricity, or by hand, will draw the blood temporarily to the surface and produce an artificial glow, which may last half an hour or so, but such treatment brings no lasting benefit, and will never cure wrinkles, pimples, pustules, blackheads, or other facial blemishes.

Besides, the frequent treatment of the skin in the way which "beauty doctors" have—those kneading, rubbing, "cooking" methods, making the face for the time being as red as a boiled lobster, also have the very undesirable effect of increasing and strengthening the hair-growth on the cheeks.

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IS IT HONEST OR DISHONEST?

Our churches and Sunday schools have been taking collections for us lately—how do we know this? Because the money is coming in and it does our hearts good, but we know of a number of instances where the collection was taken—in two instances the amounts were large—and yet it has never been sent in. So we ask the question at the head of this communication. We do not think, of course, that any of our brethren handling this money would intentionally rob the orphanage, but this money is temporarily used for other purposes. No wrong intended; the matter is soon forgotten. Our people think they have helped to care for the children, but their effort has been blocked by their treasurer. Has this been the case with your treasurer, brother, sister? Suppose you ask him. We must do a large amount of work on our buildings at once. We had 18 cases of typhoid fever last summer. The physician insists that we put in a new sanitary system. We must have some laundry facilities. We have 100 children and only a few of them over 13 years old, so you see we need help and need it quick. We are trying to pay cash as we go. Our people have given cheerfully and liberally. Much of it has come to us, but much remains in the hands of your treasurers that should be sent in. To those who have so nobly stood by this work we are deeply gratified. It is our earnest intention to make this year a notable one, and try and give to our great denomination an orphanage of which it may be proud. Please make all remittances to

**BAPTIST ORPHANAGE,
Evergreen, Ala.**

In memory of my dear sister, Mrs. Nannie Ellen Erwin, the last daughter of her parents Joseph S. and Martha J. Hall. She was born July 19, 1881; and departed this life Dec. 16, 1909. She was married to Isaac Erwin about nine years ago. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Missionary Baptist church when about 13 years old and was always consecrated to the work of the Lord. She left a father and mother, aged about 63 years; to mourn her great loss and a devoted husband and three precious little girls, 7, 5 and 2 years old; also myself and one more brother, Henry L. Hall, and a great number of relatives and friends. She was the fifth child that my father and mother have had to give up—three boys and two girls—but we who remain humbly bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father, looking forward to the time that we will all meet again to part no more.

May all the brotherhood pray for us, and especially her aged father and mother, husband and little girls.

Her brother,

WILLIAM T. HALL

Larkin, Ala.

Rev. H. C. Dunn, who has accepted the work at Scottsboro, had fine opportunities in an educational way, which he put to good use. We pray God's blessings upon him and his new field.

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

A HAPPY PASTOR.

Every pastor is like every fond parent in that he feels that his own flock is better than the other fellow's. But here is one pastor who has reasons to warrant him for saying that we have the very best people in all Alabama. As I write this morning I am sitting in one of the neatest and most comfortable homes that any small town church has in the state. We moved into our new home a little more than a week ago and would have written sooner, but have been so busy attending to "pounding parties" and "Christmas remembrances" and "new year's tokens of appreciation," etc., that we have not had time to do anything else. Last night while musing over our Bible study a great crowd of our people came into the library and one at a time began piling the things on the table and laughing and talking and shaking hands and others continued to come until we verily thought the whole town had turned out. Oh, the good things we had for breakfast this morning. We went over to the church afterwards and notwithstanding the snow-covered streets we had a most splendid congregation for a practical study of the Sunday school lesson.

We hear some pastors complaining about "salary." We have a fine method here, which I will gladly give to my brother pastors, and if you will arrange with your people you will never have this complaint to make again. Our treasurer gives a demand note on the first day of the month to one of our banks and then gives the pastor a check in full for his services on same day. During the month he collects the salary among the membership and takes up the note, on which he pays a very small interest.

This method can be used to advantage. People oftentimes accuse your pastor of being "slow pay," when the poor man is doing the very best he can under the circumstances. Give him his money on the first day of the month and he can keep down this embarrassing comment.

The church here gives me every fifth Sunday off. I would like very much to go somewhere and hold a meeting beginning on Monday or Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in February. This would give us about a ten-day meeting, you see. While in the north I found that people could have real genuine revivals in the dead of winter. Why not have them in the south?

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." So, brethren, I want to do all the evangelistic work possible this year in connection with my pastorate and I hereby offer my services wherever needed. May God give us the greatest year of our lives in 1910, and may we linger at His feet until endowed with power from on high and then go out as faithful effectual witnesses for Him, ever remembering that "in Him" we can do all things.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

A. A. WALKER.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 8th Day of January, 1910.

Estate of Walter Scott Murfee, Deceased.

This day came Charles A. Gwin, administrator of the estate of Walter Scott Murfee, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 4th day of February, 1910, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

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FROM HARTSELLE.

Last Sunday was a great day for the membership of the First Baptist church in this city. In the opening service the pastor read extracts from the letter of the state secretary showing the marvelous growth of our Baptist people during the past three decades. The report called attention also to the unity of our denomination and emphasized our needs for better equipment, especially in the industrial sections of our state, came like an inspiration to the large congregation. Who does not feel proud of being connected with a denomination whose past, present and future development is glorious to contemplate?

The Sunday previous the officers of the church decided that instead of having the usual Christmas entertainment we would make a money contribution in such way as never to see the results in this life, giving for the orphan, for missions and for the poor. Without any canvassing or high pressure methods, but simply announcing the purpose of the church, the collection amounted to one hundred and twenty-six dollars in cash. The effect could be readily seen in the faces of the people, who showed clearly that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Immediately following this announcement, the committee appointed to report on building a pastor's home stated that

they had priced much property, made many investigations and had at last reached the conclusion that the best thing for the church to do was to purchase a beautiful near-by lot on Clinton street and build a home. This report seemingly struck the popular pulse of the church. Both the building and finance committees were appointed at once. Such unanimity is rarely seen. It was good to be there. Such is true of the church's work throughout.

With growing enthusiasm in every department of the work, with the best ladies' societies in this state, with such appreciation and consideration for their leaders, there could be nothing but the brightest future for this church.

With a feeling of gratitude for the loving way in which the magnanimous editor of the Alabama Baptist ever remembers his friends, and wishing him and all others prosperity and happiness, yours in service,

W. D. HUBBARD.

You made me say in an article on "The Uttermost Expedition" last week "consumption" when I really wrote "glorious consummation." Surely you are not blue—only seeing through a glass darkly. Well, I shall try to cheer you tomorrow by paying my part for 1910. Best wishes. Yours to serve,

E. M. STEWART.

(This is a dangerous precedent for contributors to set for the editor gets it into his mind that when a mistake is made the author will pay up, the paper may be full of errors.)

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Mary Schaefer and J. W. Schaefer, her husband, on the 18th day of September, 1906, to the Orange County Trust Company, a body corporate, to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded in volume 438, page 120, of records of deeds and mortgages in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 25th day of September, 1906; and which said mortgage for a valuable consideration has, heretofore, been transferred and assigned with all rights therein to Steiner Brothers, a corporation, the present owners thereof, now, on account of default in the payment of the semi-annual interest amounting to one hundred and sixty-five (\$165.00) dollars, and the principal of said mortgage debt amounting to fifty-five hundred (\$5,500.00) dollars as secured by said mortgage, due on the 18th day of September, 1909, the said undersigned transferee of said mortgage in strict accordance with the terms of said mortgage will, on Saturday, January 23, 1910, before the county court house door, in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots numbered eleven (11), twelve (12) and thirteen (13), in block numbered one hundred and thirty-five (135), according to the present plan of said city of Birmingham, by the Elyton Land Company, said lots together fronting one hundred (100) feet on the north-side of Avenue C (or 3rd avenue, south), and extending back along the east side of 19th street one hundred and forty (140) feet to an alley, being the property described and conveyed in the above cited mortgage.

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Breathe Hyomei and kill the catarrh germs; heal the inflamed membranes; stop the discharge of mucus and prevent crusts from forming in the nose.

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Mrs. S. E. O'Hara, wife of Rev. C. W. O'Hara, Columbiana, passed to her heavenly reward Jan. 4, 1910, after only a few days' illness. She was born May 14, 1844; united with the Baptist church at the age of 21; was married to her husband January 24, 1867. She was the mother of seven children, two girls and five boys. The oldest child, a daughter, died in infancy. The rest live and were with her until the end. She was a faithful teacher in the primary class in the old country church and later at Columbiana as long as she was able to attend. She was a loving, patient mother, a true, loyal, devoted companion and wife to one of the Lord's servants. Amidst privation and trial she was always hopeful and cheerful, and her faith in her blessed Lord never failed. Truly can be said, "She hath done what she could."

On Nov. 23, 1909, one of the oldest members of Big Hurricane church passed away. He was about 80 years old; made a bright confession and has been a consistent member of the Baptist church twenty-odd years. He leaves a devoted wife and six children with a number of grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The church has lost one of its most faithful members, the community one of its best citizens, the pastor a faithful friend. The writer has been his pastor going on seven years. His was the first church I ever served. I always found him a friend at any time of need. He has gone, but not forgotten. We have parted, but not forever. T. E. SANDERS, His Pastor.



Dr. J. W. Blosser, whose likeness appears above, is well-known throughout the country because of his remarkable success in the treatment of catarrh, deafness, bronchitis and asthma.

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