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## A GOOD MEETING.

Truly it may be said the good old-time religion prevailed at Gullett's Bluff church Sunday, when Rev. C. C. Redmond, of McWilliams, preached to a large and appreciative audience from I Cor. 6:20. He handled his subject in a masterly manner, showing he was a scholar and had studied his subject well, yet he spoke in such a simple and impressive manner that a child could understand. He has that manner of delivery full of animation that will attract his hearers, and is of that warm, genial Irish nature that carries men's souls with him. His tribute to love and showing God is love and that no one with hatred or malice in their heart for a brother could be a Christian he thoroughly demonstrated. Oh, that God would give us more men that would preach the gospel with power and simplicity. Gullett's church has a fine choir with Miss Mattie Burson as organist. After preaching the church went into conference. Brother Redmond was called to serve the church and his salary made up in eight minutes by the watch. Brother Redmond now has six churches in charge, but he has the gift to do great things for the Master.

## A BROTHER.

## ATLANTA BRANCH DISCONTINUED.

It is hereby announced that the American Baptist Publication Society closed its Atlanta branch February 1, 1910. All orders for Bibles, books, periodicals, church and Sunday school supplies, etc., hitherto sent to the Atlanta branch should now be sent directly to the parent house, 1701-1703 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., where they will be filled with utmost promptness and dispatch.

The Atlanta branch was established at the urgent request and for the better accommodation of the Baptists of the eastern division of the Southern States. It has been maintained during its entire history at large expense and loss. The Publication Society discontinues it with great regret, but feels compelled to do so to save expense and because, with present railroad and postal facilities, it believes it can render a service from headquarters which will be entirely satisfactory. It is earnestly hoped that under the new arrangements the society may not only continue to have the support of all its patrons in the Atlanta field, but that their number may be greatly increased.

A. I. ROWLAND, Sec'y.

The Troy church has voted to allow Rev. S. H. Campbell a vacation of three months to go to Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Asia Minor, Constantinople, Greece and Italy and also the Passion Play. He will leave Troy on March 1 and sail from New York March 5, to be gone three months. During his absence Rev. Frank J. Fleming, of Enterprise, Ala., will be the supply. He is a young man of promise. We wish Bro. Campbell "bon voyage."



REV. JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD, D. D.

I am not the pastor of any church now, having resigned the two churches I had last year, East Tallahassee and La Place, because I thought they ought to have younger men for their pastors. I still preach occasionally and am willing to supply for pastors who may have to be absent from their churches, if the churches are not too far away. I was 80 years old on the 23d of this month, but my health is fairly good, and I hope to be able to preach, though not as a pastor, as long as the Lord permits me to live. Yours fraternally, Josephus Shackelford.

(We pray God's blessings on this old soldier of the cross who has reached four-score years.)

## A TRIP TO A STAR

"Let us suppose a railway to have been built between the earth and the fixed star Centaurus," said the lecturer. "By a consideration of this railway's workings we can get some idea of the enormous distance that intervenes between Centaurus and us."

"Suppose that I should decide to take a trip on this new aerial line to the fixed star. I ask the ticket agent what the fare is, and he answers:

"The fare is very low, sir. It is only a cent each hundred miles."

"And what, at that rate, will the through ticket one way cost?" I ask.

"It will cost you just \$2,750,000,000," he answers.

"I pay for my ticket and board the train. We set off at a tremendous rate."

"How fast," I ask the brakeman, "are we going?"

"Sixty miles an hour," says he, "and it's a through train. There are no stoppages."

"We'll soon be there, then, won't we?" I resume.

"We'll make good time, sir," says the brakeman.

"And when will we arrive?"

"In just 48,663,000 years."

We haven't had time to verify these figures, but we believe he will get there before some of our delinquents pay up unless the train runs off the track.



## A VISIT TO THE ORPHANS' HOME.

In going from Montgomery to Mobile recently I availed myself of the opportunity to stop for a day at Evergreen to see the Orphans' Home. I was much pleased with the home and the management. The Board of Trustees are harmonious and enthusiastic in their efforts to keep the institution in first class condition and give these unfortunate children the very best training possible.

Many changes are being made in the buildings which will make them more comfortable and sanitary. A debt amounting to about ten thousand dollars has been paid in the last year. Probably for the first time the home has been free of debt. We should contribute to it liberally and regularly so that no more debts may be incurred. The finances are conducted on strictly business methods—all accounts are regularly audited every month.

One of the older girls has entered the Alabama Girls' Industrial school, and is doing good work. There are other children in the home that would be greatly helped for the battle of life if they had the opportunity to take a high school or college course of study.

Will not philanthropic individuals or aid societies help these older children in this way where they are found to be deserving?

T. W. PALMER.

## FROM BILLINGSLEY.

I want you to know that I am in sympathy with the efforts that you are putting forth to give the Baptists of Alabama a first-class paper. You deserve the hearty support of every Baptist in Alabama. What a great paper we would have if you had this. Send me some sample copies.

I want to tell how glad these noble people here at Billingsley made our hearts when we came into their midst with all sorts of good things in the pantry, and a home made ready for our use. Indeed, the lines have fallen to us in the midst of as fine and appreciative people as Alabama affords. It is a real pleasure and happiness to labor with them.

Our little boy, who was so critically sick, has recovered, thanks to Dr. D. F. Talley's skillful knowledge. We were in his private infirmary a little over seven weeks. He is a grand, noble, sweet character. God bless him. Many thanks to friends for their sympathy for us in time of trouble. I am ready to render you whatsoever service I can. Cordially yours,

J. S. WOOD.

P. S.—I have one vacant Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Howard has an interesting department in the South Texas Baptist headed "Voices and Echoes."

Rev. J. R. Stodghill's residence is 4928 Fifth avenue, N., and Bell phone 882.

We congratulate the Dadeville saints on getting Rev. A. W. Briscoe as their pastor.



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### W. M. U. MOTTO:

The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits—Daniel 11:32.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in halving and getting, and in being served by others. It consists in giving and in serving others. "He that would be great among you," said Christ, "let him serve."—Henry Drummond.

### A CALL TO PRAYER.

For over a week the secretary has been busy sending out the programs for the March Week of Prayer. It has been good indeed to keep close and continued company with such uplifting literature, and though the Mission Room looks neater, now that the table is clear of the piles of literature, we would not like the change did we not still keep close in memory the truths in those programs and if we did not prayerfully believe that they have gone into other lives to bless them, too. "I am not the rose," says an Eastern proverb, "but I have been with the rose and therefore I am sweet." May God grant that our Alabama Baptist women and girls and children May, during the week from February 27 to March 6, use faithfully these programs and thus sweeten and deepen their own lives.

One of the surest tests of a life made sweet and deep by God will be faithful effort to have other lives thus blessed. During this Week of Prayer, our interest will center upon Home Missions. The Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors will pray and give especially to the Red Men, the young women to the immigrants, and the women's societies to Home Missions generally, and in particular to the mountain schools. From the quarterly report, given elsewhere on our page, you will see that we have given so far about \$1,500 to Home Missions. Our aim for the year is \$6,500! Are we going to make up this difference of over \$5,000 during March? If we go to God in prayer about it we will! No one but He knows what you or your society should do, and only He can bring your efforts into true success. For His sake, then, let us all find out from Him what is our part of this \$5,000, and let us answer our prayers as He guides us. It may mean that some of us, who have already as individuals or as societies given what we were apportioned to Home Missions, must give again if we would listen to His pleading. It certainly means that each one of us must meet our full apportionment. To do this, we may have to put behind us the charms of new spring bonnets, but what matters it? Some one has said if we'll trust God in everything He'll not let us be unattractive, for the flowers which trust Him implicitly are each adorned by Him. Whatever it means, dear friends, let us do our part and, even in many instances, our sister's part, "for the fields are dead ripe to the harvest" of Home Missions in our own Southland.

"We all might do more than we have done,  
And not be a whit the worse;  
It never was loving that emptied the heart,  
Nor giving that emptied the purse."

### SELLING TOTALS.

Below is given the totals of our offerings to all causes from October 1, 1909, to January, 1910. This includes the work done by the auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams, as well as by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies.

Third Quarterly Report, January, 1910.	
Christmas offering	\$1,384.76
Foreign Missions	541.47
Home Missions	377.39
Mountain schools	20.50
Miss Salter	52.60
Home Mission Boxes	926.33
State Missions	284.81
Training School	41.50
Training School Student	17.00
Margaret Home	11.40
Bible Fund of Sunday School Board	7.60
Aged Ministers' Fund	97.50
Ministerial Education	6.00
Seminary	115.00
Alabama W. M. U. Expense Fund	21.56
Howard College Library Fund	51.20
Howard College	32.00
Orphanage	1,345.39
Girls' Home	3.00
Associational Missions	10.00
Grand total	\$5,348.02

### OUR MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

As is well known, the W. M. U. is planning this year to help materially the mountain schools of our Southern Baptist convention. There are four of these schools in Alabama, and to each of them we wrote asking for a letter from a representative student in each school. These letters we felt would greatly interest our readers, but they have not yet been sent us. We have the promise of one, however, and from another we have one of the catalogues, which gives essentially what is contained in the leaflet sent out with the Week of Prayer literature. From this leaflet you will see how needy the schools are, and we can but believe that you will do nobly by them. In sending in your offerings, please be very careful to designate what part is to go to the mountain schools.

### NOTICE TO SUNBEAM LEADERS.

In the March division of "Our Mission Fields" will be found two programs on the Indians which you will find helpful during March, when the special effort for Home Missions is to be made. From the Mission Room has also been sent you other leaflets which may help you, as you plan to enlist the interest of the children in the salvation of the Indians. You may care to use special mite boxes for the March offerings, and, if so, you can get any number free by merely writing for them to the Mission Room. They are miniature United States mail boxes, and like their prototype, can be used to great profit.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.—I Sam. xii. 20.

### 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.

### GOOD NEWS FROM THOMASVILLE.

One afternoon last week the members of the Baptist Ladies' Aid were most delightfully entertained by Mrs. John Gunn in a social meeting. Twenty ladies were present and two hours were pleasantly spent in work for the Master and in social converse. After devotional exercises, the work of making up our apportionment for missionary purposes, assigned to the society by the Executive Board of the Alabama W. M. U., was taken up. The members had been praying for success and for strength to make needful sacrifices, as necessary to success. Right royally they made contributions, until in a few minutes almost the entire amount was in hand. This is praiseworthy when we realize that the total was nearly \$70. Each member was happy in realizing the privilege that was hers, and also in facing fully her own personal responsibility to the command of the Savior, "Go ye into all the world." As we could not go, we were anxious to aid our representatives who have gone, both in the home land and on foreign fields. When this was finished, one dear sister called for the Doxology, and every voice was raised in glad thanksgiving. We felt that the presence of the Master was with us and blessed us. A copy of our apportionment card and check to cover it will be forwarded to the Montgomery Mission Room by our efficient secretary. Our ladies have now undertaken work in aiding the brethren to discharge the indebtedness on our beautiful church. They will succeed—they are unwilling to fail.

Eighteen ladies of our society—with more to enter—have just begun the study of the Bible, using Moring's "Training for Service" as a text-book. Their enthusiasm is beautiful. We hope later on to form a mission study class in connection with it, and hope our pastor will find time, without detriment to his many and varied duties, to be our leader.

Our society meets each Monday with an average attendance of fifteen ladies. Several new members have been enrolled and are still reaching out for more. The Y. W. A.'s, Sunbeams and R. A.'s are all at work, and we are hoping much good will result from the combined effort.

During the social hour that happy afternoon our esteemed hostess served elegant refreshments, which we heartily enjoyed. As we separated, each voice and heart was vibrant with happiness that a worthy duty was worthily done, and the memory and the blessing lingers with us yet.

MRS. I. A. WHITE.

Thomasville, Ala., Feb. 15, 1910.

### A COMPARISON.

From April, 1908, to January, 1909, the Alabama W. M. U. gave to Home Missions \$1,262.81. By April of 1909 we gave \$4,335.67.

From April, 1909, to January, 1910, we have given to Home Missions \$1,422.43. By April of 1910, we hope the total will be \$6,500.

We can reach this splendid goal only by each one doing her full part. "Let us advance upon our knees."



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Parts of the course will be sent at retail prices above. Any one not taking the CHAUTAUQUA MAGAZINE, but desiring enrollment, pays \$1 for the question blank, record keeping, and membership in the society at large.

In the Books.

"The Greek View of Life."—Chapters on "The Greek View of Religion" nature, passions, festivals, omens, death and future life; "The Greek View of the State" (city-state, state and citizen, forms of government, property and communistic ideals, etc.); "The Greek View of the Individual" (man, labor and trade, athletics, ethics, woman, etc.); "The Greek View of Art" (expression of national life, sculpture and painting, music and dance, poetry, tragedy, comedy, etc.). Conclusion: contains helpful quotations from Greek literature and comprehensive index.

The author is G. Lowes Dickinson, fellow and lecturer at Kings College, Cambridge, England, and lecturer at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He gave a course of lectures at Harvard, Columbia and other American colleges this spring on the "Ideals of Democracy." He is the son of Lowes Dickinson, the artist, and is the author of a number of well known books, including "Justice and Liberty," "From King to King," "Revolution and Reaction in Modern France," "The Development of Parliament in the Nineteenth Century," "The Meaning of God," "Religion—a Criticism and a Forecast," "A Modern Symposium," and "Letters from a Chinese Official."

The Boston Transcript says of "The Greek View of Life": "It would be hard to praise too highly the manner in which Mr. Dickinson has performed his difficult task. Altogether the book is a marvel of compactness, clearness, forceful reasoning, and charm of diction."

"The Homeric Stories"—"Iliad" and "Odyssey."—Translated into English prose by well known scholars, specialists in this field, and authors of numerous standard editions of other original volumes as well as translations and texts: Andrew Lang, Netton College, Oxford; S. H. Butcher, professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh; Walter Leaf, Trinity College, Cambridge, and Ernest Myers, Wadham College, Oxford. Introduction by Prof. G. R. Carpenter and sketch of "Homer as a Universal Poet."

In a single volume Homer's masterpieces are thus made readable in plain English for the stories' sake.

The illustrations reproduce fifteen of the celebrated outline drawings for the "Iliad" and "Odyssey" made by John Flaxman in Rome in 1787. These classical achievements at once brought him fame in England; he was elected professor of sculpture by the Royal Academy in 1810.

"Social Life at Rome."—Chapters on Topography, Lower Population, Men of Business and Their Methods, Governing Aristocracy, Marriage and the Roman Lady, Education of the Upper Classes, Slave Population, House of the Rich Man in Town and Country, Daily Life of the Well-to-Do, Holidays and Public Amusements, Religion. A picture of life and manners, of education, morals, and religion in the intensely interesting age of Cicero.

The author is William Warde Fowler, M. A., scholar of Lincoln College, Oxford, England, then fellow and sub-rector from 1881 to 1904. He is the author of a number of books on birds as well as books on the "Life of Julius Caesar, The City-State of the Greeks and Romans, and The Roman Festivals of the Republican Period."

Of "Social Life at Rome," the New York Times Review truly says: "The book is interesting and valuable, not only to the student but to the general reader. Its pages are livelier than those of many novels, and Mr. Fowler's style is so pleasantly simple that the reading is a delight. His pictures of social and economic conditions in Rome are wonderfully suggestive of modern conditions which constitute every-day problems of the American."

"The Friendly Stars."—Chapters on The Rising and the Setting of the Stars; Concerning the Brightest Stars, Capella, Arcturus, Spica, Vega, Deneb or Arided, Altair, Antares, Fomalhaut, Aldebaran, Orion's Bright Stars, The Heavenly Twins, The Two Dog Stars, Regulus, The Number of the Stars, The Distance of the Stars, Double Stars, The Constellations, The Little Bear and Polaris, The Great Bear and the Seven Stars of the Dipper, Cassiopeia, Cepheus and the Dragon, From the Hunting-dogs to the Arrow, From the Winged Horse to the Bull, The Mystery of the Pleiades, From the Twins Back to the Hunter, Constellations Wholly or in Part South of the Equator, Individuality of the Stars.

Twenty-five illustrations, including color plates showing constellations, finding charts, etc.

The author is Martha Evans Martin, a native of Indiana, educated at De Pau University; taught in public schools, and became court reporter. Was three years associate editor, with her husband, of the Richmond, Ind., Telegram, and later editor of Demorest's Magazine, New York, from 1896 to 1900. This book not only tells about the fixed stars, but shows where and how to find them so as to make companions of them.

In the Magazine.

"Woman in the Progress of Civilization."—This series in the Chautauquan Magazine takes advantage of the current interest in woman's position as shown in demands for suffrage, to present a review of her conditions from primitive society to the present day, under such titles as Maternal Society and Its Institutions, Paternal Institutions, especially in Greece; Roman Law and Early Christianity, Woman Under Feudalism and Chivalry, Women and Domestic Economy, Modern Individualism and Woman's Rights, Woman Under Machine Industry, Social Idealism and Suffrage for Women, Woman's Influence on Civilization.

There is in no language such a complete general survey of the history of woman as this series of authoritative, illustrated, timely articles will present.

The author, George Willis Cooke, has made a special study of this subject for many years. He lectured at Chautauqua in 1903. He is a native of Michigan, was educated at Olivet College, Michigan; Jefferson Institute, Wisconsin; Meadville Unitarian Theological School, Pennsylvania, entering the ministry in 1872. In 1899 he retired from the pastorate and moved to Wakefield, Mass., where he devotes himself to literature and lecturing. He has been lecturer at the Rand School of Social Science, New York. He is the author of Ralph Waldo Emerson, His Life, Writings and Philosophy; George Eliot, a

Critical Study; Poets and Problems, and many other books.

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The author is Prof. James Henry Breasted, of the University of Chicago, whose work in this field is very widely known and recognized. He was elected honorary member of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Berlin in 1907. He returned last year from an Egyptian exploring expedition, having previously explored and collected on the River Nile for the University of Chicago in 1894-5. In 1900 he was appointed on a year's mission to the museums of Europe by commission of the Royal Academies of Germany (Berlin, Leipzig, Munich, Göttingen) to copy and arrange the Egyptian inscriptions in those museums for the Egyptian Dictionary, for the compilation of which the academies were commissioned and endowed by the German Emperor. He has been professor of Egyptology and Oriental History, University of Chicago, since 1905; director Haskell Oriental Museum since 1902, associate editor American Journal of Semitic Languages and the Biblical World. Prof. Breasted is the author of numerous books, including Ancient Records of Egypt (five volumes), A History of Egypt, A Tour of Egypt, and The Battle of Kadesh.

"Historic Types of Architecture."—Nine articles reproducing typical illustrations and describing the artistic significance of historic architecture: Egyptian, Assyrian, Greek, Roman, Early Christian, Byzantine, Romanesque and Moorish.

The author is Lewis Frederick Pilcher, professor of art at Vassar College, an architect of New York city, who has written several books and many authoritative articles on art. He is a graduate of Columbia School of Mines; has been lecturer in architecture, University of Philadelphia; University Extension Society, New York Free Lecture Department, the Brooklyn Institute, and has conducted university travel parties in classic lands.

Supplementary Reading.

Besides the series outlined above, the Chautauquan comes, like a teacher, every month, with a wealth of material related to the chief topics of the course. Special popular articles. Editorials on current events. Library Shelf department of supplementary reading. Bishop Vincent's Vesper Hour. C. L. S. C. Round Table, with suggestive schedules for reading the course, outlines and programs for circles and clubs, bibliographies, review and search questions, news from readers and circles and many other helps and hints for getting the most out of home reading.

For full particulars, address Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y.

COASTING IN A WAGON.

Our three-year-old boy had a narrow escape from a fall and perhaps painful injuries. The yard where we live slopes toward the front, ending in a five-foot stone wall at the street. The little fellow got into his wagon and started rolling toward the street. He could not stop nor change his course. His sisters were on the veranda unable to help him. The vehicle moved surely and steadily toward the street till it tumbled over the wall and the little fellow must have been badly bruised, perhaps fatally hurt, but for a gentleman who chanced to be passing just then and put out his strong arms and caught the wagon with its freight. The man was gone on his way before the child knew what had taken place. It would be pleasure to the parents to know and thank the strange friend.

JOHN W. STEWART.



# On the Wing



By Mrs. T. A. Hamilton

Never was a kindler welcome accorded a stranger than that extended by the household of our sister, Mrs. Jackson, as we arrived at

## Pineapple.

People who live in our busy cities have no idea of the pains taken by those who tarry still in the good old towns of our commonwealth to "entertain strangers." They count it only as a matter of course the coming two or three miles to meet a late train and bring one back to bask in the warmth of their firesides or sit beside their boards. To learn where the old-fashioned Southern hospitality, and that of the purest type, had its birth, you must needs go out from our cities to "God's own" in the Alabama towns or country seats. In this home of Godly parents—blessed by the presence of a venerable and venerated grandmother, as well as with two bright and talented children—we rested with great delight. That was a pleasant surprise given us by the "elect lady" that presides over Dr. Ramsey's household when we found that all the members of the Missionary Society had been bidden to a "spend-the-day party" at her home. Dr. Ramsey must have known something of the feelings of a belle when she finds herself the only one among many beaux—and he enjoyed his triumphs and was at his best on that day to be "mocked with a white stone!" It is only necessary to say that the table groaned beneath its burden of good things, being fairly loaded down with everything tempting to the appetite.

It was with pleasure that we met at the church the Sunbeams, under the leadership of Mrs. Brock and Miss Annie Coleman. This band has been signally fortunate in having always had fine leaders. When we first visited Pineapple Mrs. Claude Hardy—than whom none other surpasses in Sunbeam work—led this band, and her successors have been worthy of her. The boys are to be organized into a Royal Ambassador chapter, as some of the Sunbeams have outgrown the Sunbeam ranks. They have had preparation of the best kind for enlarged work. We began to think surprises were the order of the day at Pineapple, when we were presented with a picture of the Sunbeam band, to be added to the collection we prize of our Sunbeam children.

The ladies had ordered the literature to begin the mission study class work, and we rejoiced over their progress. Miss Emmie Ramsey is their president. We regret more than we can express that Mrs. Brock will in all probability leave the work here, but she is one who will be faithful in any part of the vineyard. As we neared

## Snow Hill

we saw the superintendent of the Pine Barren Association, Mrs. E. L. Cunningham, together with one of her little sons, awaiting us. Sometimes this pilgrim fears she is "receiving all of her good things in this life," when her path lies through so many "pleasant places," notably homes as charming as those opened so freely to her. In this home circle meet the extremes of entrancing childhood and loveliest old age, and who can say which is more blessed? There was never a more interesting study than those four bright children afforded, and there was never more admirable management than the domestic economy of this household demonstrated. The Sabbath day dawned fair and bright, and in the afternoon the ladies and the children gathered in the church for a joint service. The Missionary Society is enjoying their third book in the mission study course, and are enthusiastic over the deepening interest of the members. The supporting of a native missionary in China is the outcome of the society studying "The Uplift of China." So is verified the Scripture, "By their fruit ye shall know them." The Sunbeams, under Miss Saldie Rudolph, shone brightly indeed, and "sang loud and clear," to the delight of the Sunbeam mother. They have been greatly interested in the study of the Indians, and had illustrated the subject on the blackboard in some creditable drawings of Indians and wigwams, etc. They are to be envied in having such fine leadership.

We shall ever owe a debt of gratitude to the de-

voted superintendent for making an appointment for us at

## Ackerville,

and for escorting us thitherward, together with four members of the Furman Missionary Society. At this church the Association met in the autumn and here is an earnest society of faithful women. In the neat little church, with the school near by, we met the ladies and young people. The idea of the mission study class was favorably received and a Sunbeam band was readily organized, with the following officers: Miss Emma Mayo, leader; Miss Eunice Breithaupt, assistant; Walne Wallace, president; Ruth Thigpen, vice-president; Mary Sue Price, secretary; Calvin Price, treasurer.

Again we "fared sumptuously," for we were bidden to be the guest of Mrs. L. P. Palmer, president of the society. We had been warned that these sisters spared no pains in their elaborate preparations for those they entertain, and we can bear witness to the truth of the fact. Bidding this hospitable family adieu, not forgetting the little Sunbeam that gladdens their home and their hearts, we set out to catch the train that would bear this writer to

## Camden,

but it nearly proved our undoing, this having so charming a compagne de voyage, for chatting along the way, we "took no note of time," until the warning whistle of the train caused us to urge our team to a greater speed, and by the kindly offices of conductor and friends we were safely landed, bag and baggage, on the outgoing train. Being so fortunate as to meet Judge Stanford en route, we learned that they were expecting us at his home—and sure enough the welcome awaited us there upon our arrival. How bright the home appeared with the crowd of young people, the big fires and the sweet music!

Several of the ladies called to talk over plans for enthusing the society in mission endeavor. The Aid Society has done fine work in the beautifying of the church, buying an organ and paying for carpets, etc., but there are some of these members who aspire to higher things. So they will take up mission study class work and reorganize the Sunbeam band under Mrs. Stanford's and Miss Spreulin's leadership. There is material in this fine old church that can attain anything they may reach after. May their ideals be worthy of their highest aspirations. The last sentence that fell on our ear as we turned away from that inviting threshold was the sweet voice of one of the little daughters assuring us that we should "hear soon from the Sunbeams"—and we believe we shall—bless the earnest little soul!

If there is any truth in the groundhog appearing on the 2d of February and diagnosing the situation, so as to decide to his satisfaction regarding the weather, we do not know, but we are certain he did not see his shadow on the morning of the day aforesaid, when we set out for

## Pleasant Hill.

But we do know and affirm that our young friends, Miss Bessie Catts and her brother, Douglass, did come in all the way to the station for this scribe, illustrating again the warmth of welcome that the "one within their gates" receives at the hands of these Alabama Baptists. Again, a feast of "fat things"—for the folks in these parts know nothing of the meat famine. They can eat all they wish, if Hetty Green cannot! Why? Because the fat turkeys are of their own raising, as are the juicy hams and home-cured bacon. The dear sisters have no care as to whether the visiting sister may not be "too full for utterance," after such dinners, but present her with such loving words and such childlike confidence in her ability to speak of the things they desire so earnestly to hear, that she is oftentimes abashed at her inability, perforce, to do the like justice to her theme that she has done to their fine reports! So they set snares and so she is caught by their guile!

The ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Dudley will add the mission study class to their usual mission and aid society work. The young people here—big and little—have been called heretofore "Willing

Workers," and have done good work, under their president, Miss Bessie Catts, but it has been thought wise to reorganize the little folks and call them Sunbeams, and likewise the half-grown boys and girls and form a B. Y. P. U. Out of the latter some day a Y. W. A. will be formed, as is the case at others recently visited. It has not been thought wise to organize, sometimes, because a suitable leader was not then available—looking forward, perhaps, to the home-coming of one of our Judson girls—and sometimes because there were only two or three young ladies in the church, and they had joined the ladies in their work, they were so few in number. In several instances the time did not seem ripe for organizing them, though our heart yearned to do so. In reviewing the days of the past weeks, we feel a great wave of thankfulness that so many are "studying to make themselves approved" that they "may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

## ALABAMA SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The State Executive Committee of the Alabama Sunday School Association had an important session at the state headquarters in the Bell building, at Montgomery, February 10.

General Secretary D. W. Sims submitted a report of the work. Among the indications for progress, Mr. Sims reports that at this time all except Lamar and Choctaw are Banner counties and that Elmore is a Gold Star county.

His report also showed that of the thirty-six states and provinces in the Western Hemisphere reporting adult Bible classes, only four others enrolled as many classes as Alabama during the last quarter.

The report showed that the new graded lessons were being adopted in practically all the best Sunday schools in the state.

Arrangements for the state convention at Mobile, March 23-25, were reported to be well under way, with the Sunday school workers of Mobile very enthusiastic. They are making arrangements to entertain the convention in a royal way. For the first time in the twenty-seven years' existence of the Alabama Association, Dr. F. B. Meyer, of London, England, is to attend the state convention.

The Executive Committee authorized Mr. Sims, as General Secretary of Alabama, to communicate with the general secretaries of Mississippi and Florida, inviting them to request the Sunday school workers in those states who live near Mobile to attend the state convention, this having been concurred in by the Mobile committee on entertainment.

To stimulate attendance of members of the adult Bible classes at the state convention, a banner is to be given to the class having the most men in the adult Bible class parade at Mobile, March 24, and a similar banner is to be given the class which has traveled the greatest number of miles to the convention. Mobile classes will not compete for these banners.

May 22 was adopted as World's Sunday School Sunday. On this day the World's Sunday School Convention will be in session in Washington, D. C., and Alabama, with the other states and provinces, is requesting the superintendents and pastors to lay emphasis on the Sunday school work of the state, and also on the world-wide movement, by special exercises on that date.

The secretary was authorized to press the matter of possible arrangements for a special train to the World's Sunday School Convention at Washington, D. C., May 19-24, for the Alabama delegation.

The delegates to the world's convention will be elected at the state convention at Mobile, March 23-25, on recommendation of the nominating committee. This state is entitled to forty-four delegates, but any member of a Sunday school can go and have the same privileges, except a reserved seat with permission to vote.

It was also decided that the Sunday school workers of Alabama join those of Mississippi and Louisiana in a tri-state summer school at Biloxi, Miss., August 11 to 18, inclusive.



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### JUST TEXAS—AND THE GREAT SOUTHWEST!

By Victor I. Masters.

A few months ago I prepared a tract on Home Missions which I named "Southern Problems for Southern Baptists."

In the preparation of this tract I used the most up-to-date information I could get. When we went a-hunting for facts about Texas, for instance, I told how, according to a staff correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record, the next census would probably show a population of 5,000,000 persons in Texas.

Then I went off into some words in which I sought to show how large is the significance of this unmatched population growth. I called attention to the fact that this population in 1910 represented a larger growth within the last ten years than any state in America had ever had. Now, behold, no less authority than Collier's Weekly, a periodical of national circulation, comes out with the statement, based upon the school census of Texas, which has recently been taken, that the population of Texas is 6,000,000 persons!

When that tract was prepared, a few months ago, Galveston was the fifth port in commerce in the United States. My authority was the 1909 Statesman's Year Book, and very high authority in matters of commerce.

The "Southern Problems for Southern Baptists" tracts were published and we have just found a reprint necessary. In the few brief months between the publication of the facts about Texas conditions have changed so rapidly that we find it necessary to revise the edition. We find, for instance, that, since the Statesman's Year Book sent forth its information, the port of Galveston has grown from fifth to second place in American commerce! Dr. Gambrell used to say that you could not tell a lie about Texas. If you told a lie today it would be the truth tomorrow, said Dr. Gambrell. We are beginning to see the force of this bright remark of the grand old man.

America has never seen any such population movement as this into Texas, and the corresponding movement into Oklahoma. Nay, there has never been any such movement of people in the world so far as I can get information!

What does this mean? It means many things too numerous to try to characterize here. What does it mean for us? It spells for Southern Baptists the largest single opportunity to take a great empire for Christ in America that has ever come to them or that will ever come to them. No other denomination has half the opportunity to evangelize this great influx of people that the Southern Baptists have.

There is no time in the history of a country in which it is half so easy to evangelize them as when that country is new. No conditions are crystallized, no standards have been set. The conservatism of the community is a thing yet to be born. It is masterly Christian strategy to build churches and to preach the gospel with zeal and enthusiasm and earnestness in such a country as this.

If Southern Baptists could have a vivid realization of this unmatched opportunity, I believe they would with unstinted liberality pour out of their means for the support of the Home Board that the denomination may realize to the full the greatest mission opportunity that ever came to any Christian denomination or ever will come to any Christian denomination to do mission work in America.

The great westward trek toward the Golden Gate on the Pacific shores in 1849 and the ten years following, was not one-fifteenth as large as has been this movement into Texas within ten years, nor one-twenty-fifth as much as has been the movement into Texas and Oklahoma in that period. In our literature and in the imagination of our people the movement to the Pacific slope, induced by the story of the finding of gold, has been enshrined and immortalized, while the magnitude and matchless possibilities of this far greater and more recent immigration are as yet scarcely even realized.

May some poet, some Bret Harte or Joaquin Miller, with Christ in his heart, arise to sing the song of the unmatched movement of peoples during the last twelve years out on to the great rolling plain of the Southwest. May his pen be baptized and his heart thrilled with the thought of the spiritual potentialities,

the civic significance and the patriotic opportunities that are indicated in this great last frontier movement of America and the world.

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

### PARTING MESSAGE.

The signal of distress has been given by the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Crumpton says he is alarmed unless the churches do something heroic at once. Here are the words of Dr. Willingham: "We are just now up against a tremendous proposition—work prosperous on the foreign fields, our successful but weary laborers pleading for reinforcements, men and women at home begging for appointment, by far the largest amount ever in our history to be raised by May 1, and God saying, 'Go forward!' Brother, we need your prayers and your help. I look to you and your people. Please get your laymen together and pray and talk over the situation and plan for a great effort in God's work."

It takes effort, it takes blood to win for God. Let us lay ourselves out for Christ this time.

Permit me to make the following suggestions: Please arrange at least two missionary rallies in your Association during the months of March and April, and make a personal appeal to every pastor to be present and bring as many laymen from his church or churches as possible. Then get some of your strongest pastors to prepare stirring addresses on Foreign Missions and give them to you warm from their hearts at those meetings. If you can hold them with some strong church, where an offering can follow, you might write to Dr. Willingham and see if he could not arrange to have some representative of the board come and address the meeting. Let all the facts be brought out at that rally so the pastors can go back to their churches and plead with them to do the heroic thing for missions this year.

Second, see if you cannot get every pastor in your Association to appoint a strong committee on Foreign Missions, who will see every member of their respective congregations and give them an opportunity to give to this worthy cause. If he will not do it ask him if he will not co-operate with you in appointing such a committee. Let it be a committee, not large in numbers, but large in purpose and great in enthusiasm and power.

I leave for a trip to Palestine and Egypt, Syria, Greece and Italy on March 5 to be gone for three months. During my absence I have asked Dr. J. A. French, of Eufaula, to act as vice-president for the state; won't you please co-operate with him in an effort to bring Alabama up to the largest offering ever made for Foreign Missions? Surely we will not allow an offering of \$20,000 for our Lord and perishing humanity to be lost because we failed to do our best. Oh, let us go beyond our best. Let us this time make a genuine sacrifice for our Lord.

If you need tracts kindly write to Dr. R. J. Willingham at Richmond, Va., for them.

My parting message is, please do your best. May God bless your efforts for the salvation of the heathen, is my prayer. Fraternal yours,

SAM H. CAMPBELL.

### QUESTION OF ALIMONY.

A resident of New York, whose income is \$80,000 a year, agreed in writing, in 1906, to pay half his income, not to exceed \$40,000, to his wife on her promise to apply for a divorce immediately, and she applied for it a week after the agreement was signed. She got her decree on October 27, 1906, and on December 20 of that year her former husband remarried. In January, 1907, he paid the \$40,000 agreed upon. Later, when she also remarried, he declined to pay on the ground that he only meant to make provision for her as long as she remained his wife, and that if the agreement was binding after the wife's remarriage, it was illegal, invalid and against public policy, and that the omission to provide in the agreement that the yearly payments were to end if his wife remarried, was a mutual mistake and should be corrected. He added further in his defense, that his former wife's present husband was abundantly able to support her. The referee held for the wife on every point, and the court has confirmed the referee's report.—Exchange.

### A BELATED NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

Will you kindly allow me space to wish the readers of your good paper a happy New Year, and to give you a brief account of our work for the past year? We have five stations in our North China mission, but I will only speak of the work of our Pingtu station.

The whole work has met with signal success, and has been running as though freshly oiled by the Holy Spirit. The native brethren have been taking hold of the work with a zeal such as I am sure can not be surpassed in any field. They are fast realizing that the work does not belong to the foreigners, but is the Lord's, instituted by Jesus Christ for the purpose of saving their own people from their sins. I believe when these people reach the point when they are able, and enough interested, to support the work with leaders from their own ranks and money from their own pockets the work will go forward with such progress as has yet never been seen. These fond hopes may be realized in some not far distant day, for they are getting their eyes and hearts open, and many of them are already liberal contributors.

I have built during the past year our new hospital, of which I will have more to say a little later when I send you a picture of the building, studied the language from one to three hours a day, preaching some this fall, keeping accounts and many other minor duties of which a missionary has not a few, besides being able to make the following report:

#### Patients—

New .....	4,688
Returned .....	3,670
All operations .....	278
In-patients .....	160
Total number patients.....	8,796
Total number patients for 1908.....	6,991
Increase (25 per cent).....	1,805

We have a waiting or preaching room for the men, where our native evangelist preaches to the patients, and all who come in from the street, four hours a day; and a separate room for the women, where a Bible woman does the reading and preaching. Mrs. Hearn and I often visit the patients in the wards for the purpose of reading to them and telling them the story of our great Physician. It is a glorious work. We have recently started a class in a village one mile out in the country, where we go every Sunday afternoon, she to teach the women and I the men.

The following will also be of interest to you: We now have connected with our station 7 organized churches with a total membership of 1,147, besides 25 out-stations, where services are held each Sunday; one ordained and 24 unordained native helpers; increase by baptism last year, 191; 35 Sunday schools with 1,350 scholars; 46 day schools with 625 scholars; 2 boarding schools with 234 scholars.

Do you not think this is encouraging? Will you not often think of and pray for His work in Pingtu? And will you not pray that we will be able to keep our 1910 motto, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God?" I Cor. x, 31. Yours sincerely,

T. O. HEARN.  
Pingtu, Shantung, China, Jan. 7, 1910.

### THY LORD HATH NEED OF THEE.

"Why stand ye still?" the Savior said,

In gentle tones and low,

"Thy field today is waiting thee,

Which none but thou canst sow."

Go work in thine appointed place;

For strength and grace make plea,

For God will surely hear thy prayer,

For He hath need of thee.

—Jennie Lowry.

Selma, 1910.



# BOOKS

## 100 Landscape Plans for Amateurs.

A most helpful book to assist you in making your home surroundings artistic and beautiful. It will save you expense and many disappointments. Our Landscape Department has used these plans with great success in laying out gardens, both large and small. With the plans we send "Landscape Gardening for Amateurs," a book of instructions and suggestions, beautifully illustrated. Contains principles of correct landscape gardening, styles of gardens, verandas and window boxes, public and private grounds, vines, bedding plants, hardy plants, shrubs, trees, hedges, etc., all fully illustrated and described so that you, too, can be sure of success. Plans and book mailed postpaid for 50 cents. Wagner Park Conservatories, Box 400, Sidney, O.

## The Ethics of Jesus According to Synoptic Gospels.

By James Stalker, D. D., author of "The Atonement," "Imago Christi," "Trial and Death of Jesus," etc., etc.

This great book, designed as the author's most important work, is now ready. It treats of the ethics of Jesus, what was his moral concept of life, and its relation toward himself and toward the world.

The teaching of Christ himself is more and more coming to be recognized as the part of the message of Christianity which matters supremely; and no elements of this teaching appeal more to the sympathies of the present age than those which deal with ethical subjects. In distinction from authors who, under the name of the teaching of Christ, give their own favorite ideas, with but scanty reference to the authority from which these are derived, the author of this work aims at an objective exhibition of the mind of Christ on the subjects specified, based on a careful exegesis of his words. Within the limits indicated, the reader will here find all that our Lord taught on every topic; and he will, at the same time, be furnished with the evidence wherewith to test the opinions advanced, or to carry on his own study of the subject further.

The Scotsman says: "Of all that Professor Stalker has written, the present comes nearest in style and substance to 'Imago Christi,' probably the most popular of his books, and that fact alone should be sufficient to commend it to the great majority of readers. It is based directly on the words of Jesus as these are recorded in the Synoptic Gospels. . . . Dr. Stalker depends largely on concrete illustrations, and he gives us a very vivid picture of Jesus as the great teacher of humanity in closest touch with its problems and needs, as contrasted with the philosophic theorists who haunted the leisured gardens of the masters of thought or kept their wits alive by keen hair-splitting in the more controversial atmosphere of the schools. . . . There can be no doubt as to the lucidity and charm of his presentation or the brilliant scholarship that lies behind it. The volume is full of illuminating exegetical touches, and incidentally it makes some penetrating criticisms on the views of the recognized authorities from Aristotle and Aquinas to Harnack and Wendt, not forgetting such divergent thinkers as Tolstoj and Kant, Nietzsche and Feuerbach."

Contents.—Introductory: What is Ethic? Part I, The Highest Good, The Gospel of Blessedness, The Kingdom of God, Righteousness, Missing the Highest Good, Sin. Part II, Virtue, Repentance, Faith, The Imitation of Christ, The Cross and Offenses. Part III, Duty, The Love of God, The Love of Man, The Things of Man, The Family, The State; Epilogue; Appendix.

400 pages, cloth, crown octavo. Net \$1.75. A. C. Armstrong & Sons, New York.

## The Finality of the Higher Criticism, or The Theory of Evolution and False Theology.

By W. B. Riley.

Dr. Riley is a staunch defender of the old views of the Bible and theology. The Michigan Christian Herald says:

"Dr. W. B. Riley, of the First Baptist church, Minneapolis, occupies a unique place in the north. The entire south contains no conservative more pronounced and no preacher more able, eloquent and spiritual. Having the full courage of his strong convictions, he has wrought mightily for 'the faith once delivered' through his entire career. He is the

"Yes, do you send me a book—not a bargain book bought from a haberdasher, but a beautiful book, a book to caress—peculiar, distinctive, individual; a book that hath first caught your eye and then pleased your fancy; written by an author with a tender whim, all right out of his heart. We will read it together in the gloaming, and when the gathering dusk doth blur the page, we'll sit with hearts too full for speech and think it over."—Dorothy Wordsworth to Coleridge.

founder and leader of the Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School of Minneapolis, a school accomplishing a work similar to that of the great Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Some of his chapters are: The Prominence of Skepticism in our Schools, The Prevalence of Skepticism in Our Pulpits, The Sacred Scriptures—Are they Scientific? Fosterism—or The Finality of the Higher Criticism, Skepticism—Is Satan Actually Back of It? The True Scientific Spirit in Scripture Study, What Will be the Religion of the Future? The author quotes freely and seeks to do so fairly from such writers as Driver and Kirkpatrick and R. J. Campbell, G. B. Foster and others in presenting the claims of the critics whom he is opposing. The chapters are in the form of popular addresses, abundantly punctuated with sarcasm and some telling stories. The book ought to be in the hands of every pastor and student. It will strengthen evangelical piety and stimulate evangelistic zeal.

It can be had of L. W. Camp, 1006 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, for 60 cents, paper, and \$1.00 cloth, postpaid.

## Elements of Descriptive Astronomy.

By Herbert A. Howe, A.M., Sc.D.; Professor of Astronomy in the University of Denver, and Director of the Chamberlin Observatory. With Appendices and Star Maps. 362 pages. Illustrated. \$1.25. Silver, Burdett & Co., New York.

Prof. Howe has written a lucid, unprejudiced text book. Facts are stated, and unproved theories, such as the planetesimal hypothesis and the newer explanations of the dark spots on Mars, are fairly discussed. The trained realization of the needs of the teacher is shown in the clear explanations of the optical principles of the telescope and spectroscope, and particularly in the practical exercises at the end of each chapter. But the appendices perhaps make the greatest appeal to the teacher; the carefully tabulated data, and the up-to-date list of reference books with brief reviews, pointing out their distinctive features.

A teacher and a man of science, Prof. Howe has never ceased to be a human being of many sides and sympathies. It is perhaps for this reason that in teaching mathematical details he has somehow enhanced one's sense of the wonder of the heavens; and that, without being sentimental, he has managed to ingratiate a touch of biographical charm into his simple accounts of the discoveries of great astronomers.

Adapted for the use of high school and college students who have a fair knowledge of elementary algebra and plane geometry, its accuracy and compact arrangement make the book useful to more advanced scholars. The clear star maps with the constellations plainly indicated, make it of intelligible assistance and of vital interest to the ordinary out-of-door observer.

## American Civics.

By James Clancy, member of the New York bar and edited by Hugh Hastings, former state historian of New York, and published by Democracy Printing Co., 23 Duane street, New York, at \$1: "American Civics" describes the government of New York city, the states of New York and New Jersey, of the United States and of political methods in nation and state.

"American Civics" is authoritative in every detail

and covers its field so thoroughly that it is indisputably the standard work in this class of literary endeavor.

## The Philosophy of Revelation.

If you will read this book by Herman Bavinek, Doctor of Theology, and professor in the Free University of Amsterdam, you will discover that not all European theologians range themselves on the side of the Mew theology, but that this Dutch thinker has but little sympathy with it, for he argues powerfully for a supernaturalistic view of life, saying:

"Humanity as a whole has been at all times supernaturalistic to the core. Neither in thought nor in life have men been able to satisfy themselves with the things of this world; they have always assumed a heaven above earth, and behind what is visible a higher and holier order of invisible powers and blessings. . . . In point of fact, before the eighteenth century the existence of a supernatural world, and the necessity, possibility and reality of a special revelation, had never been called into question."

Frank M. Thomas, in the Methodist Review, says: "It would be difficult to find in smaller compass more acute and trenchant criticisms of monism, pragmatism, and idealism. As a form of religion, he deems monism hardly worthy of consideration. It fails to raise us above the actual, and supplies no power stronger than the world; it brings no peace, and offers no rest on the Father-heart of God. Pragmatism is not pragmatic enough. While professing to have no dogma, and rejecting alike the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle, of Spinoza and Hegel, of Bradley and Taylor, in point of fact it aligns itself with the humanism of Socrates. Links its thinking to that of Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant, and simply replaces the philosophy of rationalism by that of empiricism. It has abandoned all hope of knowing anything that bears any absolute character—not only God, but all ideas and names."

There are so many quotable paragraphs in it that we forbear and merely urge our readers to buy the book and read for themselves. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. \$2.00 net. The book is the result of the Stone Lectures, 1908-1909, at Princeton Theological Seminary.

## Rum and Ruin.

The story of Dr. Caldwell, a thrilling romance and a powerful plea for temperance, by Edward R. Roe. The publishers send out this volume with the hope that the story will prove of some service, however humble, toward promoting the great cause in behalf of which it was written. The preface as well as the story takes high ground for the prohibition propaganda. Laird & Lee, publishers, Chicago. \$1.00.

## Happy Hours.

Happy Hours for the Boys and Girls, by Daniel Elwood Lewis, minister of the Erie Avenue Baptist church, Williamsport, Pa., is a book for parents, junior leaders, Sunday school teachers, pastors. It is dedicated to the Abraham Lincolns and Frances E. Willards of the future, etc. The suggestions, and they are many and quite worth while, can be carried out. The black board work will make its appeal to every one. The book has a number of interesting illustrations. Sunday School Times Co., Philadelphia. 50 cents net.

## A RECIPE FOR SANITY.

Are you worsted in a fight?  
Laugh it off.  
Are you cheated of your right?  
Laugh it off.  
Don't make tragedy of trifles,  
Don't shoot butterflies with rifles—  
Laugh it off.

Does your work get into kinks?  
Laugh it off.  
Are you near all sorts of brinks?  
Laugh it off.  
If it's sanity you're after,  
There's no recipe like laughter.  
Laugh it off.

—Henry E. Elliott.



**A Trunk Line.**

When Edith had the whooping cough  
We didn't dare to play  
With all the little boys and girls  
That live across the way.

So mother let me hitch my horse  
And on her trunk I sat,  
And then we raced for miles and miles—  
What do you think of that?

And when my daddy saw me ride,  
He called: "Whoa, there! I say!  
Where are you bound, my little man?  
That horse will run away!"

I called to him: "I can't look round  
For fear I'll tumble off—  
But mother says she's sure we're bound  
To catch the whooping cough!"

**A Minute Here and a Minute There.**

It is really wonderful how much can be gained by improving odds and ends of time in keen, analytical observing, thinking, reading, studying, says Orison Swett Marden. Think of the untold wealth locked up in the spare moments and long winter evenings of every life. It is possible to pick up an education in the odds and ends of time which most people throw away.

If those who have been deprived of a college education would only make up their minds to get a substitute for it, they would be amazed to see what even the evenings of a few weeks devoted conscientiously to the college studies would accomplish.

When a noted literary man was asked how he managed to accomplish so much with so little friction or apparent effort, he replied, "by organizing my time. To every hour its appointed task or duty, with no overlapping or infringements."

There is a great deal of time wasted even in the busiest lives, which, if properly organized, might be used to advantage.

**Is the Ministry Declining?**

In the decade from 1898 to 1908 in the Southern Presbyterian church there was a 12 per cent increase in the number of churches, a 24 per cent increase in membership, but only a 12 per cent increase in the number of clergymen at work. The ordinations in 1898 were 70, in 1908 but 42, a decrease of 40 per cent. In the Baptist church during the same period there was an increase of 10 per cent in the number of churches, 20 per cent in the number of members, and 14 per cent in the number of ordinations. In the Congregational church there was a 5 per cent increase in the number of ministers in that time, as against a 36 per cent increase in members. In Congregational theological seminaries in 1881 there was one senior to every 4,000 church members, or one to every 2,000 church families. In 1908 there was one senior to every 8,000 church members, or one to every 6,000 families. The Presbyterian church reports in ten years an increase of 32 per cent in membership, 30 per cent in the number of churches, with a 25 per cent increase in the number of ministers. In 1898 there were 290 ordinations, in 1908 but 182, a decrease of 42 per cent.—From "On the Decrease in the Ministry," by Cyrus Townsend Brady, in the American Review of Reviews for February.

**Abusing the Frank Privilege.**

Sixty-one mail sacks full of seeds were received from Washington at the Indianapolis postoffice recently. They were sent by a congressman addressed to his secretary at Indianapolis. The sacks contained thousands of packages of garden seeds, which the secretary will address over again to the constituents of the congressman, and they will once more go through the mails. All this is free of postage under the franking privilege which congressmen enjoy. In view of the recent remarks concerning the postal deficit and the unwarranted statement that this was to be charged to the low rate given to the publishers of newspapers and magazines, the statement of the assistant postmaster-general at Indianapolis is interesting. He said: "Such a shipment as this should be made by freight, but congressmen always use their postoffice frank, and their ship-



**Cream of the Magazines**

ments come by fast trains which are paid big prices by the government for running fast and transporting mails in a hurry." The recommendation of President Taft for a sweeping increase in the rate on second-class matter, including newspapers and magazines, was not only untimely, but inconsiderate, and in our judgment was wholly due to unfounded statements made to him by subordinates of the postal department, who spoke with authority, but without thorough knowledge of the facts.—Leslie's.

**March.**

Cometh March, with wind and rain,  
Smashing on the window pane.  
Little zephyrs here and there  
Lifting roofs high in the air.  
Blowing hats from A to Z;  
Raising thunder on the sea.  
Filling all the air with dust,  
On their mad boreal bust  
Now and then we hear the hum  
Of the bizzards frolicsome,  
As about the land they tack,  
Giving early spring a whack;  
Filling all the ways with snow,  
Setting plumbers' hearts aglow.  
Raising thunder with the car  
Of the trolleys near and far.  
Now and then a robin's peep  
Tells us somewhere life is "cheep."  
And the rose gives us the laugh  
At nine dollars and a half,  
For it knows that Easter's moon  
Will be shining very soon.  
And amid this wintry scene  
Cometh March the Seventeen.  
Marvel month this month of March,  
Filling up our souls with starch;  
Now a lion, now a lamb,  
Now a blat, and now a slam—  
How it fills the soul with cheer  
That it comes but once a year!

—Judge.

**Peary's Fight Against Arctic Ice.**

Commander Robert E. Peary's third installment of his wonderful narrative in the March issue of Hampton's Magazine deals with "The Battle with the Ice from Etah to Cape Sheridan." For the first time in all that has been written about Polar research does the average man get an idea of the tremendous difficulties of sailing a ship in the Polar seas. This battle of the Roosevelt with tumbling icebergs and grinding ice floes literally hanging over the rail ready to smash the boat to pieces reveals to the quiet reader sitting by his fireside a vivid and memorable picture of the continual peril of such work, and shows that, though Hampton's paid \$50,000 for Commander Peary's story, the commander has earned every cent of it—and more.

"It is hard for a layman to understand the character of the ice through which the Roosevelt fought her way," says Peary. "Most persons imagine that the ice of the Arctic regions has been formed by direct freezing of the sea water. But in the summer time very little of the floating ice is of that character. It is composed of huge sheets broken off from the glacial fringe of North Grand Land, broken up by contact with other floes and with the land, and driven south under the impetus of the violent flood tides. It is not unusual to see ice there between eighty and one hundred feet thick. As seven-eighths of these heavy floes are under water, one does not realize now thick they are until one sees where a huge mass, by the pressure of the pack behind it, has been driven up onto the shore, and stands there high and dry, eighty or a hundred feet above the water, like

a silver castle guarding the shore of this exaggerated and ice-clogged Rhine.

"The navigation of the narrow and ice-encumbered channels between Etah and Cape Sheridan was long considered an utter impossibility, and only four ships prior to the Roosevelt have succeeded in accomplishing it. Of these four ships one, the Polaris, was lost. Three, the Alert, the Discovery, and the Proteus, made the voyage up and back in safety; but one of those, the Proteus, was lost in an attempt to repeat the dash. The Roosevelt had on the expedition of 1905-6 made the voyage up and back, though she was badly smashed on the return.

"Of course the steam is up at all times, ready, like ourselves, for anything at a moment's notice." When the ice is not so heavy as to be utterly impenetrable, the ship under full steam moves back and forth continually, butting and charging the floes. Sometimes a charge will send the ship forward half her length, sometimes her whole length—sometimes not an inch. When, with all the steam of the boilers, we can make no headway whatever, we wait for the ice to loosen up, and economize our coal. We do not mind using the ship as a battering ram; that is what she was made for; but beyond Etah coal is precious, and every ounce of it must yield its full return of northward steaming. The coal at present in our bunkers was all that we should have until our return the following year, when the Peary Arctic Club would send a ship to meet us at Etah.

"It must be remembered that during all this time we were in the region of constant daylight, in the season of the midnight sun. Sometimes the weather was foggy, sometimes cloudy, sometimes sunny; but there was no darkness. The periods of day and night were measured only by our watches—not, during the passage of these channels, by our sleeping and waking, for we slept only in those brief intervals when there was nothing else to do. Unresting vigilance was the price we paid for our passage.

"Often on this last expedition of the Roosevelt, as on the former one, have I seen a fireman come up from the bowels of the ship, panting for a breath of air, take one look at the shelf of ice before us, mutter savagely:

"She's got to go through."

"Then he would drop again into the stoke hole, and a moment later an extra puff of black smoke would rise from the stack.

"During the worst parts of the journey, Bartlett spent most of his time in the crow's nest, the barrel lookout at the top of the main mast. I would climb up into the rigging just below the crow's nest, where I could see ahead and talk to Bartlett, backing up his opinion with my own, when necessary, to relieve him in the more dangerous places of too great a weight of responsibility.

"Clinging with Bartlett, high up in the unsteady rigging, peering far ahead for a streak of open water, studying the movement of the floes which pressed against us, I would hear him shouting to the ship below us as if she were a living thing, coaxing her, encouraging her, commanding her to hammer a way for us through the adamantine floes.

"Rip 'em, Teddy! Bite 'em in two! Go it! That's fine, my beauty! Now—again! Once more!"

"At such times the long generations of ice and ocean fighters behind this brave, indomitable, young Newfoundland captain seemed to be reviving in him the strenuous days that carried the flag of England round the world."

Sunday, Feb. 6, State Secretary D. W. Sims visited Eufaula in the interest of the interdenominational Sunday school work and made three fine addresses, two of them in the First Baptist church, doing much good. He had full houses. The First church prospers. The audiences are good and there are frequent additions, some of them highly valuable workers. Our Sunday school, with E. T. Comer as superintendent, and our B. Y. P. U. with M. M. Reeves as president, are flourishing.—J. A. French.

The Golden Age publishes a picture of Barney L. Whatley, the sterling young East Lake layman, on its front page and gives him a deserved write up.



# EDITORIAL

## ADULTERATED FOODS.

As much ingenuity is displayed in the defense of adulterated foods as in their preparation, and this is about as high a tribute as could be paid to the mental gymnastics of those who are opposing national legislation on this subject. We are told that the presence of some foreign ingredient in our food is better than to eat this food while it is bordering on a state of decomposition; also, that an adulterated food of the right shade is more appetizing than the natural food and that we should, therefore, overlook the fact that it is not altogether genuine. Strawberry-jelly, for instance, that would not know a strawberry patch from an arctic circle, is to be preferred because the coloring in the glucose is better than that of the genuine article, and we are to take a dose of embalming fluid with our beef because it might otherwise divulge an over-ripeness not altogether pleasing.

These suggestions tend to enliven a subject that is more serious perhaps than any now commanding the attention of the public and the lawmakers. When it is an admitted fact that a vast amount of the food preparations offered the public are adulterated, it offers ample food for thought—yes, and we might say, unadulterated thought. If the gross adulteration foods was the result of a demand for something much cheaper than the genuine, then there might be some excuse for the practice. But every one knows that the makers of adulterated foods ask as much as those who make pure foods, and are just as loud in proclaiming the purity of their wares. Nor would the subject be so serious in its bearing if it were true that the adulterations are harmless. This latter contention is scarcely worthy of comment.

## FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

Some Christian men are saying that God in these days is giving messages of grace, knowledge and direction to believers, just as He did to the ancient prophets and other good men, the records of which are in the Bible. It is argued that what was God's word to those in Bible times was no more so than what is now given to God's chosen servants, and to such as speak for God to the people. As God spoke to holy men in olden times, so He now speaks to believing men. And some of those who argue thus are asserting that men are inspired in these days as truly as were the writers of the Bible. But, admitting that God does give certain messages to certain men, it should be observed that God has had different purposes in revealing His thoughts to them. The writers of the Bible were specifically guided by God for the express purpose of giving to mankind a book which should be, in a pre-eminent sense, the Holy Scriptures. We may say of those writers that they were divinely inspired for their work, or we may say that they were divinely guided. They were under the direction of the Holy Spirit, so that what they wrote might be accorded to the will and purpose of God. In themselves, those men were fallible, and they would have made mistakes, as all other men do, even good men; but they were kept free from making erroneous statements, just because they were under the infallible guidance of God. It was not because those men were morally better than all other men, that the Bible is what it is, but because God, the Infallible One, used those men to serve the purpose for which He employed them. But it is quite different in respect to Christian people in these days who are guided by God. He has no such purpose in guiding them as He had in guiding the Bible writers. The distinction is vital.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL GIFTS.

So many say, "I can do so little for missions; my gift is so small that it is not worth while. No greater mistake could be made. It is worth while. Speaking of the members in the body that are more feeble the apostle says these "are necessary." The body would be maimed and incomplete without them. Each member has its place and its function. It is precisely so in the body of Christ. It is compacted by that which every joint supplieth. God is not unrighteous to overlook or to forget any sacrifice for the sake of the kingdom.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR ALABAMA.

We have received to February 19:

For Home Missions.....\$ 7,272.31  
For Foreign Missions.....\$10,966.99

We gained last week \$171.23 for Home Missions and \$589.20 for Foreign Missions. We have now only the one week of February and March and April in which to round out the figures for these two boards.

We gave last year:

For Home Missions.....\$19,353.77  
For Foreign Missions..... 26,891.11

W. B. C.

## THE BEER SHAM.

"How Beer Benefits—How It Soothes, Nourishes, Livenes the Body—Is Good for Both the Sick and the Well" are the startling headlines carried in large type by a leading Chicago paper in its advertising columns Saturday, January 1, 1910.

Following a year of strenuous activity, New Year's day, 1910, was apparently seized by the brewers of America as the particular time for a simultaneous broadside of newspaper advertising in the daily press throughout the country. Thousands of full page eulogies for their amber product found their way to the hands of the unsuspecting newspaper reading public, many of whom, following ancient custom, had no doubt temporarily climbed on the water wagon as a result of new made resolutions.

But all the rosy hued eloquence of the brewers' press bureau falls signally flat when examined in the light of current events and of the growing verdict of science in direct disapproval of all alcoholics. In fact, the bold and constant misrepresentation of the brewers' editorial writers when summarized for a period of a single year, as is done in the American Prohibition year book for 1910, is an eye opener to every unprejudiced mind.

The record which the brewers themselves have written during the past two years of their own methods of law defiance and distortion of fact in all their publicity is, when considered en masse, the most damning indictment of their trade and their wares which has yet been brought against them.

## SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

Elsewhere we publish a brief appeal under Dr. Gray's signature and a statement of the condition of our home mission receipts in Alabama.

On February 17 only \$92,706 had been received at the Atlanta office for home missions, \$2,000 less than at the same time last year. The work of the board is being prosecuted by the convention's orders on a basis of \$335,000; practically 10 per cent increase over last year.

You will not wonder that Dr. Gray is deeply concerned that the situation may be effectively called to the attention of the churches. The work was never more greatly blessed.

## MINISTERING TO THE HUNGER OF JESUS.

A missionary was invited to go into an interior place by a lone Christian, who said: "O brother, come; we are so hungry!" When the journey was all arranged for, a voice asked him, "What if they are not hungry, after all? Your journey will be in vain." But a deeper voice answered: "What if they are not hungering for the Bread of life? There is One hungering to give them that Bread. Go and minister to the hunger of the Lord Jesus!" He went, and as he encountered the dangers and trials deep and sore, the precious thought upheld him, "You are ministering to the hunger of the Lord Jesus."

## THE RED CROSS WAR ON CONSUMPTION.

This great association has undertaken to fight the most formidable enemy of mankind, one which, unfortunately, can not be met openly in battle; one which, by its insidiousness and because it is unseen and unrecognized by the naked eye, is all the more dangerous and difficult to combat, says Dr. Adolphus Knopf. There are probably at this moment 500,000 people in the United States suffering from tuberculosis in one form or another, and 1,000,000 school children who are probably destined to die of tuberculosis before they reach the age of eighteen, and yet modern medical science has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that tuberculosis is a preventable and curable disease.

Its prevention depends upon bettering the hygiene of the masses and improving their living conditions, on the early recognition of the disease, and on the suppression of all centers of infection arising from advanced cases. This is to be accomplished, not with cruel isolation or treating the unfortunate consumptive as an outcast, but by removing the consumptive poor to special hospitals, where they will be kindly treated and the utmost care exercised to improve their condition and at the same time minimize the danger of infecting others. The home of the conscientious, well-to-do consumptive, in the advanced stages, can be arranged so that there is really no danger of contagion.

The cure of the tuberculosis depends upon the early recognition of the disease and the timely treatment in well arranged sanitary homes or in special institutions, sanatoria, hospitals, or camps, and there is urgent need for such institutions in nearly every state of the Union. Of course, for the tuberculosis children we must have many open-air schools and children's sanatoria; and for the tuberculosis adult, cured or sufficiently improved to do some work, we must have agricultural or horticultural colonies or other means to give him outdoor occupation.

The whole nation will reap the benefit of a successful war against tuberculosis and this benefit will not only be sanitary and moral, but even financial, for every restored bread-winner and healthy citizen is an addition to the wealth of the nation.

## HELP FOR HOME MISSIONS.

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary.

As I start to dictate this appeal to the brethren one of the most beloved state secretaries has come into the office. He looked at the home mission figures for the state and found them slightly behind the figures for the same date last year. He expressed his disappointment, and added:

"I declare to you that if my state does not come up with its entire apportionment at the convention I shall be tempted to resign my office as secretary of state missions."

The home board is deeply grateful for the friendship and co-operation of the secretaries of our state mission boards. They are among the heaviest burden-bearers of the denomination. In a more restricted territory they are laboring faithfully and successfully in doing the same work that the home board is seeking to do in the whole of the Southern Baptist convention. They are seeking to save the lost of America.

We ask attention of the Alabama Baptist readers to the condition of home mission receipts from Alabama. Up until the 15th of February we had received from your state \$6,251.87. The apportionment of Alabama for the year is \$24,000. In order to report out of debt at the Baltimore convention it will be necessary to raise among the Alabama churches \$17,748 within slightly more than two months!

The undertaking looks large, but how easy it will be if pastors, leading laymen and elect women will be alert and faithful in calling the attention of the churches and societies to this need!

Please change address from Tuscaloosa to Gordo, as this will be our home for some time. We leave many true and loyal friends in Tuscaloosa, chief of whom has been Pastor Dawson. It has been a great joy and profit to labor with such a noble man. Best wishes to you and the Alabama Baptist.

D. Z. WOOLLEY.



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### TRIBUTE TO REV. W. G. CURRY, DD

Of Dr. Curry I write as one who knew him for many years, and knew him as one of the choicest of friends and brethren. Reared in the same community in the southern part of this state, I came to know him first in my early boyhood. He was my senior by a number of years, but from the beginning of our acquaintance we were friends. The first time I ever saw him was at the village school, at which time he was just merging into manhood and I was a lad entering on my second session at school.

Dr. Curry was of humble parentage, but he came of a stock the names of some of which were not without distinction. He was a distant relative of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, than whom Alabama never produced a greater man. Becoming a Christian in his boyhood, W. G. Curry announced his purpose at once to preach the gospel. I recall among my earliest recollections the distrustfulness which such an announcement on his part excited among certain ones with respect to his ability of ever being able to preach. At any rate, the Pineville church, into which both of us were baptized at different periods, licensed him to preach while he was still a boy, not exceeding seventeen years of age.

No one was more aware of his deficiencies than himself. Indeed, he laid more stock by his incompetency throughout life than he did his merits.

From the outset he was modest even to timidity, and this characterized him throughout life. His lack of self-confidence and of assertion was his chief drawback. He was not without strong qualities, but these were dominated by a self-distrustfulness which prevented him from taking positions in life for which he was able, and which would have served to raise any other with the requisite and wise recognition of self-ability, but because of his shrinking disposition, there was never accorded to him by others the full recognition of his deserts. He could stimulate and animate others of his younger brethren, could, by encouraging counsel, nerve them to effort, but himself he could not nerve.

I remember as a boy the sensation produced by the announcement that he was to preach for the first time. The occasion was a trying one, and he was sensitively aware of the distrustfulness of many of his hearers, but he did "screw himself up to the sticking place," and preached. His first text was, "Go unto Joseph." What the youthful preacher made of it I do not know, but for fifteen minutes, not longer, he attempted to preach, a rude, unlettered boy. It was a long time before he attempted again to occupy the pulpit, but a revelation of his deficiencies resulted in a severe application to his studies, in the prosecution of which he was aided by his brother-in-law, Deacon John B. Colley. Few were the times which he preached before he entered the army as a volunteer, joining the local company, the ~~Montevideo~~ Guards, as a private soldier. After serving, in the ranks somewhat more than a year, he became the chaplain of the Fifth Alabama regiment. On his return home some time later, on a furlough, he preached at the same old church into which he had been baptized, and was greeted by a large attendance of village and country folk, eager to hear him since his promotion to an army chaplaincy. By this time he had gained much self-confidence from his service in the army, and the delivery as well as the matter of the sermon produced a profound impression. There was now no longer any doubt that W. G. Curry could not only preach, but preach with power.

After the close of the civil war, he married Miss Annie Wiggins, and the years of his ministry were spent in the region where he was reared and best known.

It would be uninteresting to trace his life chronologically, but will not be to write of him as a man, for it is character which excites interest more than dull data in the record of the events which enter into one's life. His modesty prevented him from getting out of sight of himself and his early disadvantages. He shrank from adverse criticism as one does from the touch of a raw place. But in the outworking of his life, if this handicapped him in public promotion, it was largely atoned for by his growth of gentleness and absence of aggressiveness. With many another the failure of recognition would have been resolved into sourness and a sense of disappointment, but with Dr. Curry it beget a quietness of disposition and he lived with the idea that he received all of which he was worthy. Hence we find a man, quiet, unostentatious, unassuming, never appearing before the public excepting from necessity,

and cultivating a meek and lowly spirit. From this grew a tenderness and sympathy rarely found among men. Curry had the heart of a gentle woman.

While he prized merit in others and applauded without stint or envy the worthy promotion of younger brethren, he had an undisguised contempt for sham and pretense, and his was the nature soonest to detect these.

Differences among Christians, and the bitterness which he sometimes encountered as existing, pierced his sensitive spirit like cold steel. He could not rise into the atmosphere of indifference concerning serious breaches among Christians, and that which would not concern many another in a community, because of no personal relation to differences, deeply enlisted him and he would brood over them as though they were his own troubles.

Manly himself to the last degree, he greatly admired it in others. While timid he was the embodiment of moral courage when occasion demanded its demonstration. If duty absolutely demanded, he was always ready to respond. The combination of qualities already indicated made him one of the most effective of peacemakers. Under the impulse of duty, he was as bold as a lion. In the reconciliation of differences he possessed rare tact in approaching an aggressor and in uncovering him with fraternal frankness his fault. Few men could surpass him in that delicate function. Gentle, self-poised, sincere, pious, these qualities were displayed on occasions of the reconciliation of differences, and they rarely failed of effectualness.

Then, too, Dr. Curry was a genuinely affectionate brother. He was unskilled in the art of insincere compliment and commendation which are so often the varnish of a hidden roughness of sentiment, but he was extremely sincere. His frankness was refreshing—his spoken expressions of regard unquestionable. Nowhere did his affection shine so brightly as in his own family circle. In his home his family was as much devoted to him always as well could be. The tenderness of affection so often witnessed in his own home was sometimes touching. In this as in all things else which characterized his life he was wholly unaffected. Indeed, he was incapable of affectation. His life was a volume of sincerity. This came of his devoutness, which lent color to all that he said or did. His character was devoid of the sinister. He sincerely loved his fellow-men, and he sought to live a life of devotion to his Master. This would find frequent expression in his conversation, in private and in his career throughout. His character and life were enveloped in an atmosphere of godliness. Companionable and pious, it was refreshing to associate with him.

The last time the present writer met him was at the Southern Baptist convention, when it met at Chattanooga. He kindly sought me out of the great multitude gathered there, and for a time we communed together as friends. We each called the other by his given name, and friends were never franker the one to the other. Providence had separated us far apart for years together, and each was equally anxious to greet the other again. With the utmost abandon we would speak

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You are giving us a splendid paper, and I think we should show our appreciation by prompt renewals. Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous new year, very respectfully,  
Mrs. E. D. Avery.

The paper is very dear to me. The last issue is fine. Wish every Baptist would take, pay for and read the paper. Then your task would not be such a hard one. A happy and prosperous new year to you and yours.—  
Mrs. O. J. Burson.

I am now in my eighty-second year, but I love my Alabama Baptist and want to take it as long as I live. Please find inclosed money order for \$2 for the Baptist for one year.—  
Martha Mathews.  
(God bless this dear old saint.)

Inclosed find money order for \$2, which moves my subscription up to 1911. You are giving us a good paper and it is a shame that every Baptist in Alabama doesn't take it.—  
W. A. Howell.

(Wish you could shame some into taking it. We fear more are ashamed of us than are ashamed of themselves.)

I am so glad you are doing so well with the paper. It is a great help to me. I trust and pray that you may find a successful year in 1910. I also pray that the two little Mr. Barnetts will make as useful men, as their father in the good works. We have two little boys, one two and a half years old, the other one ten months old. Pray for us. Change my address from Woodstock to Blocton, R. 2.—  
F. E. Sanders.

I hope you will forgive me for neglecting my duty sending you some money that I should have sent long ago. I do enjoy my paper so much, so I send you a check for \$6—two years past due and cash for one more year. I will try and do better in the future.

(This dear sister made a mistake. She was only due one year. The \$6 will pay her to January, 1912. We hope others will read this and do likewise, if able.)

My time has expired for Alabama Baptist and guess I will have to ask you to stop it. We have had another freeze. All the oranges in this part of the state are frozen. I am taking the Florida Baptist Witness and will have to drop one till I can do better. My wife says I am stopping the best paper, but as I am here in Florida I feel like I have to take our denominational paper, and it's a very good paper, too. Hoping you success in 1910, I am yours very truly.

(This from a brother in Florida. While we appreciate his wife's compliment, we know she thinks so, because she is an Alabamian and yet the husband is right. If he can not take but one religious paper it is his plain duty to give the preference to his state paper.)

May this small check greet you with a happy new year, and May God bless you and your good family and the great Baptist cause in Alabama. May this be the greatest year in the history of our great Baptist state organ.—  
John Q. Aycock.

This is the 13th (said to be an unlucky number), but I inclose you check just the same and my paper will still come just the same, but I don't want to get behind again just the same. Please remember me just the same.—  
C. Y. Culberson.

(It seems Jan. 13 was our lucky day. We will wave aside superstition any day in the year to accommodate a brother who wants to pay up or ahead.)

The check maybe you had better put in bank. I don't see how you are to get along without your agents. The "personal touch" is almost a sine qua non in all sorts of business. But you know best. Come to see us.—  
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Our little church is getting along as well as could be expected under all circumstances. Bro. R. L. Durant is still our pastor and is doing everything he can for the upbuilding of the church. We hope to commence our building soon and ask all the Baptist brethren to help us all they can, as we are weak and will need all the help we can get. I see a piece from Bro. W. B. Crumpton in regard to putting the Alabama Baptist in all preachers' homes. I will agree with Bro. Crumpton if he will make it every Baptist home where it is not. Brethren, our people are not what they ought to be and why not? Because they don't know what their own people are or what they are doing. We have people in the bounds of our association who are growing up without any knowledge of Jesus Christ. Why? Because they are not taught it. You talk about missionaries. How do you expect people to be missionaries when we are not teaching them? Some one will say we have Bibles all over the country and religious books. True, we have enough to be all over our land but they are not rightly divided. There is plenty of people in our midst who have not the proper reading matter in their homes. Even they have not the Holy Word. Well some one will say they are to blame for that; they could get it if they would do it but they won't. Then we are not true missionaries if we fail to supply these homes. It is our duty to visit these homes and try to get the gospel light in them instead of the darkness which has overshadowed them. Think for one minute the homes in our own counties which have not a Christian in them. Think of homes where prayer has never been uttered, where bright boys and girls are growing up without any knowledge of God. Who is to blame for this? The Christians of Blount county to a great extent. We are not doing our duty to home work; if we were, we would see a great change in our churches. How are we to do this? How are we to get at this? By each church having a literary fund for that purpose and then employing men as home missionaries to visit these homes and put the Alabama Baptist in every church member's home and other homes also. Think one moment of the members of our churches who do not take our religious papers. It is a duty the churches owe Bro. Barnett to see that all members read the Baptist as well as other religious literature.

I would like to hear from others on this subject. Brethren, let's get busy at home and see if we can't bring about a change. Yours for the work,  
E. S. BREWER.

I am writing tonight from my new home in Camp Hill and am delighted with my new field. We have received a most cordial welcome and are charmed with the good people of both Dadeville and Camp Hill. The Jacksonville church has moved up to full time and Bro. J. W. Long, of Coxe's Creek, Ky., succeeds me there. My address is now Camp Hill, Ala., to which place please send my paper. With best wishes for you and the dear old Alabama Baptist, I am, yours fraternally, A. W. Briscoe.

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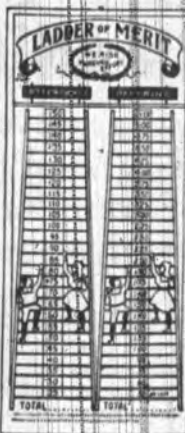
Brethren, that was not many words, but I needed just that encouragement that day. He never failed to speak a word of comfort to his weaker brethren.

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**THE DUTIES OF PASTORS TO EACH OTHER.**

That there are duties we pastors owe to each other there can be no question. I have never seen anything written upon the above named subject, but have thought a great deal about it, especially when I change pastorates. There are two points I wish to merely suggest relative to the duties pastors owe to one another.

First—The duty that the pastor owes to his successor.

It is a noticeable fact that many of us pastors, when we leave our old pastorate for a new one, leave the church roll of membership in such a conglomerated condition that our successor is put to the most tedious task of his work the first few months on his new field.

Many have died, been excluded, moved away from town, or changed their membership in some way during the former pastorate, but no note has been made of it by which the new pastor can locate all his members with any degree of ease. As a result of such conditions the new pastor loses much valuable time looking and locating a goodly portion of his membership. Of course he gets acquainted with and locates the most prominent members the first few services in his new church. But there are many in most all the larger churches who do not attend prayer meeting or Sunday school. Some attend the Sunday morning service that do not attend the Sunday night services, and on the other hand, many at the Sunday night service who are never near the church on Sunday morning.

I know every church has a clerk to keep the church roll, but he will not keep a correct list of members as the pastor needs and should keep all the while. The pastor should not only keep a special list of the church membership for himself, he should so clearly indicate the whereabouts of each of his members that any one could take his list and find any one of the members—definitely locate

them—without any trouble. I have found some church membership rolls that had only the leading members marked by their street and number. Others I have found with only the names of the membership without the name of any street and number of the house where such a member lived. Still others I have found with a very imperfect list of even the names of the members.

How a pastor can keep up with his members with such an imperfect list of members as the last named I cannot tell. Such a careless way might be put up with by a man who is acquainted with John, Jim, Jack, May and Sallie; but a man—the new pastor—who knows nobody, how is he to locate his members when he has such an imperfect guide by which to go? The old pastor not only owes this duty to his successor, but he owes it to the church, to the cause of Christ in his community. I have ever made it a rule in my pastorates, whether in the country, town or city, to keep a corrected list of members for my individual use.

For example, I remember well, while pastor of the First Baptist church in Anniston, in addition to the roll kept by the clerk, I kept a list, corrected up to the present, all the while for my individual use. When one joined the church I was particular to get name, street and number,

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Minnie Stover vs. Tolbert Stover.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court, in term time, by affidavit of J. M. Russell, agent of complainant, that the defendant, Tolbert Stover, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his residence is unknown to affiant, and further, that in the belief of said affiant the defendant, Tolbert Stover, is over the age of 21 years; it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in the city of Birmingham, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Tolbert Stover, to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 15th day of March, 1910, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 3rd day of February, 1910.

(Signed) A. A. COLEMAN, Judge Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Now, therefore, pursuant to said order, this publication is made, and the said Tolbert Stover is required to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 15th day of March, 1910, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 3rd day of February, 1910.

WALTER K. McADORY, Clerk and Register.

also whether by letter, on a profession of faith or by restoration. When one died, was excluded, dismissed by letter, I would go right to my membership list and make a note of the same. If one moved elsewhere, just opposite the name of such an one I wrote: "Moved to ———." By this means I always am able to tell in a minute's time just where any member of my church may be found. I have always made it a point to leave such a corrected list for my successor, so he could take it and find all his members on his new field without any trouble.

When my successor came on the field at Cartersville, Ga., when he was ready to visit the homes of his membership and locate his members, all he had to do was to take the list and go directly to their homes, or if one was out of town, he knew not to hunt for such an one.

If this does not find its way to the waste basket, I shall write a few lines with reference to the second point on this subject.

JOHN E. BARNARD.

February 7, 1910.

**FROM NEWTON.**

The walls of our main building are going up at last and we hope to have it finished by the time our summer school opens. Friends who have subscribed money to our work here could do no better thing than to send it along at once, as we shall need every cent of it at an early date. The attendance at the Collegiate Institute has already gone up to about the 400 mark and still others are coming. Our buildings are so inadequate that we are running over. Especially is this true since we moved away part of the old building to make room for the new buildings.

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B. F. RILEY.

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF GENEVA COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Our first fifth Sunday meeting of the Geneva Association was held with New Prospect church, Geneva county, six miles southeast of Hartford, Ala. The weather being inclement on Saturday, the attendance was not so large; however, the programme was very well carried out and much enjoyed by those present. Sunday proved an ideal day and found many more gathered together.

In the absence of Bro. J. F. Register, who was appointed to preach the special sermon on "The Spiritual Need of the Churches," Bro. Judson Brooks, pastor at Black, was elected to fill his place. He gave us a very spiritual and helpful sermon.

This church and community, noted for its generous hospitality, threw open its doors, and it was a great pleasure to be with them on this occasion.

Bro. A. T. Sims, Judson Brooks, Charley Glover, McDermond, DeShazo and the writer were among those in attendance Saturday. The pastor of New Prospect, Bro. J. W. Griffith, being unavoidably kept away on Saturday, was present Sunday and gave us a strong talk on religious literature, emphasizing that the Alabama Baptist should be in the home of every Baptist family in the state.

Bro. Griffith and his people are expecting great things for their church, now in its infancy, but with bright future prospects.

Bro. A. L. Blizzard, pastor of the Baptist church at Hartford, was greatly missed by the brethren. He was away in south Florida on account of his health.

Considering the meeting as a whole, we feel that it was a success and it was with pleasure and profit we listened to and joined in the discussion of the various subjects.

The writer was authorized to send in notice of the meeting to the Alabama Baptist, the Hartford and Geneva papers for publication.

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