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Rev. J. Warren Bates, of Nacogdoches, Tex., was recently assisted in a meeting by Rev. W. L. Walker and forty-three were added by baptism.

Among the 6,000,000 working women in this country, there are nearly a million widows and nearly 80,000 married women whose husbands have failed to provide for them. Nearly 100,000 divorced women are among the wage-earners.

In response to Bro. Crumpton's appeal the Linden Baptist Sunday school raised \$60 for state missions and will send it to Bro. Crumpton on the 24th, his birthday. Hon. A. L. Hasty, Judge of Probate, is our superintendent. We have had no pastor since October. We hope to get one soon.—J. F. Bailey.

Dear Bro. Barnett—There is a widow (Baptist) who has a complete set of Dr. John Gill's commentary on the Bible, nine volumes, published in 1818, bound in old-fashion leather, gilt lettering, is well preserved and in good condition, with a few minor exceptions. She needs the money that is in them—she nor I do not know the money value of them, but they will be sold at a bargain. Will you kindly call attention to this in the paper? Inquiries will address me for further info, Ala.

Rev. W. A. Parker has accepted a call to the pastorate of the churches at Wrightsville, Johnson county, and Jackson, Washington county. He will give two Sundays to each church and will have his residence at Wrightsville. He will enter upon his duties at once. These are two good churches, and Bro. Parker is both a strong preacher and a good pastor.—Christian Index.

As we were waiting for a train in Chattanooga recently we happened to meet our friend, Dr. H. Allen Tupper, formerly pastor of the Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, afterwards of the Seventh Baptist church, Baltimore, now pastor of the Calvary church, Brooklyn. He has been here for about ten years. The church has a membership of over 1,000. It is an institutional church, and is doing a great work. The many friends of Dr. Tupper in the South will be glad to know that he is doing so well. He is looking the picture of health.—Baptist and Reflector.

Troy, Ala., Feb. 24, 1910.

Dear Frank—I leave at once for my three months' trip to Palestine, etc., and while I am away your cousin Julia is very anxious to keep in touch with the Baptist affairs in Alabama, and is anxious to see every issue of the Alabama Baptist. Will you please change my address until further notice to 37 South Tenth street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. The Lord's blessings on you till we meet again. Affectionately, Sam H. Campbell.

(We wish him a happy trip and a safe return.)



JAMES BOARDMAN HAWTHORNE.

The death of Dr. Hawthorne at Richmond, Va., on Thursday, the 24th of February, removes from the ranks of Southern Baptists one of the great leaders whose voice and pen always fought for the right as he saw it, and while the South mourns his loss, Alabama, his native state, feels it most deeply. When his health failed at Nashville, we were doing some special work at Yale, but at his call we joined him as his assistant, for at that time we honored him very sincerely, but after nine months spent in his home in the closest intimacy, we learned to love him very dearly, for the man was greater than the preacher. May our Heavenly Father draw very nigh unto the dear wife and sons in this their hour of grief, is our prayer.

HELP US TO MAKE IT BETTER

A pastor who is both a friend of the editor and the paper writes: "I send herewith \$1.00 renewing my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I have been negligent about this matter, and beg pardon for this delay. I am with you for any forward movement looking to the making of the paper brighter, newer, more vital. I have been a subscriber to the Baptist for more than 25 years, and I am still loyal to it, and w'at it stands for. I have not always done my best, but (let me say it gently) I find it increasingly difficult to secure subscribers for the paper. In some way, it does not appeal to them. My plea has to be made on the ground of denominational loyalty. This does not strike as it used to.

"Now, perhaps I should not have said these things, but I think it wiser to say them to you than to others—which thing I have not done. If what I have intimated is of interest to you, and you care to question me further, or, if I can help you a little bit to realize the things hinted at above, and of which we dream—you may write me, and command me.

"May this be the best year that you have known. I pray God's blessings upon you and the paper. Yours fraternally,

We always appreciate helpful criticism and confess that at times we feel that our burden is greater than we can bear, and yet console ourselves by the fact that we are giving our time and money and getting no dividends save in the knowledge that we are doing our dead level best to serve our Master and His cause in Alabama. Now, if any brother can help us make "the paper brighter, newer, more vital," we will welcome his aid, and the brethren can do this with little trouble if they will send us the "news," not long labored articles or heavy sermons, but items about their work (on post cards) or some short, snappy articles into which they have put heart and thought. We appeal to our brethren to take enough interest in the paper to make it fulfill the wish of our friend.

P. S.—The most vital thing at present is to find a way to get delinquents to pay. If any one knows a way please write us without delay.

Judson College, 1910. Formal opening of president's home memorial, to Zedee Ellis-Ashcraft, February 25, 8:30 to 11 o'clock. Sorry we couldn't be there.

We wish Bro. T. W. O'Kelly would get back nearer home. He is now in his seventh year at St. Joseph, Mo., and his church has been blessed under his ministry. "Tom" is one of the saints.

One notes that the Red Book Magazine for March is increased in size to 192 pages, which permits the publishers to offer many more stories of the sort that has won for this publication its well-deserved position at the head of the list of fiction magazines.

My people have kindly granted me a leave of absence for three or four months this summer, that I may take a trip to Europe. I expect to attend the world's missionary conference at Edinburgh and then tour Europe. I have been appointed a delegate to the missionary conference by our Foreign Mission Board.—W. J. E. Cox.

Married at Trinity on the evening of February 9, by the writer, Mr. Jessie Gamble to Miss Maud A. Jolly. Mr. Gamble had a home made, ready to which he took his jolly bride that night. The bride is a daughter of our much esteemed brother, W. M. Jolly, and a lady of most excellent qualities. May the hand of our God guide them.—Rev. J. I. Stockton.

Rev. Calder T. Willingham, on account of the continued illness of his wife and his necessary absence at her bedside in Battle Creek, Mich., has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Fifth Avenue church, Rome. The church reluctantly accepted his resignation. Bro. Willingham will have the sympathies and prayers of the brotherhood in his misfortune.—Christian Index.

Every one who loves our Lord should work and pray to make it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to secure the offer of \$20,000 made on certain conditions. It simply means that every pastor and layman shall do his best, and inspire every other one possible to do his best to greatly increase contributions to foreign missions in our Southern Zion. Loyalty to the Lord and love for souls demand that we invest largely in a cause so worthy.—Arnold S. Smith.

We have received a copy of "A Working Temperance Programme," by Samuel Lane Batten. It is published at 15 cents by the American Baptist Publication Society for the Social Service Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention. Its motto is "The interest of each is the concern of all." Dr. Batten is well qualified to put out such a booklet, as all who read "His Christian State" will be ready to believe.

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W. M. U. MOTTO:

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

TELLING, NOT SELLING, TOTALS.

The proverbial silver lining to a mind clouded by a printer's mistake is especially clear this week, for one who runs may read that we meant not selling, but "Telling Totals" to be the title of the article bearing on the January quarterly report. The silver lining represents our pleasure in clearing up the mistake, for we know full well that those totals told of tireless labor, unstinted love, and abiding loyalty, none of which may be sold for any price in God's kingdom. Still they likewise tell the story that somehow, some way, some of us did not work to the limit, did not love unreservedly, and did not loyally believe God's word for it that the best investment for labor, love, and loyalty is in human souls. The consequence is that some of us did really sell our part of what the grand total should have been for pleasures which produce no telling total of real happiness.

Last quarter, some gave until it fairly hurt, we know; but, dear friends, fully one-half of our enrolled W. M. U. membership didn't experience one twinge of pain because of work for missions. For those who gave until it hurt, we covet a like blessed experience this quarter, while we also earnestly pray that the other half of us may open our minds and hearts to the needs and to our privilege in meeting our part of these needs.

Don't let any of us be overawed or discouraged, but if we are to raise the Southern W. M. U. apportionment for Alabama by May 1, we must during March and April gather together fully \$8,650. In good faith, let all of us who will, unite every morning before 8 o'clock in prayer to God that we may fully reach this, asking Him to help us individually to labor, love, and be loyal to Him in proportion as He needs us. With God all things are possible.

In our prayers and interests do not let us forget the celebration of Alabama W. M. U. day on March 5. We have faith to believe that it will give a great forward impetus to our work, and in proportion as we work for its success will the blessing of its beneficent influence come to us and those whom we love.

SOME REASONS FOR LACK OF INTEREST.

Dear presidents and other officers, do you ever ask yourselves the question, "Why is it that the members of my society do not take more interest in the work?"

Do you not sometimes feel discouraged and disappointed, when you have done your level best to arouse more enthusiasm, to find your efforts fall flat, stale, and unprofitable?

Have you ever sat down to a severe, impartial self-examination to find out the cause of the lessening interest, and, maybe, non-attendance?

Or do you look elsewhere for the reason? If you have held the same office for a number of years quite likely you have all unconsciously fallen into a rut, which has become monotonous; hence the falling away of interest and attendance.

I honestly believe the only remedy is for the societies to change officers oftener.

Every year the present officers should resign, with the distinct understanding that should the society see fit to elect another in their place no discourtesy is shown and no hard feeling will be manifested.

The welfare of the society as a body is the only paramount consideration for a true member; and it is only fair that the others should have an opportunity to try their powers awhile.

And now, the very heart of dissatisfaction lies in this fact. The majority of societies are no longer self-governed, but are usually ruled by two or three—the president, vice-president and secretary. No change should be made, however small, in any society by its officers, without the president first making a statement of the facts, and then putting the question to a vote, the majority always ruling, and not the few.

No set of officers have any right to rule beyond their one vote, and when they get together to decide and adopt any course, without consulting the society, and allowing each member to express their views, they exceed the authority vested in their office.

The officers are only the servants, or agents, of the society, pledged to carry out the will and wishes of the same.

Rest assured, dear officers, nine times out of ten, if your society is not bright and interesting, the fault lies with you.

No intelligent woman enjoys a society where there is nothing for her to do except hand in her contribution, and no opportunity given to air her own opinions.

I have written this in a spirit of love, and with a faint hope of helping some fair-minded woman to improve her methods of conducting, not ruling, her society.

A narrow-minded woman will not take advantage of any opportunity.—Contributed.

THE BREADTH OF HOME MISSIONS.

There is an element of inspiration in the mere dimensions of the Home Missionary problem. It may well tax the faith and strength of the church to face and deal with such problems as those that confront the Home Missionary Society. There is inspiration in the magnitude of such a work, because it is only the great need that makes the great opportunity; it is only the great peril that develops the great power that conserves and saves. Emerson has somewhere said that nothing is so perilous for men as that they should live secure, when they ought to be dying for their country.

It is a matter of rejoicing that this, our vast nation, which must also make itself a great nation if it is to be secure, is held face to face with great and imminent dangers that force into action the heroism and sacrifice that might otherwise disappear under the spell of materialism. Nothing could be so disastrous for the world as that it should be thoroughly at ease; should go its way and live its life undisturbed by anxieties and untroubled by care. Greatness in peoples, as in men, is bred by tremendous struggle, and by achievements which are wrung out of the agony of noble souls. It is in such experiences that life is saved from becoming mere animal existence.

Let us rejoice when God draws heavily upon us, because this is the evidence that his work is going forward on a greater scale, and demands a larger share of human co-operation. The emphatic calls

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.

for help serve to remind us that the churches cannot spend in barren and worse than useless discussions the time and strength which are needed for the very salvation of society. For the problems with which the Home Missionary Society is dealing do not relate to the church alone or merely; they are state problems of the first importance; problems which affect every interest and every citizen in the country. The work which the faithful and capable servants of the society are doing is the public work; they are charged with responsibilities to the nation, second to none. While politicians are clamorous about surface questions, about mere matters of policy, the home missionary is dealing at first hand with the most fundamental things which affect the national welfare and life.

The tariff is a small matter compared with the question of the Americanization of the hordes of foreigners who are already in control in many parts of the country. The question of the character of a civilization transcends in importance all questions of method, policy and material interest. In its dealing with these questions the Home Missionary Society is doing the work of statesmanship as well as of religion, and its servants are public men in a truer and deeper sense than the great majority of those who fill our legislative bodies or sit in the places of executive power. Such a recognition doubtless awaits the men who are now putting heart and life into the service of Home Missions.—Hamilton W. Mable.

MUCH LAND YET TO BE POSSESSED.

According to the last religious census, 61 per cent of our American population is outside the pale of the church. When it is remembered that of the other 39 per cent there is a large proportion which has ceased to have any real interest in the church, it can easily be seen that there is a great unchurched multitude which must be reached before we dare say that we have done our full duty to those who are our neighbors. A map has been published showing that if the professing Christians were separated from those who had no church affiliation they would equal the population of New England, the Middle States, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia and the Carolinas. The remainder of the population of the country would simply equal the non-Christian element of the home land. It can be seen by this comparison that there are pagans at our own doors, and our young people, while sending their offerings to the pagans of far-off lands where they cannot go themselves, have splendid opportunity for missionary service at home. In city and country, north and south, east and west, a great advance work awaits the earnest, willing Christian young man and woman. In many instances there is opportunity for heroic service at our own doors. The call is loud and urgent; who will respond to it?—Service.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.—Proverbs 3:9.

The Meat Strike.
 om Judge.
 range is the rule's reversal
 Now with the boycott grown,
 arve, and the world starves with
 you,
 Eat, and you eat alone.

Righteousness.
 om Judge.
 ttle Jack Horner sat in a corner,
 Eating his daily lunch,
 He looked at the crowd,
 As he snorted out loud,
 "I'm the only good boy in the
 bunch!"

—Charles Irvin Junkin.

If You're Waking, Call Me Early.
 If you're waking, call me early, call
 me early, Bridgett, dear,
 There's jam to make, and bread to
 bake, and the "Ladies' Aid"
 meets here;
 I hope I do not ask too much, but I
 must early rise,
 To dust and wash and make the beds,
 and bake the weekly pies.

I used to think a maid would do these
 tasks at twenty per,
 but I have learned not to expect such
 menial work of her;
 I've learned to be most grateful to
 have a maid at all,
 so if you're waking, Bridget, don't
 forget that early call.
 —L. Case Russell, in Woman's Home
 Companion for February.

The New Help.

At Cumberland, Md., the negro serv-
 ants, as a rule, go to their own homes
 at night. The cook in the family of
 the Episcopalian clergyman not only
 does this, but of late has frequently
 arrived at the rectory too late to cook
 breakfast. Hence her mistress lately
 told her that for each breakfast
 missed there should be a reduction in
 her weekly wages. Dinah passively
 assented to this, but next day the mis-
 tress heard the maid next door say to
 her:

"Pears to me you get to work
 mighty late."

"I get to work when I gets ready,"
 was the reply.

"How do you manage 'bout de
 brekfus?"

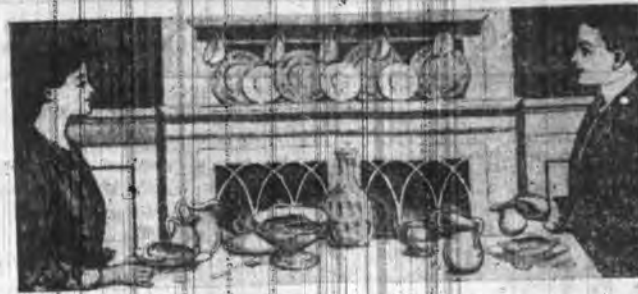
"Oh, I pays de missus to cook de
 brekfus."—Harper's Magazine.

**Eating Less and Talking More While
 You Eat.**

In the department of "The Pilgrim's
 Scrip" in the March American Maga-
 zine, the following letter is published:

"I was interested in your article
 called 'Some Dangers from High
 Prices.' It is true that simple food
 costs a lot of money today. I have
 just returned home from a family
 gathering where there were gathered
 together representatives from various
 states and cities and towns. It seems
 to me that nothing was so marked in
 the family talk as the various re-
 ports on the cost of living. Butter
 and eggs and meat and other things
 have gone up and up everywhere. The
 small town is no better off (relative-
 ly) than the city. There is no use in
 telling the city people to rush to the
 country. As the thing stands now
 there is no relief in that direction.

"Now, I am not going to suggest
 that anybody should do what I do. All
 that I intend is to give you my own
 experience and let it go at that. Here
 it is:



AROUND THE TABLE

A TABLE BLESSING.

Humbly recognizing as one of the Mysteries of Life the fact that
 we have Food and in Abundance while others worthier far than we,
 and even Little Children, Starve or go Hungry, we would learn to use
 effectively the Strength of Mind and Body obtained from this food in
 the effort to secure a Fairer Distribution of Life's Material Blessings.
 —Caroline L. Hunt.

"A number of years ago (I live in
 Chicago) my wife and I agreed to eat
 less and talk more at the table. Talk
 is less expensive than food. And cu-
 riously enough, we have found that
 by doing this we can get along, at
 least for the present. We chew what
 we eat slowly and seem to get as
 much nourishment out of a smaller
 amount of food as we used to out of
 a larger. You would like me to be
 more specific? Well, I will. Take
 the matter of eggs. At breakfast we
 have them often. The point is that
 we each have one, whereas ten years
 ago we each had two. And I give you
 my word I do not now see any differ-
 ence between eating one egg and two.

"Of course, I know that this, in a
 measure, is the teaching of Fletcher.
 I am not a "Fletcherite," however. I
 am merely an ordinary person trying
 to adjust myself to the rapidly in-
 creasing price of food. In so doing I
 am conscious of only one thing—an
 overwhelming desire to make the best
 of things as they are and to continue
 happy and contented. This does not
 mean that I do not feel that things
 are wrong. I do. If I didn't, I should
 not take the trouble to speak up in
 a discussion which I hope you will
 keep up."

**Does Love Droop and Die at the
 Breakfast Table?**

I suppose that breakfast has seen
 more soats and quarrels between hus-
 band and wife than any other meal.
 Luncheon used to be the one whereat
 she could shuffle and pout, softening
 crusts with tears (it's marvelous how
 a woman can starve herself, with
 victuals in the house, the way she will
 at noontime) and in her loneliness
 brood on her woes and half make up
 her mind she would not stand it any
 longer; she'd just pick up and leave
 him. But the department store has
 changed that for the better. When to
 the joys of shopping and seeing what
 "they are wearing now" is added the
 joy of lobster salad and ice cream,
 luncheon all by yourself on a news-
 paper spread on the kitchen tubs in-
 evitably must lose out. Merely hu-
 mans can love each other at dinner,
 when there is lots of time to get
 things ready and lots of time to eat
 it in; but if there were two angels,
 both of them short of sleep, both of
 them hungry, both of them hurried,
 I doubt me much if breakfast time
 would find them holding hands and
 asking the eternal question: "Do you
 love me?"

Love droops and dies before the
 clock face which declares: "You'll
 miss the 8:04 if you don't get a move
 on."

And anyhow, a kiss, it seems to me,
 a real, ecstatic kiss, should be disso-
 ciated from soft-boiled eggs.—From
 "The Degeneration of the Breakfast
 Table," by Eugene Wood, in Every-
 body's Magazine.

The Saucer Pie.

Once upon a time there was a sau-
 cer pie. A saucer pie is a pie that is
 baked in a saucer instead of a pan;
 and if you have never seen one, I hope
 you will before you are a hundred
 years old.

This pie was baked in a saucer
 that belonged to a little girl named
 Polly. Her grandmother had given
 her the saucer, and it was as blue as
 the sky.

When her mamma took the pie out
 of the oven and put it on the table to
 cool, she said:

"Here is a nice little, brown little pie,
 Baked in a saucer as blue as the sky."

The pie belonged to Polly as well
 as the saucer. Her mamma had
 baked it for her because it was her
 birthday, and she was very proud of
 it. "Tell me about it again," she said
 as she stood on tiptoe by the table to
 see it. Then her mamma said:

"Here is a pie that is dainty and
 sweet,
 Baked in a saucer for Polly to eat."

But Polly did not want to eat her
 saucer pie by herself. "I will have a
 party," she said; and away she went
 with dancing feet to call her neigh-
 bors in.

There was Martha and Margaret
 and little boy John, and all of them
 came to Polly's party. When they got
 there, the table was set with Polly's
 doll dishes, and in the middle of the
 table was the pie.

"A nice little pie, in a saucer blue,
 Baked in the oven for Polly and you,"
 said mamma as she cut the pie once
 across this way and once across that.
 Each child had a slice; and then, nib-
 ble, nibble—

All that was left of the saucer pie
 Was a crumb in the saucer as blue
 as the sky.

—Maude Lindsay, in Kindergarten Re-
 view.

A Group of Spring Salads.

Asparagus Salad.—For this salad
 use the asparagus tips only, after very
 carefully cooking them until tender.
 Chop hard boiled eggs and serve the
 asparagus and eggs on crisp lettuce
 leaves with French dressing. With
 the salad course, serve cheese straws.
 This is a very delicate and delicious
 salad.

Spinach Salad.—Boil spinach until
 thoroughly done, then chop and sea-
 son with butter, salt, pepper, and a
 few drops of lemon. When thorough-
 ly mixed roll into tiny balls and serve
 with crisp croutons and hard boiled eggs
 chopped. A spoonful of mayonnaise
 on each plate and you have a wonder-
 fully delightful salad. Very thin
 sandwiches of sweet rye bread and
 butter are a specially delightful ac-
 companiment to this salad.

Mexican Salad.

Peel three medium-sized Spanish
 onions, scoop out a teaspoonful of the
 center of each and put in the hollow
 a bit of butter sufficient to half fill
 it. Add a slight seasoning of pepper
 and salt, placing in a baking pan and
 putting them in the oven until they
 are brown. When cold, cut into quar-
 ters and place on a bed of watercress.
 Skin and bone six sardines, cut into
 halves and lay on the pieces of onion.
 Pour over some mayonnaise to one
 cupful of which one teaspoonful of
 curry powder has been added. Garnish
 with slices of hard boiled eggs
 and sprinkle a mixture of finely chop-
 ped parsley, tarragon and chervil.

Celery and Olive Salad.—This salad
 is made of celery cut into short
 lengths, olives halved, and a slice of
 pimento, laid on lettuce and sprinkled
 lightly with salt and paprika and then
 a tablespoonful of mayonnaise dress-
 ing placed over. Just a dash of lemon
 adds greatly to the flavor of this.

Carrot Salad.—Boil small carrots
 until tender, putting in the water a
 little salt and sugar. When tender,
 take out of the water and cool. Slice
 thin and lay about on a bed of lettuce
 leaves either shredded or whole. Over
 this lay a few short and narrow strips
 of green peppers. Use a plain French
 dressing for this salad.—The House-
 keeper.

HOW NEAR THE BRINK.

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DID GOD OR PHAROAH HARDEN PHAROAH'S HEART

Part I.

Few subjects in Biblical interpretation have given rise to greater controversies and more conflicting opinions than the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. This subject has greatly perplexed the devoutest believers, and it has given infidels of every class supposed materials for criticism of God and His holy word. If we understand the subject rightly, we shall clearly see that neither God nor His word needs apology on the part of any class of believers. This article is in no technical sense a theodicy; theodicean alleviations of this difficult narrative are not really necessary if only our interpretation be correct, if only it be truly Biblical. If professional interpreters and all readers would only look at the entire narrative concerning the hardening of Pharaoh's heart in the light of common sense, of daily experience and observation, and especially in the light of a fair interpretation, instead of through the medium of traditional conceptions and unauthoritative creeds, they would have no difficulty in discovering the truth without any intermixture of error. Such an interpretation of God's word will clearly show that God was no more responsible for the hardening of Pharaoh's heart than He is today for the hardening of the hearts of all men who shut their eyes to the light of His word, and who sear their consciences against the influence of His spirit.

It will be readily admitted that there are things hard to understand in the statements made concerning Pharaoh; there are also facts difficult of explanation in every man's resistance to the claims of God upon his mind and heart. Unfortunately, the Scripture narrative respecting the Egyptian king has been so interpreted as to cause many to stumble thereat, and others to become fierce opponents of God's way and word. But it is absolutely certain that a correct understanding of the narrative will greatly lessen the inherent difficulties of the case, and will bring God's treatment of this proud and stubborn king into line with the laws which govern men today in their rejection of truth, and in their refusal to do justly toward God and men and into line also with the natural and inevitable effect of such conduct on their hearts and wills. In speaking of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart, the Bible simply states facts and suggests processes which we are daily witnessing among men now, as in the case of Pharaoh in that ancient day and remote land. A careful study of the texts in which reference is made to the hardening of Pharaoh's heart will show that there was no other influence at work than that which proceeded from his own determination not to lose the services of the Israelites by obeying God in letting them go, as God through Moses had commanded Moses; and that there was no other control over his heart than the action of laws still operant on the hearts of men who refuse to obey God, and whose hearts become hardened by the rejection of the Holy Spirit even to this hour. We are still taught to commend men not to refuse to hear God's voice; and we are still taught that by refusing to obey they harden their hearts as truly as Pharaoh hardened his.

Prophecy of the Hardening.

When we turn to Exodus iv, 21, we learn that before Moses had returned to Egypt God had declared of Pharaoh, "I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go." At first blush these words surprise us, and suggest that God, by an act of arbitrary and sovereign power, had made it impossible for Pharaoh to obey the divine command given by Moses. It was needful that he should be strongly impressed with God's providence in all the events which were to occur; thus the result in regard to Pharaoh is stated at the outset for the encouragement of Moses. This statement was not so much causative as it was predictive. This statement of God resulted from His omniscience. He thereby knowing what would be true in regard to Pharaoh, rather than from God's omnipotence, he thereby being able to cause this result to be true. The purpose of the statement was to prepare Moses for the final result lest he should become discouraged

upon a first and second failure, and should renounce the solemn mission upon which he had been sent by God. He is prepared for Pharaoh's repeated refusals, and for the dread ultimatum which finally he will announce to Pharaoh. Moses is to understand that the heart of Pharaoh and of all kings is in the hand of the Almighty who sent him upon this mission.

It is important at this point that we should carefully observe that the Bible, in speaking of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart, employs in the Hebrew original three distinct words differing in meaning from one another, but which, unfortunately, are all in the common version of the Scriptures indiscriminately rendered "hardened." It may be permitted to explain the diversity of the import of these words. In Exodus iv, 21, the passage already quoted, we have the expression, chazzek eth libbo, "I will strengthen his heart." The Hebrew word hazak, which our version translates harden, literally signifies to strengthen, confirm, embolden, make courageous; it is translated by such words as to excite to duty, to be strong, to persevere. It is placed by Hebrew compilers at the end of some of the books in the Bible to encourage readers to proceed with their study of the sacred writings, and to render the obedience which they require. It is a part of the exhortation of God to Joshua, Joshua i, 7, rak chazak, "only be thou strong." It is also found in Joshua's dying exhortation to the people (xxiii, 6), ve-chazaktem, "be ye therefore very courageous," etc. No one would think of translating the original in these cases by the word "harden"; perhaps, indeed, the word "hardy" would not be inappropriate to the meaning of the passage before us and its context. If we carried over this meaning to God's words to Moses concerning Pharaoh in the passage under consideration, the thought would simply be, "I will make Pharaoh's heart daring, presumptuous, hardy"; the principle which acts in harmony with God's holy law, and which is rightly termed courageous, becomes presumptuous, dangerous and defiant when it is opposed to God's will as revealed in His word. Another one of the three words which is used to describe the condition of Pharaoh's heart is kabad; this means "to make heavy"; and the third word is kashah, meaning "to make hard" in the sense of difficult, intractable, immovable, stiff, or rigid. We thus see that these three original words differ considerably from one another in their primary significance. When, for the second time, God says (Exodus vii, 3), "I will harden Pharaoh's heart," the announcement was made to Moses just before the beginning of the ten plagues. Moses is thus informed that the course which God would pursue with regard to Pharaoh would harden, and not soften, his heart; would simply make him more obstinate in his refusal that Israel should not go. The result of this process on the part of Pharaoh would make it necessary that Moses should make before the Egyptians still greater exhibitions of the divine might and majesty. The purpose of this announcement to Moses, as before, was to assure him that in assuming these enormously difficult tasks God was with him, and would overrule all things for the deliverance of his people. In these statements regarding the process of petrification of the heart of Pharaoh the statement by God is again predictive rather than causative. The whole purpose, at this point, is to strengthen the faith, quiet the fears, and multiply the hopes of Moses by the assurance of God's presence in the vast undertaking commanded by God and assumed by Moses. When God is spoken of as hardening the heart of Pharaoh, the language simply implies that, without the exertion of any positive divine influence, Pharaoh should so treat God's command as inevitably, by the operation of perfectly natural laws, to confirm, to strengthen, and to harden himself in his opposition to God. Instead of being humbled by the wonderful displays of divine power, he should be, by his resistance of light and by his wilful opposition to truth, the more determined in his opposition to the mandate of Jehovah. God is said to have done this simply because He permitted it; in no other sense

can it be said that He was the author of this hardening. In some sense, as Augustine long ago suggested, God may be said to harden those whom He refuses to soften. If men will not walk in the light that God gives them, they become blind; if they will not listen to God's call, they rebel God. Nowhere does God, by an exercise of arbitrary power, make it impossible for men to see the light, to walk in the truth, and to believe the right. When men grieve God's spirit, that spirit withdraws from them, and they are thus left to the consequence of their own wilful and sinful act. In Deut. ii, 30, language is applied to Sihon, King of Heshbon, similar to that here used with reference to Pharaoh, and in both cases we have simply the statement of the result of the disobedience of these two men to the plain commands of God. In Joshua xi, 20, like terms are employed of the enemies of God. They had sinned against the light they had received, and God justly left them to the pride and obstinacy of their own wicked hearts. They chose to retain their idolatry, and God permitted them to be destroyed. Similar sad experiences are being enacted in the history of every congregation, and in the lives of thousands of men to this very hour. We have in the Bible a statement of the operation of these laws; we have all around us today the operation of these laws, and if we had its inspired history, the language of the Bible regarding Pharaoh would be repeated today regarding tens of thousands who hear and who reject the gospel of salvation. In the Bible we have a flash from the X-ray of divine truth; that truth is still operant, but we do not see its processes. Any one who will take the pains to examine the use of these Hebrew words in other parts of the Bible will see that they are employed with different shades of meaning, and he will see that there is a solemn personal danger which still warrants the solemn exhortation of the Psalmist (Ps. xcvi, 8), "Harden not your heart." This hardening is here spoken of as a voluntary act on the part of those who reject God's word, an act for which certainly God cannot be responsible, except He should deprive men of the freedom which is the inalienable right and great glory of manhood.

Pharaoh's Responsibility.

Attention frequently has been called to the fact that while in the narrative in Exodus the hardening of Pharaoh's heart is ten times ascribed, in the sense now explained, to the Lord, it is also several times ascribed to Pharaoh himself (Exodus viii, 15-32; ix, 34); it is also several times stated that his heart was hardened, without naming the author of the process. We can readily see that the fact when ascribed to God, and then to Pharaoh, is so ascribed in different senses of the word, so that there is no contradiction between the two assertions. It can be ascribed to God only in one of two senses; first, in that He permits it to occur; or, second, in the sense that He is the Designer, Creator and Supreme Governor of the entire universe, and that the acts of all His creatures may, in some sense, be carried back to Him, either as permitting or causing their occurrence. In the early day God was so constantly thought of as present and active in the government of the world and the control of men that it was natural to refer to Him as the author of all events of whatever kind. But in no respect is God the author of Pharaoh's sin; in no respect is He the author of the sins of men today. God does not interfere with the freedom with which men are endowed; if He did so interfere there could be, on the part of men, neither right nor wrong, neither virtue nor vice, neither personal sinfulness nor holiness. It is unfortunate that in our common version only the word "harden" is used to translate the three different Hebrew terms now given and explained; had their various shades of meaning been properly expressed in English many of the difficulties which have arisen would be unknown. The same three terms are used when the hardening is ascribed to God as when it is ascribed to Pharaoh, or when its author is not distinctly stated.

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THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

REV. W. G. CURRY, D. D.

On Tuesday, January 11, this "Prince in Israel" answered the summons of his King and, hand in hand with his Savior, whom he had served so long and faithfully, passed through the opal gates of death to that better home, that wider sphere, to which with rare power and tender persuasiveness he had pointed so many others during the past half century.

There is nothing more beautiful in nature than the all-glorious autumn sunset, the golden hues closing a day of mingled brightness and gloom, giving assurance of a glorious rising in the world beyond; such was the halo that surrounded this veteran of God's army. As I stood watching the ebbing away of that life which had so blessed and sweetened my own, and countless others, I could not but think of the moral grandeur of the apostle's position, when in view of his past life-work, and in prospect of its eternal issues, he said, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." How appropriate these words would have been on the lips of my friend and brother.

Together with that rare art of "growing old gracefully" he blended the beautiful trait of suffering in Christ-like patience, for he was a sufferer for years, having been forced by falling health to retire from the active ministry four years ago.

Dr. William G. Curry was born September 11, 1843, at Pineville, Monroe county, Alabama. On his fourteenth birthday he was baptized into the fellowship of the Pineville Baptist church. Two years later he moved to Columbia, La., and it was while there that he was licensed to preach by the Bethel Baptist church in 1859. Returning to Alabama in June, 1860, he entered the High School at Pineville, but that dreadful conflict was now on, and hearing the call to service for his country, he was quick to respond, and in May, 1861, volunteered as a private soldier in the Monroe Guards of the Fifth Alabama regiment, and did service throughout the entire war in the Army of Northern Virginia, his regiment being a part of Jackson's corps.

He was in all the principal battles from the first battle of Bull Run to Gettysburg, and was mercifully spared through all these engagements from the bullets of the enemy, though most of the time with the colors and in the thickest of the fight. On one occasion he was bearing the colors, and had the flag-staff shot off just above his hand, but undaunted, he seized the broken staff and carried it proudly throughout the entire engagement. And it was with this same undaunted heroism that he upheld the banner of his Lord during his after life.

In 1863 he was commissioned chaplain of his regiment, and by request of the Pineville church was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Orange Court House, Va., by a presbytery consisting of Drs. Andrew Broadus, J. William Jones and Quarles Marshall.

In June, 1865, he was married to Miss Annie M. Wiggins, who with her rare intellectuality, culture and queenliness was a constant source of inspiration and helpfulness to him. The blending of these two lives was heavenly in its beauty. She, with four stalwart sons and two daughters, survives him.

For eleven years he served the churches in Monroe and Conecuh counties, becoming in 1877 an evangelist under the State Mission Board, which work he carried on successfully for two years, returning to the pastorate at Furman, Ala., in 1879. After a pastorate of three years there he became pastor at Verbena, Ala., for one year, then moved to Livingston, Ala., where he was pastor for six years. In 1894 he accepted the pastorate of the First church, Aberdeen, Miss., serving that church for two years. In 1896 he returned to the Livingston pastorate, where for ten years he reigned in the hearts of the people.

His last pastorate was with the Central Baptist church, this city. Here, as elsewhere, he won all hearts, and was tenderly loved, not only by his own church, but by all denominations. He has left the impress of his warm, loving heart on thousands, and the world is better because he lived.

I feel that I never sustained a deeper personal loss

but once, and that was my father two years ago. May God in His own infinite tenderness console the lonely widow and sorrowing children. G. L. Y. Central Church Study.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To the Baptist Pastors and Laymen of Chambers, Lee, Russell, Tallapoosa, Macon and Coosa Counties:

March is the month set apart in our calendar for your contributions to the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund."

Worn out by long service as pastors, a number of our preachers are rendered dependent because of age and infirmity, and must look to us for support, or else spend their last years in neglect and poverty. We owe them a debt we cannot pay, but we can save them from want and suffering by making liberal contributions to this fund. All the impulses of Christian gratitude impel us to make this fund large enough to meet all the needs of these, our brethren, who will linger but a little while with us. Fraternal yours,

GEORGE W. MACON.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES.

The mid-year meeting of the Mobile Association at the First church was a success. Not much time had been given, but all the pastors, except one, were present. Some laymen were there also.

The ladies of the different churches had prepared a nice lunch for the visitors, thus enabling us to spend all the time together.

Brother John Wicker was closing a successful meeting with the First church. We had the pleasure of hearing him for an hour on Palestine.

We discussed "Our Palestine" in Mobile and Baldwin counties, not to recount the things transpiring there centuries ago, but the conditions now which are to shape the future of these counties through the centuries to come.

For the most part the reports were not very encouraging; but a better understanding was reached, and I am sure plans will be set on foot which will be followed by more effective work.

Think of Baldwin county, the largest in the State, having in it only four preachers, only one of these giving himself "wholly to these things!" The county, until now covered with pine forests, is fast filling up with settlers, mostly from the north.

Now and then a Baptist is among the newcomers, but for the most part they are of other faiths and of no faith. Probably all the isms known to white people will soon be represented in Baldwin county.

We have at Bay Minette, the county seat, a strong church, with preaching twice a month, and six or eight other churches in the country and villages—one or two newly organized.

"Another man for Baldwin" is a crying need. Oh, that the Lord would send a consecrated preacher to buy a home and locate in this beautiful country! He could have every minute of his time filled. Mobile county outside the city is, Baptistically, not in a good plight. We have some good churches, but for the most part they are poor, only a few of them being self-sustaining.

There were present at the conference Pastors Lovell, Anderson, Cox, George, Parker, Fancher, Wilkes, McRae, Brooks and Kallin. These brethren, with the laymen present, looked carefully into the situation. The executive committee will soon meet and devise plans for meeting the new conditions. The First church gave last year \$2,800 for benevolence, in spite of the burdens of the new building. Pastor Cox made a ringing speech, urging the pastors to see to it that enough State Mission money should be raised to more than meet the needs in their own bounds, besides helping all the other objects with a liberal hand. He especially commended the plan fallen upon by the First church the last two years, of taking pledges of the membership for the whole year, to be paid by the month. "NO PUBLIC COLLECTION IS NEEDED, NO RAINY SUNDAY, CAN KNOCK OUT THE COLLECTION AND YOU WILL GET MORE THAN BY THE OLD

PLAN." This is added: "If you find toward the close of the year that the subscriptions were not as liberal as they ought to have been, supplement them by one or two good collections."

I am sure the pastors in the Mobile Association are going to do more in the future by reason of the stimulus of this conference.

I ran up to Vinegar Bend that Friday of cold wind and spent the day before the big lightwood fires, shaking hands with the good people and advising with the young bishop, B. A. Sellers. The town is the site of the great lumber plant of the Turner brothers. They have a commodious church building, have preaching every Sunday and a good, strong church. They speak kindly of the young pastor and he is devoted to the field. This is in Washington county, which probably can boast of more pine trees than any county in the State.

Last fall the Washington County Association was formed with nine churches. As many more are in the county, and it is hoped they will unite. When these pine forests are removed and homes established, this will be one of the great counties of the State.

Land, Land, Land!

Everybody is talking land. The trains are crowded with land seekers. Two Wednesdays in the month the Louisville and Nashville gives "Home Seekers" excursions, and they are crowded by people from the far north. I do not know if the people from north Alabama would be given the benefit of the rate; but I know some good people in that section who could very much improve their condition if they could find good locations in south Alabama.

What Shall the Harvest Be?

These lands are filling up. I am greatly concerned about the spiritual well-being of the new people. Will the Baptists be prepared to meet them, give them the hand of glad welcome and establish among them churches, or will we lose the opportunity and allow others to do for the people that which we are expected to do?

God help us to "readjust our forces to meet the new conditions." W. B. C.

"The people who have been saying that the church has outgrown 'revivals' understand neither the Scripture nor human nature. Such arousals of conscience, sympathy, aspiration for communion with God, and longing for the salvation of others are possible anywhere."

In ordinary times, taking things on the average, a bank takes in as much money from day to day at the window of the receiving teller as it passes out at the window of the paying teller. We wish our incomings would balance our outgoings. It is merely necessary to keep on hand a certain percentage of its resources as a reserve fund to meet possible emergencies when demands for payment are much in excess of current deposits. The great bulk of the resources of the bank, meanwhile, is supposed to be placed in the hands of business people in the form of interest-bearing loans. No legitimate condition of business is ever going to compel all depositors to make a wild rush at the same time to draw their money out of all the banks.

An exchange says a dog hitched to a lawn mower stopped pulling to bark at a stranger who was passing by. The boy guiding the mower exclaimed: "Don't mind the dog, mister, he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull this machine." The Maryland Baptist adds: "It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy a reputation than to build a character. But don't do it."

An oriental story tells us of a man who was asked to lend a rope to a neighbor. His reply was that he was in need of the rope just then. "Shall you need it a long time?" asked the neighbor. "I think I shall," replied the owner, "as I am going to tie up some sand with it." "Tie up sand!" exclaimed the would-be borrower. "I do not see how you can do that!" "Oh, you can do almost anything with a rope when you do not want to lend it," was the reply.

Books

Bible Difficulties, O. T.
 Bible Difficulties and Their Allegative Interpretation, by Robert Stuart McArthur, our distinguished northern Baptist preacher, were delivered in addresses on consecutive Sunday evenings in the regular course of the author's ministry in the Calvary Baptist church, New York. This volume contains a selection rather than a collection of the difficulties in the Old Testament. While the newer scholarship (?) has disturbed the faith of some Bible students, it is evident that their strictures have given fresh impetus to Bible study. The Bible, the author well says, "was never so new and so attractive a library as it is at this hour." Dr. McArthur is a man not only eloquent in speech, but has real literary talent, and his scholarship makes this work well worth reading. E. B. Treat & Co., New York. \$1.50.

The Old Book and the Old Faith.
 The above volume by Robert Stuart McArthur, is full of interest, as he is fully able to make out a case for the Old Book and the Old Faith, which he does in this series of lectures, which, like Bible Difficulties of the Old Testament, were first given to his regular Sunday evening congregations at Calvary Baptist church, New York. He has admirably succeeded in carrying out his aim of making these lectures fervent in utterance and evangelistic in spirit. His desire was not to deal in mere denunciation of error, but rather to give a plain enunciation of truth—a method which is safe and sane. If you have been troubled by the ipse dixit of some interpreter as the certain conclusion of the highest scholarship and seek an antidote you can find it in this volume. We wish this volume could find its way into the hands of our preachers who have been bitten by the serpent's tooth of radical criticism. E. B. Treat & Co., New York. \$1.50.

Famous Women of the Old Testament.
 This volume is made up of a series of popular lectures delivered in the First Baptist church, Montgomery, by Dr. M. B. Wharton. The book is dedicated to the Baptist church, Bristol, Tenn.; the First Baptist church, Eu-faula, Ala.; the Walnut Street Baptist church, Louisville, Ky.; the First Baptist church, Augusta, Ga., and the First Baptist church, Montgomery, Ala., the five pastorates of the author, who in this way pays especially a tribute to the noble women of these congregations who ever proved his fellow helpers to the truth. As lec-



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tures they were heard by large and enthusiastic crowds and in book form have reached a large audience. The lectures are about Eve, the mother of the human family; Sarah, the mother of the faithful of all ages; Rebekah, the beautiful but deceptive wife; Rachel, the lovely wife of Jacob; Miriam, the grand, patriotic old maid; Ruth, the young widow of Moab; Deborah, the strong-minded woman; Jephthah's daughter, the consecrated maiden; Delilah, the false wife of Samson; the witch of Endor, the enchantress of the ghost of Samuel; Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Abigail, the wife of David; the queen of Sheba, Solomon's royal guest; Jezebel, the heathen queen of an Israelitish king; the woman of Shunem, the hospital matron, and Esther, the Israelitish queen of a heathen king. Heroines enough for many a tragedy and many a romance.

Famous Women of the New Testament.

The favorable reception accorded to "Famous Women of the Old Testament" caused Dr. Wharton to bring out this volume, in which we may read of Marianne, the wife of Herod the Great; Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist; Mary, the mother of the Christ-child and the mother of the God-man; Anna, the last prophetess and first missionary; Herodias, the mother of the dancing girl; Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward; the Woman of Canaan, the heroine of faith; the Woman of Samaria, the adulteress, but saved; the daughter of Jairus, dead but raised to life; Mary of Bethlehem, or woman as Christian workers; Mary Magdalene, the restored lunatic; Sapphira, the lying woman; Dorcas, the doer of good works; Lydia, the woman of business, and the elect lady, the model matron. With such themes and with such a writer, is it any wonder that this book received the encomiums of the religious and secular press of the north and the south.

The Making of a Man, or the Place of the Bible in Shaping Character.

The author of this new book is not a novice in book making. The title page mentions six before this one, some of which have been quite successful, especially his discussion of the Mormon Bible, and "Every Creature" or "Won by One," of which over 20,000 copies have been printed. In a word, the author believes the object of the Bible is to so reveal God through the person of His Son Jesus Christ as to lift those who understand and accept the truth out of the ruin and degradation that sin has wrought up into the image and character of Jesus Christ. Or, in still briefer phrase, "out of the wrecks of sin to make a man."

He adds: "And to find out just the place that the Bible occupies in accomplishing this grand end, and how it does it, and what peculiar qualities and powers are put into it by its au-

thor, the Holy Spirit, and what backing He is willing to furnish so that it may accomplish this object perfectly, and the part God expects us to take in securing these vastly important purposes—this is the interesting and unspeakably important task we have set before us in this treatise."

The Bible League Publishing Company, Trenton, N. J. \$1.00.

Lessons in Astronomy, Including Uranography.

Revised Edition. By C. A. Young, Professor of Astronomy in Princeton University. Author of "Elements of Astronomy." A brief introductory course without mathematics. List price, \$1.25; mailing price, \$1.40. Ginn & Co., Boston.

The necessity that has arisen, on account of the wide use of Young's "Lessons in Astronomy," for making an entirely new set of plates of the book has given the author opportunity for a thorough revision and for the introduction of about fifty pages of new material which includes all the latest discoveries and theories.

In this revision the old numbering of the sections has been retained, so that there will be no difficulty in using the old and new editions together if desired. Many of the old illustrations have been replaced by new ones, and several beautiful plates of astronomical objects and instruments have been inserted. Finally, the star maps of the old edition have been replaced by maps which, from an artistic point of view at least, are far more satisfactory.

The publishers have spared no pains or expense in the making of the book, and it is believed that to the extent of its scope it fairly represents the present state of astronomy.

Faith and Health.

By Charles Reynolds, author of "The Young Man's Affairs," etc. 12mo, cloth, 240 pages, \$1.00 net. Postage, 10 cents. Thomas D. Crowell & Co., New York.

Dr. Brown, who is pastor of a prominent California church, puts himself in line with progressive evangelical thought in this study of mental healing methods. He has peculiar qualifications to speak upon this subject, as he has specialized in it for a period of years. He says, in a vigorous discussion of Christian Science, "I began the study of Christian Science twenty-three years ago, in the city of Boston, and under Mrs. Eddy herself. I have in my home a diploma certifying that I am entitled to practice as a Christian Science healer." Nevertheless, he contests every claim of the cult.

With the Emmanuel movement leaders he is more in sympathy, but believes that the movement itself could be extended to churches generally only at serious risk. A minister must have very especial qualifications for this sort of thing, he contends. This profession has no more right to encroach upon that of medicine, than the latter has to arrogate spiritual duties. The broad field of co-operation

between the two forms the ideal ground of the future. The final chapter on "The Church and Disease" is especially valuable and thoughtful, outlining as it does a broad working creed which the church of the future could adopt with profit to itself and uplift to the community at large.

The Philosophy of Life.

By Charles Gilbert Davis, M. D., who believes that mind is, after all, able to control matter, that suggestion may prevent and cure disease, and that man is immortal, that mankind should be taught to think, and that while thoughts of malice, envy, hatred and despair corrode the human soul, bring disease and destroy the body, thoughts of love, kindness, health and hope, the builders of the soul, glorify the body, bringing happiness and health.

He sets forth a definite scheme of auto-suggestion for making the mind dwell on happy thoughts and drive away disease, and should attract a good deal of attention among thinking people.

Dr. Davis would cultivate germs of health by pure living and casting out the element of fear and other depressing influences.

The Aurora News says: "It is a splendid sermon on the text, 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.'" The D. D. Publishing Co., 4636 Grand Boulevard, Chicago. \$1.00.

Famous Men of the Old Testament.

By M. B. Wharton. This book contains the story of the Old Testament heroes. In it we read of Abraham, the friend of God and the father of the faithful; Jacob, the father of the Twelve Tribes; Joseph, the savior of his people; Moses, leader, lawgiver and literatus; Joshua, the father of his country; Gideon, the mighty man of valor; Jephthah, the misinterpreted judge; Eli, the pious priest, but indulgent parent; Saul, the first king of Israel; David, the great theocratic king; Solomon, the grand monarch of Israel; Elijah, the prophet of fire; Jonah, the recreant but repentant prophet; Daniel, the daring statesman and prophet; Balaam, the corrupt prophet and diviner; Absalom, the reckless and rebellious son of David; and Nehemiah, the Jewish patriot and reformer. To follow Dr. Wharton through these seventeen chapters is pleasurable and profitable.



DR. M. B. WHARTON

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

The rose is red, the violet's shy,
The plumb's busted—and so am I.

—Judge.

"Oh, what is so rare as a day in June?"
Why, poet, this needless query,
When a glance at the calendar would have shown
'Tis a day in February?

In the spring the hobo's fancy
Strongly turns to thoughts of grub;
How to get it without working,
That's the question, there's the rub!

—Judge.

Why doesn't some smart genius,
Who wants to make his stake,
Commence raising "salted peanuts"
On the shores of Great Salt Lake?

That talk is cheap we must admit,
For in the ads. they say
That one may own a phonograph
For fifteen cents per day.

Regret.

Now that you are gone, unspoken words,
A thousand unborn thoughts, come back to me;
A thousand little ways I might have smoothed
Your too rough path, sweetheart, I seem to see.

I put my head where your brown hair once lay,
Closing my eyes in vain hope and in tears;
Closing them to the sun, remembering,
The ways I might have helped in those long years!
—Gertrude Brooke Hamilton, in March Ainslee's.

The Ballad of the Comforting.

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now, why hast Thou left Thy play?"
"But to touch thy hands with my hands, mother,
Lest sometimes there come a day
When I may not close them within mine own
Though they fall as hurt doves may."

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now blind would'st Thou have me go
That mine eyes Thou hast closed with kisses twain?"
"My mother, I may not know,
But I fear a day when they look on pain
And I may not close them so."

Mary smiled on her little Son,
Close, close in her arms pressed He,
"O mother, my mother, my heart on thine
Lest sometime a day may be
When I may not comfort nor make it whole
Though it break for love of me."

Now think you that by Calvary's hill
Whereon her Son was slain,
She felt upon her eyes that touch
That veiled them unto pain,
And filled her groping hands, and bade
Her torn heart beat again?
—Teodosia Garrison, in Everybody's.

Trust the People.

I hope the time has gone by when it will be thought necessary to protect the interests of life insurance policy-holders by efforts to corrupt legislators. Publicity, discussion, fair understanding of what you have in view and what is essential to the proper conduct of this business—those are your guarantees and those are the securities of the policy-holders you represent. You are not handling your own moneys, but the savings of the people. You are not responsible for legislation and you have no duty in any way, by any method, which will not stand full and public discussion, to thwart any attack upon the interests committed to your care. You can much better trust the people, if they understand the situation, than you can trust those who are purchasable and run the risk in the future of reaping the harvest which is inevitable if there be sown in our legislative halls the seed of bribery and corruption.—Governor Hughes, of New York, in Leslie's.



Cream of the Magazines

The Pope and Mr. Fairbanks.

Alas for the good pope! He is always conscientious in his dealings, but not always lucky. He was not fortunate, as we see it, in the exercise of discretion which led him to deny an audience to Mr. Fairbanks, of Indiana, lately vice-president of these states, because the eminent Hoosier tourist had engaged to speak in the American Methodist church at Rome. Mr. Fairbanks could not give up his engagement with the Methodist brethren, and so it had to be broken to him that the holy father would be unable to grant him an audience. There are two explanations. One is general—that the pope does not receive any visitor to Rome who officiates in any church that is not Roman Catholic. The other, offered by Archbishop Ireland, is particular—that the Methodists in Rome are perniciously active proselytizers, and that the pope could not receive a visitor who seemed to give full approval to their work.

Either explanation is sufficient. What one might wish is that the good pope might have a better appreciation of the usefulness of proselyting Methodists both in Rome and everywhere else where the Roman Catholic church is strong and all-pervasive. Nothing seems to be so useful to that church as lively Protestant competition. Wherever it has it thrives; wherever it lacks it gets into trouble. The spirit of man demands an opposition, or at least a religious alternative. Heretics were driven out of France and killed out of Spain to such an extent that Protestantism is weak in those countries, and the inevitable opposition to the strong Roman Catholic organization has to line up with atheists and haters of Christianity. An infusion of active Methodists might do both of those countries, and Italy, too, enormous good, and incidentally might improve the position of the Roman Catholic church in Europe. If the pope, with propriety, could subsidize the Methodist Association in Rome, it would pay to do it.—Harper's Weekly.

Unheard-of Brutalities Practiced in "Back Rooms" of New York Police Precinct Stations.

The March American Magazine contains a very remarkable story called "The Rat," by T. S. Welton, M. D. In an introductory note the author says: "It is a known fact that in the secrecy of the back room and in the cells of the New York police precinct stations, many unheard-of brutalities are practiced. . . . The incidents and facts used in this story have been drawn from my own personal experience as an ambulance surgeon in New York." In the story a thief, known as "The Rat," who has already served two terms in prison, is discovered by a young "cop" asleep under a baker's window. The policeman wraps the soles of his feet with a club, and as the Rat jumps up threateningly, the "cop" slashes him a terrible blow across the jaw with the weighted nightstick. The Rat is taken to the station house and Dr. Adams is sent for. The story continues:

"The Rat sat huddled on a chair, his face red with blood. Some eleven guardians of the commonwealth stood about in their shirt sleeves.

"Dr. Adams opened his bag, and asked for a basin of warm water.

The Rat was dazed and little heeded the words of the worthy doctor who ordered him to keep his head on one side. So the kind-hearted disciple of Aesculapius shoved the Rat's head back, hitting it against the wall with a thud.

"A knife of pain shot through the Rat's brain; he felt a sensation of choking, and saw the flickering gaslight far away through blood-dimmed eyes. He did not reason the why; he only knew he suffered, that he wanted air, that he was hungry. So he tried to rise from the chair.

"Look out, he may have a knife hid," cried the doorman.

"Three 'cops' rushed forward, but Adams dropped his needle and silk-worm gut, and, with a yell, hit the Rat on the point of the chin.

"Put him away that time," laughed the surgeon. "Then the doctor finished his work. It is much easier to suture deep lacerations when the patient is unconscious.

"Guess I'd better make him breathe a little ammonia," said Adams. "He is still out."

"In a few minutes the Rat was able to crawl to a cell, assisted by the jailer, who dragged him by the collar. After being thrown, for no other word can describe it, into a cell, Burns, the ambitious officer, went in and dealt him an ugly blow for good measure.

"Dr. Adams was in the lieutenant's room, washing his hands, when Patrolman Schmidt put in his head, and in an expectant voice asked, 'Think he can stand the water cure, Doc?'

"Sure thing," replied Adams. "Wait for me. I want to see the show."

"Five large-sized pails of cold water were carried to the lock-up room. Then all hands assembled.

"Here's where you get the bath of your life, you rummy," one laughed.

"With great glee, pail by pail the contents went through the bars, soaking the Rat to the skin. The Rat, having fallen into a comatose state, never moved. This caused great disappointment, and cursing their luck, the officers returned to the back room, resumed their games, and Dr. Adams, bag in hand, went out into the night, jumped upon the rear seat of the ambulance, and was hurried back to the hospital.

"At 4 a. m. headquarters told Adams that the 700th precinct wanted to talk with him. In a few minutes he was again on his way to the station house.

"He's in bad shape," the doorman said. "Dr. Adams went to the cell, examined the Rat, and returned to the lieutenant at the desk.

"He's piked. Gone."

"Dead?" asked the lieutenant, with a frown.

"Cold," answered Adams, with a wave of the hand. "Say, Charley," from the lieutenant, "fix up that report. Make it a fight. Some unknown trimmed the bum. Send me Smith and O'Brien. I'll detail them to investigate. That covers us. That guy was a hard proposition all right."

WHEN THE OFFERING IS TAKEN I'LL BE THERE.

Dedicated to Dr. J. B. Gambrell by Bessie Farmer Davis.

(With Apologies to the author of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.")

At our morning service, when we've sung a hymn or two,

And have had a Scripture reading and a prayer,
And they take the morning offering—as each Sabbath day they do,

For our weekly church expenses, I'll be there.

CHORUS.

When the offering is taken,
When the offering is taken,
When the offering is taken,
When the offering is taken,
I'll be there.

When I hear a talk on missions, and most earnestly am told

Of the heathen, for whose souls we all should care,
While the choir is softly singing, "Take my silver and my gold,"

And the offering is taken, I'll be there.

If they talk on education, once again my heart they touch,

And my part in that great work I long to bear;
So I try to give them something, even if it isn't much—

When the offering is taken, I'll be there.

Oh, it is a precious privilege to be allowed to give
To our Master's work, a joy beyond compare;
So, whenever God permits me, just as long as I shall live,

When the offering is taken, I'll be there.

URGENT HOME MISSION NEEDS.

The Southern Baptists have been greatly blessed in their home mission work. For instance, last year our home board reported twice as many baptisms as any board in America has ever reported.

In former times the home board was located in Alabama and did a great work in helping to put the Baptists on their feet in this state. It is still doing some work here. Its field, however, is largely changed.

The great blessings that have attended this work would indicate that our people should rally with enthusiasm and determine to its support. Yet, in the good old state of Alabama, where this board has been highly appreciated through all the years, only \$6,000 out of our apportionment of \$24,000 had been received at the home board office up to the 15th of February.

This is about \$3,000 behind what we had raised at the same date last year. It means that if we are to report at the convention that we have raised our apportionment for the home mission work, nearly \$17,000 must be raised between now and the first of May.

The situation is distressing. Not because our churches can not raise the amount easily. Our Alabama churches could do it in a single Sunday!

It is distressing because, if in nine and a half months we have raised only a trifle more than \$5,000, it requires faith to believe that we will raise \$19,000 in two months and a half.

But with faith we will be justified, once our people have turned their attention to the work. Only eight Sundays remain. Many of the churches will only meet twice between now and the close of the conventional year. Rainy days sometimes come. It is unworthy of Alabama Baptists to let a great mission cause depend upon such an accident as the weather.

Let all the pastors, churches and societies give prayerful attention to the needs of this worthy cause.

THE CROWN OF THORNS.

During the Russo-Japanese war a well-educated, young Japanese soldier went to a missionary and showed him a piece of a thorny briar, and said: "I once saw a picture of a head crowned with thorns like this, and I can never forget it; whenever I have things to bear in the barracks the thought of this picture helps me. Can you tell me about it, and has it anything to do with your religion?"

A wise publicist has noted that the divine element in royalty persists in singularly different forms. The czar, still securely hedged in traditional divinity, according to his peasant subjects, also has in fact a power that is without check or limit in the law. Hence riot and hardship everywhere.

Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions, of 100 words, and marriage notices of 25 words inserted free; all over these amounts will cost 1 cent per word, which must accompany the notice.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

THE GOSPEL OF POWER.

Of only one gospel can it be said that it is the "power of God unto salvation," and that is the gospel of Christ's cross. It always was despised by those who were full of intellectual pride, and who glorified human reason. It is still a stumbling block to people of that class. They hate the very thought of a "blood theology," hence, all such ones are greatly in favor of what they call "modern theology."

Some months ago it was announced from Berlin that the Crown Prince, Friedrich Wilhelm, had decided to work his way through the different governmental departments of the empire, so that he might know all the machinery of administration by direct contact with it. This was cited as an evidence of his patriotism and public spirit.

Advertisement for Hollins, Ala., Feb. 25, 1910. Mr. F. W. Barnett, Editor: Dear Sir—Being as my subscription has expired, have decided to renew. After seeing your advertisement in this week's paper of the trip to the star, I wish to get there in less time than 48,662,000 years. Find enclosed P. O. order for the year 1910. Yours truly, T. A. CARMICAL.

A NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SUNDAY ON APRIL 24.

Announcement of a national tuberculosis Sunday to be held on April 24th in 215,000 churches of the United States was made recently by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Following campaigns against consumption that have been carried on in the churches of hundreds of cities, and sermons on tuberculosis that have been preached before thousands of congregations during the past year, a movement has been started to establish a permanent tuberculosis Sunday, on which it is hoped that every one of the 33,000,000 church-goers in the United States will hear the gospel of health.

It is planned that on April 24th tuberculosis sermons shall be preached in all the churches of the country. Literature will be distributed to members of the congregation, and in every way an effort will be made to teach that tuberculosis is a dangerous disease and that it can be prevented and cured.

Clergymen who desire to obtain additional information in regard to tuberculosis will be able to secure literature from state and local anti-tuberculosis associations and boards of health, as well as from the National Association.

HOW MUCH DO YOU DRINK?

Did your family spend \$91 for liquor last year? If it did not, some other family spent a great deal more.

The fact that every family in the United States spent an average of \$91 for beer, whiskey and other alcoholic drinks during last year is only one of the novel and striking facts brought out by George B. Waldron, famous statistician and economic writer, in a series of studies which appear for the first time in the American prohibition year book for 1910.

Instead of staggering the reader with bewildering columns of figures reaching into the millions and billions and indulging in abstract reckonings which professional mathematicians delight to make, Mr. Waldron has reduced the whole liquor problem to a matter of intensely concrete interest to every man, woman and child in America by nine studies in popular vein, which point the meaning of liquor's waste and ruin by illustrations and comparisons both homely and apropos.

Specially prepared photographs and diagrams accompany these studies, and one of the novel illustrations is a half tone picture of \$91 worth of groceries, snapped for the year book, which represents the exact amount of provisions and home necessities which could be purchased 16,000,000 times over for every American home with the money now spent for drink.

Concrete was used by the Babylonians and the early Egyptians; also by the Greeks and Romans. Pliny mentions that the columns which adorned the peristyle of the Egyptian Labyrinth were of this material, and they endured over thirty-six centuries. In Rome the pyramid of Ninus is formed of a single block, as also the square stone that formed the tomb of Porsena, 30 feet wide and 5 feet high. The Romans made free use of this material in constructing walls, aqueducts, piers and roads, portions of which are still in existence.

The great insurance companies, railroad companies and industrial companies are now controlled by a set of men who also control the great banks and trust companies of New York city. It is easy to see, therefore, when one stops to reflect, how anything that tends to throw distrust upon the management of one of these sets of interests must affect other sets of interests in the public mind.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF ALABAMA.

Dear Co-Workers:

I trust the following facts about the State Convention at Mobile will be interesting to you. For the first time in the history of the Alabama Association we are to have the world's president at the convention. On account of this, and because of other strong speakers, the convention now bids fair to be a record-breaker.

Speakers and Program—Among the out-of-state speakers are Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, England; Mr. Marion Lawrance, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Mr. W. N. Hartshorn and Prof. E. O. Excell. More than thirty of the best Sunday school workers in the state are to be on the program, also Capt. R. P. Hobson. The music is to be in charge of Prof. Excell. The first number on the program is for 10 a. m., March 23.

Place of Meeting—The Government Street Presbyterian church, Mobile, will be known as the convention headquarters. This commodious building with its splendid cushioned pews is ideal. On the nights of March 24 and 25 twin meetings will be held, one at the St. Francis Street Methodist church and the other at the Government Street Presbyterian.

Delegates—Every white Sunday school in the state is requested to send three delegates, and as many more as



PROF. E. O. EXCELL,
Chicago.

will come, besides ministers of the gospel and superintendents, who are delegates by virtue of their office.

Entertainment—The "white cap committee" will meet all trains and take the delegates to the convention headquarters, which is only five blocks away, and assign comfortable homes at any price from \$1 per day up.

Department Conference—On Thursday afternoon, March 24, the convention will divide up into conferences on Elementary, Teacher Training and Bible Class work.

Demonstration—A feature of the convention will be a big parade by the prominent Sunday school and adult Bible class men of the state. This

will be at 6 o'clock Thursday, March 24.

County and Sunday School Officers—A lunch and conference has been arranged at the Cawthon hotel at 12:30 o'clock, March 24, for the Sunday school officers, with Dr. F. B. Meyer, London, England; Mr. Marion Lawrance, of Chicago; Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Richmond, Va.; Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, of Boston; and Prof. E. O. Excell, of Chicago.

All ministers of the gospel and Sunday school superintendents are invited to a similar lunch at the same



MR. MARION LAWRENCE,
Chicago.

hour, with the same men, the next day, Friday, March 25.

Free Excursion—All delegates will be given a free excursion up the Mobile bay Saturday morning, March 26, on the splendid steamer *Pleasure Bay*.

Rates—The various railroads of the state have granted a rate which is practically half price. Tickets will be on sale March 22, 23 and for trains scheduled to arrive in Mobile before 2 o'clock p. m. March 24. Yours truly,

D. W. SIMS,
General Secretary.

TO THE BROTHERS OF MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION.

By reference to our last minutes you will find on page 9 the appointment of a committee on fifth Sunday meetings, consisting of Brethren J. C. Tidwell, J. A. Thomason, M. W. Gordon. I feel my brethren will pardon me for taking the liberty in making an earnest appeal to the committee, also to the entire brotherhood, that we have a meeting beginning Friday at 10 a. m., embracing May 27, 28 and 29; that we strive together in our prayers to make this a meeting of great power under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray especially that the committee may be guided by the Holy Spirit in making out the program, that the results of the meeting may be educational and spiritual.

Brethren, we need such a meeting, and beloved, is it too much to ask that each one of you do your part to make it a great meeting?

Will some church near the center of the association write the committee, inviting us to hold the meeting with them? Thus the committee would have everything in hand to get the program out so that each brother appointed to discuss a subject would have time for preparation. Yours in love,

R. T. WEAR.

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FAR BEHIND LAST YEAR.

Alabama is far behind for home and foreign missions; but we can make up what we have lost by the bad weather, if all will keep in good humor and try. But we must be active. We have only until April 30 to make good.

It will be a shame not to make an advance over last year. It will be a disgrace not to raise as much. Alabama is the first state on the list. Are you willing that we shall be read out behind what we did last year? I appeal to you as a Christian, as a Baptist, as an Alabama Baptist.

Has your church done its best? Have you done your best? Think of what our Lord suffered for us. He gave up all—even His life. If need be, can't we suffer a little for Him? The crops were poor, but His servants, appointed by the mission boards, had no crops at all. They must be fed. You are in debt; but the missionaries are among strangers and can't get credit like you can. They are yours—a part of God's great family, your brothers and sisters. Would you allow your near of kin to suffer for food and raiment? No, you would not. Remember that bestowing kindness on them, your Lord Himself takes knowledge of it as done to Himself.

We know His eye now, as of old, sees those who cast money into His treasury. God help us all to do our duty.

Fraternally,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

GOOD NEWS FROM MY HOME TOWN.

The following letter fills me with unspeakable joy. How I have agonized over the condition of the church in the town where I was born and where I was once pastor. They were pastorless for months and seemed satisfied. All my propositions were unheeded or turned down. I knew that a great meeting was what they needed. They wanted to have it in the summer. I knew they needed it now. Nobody ever heard of a meeting in the winter, but they finally asked me to get them a man to hold a meeting any time.

Bro. Farror went in on them unexpectedly in the worst sort of weather and the letter tells the balance.

This shows the truth of my contention. If the house can be made comfortable, winter is the best time to hold meetings in the south. There is something to sacrifice then. To get out of nights, away from a cozy fire, requires grit and determination and sacrifice of ease and comfort. It has its reward; if it is all done for His name's sake. God be praised for the good news from Camden!

W. B. C.

J. H. Duke, Camden:

"Our meeting closed last night. Had a real good meeting. Received five members in the Baptist and two in the Presbyterian church. Raised last night over \$1,300 for pastorium; think we can get \$300 or \$400 more. We paid Bro. Farror for his services.

"The church is in better condition than I have ever known it. A building committee has been appointed and will begin work in a few days. Everything is working in harmony. Camden church ought not to ever forget you for sending Bro. Farror here. The Lord has blessed his work here. We want him to come and preach for us."

A GOOD MEETING.

Rev. W. J. Ray, humorist and evangelist, held a meeting for us at Co-leonor last week. He did some of his best work, preaching day and night all the week, and, by the way, he is the most unique character of modern times. He can skin a fellow alive and leave him laughing about what a nice job he did. Sunday night at the close of the meeting we organized a Baptist church with eight members. We hope to be heard from again in a more impressive way. There is nothing so immense, folks, as actually doing something. Hope this will be the telling of the beginning only and the result of Bro. Ray's faithful, earnest and helpful preaching in this little camp will tell out in after days.

C. R. MILLER.

AN OBITUARY.

On the morning of Feb. 18, 1910, at 2:30 o'clock, the messenger of death came and took from our midst the beautiful life of Mrs. E. A. Winfield.

Sister Winfield was in the prime of life, twenty-six years old at the time of her death, and had been married two years and one month. Nine days ago pneumonia seized her, but so severe was the attack from the beginning that she was unable to stand the ordeal.

Sister Winfield was a noble Christian character, and was on a mission of love, tending the sick, when the disease which caused her death laid its grasp upon her.

She was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist church, seven miles from Inverness, Ala. Her place is now vacant. One by one God is taking His jewels on earth to adorn His mansion above. This one will be missed. Though dead, her exemplary life will live on and be a source of comfort to many.

Those of her family who are left to mourn her loss are her husband, parents, five sisters and two brothers.

T. M. WEST.

Home and state missions are demanding the prayerful attention of every one in our ranks. Shall we be deaf to the calls of God and home and country? The great white fields beyond require that we fortify and build up at home. The interlacing of our population from varied sources strongly emphasizes the oneness of missions and the necessity for evangelizing the world. We do all too little for our Master's cause across the seas, and woe betide us if we neglect Judea and Samaria.

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It was this: A box of some 250 pounds' weight, consisting of flour, meal, meat, lard, sugar, coffee, a variety of canned goods and many other things too numerous to mention; but every article one of usefulness and substantial value showing that the senders exercised judicious care in the selection of the articles sent. These good things came from "The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society" of Pratt City.

We implore God's richest blessings upon every one who in any way contributed to this "liberality," and most of all do we pray that those noble and consecrated women who labor so earnestly and who never become weary grow more and more like our blessed Master; that their power and influence may gladden the heart of many and be felt unto the "utmost parts of the world."

We can not even faintly express our gratitude; but do say God bless, prosper and guide those noble women.

Sincerely,
A. C. YEARGAN AND WIFE,
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A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

On February 14 God called from her home Sister Bettle Ford. She had been sick only a few days. She was born in 1860. Her life from the age of 18 was spent in the service of the Master. A husband and seven children are left to mourn her death.

On Feb. 15 Bro. H. Harry, for twenty years a deacon in the Mt. Hebron Baptist church, followed her. Bro. Harry had, at three different times taken a leading part in the building of his church. Four years of his life were spent in the Confederate army. But he was a true and tried Christian soldier as well.

These two were baptized the same day and died within a few hours of each other. They lived noble, sincere Christian lives and the community has lost in their death.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Chas. W. Shinn and wife, Mary M. Shinn, on the 24th day of September, 1909, and recorded in Vol. 549, record of deeds, at page 197, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door, in Birmingham, Ala., on the 4th of April, 1910, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. ten (10), except the south two and one-half (2 1/2) feet, in block No. nineteen (19), "Tharpe Place," West End, as shown on map recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, in map book four (4), page eighty-seven (87). Also lot No. seven (7) in block No. ten (10), "Earle Place," as shown on map recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama.
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As a boy he was kind and affable; as a soldier brave, faithful and courageous; as county treasurer he was scrupulously exact, courteous and painstaking; as a Christian he was a model. He loved his church, loyally supported his pastor and his church paper, the Alabama Baptist, and he delighted in advancing the Master's kingdom.

He was a good husband, a kind father and an estimable citizen. The writer spent a night with him a short time before his death. At the morning family service he said: "Bro. O'Hara, read the 103d Psalm" (an exhortation to bless God for His mercy.) Think of it! Though having suffered for months indescribable pain and misery, he still said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." This was an indisputable evidence of the fact that the Christian religion is a solace and comfort in times of trouble.

Bereaved ones, "we sorrow not, as those that have no hope." "Wherefore comfort one another with these words," "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." C. W. O'HARA.

MRS. HAMILTON WRITES.

Dear Mr. Barnett—Many thanks for the valuable space allowed me in the Alabama Baptist for the notes, "On the Wing," and for the care with which they were translated; but "even Homer sometimes nods," and there are a few corrections and explanations I would be glad to see appear in the next issue of your paper. It seemed almost like "taking" Dr. Crumpton's revered "name in vain" to omit the "brother" prefix in referring to the "old Philadelphia church!" I hope he is in blissful ignorance of the seeming disrespect of this poor scribble.

And then, that the name of my most hospitable hostess at Pineapple should have been omitted from the list of "worthies" with whom I have been associated of late, seemed to be unpardonable. I trust I made it apparent to her, while beneath her roof, how greatly I esteemed her kindnesses. I am sure she is too modest to be offended that her "name was not in the paper," though I fully intended that it should be. I am respectfully yours, MRS. T. A. HAMILTON.

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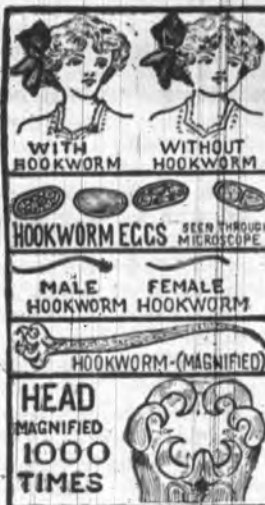
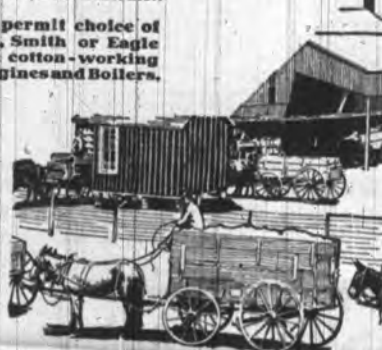
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AN APPEAL TO THE HEROIC IN US.

How inspiring is the offer to pay the salary of twenty new missionaries, made by one of our brethren! But in order to its fulfillment we must get out of debt by May 1, and look to enlargement by November 1. This is an appeal to the best that is in us and it ought to awaken us to the best that we can do. We have only recently begun to realize our high obligation to "the world that lieth in wickedness." If we would at all fulfill it, "Advancement" must continue to be the key word of our Southern Convention. What will our Alabama churches do to help fulfill the suggested conditions? —J. A. French, Acting Vice-President, Foreign Mission Board.

We welcome Bro. J. W. Long, of Cox's Creek, Ky., to Alabama. He comes to Jacksonville for full time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION.

The last session of the Central Association wiped out the interdenominational Sunday school propaganda, by adopting a report I wrote against it. If I could read that report in all the Associations of Alabama, and make a speech on it, the Sunday-school interest in question would go under without hope of recovery in the light of truth presented. How strange it is so many abhor the irrefutable.—W. R. Whatley.

The East Lake saints are getting ready for Bro. Cook, as they are going to have a handsome parsonage.

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OBITUARY.

On Feb. 15 the death angel visited the home of Rev. J. L. Busby and claimed for his victim the sweet spirit of their little son, Finace Wellington Busby, two months old. Though he was young, he was loved by papa and mama and all the children. We know they wanted to keep him, but God knew best, God doeth all things in love. Oh, how that loving mother longs for that precious burden, but God took the precious burden to Himself, for he beareth our burdens in love. Fight on, dear pastor and wife and children. You have a jewel up there where there is no more good-byes. As he looked up and smiled his last sweet smile the father was heard to say "Goodbye, sweet spirit. We are in the presence of an angel." Another little grave is made.

And many hearts are aching;
Another little angel form
To heavenly Joys is waking.
No more we see the little face
That made this life worth living;
No more we feel the baby lips
Their velvet kisses giving.
No more the tiny dimpled arms
Are necklaced close around us;
All day we miss caresses sweet,
And countless charms that bound us
Lord, keep us close beside Thy throne,
Within thy tender keeping
Till we shall cross the sunset bar,
Thy blessed kingdom seeking.
We would not question Thee or doubt
Thy wisdom in bereaving,
And if 'tis wrong to weep for him,
Then, oh, forgive the grieving.
A FRIEND.

Since God, in His divine wisdom, has removed our brother, Fred Lee, from our midst, and has seen fit to take him unto Himself, we resign ourselves to His will.

Resolved, That we, the First Baptist church and Laymen's Union, do offer our heartfelt sympathy to his mother and father and brothers and sister and especially to his widow and child.

We would point them to the Master, who has all power and who alone can give comfort and consolation to His children. We would point them to the life of the deceased. How patient and obedient he was. May we all learn a lesson from his life. His was a life consecrated to God and now he is enjoying his reward. May we who are left behind try to live as our brother lived, for God and His glory.

In closing let us each and every one, family and friends, resolve to meet our brother in the great beyond.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Baptist.

- C. L. BUEK,
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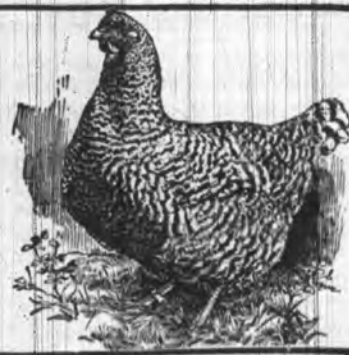
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Minnie Stover vs. Tolbert Stover.

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.

SHELBY COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

Associational meetings of the Shelby Association will be held at the following places with the program below carried out at each place: New Prospect No. 1, March 12-13; Liberty, March 19-20; Rocky Ridge, March 26-27; Kingdom, April 2-3.

Saturday, 10 a. m. Exegesis of Acts 6:1-6.

Saturday 12 noon. Dinner on the ground.

Saturday 1 p. m. A book and literature table with discussions on missions, literature and every object fostered by the denomination.

Sunday 9:30 a. m. Sunday school with Sunday school address following.

Sunday 11 a. m. Missionary sermon followed by collection for associational missions.

Discussion of the foregoing subjects by brethren present.

C. W. O'HARA, Chairman Executive Committee.

Whereas Our beloved pastor, Rev. C. W. Henson, who has served us so faithfully and true for the past year and a half, has resigned,

Resolved, 1. That we as a church with sorrowful hearts regret that he has taken this action.

2. That we feel that he has been a divine blessing to our church and the cause of Christ. The church has prospered under his charge so much and we have been greatly strengthened by his preaching and his pastoral work, and many times have been brought to Christ and backsliders proclaimed by the influence and power of his excellent sermons.

3. That we will miss him and his consecrated wife, who has been so devoted and Christ-like in her ministration and love in the spiritual uplift of our church and community.

4. That we pray God's richest blessings upon them in their new field at Tallapoosa, Ga., and commend them to the Tallapoosa church as faithful followers of Christ, and bespeak for them the love and co-operation they so justly deserve.

5. That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be furnished Bro. Henson and the Alabama Baptist, Evening Star and Hot Blast for publication.

Adopted by the church in conference this, the 20th day of Feb., 1910.

JOHN L. DODGIN, Moderator Pro Tem.

J. L. MINTON, Church Clerk. P. S.—Bro. Claxton, of Roanoke, will move to Anniston this week to take charge of the field.

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Mrs. Jane Fort departed this life February 19, 1910, to go and be with her Lord. Sister Fort was in her 85th year and had been a faithful member of Indian Spring church for more than fifty years. She was one of the old landmarks. Sister Fort leaves six children to mourn her loss, two girls and four boys, among them the Rev. Mr. Fort, of McWilliams, Ala. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in their deepest sorrow.

The funeral service was held at Indian Spring church by the writer. There, under the shade of the oaks, we laid her to rest to await the final resurrection of the dead.
 Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,
 Take life or friends away;
 But let me find them all again
 On that eternal day.
 C. C. REDMOND,
 McWilliams, Ala.

Neglect of the Feeble-Minded.
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 Through Jesus Christ, my Lord.
 Amen.

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