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Rev. J. G. Bow's many friends in Alabama will learn with pleasure that he has re-entered the pastorate, having accepted a call to Calvary Baptist church, Louisville, Ky.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following invitation: Mrs. Anna Stewart requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Mamie, to Mr. Charles Theodore Rogers on Sunday evening, March 27, 1910, at 7 o'clock, First Baptist church, Newton, Ala.

Ambassador James Bryce told the pupils in Gordon's College, in Aberdeen, that "Englishmen were being beaten off the commercial field by Germans because they were more absorbed in cricket and football than in their business. They had gone so far as to subordinate the main business life to indulgence in athletic sports."

The Baptist Standard contains the information that Dr. J. Frank Norris, of the First church, Fort Worth, Tex., has bought \$6,000 worth of lots near the Baptist College in Plainview, Tex., and Dr. A. J. Barton, of Waco, Tex., \$18,000 worth. One is an ex-editor and the other a corresponding secretary. But the surprising thing is they are both Baptist preachers.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Every time we seek to show the need of earnest, alert and consecrated consideration of our Foreign Mission work, some think it sounds like the cry of "wolf." But let us be candid. Do not multitudes of Baptists wait for a crisis before they are willing to help? And then what paltry contributions are made. Sixteen cents average per member from Alabama Baptists to save the heathen last year! "Think of it, and dismiss it then, if you can." A great deal more money must be laid on the altar of the Lord during March and April than ever before if we are to go to Baltimore out of debt and meet the conditions of that generous brother who has offered \$20,000 for advanced work next year.—J. A. French, Acting Vice-President Foreign Mission Board.

Last week we began our work here with a three days' Sunday school institute with our newly made friend and accomplished secretary, Prof. J. T. McKee. We are always glad to have our public servants of the Baptist faith with us. Bro. McKee brought us a blessing. He is earnest and very conscientious. The lectures were very enjoyable and profitable. He will be pleased to hear that by Sunday following his work we had organized a teachers' training class of fourteen and more who will begin this week. All our teachers and a few more others will take the work, and some from the other churches. Excuse the length of this item. The good people have treated us kindly.—J. W. Long.

Jacksonville, Ala., March 16, 1910.



REV. CECIL V. COOK, D. D., EAST LAKE.

We welcome Dr. Cook to Alabama. He is a graduate of William Jewell and the Seminary. The East Lake saints are getting a parsonage ready for him.

March 13 was a red letter day for the Baptists of Moulton. Our congregations were fine. The church paid the whole of the debt on our new brick building and ordered it dedicated in May. At the same hour they gave a handsome collection to Foreign Missions. We had three additions at the morning service. This is my tenth year and the best by far as their pastor.—R. L. Quinn.

Rev. Otto Bamber and his gospel singer, J. L. Reynolds, are assisting Rev. J. L. Wise, of the Canal Zone, in evangelistic meetings.—Baptist Chronicle.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, who for several years has been professor of English literature at Princeton, now returns to the pastorate of the Brick Presbyterian church of New York city. His former pastorate at this church lasted eighteen years. At his own request he is now to serve the church without salary.

Lafcadio Hearn was fascinated with the Japanese. He taught in their imperial university, married a Japanese wife, and, turning his back upon foreign society, adopted habits and customs of the people with whom he lived.

HE MUST HAVE RUN A RELIGIOUS PAPER.

A friend in Nashville sent us the following: A preacher at the close of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care-worn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren who stood up are my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister. The preacher ought to have said, LET US PAY.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Raleigh, N. C., has recently held a two weeks' meeting with the Fulton Avenue Presbyterian church and the Fuller Memorial church, in Baltimore.

Trusting that the Alabama Baptist may make regular visits to more homes in Alabama this year than ever before and wishing for you all that is good, I remain your friend and brother, G. G. Lawrence.

I am, as you know, in Georgia, but am still reading the Baptist. I get so much out of it. Through it I hear of the work in Alabama, which I love and with which I was identified for so long. I am pastor of the First church of this place and am enjoying my work very much. My people are nice to us, but I am still in love with the work in Alabama. I am sending you \$1 to pay for my reading. I hope you can use it. Keep up the fight and may the Lord's blessings be upon you.—C. C. Heard.

Dr. J. S. Kirtley, formerly pastor of the First church, Elgin, Ill., and for the past year and a half the eminently successful pastor of the First church of Duluth, Minn., has found, under the stress of work, that his health will not permit him longer to continue the active work of this pastorate. On March 6 he tendered his resignation, to the great regret of his church and the people of Duluth. This step has been taken under his physician's advice and under the demand for a change of work with rest.

March 6 was a great day with the saints at Boyles. We had the largest attendance at Sunday school since I have been in their midst, after which our pastor, Bro. Seymore, delivered a very touching sermon on a mother's love from Ex. iii, 10. After the morning service the pastor and writer enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Grandberry and had the pleasure of visiting several homes in the afternoon. We came back to the church at 7:30 and the Rev. W. K. E. James, of Howard College, gave us a very interesting missionary lecture to a large congregation.—V. C. Kincaid.

We regret to learn that Monday, March 7, at Winona, Miss., W. D. Upshaw fell from a buggy and broke his leg. He was in Winona Sunday, held a glorious trio of services at the Baptist church, and on Monday night was advertised to give one of his famous platform lectures. Down town on business Monday morning, he started to alight from the buggy of a friend. The horse started suddenly, and without warning he was hurled to the ground. A physician and sympathetic bystanders rushed to his assistance, made a hurried examination, and found that his leg was broken by the fall. A good way to show sympathy would be for all delinquents to send the Golden Age their back dues, and those paid to date might pay ahead.

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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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

The day is long and the day is hard,
We are tired of the march and of keeping guard;
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,
Of days to live through and of works to be done;
Tired of ourselves and of being alone.
And all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company;
We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arm;
He turns the arrows which else might harm,
And out of the storm He brings a calm.

—J. R. Miller.

ECHOES FROM THE MOBILE INSTITUTE.

The W. M. U. Institute, held March 14 in the Bush Auditorium of the First Baptist church, was largely attended and proved most interesting and instructive.

Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, one of the State Vice-Presidents, presided, and to her is due much of the inspiration of the meeting. Our Associational Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. Armstrong, is another faithful worker.

Our incomparable Miss Mallory was with us, and her beautiful life cheers one all along the way. We could not have done without her and were loth to have her leave us at all.

The meeting was a feast of good things. The morning session was opened at 9:45 with an instrumental solo by Mrs. John L. Moulton, after which Mrs. R. V. Taylor conducted the opening devotional exercises. The talk, the Scripture reading, the prayer brought us close to God and close to each other. All joined heartily in the hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." That was a fine beginning. Then Mrs. Cox, in a short address, spoke of the pleasure in her new work, and her great satisfaction in the co-operation of the local workers. Mrs. William Tebbetts sang a beautiful solo, which was followed by an instructive talk by Miss Mallory on the local, State and Southern W. M. U. She said we are one in feeling, because we know there is no difference in Home, Foreign and State Missions except in name; in actions, because we do work simultaneously, and are one in the work. We are one in name, and the name we are proud to bear, "Woman's Missionary Union."

Mrs. R. F. Humphries presented a paper on the successful work of the Y. W. A. in her local church, and Mrs. S. J. Armstrong spoke on "The Royal Ambassadors." Mrs. E. P. Welch and Mrs. Tebbetts told of the Sunbeam work in their respective churches.

Miss Mallory held the attention of all when she spoke on the four meetings upon which the work depends; the local society meetings, which ought to mean so much to each member; the associational meetings, that are seasons of great enjoyment, and afford opportunity for discussing the work we are attempting; the State meeting, where we can learn how to strengthen the weak places; and the Southern W. M. U., where plans are laid out for work in the different states.

During the session several questions on different

missionary topics were discussed by Mrs. Cox, Miss Mallory, Mrs. Stort and others.

A delicious lunch was served by the ladies, Mrs. J. O. Acree leading in this, and at 1:30 the Institute reassembled.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Welch and Miss Salome Garnett sang a solo. Miss Mallory then presented to us the four special seasons of prayer during the year, namely, the first week in January for "World-Wide Missions," the first week in March for "Home Missions," and in June and October special days for prayer for "State Missions." In closing, she made a strong plea for the observance of these special seasons of prayer.

Mrs. J. S. Ramsey then came forward and in behalf of the ladies presented to our beloved Secretary-Treasurer a bouquet of daffodils, hyacinths and roses.

Mrs. Locke gave a most interesting summary of the work of our boards, and her "facts and figures" were a revelation to some of us.

Miss Mattie Huston told of the needs of the Bible Fund. Mrs. Tyler Turner, in a paper on the "Margaret Home," quickened our interests in that institution and the work of "The Training School" was presented in a paper by Mrs. J. M. Kallin.

The questions for the afternoon session proved lively and interesting. The audience rose and sang "Blest Be the Tie," and Mrs. Locke dismissed the meeting with prayer.

We deem it a blessed privilege to be permitted to talk of the plans for the furtherance of the Kingdom, and through the gracious influence of this meeting some have a greater desire for knowledge and usefulness, and others who are not members of the W. M. U. we feel sure will be enlisted in the near future.

MRS. J. M. KALLIN.

There are 1,440 minutes in every day. Out of these can I not pledge God and myself to give at least twenty-five of them to Him?

- 10 minutes for Bible reading.
- 10 minutes for Bible meditation.
- 5 minutes for prayer.

Somehow we can't help believing that He should have one-tenth of every day!

PAPER BY MRS. A. J. DICKINSON.

The following article is a portion of a thoroughly instructive paper as it was given by Mrs. Dickinson at the Selma convention. By the vote of the convention and the hearty approval of the editor, the paper is given in our page. We hope next week to publish the remaining half, for every society member wants to know what is

THE VALUE OF THE SOCIAL ELEMENT IN CHURCH SOCIETIES.

The human heart clings lovingly to its sacred experiences. We dread sinking to the dead level of the commonplace, and long that the sublime events of life may never lose their charm. Happy human intercourse is often a remedy for morbidness of spirit. The value of social culture in our churches is recognized by all, but who can suggest a plan guaranteed to produce good results?

Jesus did not live or recommend a life of solitude. He interested himself in everything that concerned people. He took part in their labors, joys and sorrows. He was always in motion. He made eight tours of Galilee. His zeal and activity were unlimited.

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

We don't get much out of the Christian life unless we make it interesting. If we have not enthusiasm, faith in our undertakings, love for the work, our religion seems but a poor thing. The greatest injury done to Christianity is not so much by those on the outside as by Christians who allow its beautiful realities to become petrified into dead forms. Religion is only cultivated by association. Could Robinson Crusoe be imagined as very religious? Hermits are never religious. The ascetic monk is recognized as an abnormal type.

Touch is the secret of life. Bereft of every other sense, except the sense of touch, one might still find happiness in life. Personal contact, a feeling of comradeship, fellowship and good understanding—how absolutely essential these seem to be to the promotion of life in every relation! The most valuable part of one's education is the result of association. This wonderful social instinct seems to be a part of God's plan in developing personality. The great problem—how to live out one's days so as to get the greatest amount of happiness out of life—comes nearest being solved when one is doing interesting things in a sympathetic environment.

Woman is a social creature by nature. She has a talent for reciprocity and co-operative service. The faculty for social work is born in her, and if not used it dies, but being used, it illumines her life. The way to keep young is to have a great many interests in life. The woman who gives her whole time to her own household is not always the best housekeeper, wife or mother. The altruistic ideal in woman grows as her own character expands, and as she learns to adjust herself to the speed of her time. We are happier as our vision enlarges, as we gain knowledge and become efficient.

The free church social is excellent, but it will never take the place of social work with some altruistic end in view, because it has not definite purpose. It is difficult to make it permanently interesting, because it is impossible to bring all the members of any church into one class. Differences in disposition, education and environment must be considered. People will work together for a common cause who would never be congenial socially. Work is the one thing of universal human interest upon which we can all unite.

The real social qualities are co-operation, inspiration, helpfulness, construction. If sometimes we become so busy living the strenuous Christian life as to neglect the real source of power, we must then give more time to our devotional meetings. We seek God oftenest when we need his help to enable us to do something. This is real consecration, not theorizing about one's own feelings.

A lady once said to me: "You must give us something to do in our society. We do not dance or play cards; we cannot spend all our time in pious meditation. We are dependent upon our church society for wholesome diversion." By the way, I am told that dancing is growing passe, except for the very young. People formerly danced because they had nothing to think about or talk about. It is now a sign of a very low state of mental development, or

an indication of a purely animal existence, to be amused by dancing.

It is said that one of the greatest evils of our day is the decay of individual responsibility. Many people attribute this to the passion for games, which seems to have a sort of smothering effect upon one's higher nature. People who take the playing of games seriously are apt to take serious things playfully.

One often hears it regretted that the question of money is constantly intruding itself into our religion. We grow weary of hearing about money, but it is the world's medium of communication and we must have it. Of course God could have all results without us and our money, but he will have our human stamp upon his work and he chooses natural means to accomplish his purposes. Our progress, work, and money are counted in as part of the Divine scheme.

The church enterprise for revenue has survived through many generations and has had the approval of some of the best people in the world. They affirm that it develops the unused resources of the church; cultivates the faculty for social work; is an outlet for the energies of women; and a good way to get strangers and new members interested. It is true that the talent and energy that appear on these occasions sometimes mysteriously disappear afterwards, but it has been suggested that there may have been some who partook of the leaves and fishes and did not remain for the Master's discourse.

Some cynical, pessimistic people say that a cooking stove in the basement doesn't always mean spiritual warmth in the church; that a kettle boiling keeps many a church in hot water, and other things like that; but just think how many of our churches are built of ice cream bricks—yet they show no signs of melting! No calamity has befallen them. We read that when the people saw the viper hang on the hand of Paul, they kept looking, and when nothing happened they changed their minds. Sometimes it is well to change one's mind. It is so easy to be content in the belief that our way is right. Many times we think we have high ideals, when it is only vanity masquerading. When we lose the power to change our point of view, we can no longer impress people. We have reached the zenith of our influence. We must not be afraid to think for ourselves.

Women are often asked to do the seemingly impossible thing, and are then cut off by prejudice from the only available means of doing it. A lady said to me: "Our pastor wants an annex. The men will not give the money. They expect the women to get it somehow, yet they do not wish us to earn it. Do they expect a miracle to be wrought?" The church enterprise is not to take the place of voluntary Christian giving, as commended in the Scriptures. We must be careful not to educate people into wrong ideas about giving. This is where the danger lies.

Generous giving from hearts full of love for Christ and His cause is admitted by everybody to be the only ideal situation; but do we have ideal situations anywhere in life? The best way to create an ideal situation is to take hold of the thing as it really is. "The common problem—yours, mine, every one's—Is not to fancy what were fair in life, Provided it could be; but finding first What may be, then find how to make it fair Up to our means—a very differing thing! My business is not to remake myself, But to make the absolute best of what God made."

Even the giving of tithes may be joined to the heart of a hypocrite. Did not Jesus say to the Pharisees, "Ye give tithes and omit the weightier matters—justice, mercy, love!"

Of course, a church whose only way of getting money is by entertainments is badly in need of a revival, but the church that boasts of never having an entertainment is not usually a model either. It is apt to be drowsy. Dr. Russell Conwell says that a church that cannot stand an entertainment occasionally must be in a very low state spiritually. The promoters of our church enterprises are usually people who are giving most liberally themselves, and are filled with determination to manage wisely some critical situation.

Shall we allow the organized work of our denomination to suffer when there are honorable ways of supplementing our gifts? Statistics show that only

about one-tenth of Christians contribute either money or service to the cause of Christ. Why should we not make special efforts to take the place of the gifts of the other nine who are doing nothing? Do Christians feel no sense of responsibility about making good the deficit caused by lack of contributions from those who are not yet interested?

A man said to one of our noble Alabama women: "When I give I put my hand into my pocket and draw it out." She replied: "And when you put your hand into your pocket you draw out the result of your labor I, too, wish to give the result of my labor." Nothing in the Scriptures forbids the earning of money before it is given.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand and will keep thee.—Isaiah 42:6.

ALABAMA DELEGATES TO S. B. C. BY ASSOCIATIONS.

(Each Association entitled to one.)

- Alabama—J. C. Fonville, Luverne; T. J. Thrower, Bradleyton.
- Antioch—T. E. Tucker, Healing Springs, J. C. Granade, Chatom.
- Arbacoochee—No minutes.
- Bethel—W. V. Vice, Arlington; J. M. Green, Nicholasville.
- Bathlehem—J. M. Gilmore, Monroeville; J. A. Gunter, Drewry.
- Bibb County—C. L. Wilson, Birmingham; J. W. Mitchell, Centerville (route 1); S. Smitherman, Randolph; P. G. Maness, Lawley.
- Big Bear Creek—No delegates reported.
- Bigbee—H. B. Folk, Livingston; Jesse A. Cook, Demopolis.
- Birmingham—T. H. Johnston.
- Blount County—H. C. Nix, Oneonta (route 1); O. A. Steele, Oneonta; J. L. Jones, Oneonta (route 1).
- Blue Creek—No minutes.
- Butler County—A. G. Spinks, Georgiana.
- Cahaba—P. V. Bomar, Marion; D. I. Purser, Jr., Greensboro.
- Calhoun—D. C. Cooper, Oxford.
- Carey—M. A. Johnson, Ashland; W. T. Davis, Lineville.
- Cedar Bluff—
- Centennial—B. T. Ely, Union Springs; J. M. Thomas, Union Springs.
- Central—J. C. Maxwell, Alexander City; W. R. Whitley, Alexander City.
- Cherokee County—W. W. Crogan, Center (route 2); J. T. Hincy, Rock Run.
- Chilton County—T. J. Deason, Clanton (route 3); J. O. Williams, Maplesville.
- Clarke—W. M. Kerridge, Thomasville; J. H. Creighton, Whatley.
- Clay—B. W. Mathews, Lineville; J. T. Lovvorn, DeArmonville.
- Clear Creek—G. W. Gibson, Arley.
- Cleburne—
- Coffee County—J. A. Carnley, Elba.
- Colbert—No minutes.
- Columbia—George Malone, Dothan; W. M. Anderson, —.
- Conecuh—No minutes.
- Coosa River—John C. Williams, Talladega; Ira W. Rhodes, Alpine.
- Crenshaw—D. M. Elland, Brantley; M. W. Rush-ton, Luverne.
- Cullman—W. H. Absher, Hanceville; J. T. Whitaker, Holly Pond.
- Dale County—R. M. Hunter, Newton; W. H. Simons, Ozark; H. L. Martin, Ozark.
- DeKalb—J. T. Chadwick, Fyffe (route 1); I. M. Thompson, Fyffe (route 1).
- Elim—No minutes.
- Escambia—No minutes.
- Etowah—No minutes.
- Ettaula—W. T. Foster, Midway; J. A. French, Ettaula.
- Geneva—No minutes.
- Gilliam Springs—P. F. Parker, Arab (R. F. D.); M. K. Taylor, Arab (route 1); P. H. Duetz, Guntersville (route 3).

- Harmony Grove—A. N. Reeves, Eldridge; J. M. Roden, Sulligent.
- Harris—O. C. Dobbs, Phenix; J. L. Jackson, Hurtsboro.
- Judson—J. F. Gable, Abbeville; M. V. Capps, Abbeville.
- Lauderdale—No delegate reported.
- Liberty Central—No minutes.
- Liberty East—W. C. Bledsoe, Lafayette; C. J. Burden, Lafayette.
- Liberty North—A. A. Hutto, —; J. S. Dunlap, Prattville.
- Macedonia—No delegates reported.
- Marshall—A. B. Metcalf, Albertville; W. M. Garrett, Boaz.
- Mineral Springs—No delegates reported.
- Mobile—W. J. E. Cox, Mobile; H. W. Fancher, Mobile.
- Montgomery—Cabot Lull, Wetumpka; George W. Ellis, Montgomery.
- Mt. Carmel—No minutes.
- Mud Creek—No delegates reported.
- Muscle Shoals—John A. Thomasson, New Decatur; R. T. Wear, Mt. Hope.
- New River—No minutes.
- North River—J. A. Huggins, Oakman; W. D. Manasco, Jasper.
- Pine Barren—W. N. Huckabee, Pine Apple; A. P. Majors, Fatama.
- Randolph County—F. P. Nichols, Roanoke; John T. Kaylor, Wedowee.
- St. Clair County—No minutes.
- Salem-Troy—S. H. Campbell, Troy.
- Sardis—No delegates reported.
- Selma—Law Lamar, Selma; H. S. D. Mallory, Selma.
- Shady Grove—No minutes.
- Shelby County—C. L. Meroney, Montevallo; J. R. G. White, Columbiana.
- Sipsey—No minutes.
- Sulphur Springs—No minutes.
- Tennessee River—No delegates reported.
- Tuscaloosa—D. Z. Wooley, Tuscaloosa; H. B. Foster, Tuscaloosa.
- Tuskegee—W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee; Lum Duke, Opelika.
- Union—D. O. Baird, Reform; A. R. Loftin, Fabius.
- Unity—F. M. Woods, Clanton; W. J. Ruddick, Stanton.
- Weogufka—No delegates reported.
- Yellow Creek—No minutes.
- Zion—J. B. Jones, Andalusia; J. E. Hughes, Florida.

A CHALLENGE.

Dear Bro. Barnett—I will take the affirmative side of the following proposition, "The First Baptist church of Mobile is the best church in Alabama or the whole South," and meet all comers.

Last May at the Southside Baptist Convention, Dr. W. H. Smith, of the Foreign Board, informed me that the board had appointed me a delegate to the World's Missionary Conference, which meets in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 13th of next June. When I informed my people that it was my purpose to attend this conference they promptly and cheerfully granted me a leave of absence for such time as would be necessary to attend the convention and make such a tour while away as I desired. While preparing my itinerary I was summoned to the office of one of my deacons, Dr. D. P. Bestor, and informed by him that kind friends in the church had authorized him to present me with a purse. When I examined the slip of paper he handed me it proved to be a check for five hundred dollars. Am I not safe in offering to meet all comers on the proposition stated above? Considering the great expense our church has incurred in building a new house of worship I think this act cannot be surpassed.

I am now making my arrangements not only to tour Europe while away, but to circle the globe. I am expecting to go from Europe via the trans-Siberian railway to China and frolic for a while with two grandchildren I have not yet seen. I will sail from Philadelphia for Liverpool on May 28, and will be absent from home for a little more than four months. Come and go with me. W. J. E. COX, Mobile, Ala., March 1, 1910.

BOOKS

Primer of Sanitation.

By John W. Ritchie. Illustrated. Cloth. List price, 50 cents; by mail, 60 cents. World Book Company, Yonkers, N. Y.

The New York state department of health gives its unreserved commendation to this little book of 200 pages, intended for use in schools. The public demand is for prevention of disease, and knowledge, the result of educational effort, must prove the most powerful force in this preventive work. If the children in our public schools can be taught the principles of sanitation as set forth in this text book, preventable disease will be very largely prevented.

The author has presented the more important facts in regard to germ diseases and their prevention. There are also chapters on the housefly, on disease germs in food, on disinfection, on unhygienic habits, and on public sanitation. Every health officer, every reader of the Alabama Baptist, should procure a copy of the book and strive to have it introduced as a text book in the public schools of his locality. Public health workers will find in its pages many suggestions for addresses, etc.

Home Problems from a New Standpoint.

Caroline L. Hunt in this book of 145 pages has brought a message full of interest to home folks. Her suggestions are not impracticable, but in every sense workable. It is of special interest to women. The contents are suggestive, as will be seen from the chapter headings: (1) More Life for Women; (2) More Life for Man; (3) More Life for the Household Employee; (4) More Physical Vigor for All; (5) More Joy in Mere Living; (6) More Beauty for All; (7) More Pleasure for the Producer of Household Stuff; (8) More Conscience for the Consumer; (9) New Work for the Home. Whitcomb & Barrows, publishers, Boston, Mass. \$1 net.

The Old Testament Among the Semitic Religions.

By George R. Berry.

The fundamental question of this book is, "What features of the religious teachings of the Old Testament are to be considered common to the Hebrews and some other nation or nations, and what features are distinctive?" It is important for the sincere student to know. It must help him in his entire conception of revealed religion. He can undertake the study under no better guidance than that of Professor Berry, and nowhere else will he find the material in more helpful form than in this book. The Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia. Price, \$1 net.

The Girl from Vermont.

The story of a vacation school teacher, by Marshall Saunders, author of "Beautiful Joe," "My Pets," etc., and published by the Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia, at \$1.25 net; illustrated. The book is dedicated to the author's esteemed fellow-workers in the National Child Labor Committee and the National Playground Association. She well says: "Juvenile courts are good, but playgrounds are better. The one is remedial, the other preventative."

Martyrs in All Ages.

Compiled by F. L. Potter. Metropolitan Church Association, Waukesha, Wis. \$1, postpaid.

The book contains accounts of martyrs in all ages as the title signifies. The compiler has gotten together some thrilling stories and the illustrations, which were drawn especially for the book by Charles W. Rosser, are very good, but the story and picture of a slave owner having a little negro boy whipped to death for going to hear a missionary preach seems far-fetched, as "inhuman masters" did not care to kill their chattels even in the days of slavery. The "holiness" ideas are to be expected, as the association stands for them.

Sermons on Bible Characters.

This book of sermons, by Rev. Edwin L. Harvey, is published by the Metropolitan Church Association, Waukesha, Wis., at \$1. The "holiness idea" is exploited in the eleven sermons. The book is interesting as a type of what the association stands for.

The Times Handbooks for Sunday School Workers.

Each book treats of a distinct phase of Sunday school work, and is written by an expert. When any new plan or department of Sunday school work is proved a success a new book will be added to the

series. The books are uniform in size and style; some are bound with limp covers, some with stiff boards: "The City Sunday School—Its Work, Growth, Possibilities, by Frank L. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y. (25 cents net, postpaid); "The Sunday School and the Pastor," by John T. Paris (25 cents net, postpaid); "The Sunday School and the Home," by Frank L. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y. (25 cents net, postpaid); "The Primary Department," by Ethel J. Archibald, with five illustrations (50 cents net, postpaid); "The Home Department of Today," by Mrs. Flora V. Stebbins (25 cents net, postpaid); "Sunday School Records, Reports and Recognitions," by E. A. Fox, general secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Association (50 cents net, postpaid); "The Beginners' Department," by Angelina W. Wray, author of "Jeanne Mitchell's School" (50 cents net, postpaid); "Knowing and Teaching the Scholar," by the Rev. A. F. Schaffler, D. D., chairman of the International Lesson Committee (50 cents net, postpaid). The Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Belief in a Personal God.

This work, by A. V. C. P. Huzinga, well answers the late Matthew Arnold, the "disciple of sweetness and light," who in the pride of his culture scoffed at the cherished beliefs of those who yet clung to a belief in a personal God. The author well says in plain Bible terms, Arnold has too much of that wisdom of the world which is the foolishness of God. In spite of the position of Arnold and Lyman Abbott, we cling to the God of the fathers, the personal God of Bible teachings and of Christ faith, God our Father. This interesting defense can be had of Sherman, French & Co., Boston, for 50 cents net.

The Facts of Faith.

Somewhere back the Wall Street Journal well said: "The supreme need of the hour is not elastic currency, or sounder banking, or better protection against panics, or bigger navies, or more equitable tariffs, but a revival of faith, a return to a morality which recognizes a basis in religion. A story published in one of the European papers fits in here. It runs in this wise: When Renaud first came as senator to Paris, he engaged a room at a hotel and paid a month's rent in advance. The proprietor asked him if he would have a receipt. "It is not necessary," replied Renaud. "God witnessed the payment." "Do you believe in God?" sneered the host. "Most assuredly," replied Renaud, "don't you?" "Not I, monsieur." "Ah," said the senator, "in that case please make me out a receipt!" In "Facts of Faith" Charles Edward Smith gives a reason for his faith which will help those who are smitten with doubt and stimulate those who already believe. Sherman, French & Co., Boston. 80 cents net.

Pomegranate.

In this volume, by Jennie Beckinsall, we have a charming story of a Chinese schoolgirl. The picture cover shows a quaint Chinese miss with school basket in hand. Chinese school days! This book opens a new line of interest. Some of the twenty-one chapter titles are: "Going to School"; "The First Day"; "In Trouble"; "The Last Day of the Term"; "Home for the Holidays"; "Plans for the Future." This is a book to stir the hearts of young people to missionary endeavor, for it weaves a romance about the customs of this strange land and makes the heart yearn to have the school children of China find our Christ. Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass. \$1.

The Transmission and Integrity of the Bible Text.

By A. P. Flitt.

Chapters answering such questions as: Can the original documents be produced? If not, have we recovered the original text, and how? How account for the variations in the manuscripts? What is their effect? Is the English Bible true to the originals. Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass. 10 cents (paper).

Into the Sunshine.

By Mrs. Harvey-Jellie.

Thirty-three chapters, each telling in readable, story fashion how different folks—young and old, rich and poor, Christian workers and others—were helped "into the sunshine" of salvation, happiness, courage, service, etc. A unique volume, as attractive as its title, evincing keen observation of character. The author's wish is that some reader may learn the way out of the shadows into the sunshine. Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass. \$1.

Steps Unto Heaven—Meditations and Prayers on the Psalms.

By William Garden Blaikie.

Professor Blaikie unfolds the interest and wealth of every Psalm. Meditation springs from exposition of the meaning, and flows into prayer. A book for the study shelf as well as for the devotional hour. Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass. \$1.50.

How's Your Health.

By Louise L. McIntyre.

You have been looking for a common sense guide to right living. A book that does not deal in vagaries or follow fads or burden you with scientific data and tables. This book is especially prepared for the busy man and woman and answers all questions about right living. Tells you what to eat, what to wear and how to exercise for the prevention and cure of disease. Published at the urgent request of thousands who have benefited by Mrs. McIntyre's lectures and teachings, and now first offered to the public.

Printed on heavy paper, handsomely bound and illustrated with sixty full-page half-tones. Price, \$1.25, prepaid. Address the author, Mrs. Louise L. McIntyre, Danville, Ill.

When Mother Lets Us Garden.

Before opening this dainty little volume a pleasant feeling has taken possession of the reader, for the cover page shows two little ones in the act of gardening. This is a truly helpful book for little ones who want to make gardens but don't know how (and every child who possibly can ought to have a little garden all their very own). The text is large and will appeal to children, while the pictures will make them want to get busy. Start your boys and girls to gardening and buy this book for them. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. 75 cents net.

Great Men of the Christian Church.

By Williston Walker, professor in Yale University, and edited by Ernest DeWitt Burton, of Chicago University.

The characters here described by Professor Williston Walker, of Yale, include Justin Martyr at one end and Horace Bushnell at the other, and in between are Tertullian, Athanasius, Augustine, Patrick, Benedict, Hildebrand, Godfrey, Francis, Thomas Aquinas, John Wicliff, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, Ignatius Loyola, George Fox, Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, John Wesley and Jonathan Edwards. We wish Bunyan or Spurgeon had been included. Four are from the patriotic period, seven from the middle ages, four from the Reformation, and five from later times. Their story is told with some liveliness, and a broad view of their significance in the development of God's purposes.

It requires no previous acquaintance with church history to follow the narrative, and suggestions are supplied for further reading. It is a book we are glad to have and it will interest and help any student of church history. University of Chicago Press. \$1.37, postpaid.

Sometimes a general is said to inspire his soldiers. That is to say, he puts his own spirit into them. He has courage and strength and hope; and they come under his spell and influence, and they have courage and strength and hope, too. There is an analogy between earthly things here also and divine things. That is the way Christ in his spirit influences and helps us. But what is the condition we must comply with on our part? If you want to be helped by men and inspired by men, you must put yourselves under their influence. It is so in regard to our relations to Jesus Christ.—Arnold Thomas.

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SAYINGS OF CORRESPONDENTS, WITH NOTES BY SECRETARY CRUMPTON.

A. A. Walker, Hartselle:

"I went four nights last week to the First Church in New Decatur and preached to them, trying to get the membership together and place a pastor. I would have continued but for the snow. I want to see a good man there and was doing my best to locate some one. Since Brother Merrill left they are wandering off like stray sheep and need one right now."

If pastors will only do this volunteer work, the cause would not suffer as it is suffering in many parts of the State. The Mission Board can't do it all, nor is it best that it should.

A brother:

"Weather was too bad for the brethren to attend church, therefore our offering is small."

There it is again. How many hundreds of appointments have been rained out this winter. Where we depend upon the hat collection, the weather may ruin us. It is so important for the churches to have the envelope system. "No scripture for that," some anti-missionary and anti-giving member will say. Brother, is there any Scripture for the hat collection? There is Scripture for the collection; that is all that need concern us. The how of the thing is a small, very small, matter. The weekly envelope system is the best. I would be glad to correspond with the brethren about the duplex system. It is being introduced in many churches and every likes it.

A pastor:

"Sunday school work is at a low ebb. Our people are, as a rule, ignorant and need instruction. They need to read tracts; they need the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field and other good books to read. Many are opposed to the organized work. They need instruction."

"Another need is visiting. Our country pastors don't visit. So many homes are never visited by a preacher. I find no better way to reach people than to reach them in their homes. Services that I conduct in the homes seem to be as effectual services as I do."

"Another need is—some system needs to be worked up for the calling of a pastor. The pastors have to ride too much. Their work is so scattering. If three or four churches near together would have some understanding and call the same pastor and get him to locate on the field, it would be much better. Don't you think something like this could be worked up?"

This brother writes freely and fully about conditions. This is not true of one little section. It is true of nearly the whole state. I wish I could enlarge on each of the needs. The last covers them all—pastors living convenient to their work, with good support and time to give to study and visiting in the homes. The annual call stands in the way of the consummation of this plan. Will the Lord's people ever learn better?

Another pastor:

"May God bless you dear people and give you more men who have the cause of our Lord at heart and willing to get out and 'fish for men.'"

Yes, fishers of men, we so much need. Every pastor should go out and fish for men. It would fire his zeal as pastor and preacher and save the cause in many places where it is languishing.

A. G. Spinks, Georgiana:

"I do so much want to learn how to do better work."

This is the longing of a consecrated pastor, who wanted to attend the laymen's meeting in Montgomery. When our pastors all begin to feel that way something is going to happen for the Kingdom. Self-satisfaction is the ruin of many a preacher.

A. J. Presion, Tupelo, Miss.

"It may be of some interest to you to know that I am getting on nicely with my work. This is my third year here, and there has not been a death among my members. One of my members lost a little girl five years old, and with that exception, I

have had no funeral services among my members.

"We have a good live L. A. S. and L. M. S. and Young Women's Circle, B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams. Our Sunday school has more than doubled in attendance since I came. This is a clean, healthy town, and one of the most beautiful of its size I have ever seen. My people are united and harmonious."

A good letter from a good man. One of Alabama's best, who ought to be in Alabama right now, helping us in the great struggle to save the people of our beloved state.

FROM ONEONTA, ALA.

Our church here, under the pastorate of Rev. D. D. Head, is moving on nicely and taking in new members at nearly every monthly meeting. We have a good, live Sunday school, and are thinking of organizing two classes in the school with a view of trying to enlist everybody we can in the Sunday school work. We recently started a prayer service on each Thursday night, with a change of leader and program at each service. We are having good congregations and good spiritual services at each prayer service.

Our church also two months ago adopted the plan of taking our collections monthly, as suggested by Bro. Crumpton. Heretofore there has been some objection by some to taking public collections; but these have been overcome and we will now take our collections for the different enterprises of the church monthly.

I noticed what you said on the first page of the issue of March 2 of your paper in regard to what the brother says about making the paper better. I sympathize with you in your effort to give us a good paper, and think that I am getting far more than value received; and those that are getting the paper and are not paying for it are getting more than they ought to get for nothing, and the best way to get delinquents to pay up is to stop their paper and make out their accounts and send them to some good Baptist in their community with instructions to collect or place them in the hands of a justice of the peace for collection. I am 65 years old and I have always taken my church paper, and always pay for it, and if the Baptists in Alabama want the editor of the Alabama Baptist to do his level best and get out a good, bright, newsy, vital paper, as the brother puts it, it not only takes brain work, but it takes money, and push, and grace, and a whole lot of patience, with the help and co-operation of the pastors and members of the churches thrown in. And if the Baptists want their paper more newsy and brighter and more vital, let's pay the editor what we owe him and for a year in advance, and encourage him with our prayers and help, and then if the paper is not, according to our notion, what it should be, we could tell the editor "sorter gently."

I love our paper and I am indeed sorry that it is not in every Baptist home in Alabama, and "more sorry" that we have Baptists in Alabama who will subscribe for it and not pay for it.

May God bless you and yours and aid you in the work, and so soften the hearts of the people that they may come to the rescue and help you to make our paper the best in all the land. Yours fraternally,
J. S. D'LACHE.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Nashville, Tenn., March 16, 1910.

Dear Brother Superintendent—Allow me to call your attention to the fact that the last Sunday in March is set apart by the Sunday School Board as Missionary day in the Sunday school. We have substituted a missionary lesson for the regular lesson for that day. The lesson appears in all the periodicals, and in addition a special program is printed in the March Teacher, and the Superintendents' Quarterly is arranged so that the superintendent may be reminded of what is coming.

This year the call is for the Home and Foreign boards, and it is the only appeal we make directly to the Sunday schools.

We trust a glad welcome will be made by every school in the South. Yours sincerely,

J. M. FROST, Cor. Sec'y.

MISSIONARY DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS, MARCH 27.

Sunday, March 27, is Mission day for our Sunday schools throughout the South. The Sunday School Board has prepared a good program for the occasion. We want every Sunday school in the South to talk missions that day and take a collection. The pastors and superintendents will certainly see to it that their schools are represented in this great offering for missions. The Baptist Sunday schools of the South could give \$100,000 on that day for missions. Let all the teachers come with full preparation and earnest prayer before the classes. Then let the teachers come down, each and every one, with a good liberal offering and see to it that every member of the class contributes something. The young hearts of the pupils are tender and their minds receptive. The mission story well told will cause them to give freely.

Preparation beforehand is necessary. Fathers and mothers interested in the mission offering should place something in the hands of their children to give and encourage the children to give of their savings. It will be a blessing to their young hearts. In many cases, doubtless, it will be the beginning of serious, prayerful thought, which will lead to the consecration of their lives to Christian service.

When the offering is taken up Sunday, March 27, according to the present outlook we will need \$225,000 for Home Missions if we come to the close of the year, April 30, without debt. We ought to secure at least \$25,000 from Sunday School Mission day. This would leave \$200,000 to be raised during the month of April.

The Lord is greatly blessing our Home Mission work. Our missionaries baptized last year 25,000 converts. We received over 23,000 members by letter into the churches. They constituted 316 churches, built and improved 368 houses of worship, organized 959 Sunday schools and did a vast deal of work besides. We need more missionaries. We need money to help us build 3,000 houses of worship west of the Mississippi river and to increase the number of our workers among the foreigners in the mines and in the cities and in many country sections. Our children and young people are giving to the support of the Indian work and the immigrant work. They are far behind with their apportionment. The gifts on Sunday will help largely, I am sure, to raise these amounts.

There are schools who can give large amounts. We have at times received as much as \$100 from one school and then on down to less than a dollar. Surely with united effort we can make this the greatest Sunday for mission contributions at home and abroad that we have ever known in the South.

May the richest blessings of God, our Father, come upon all our Sunday schools, upon the pastors, superintendents, teachers and pupils as they gather to make this offering for missions at home and abroad, and may the gifts be so numerous and large that all our churches and schools may rejoice over the grand results in a united effort on the part of our Sunday schools in their missionary gifts. B. D. GRAY,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Japanese believe in more mythical creatures than any other people on the globe, civilized or savage. Among these mythical animals are some without any remarkable peculiarities of conformation, but gifted with supernatural attributes, such as a tiger which is said to live until it has become a thousand years old, and then turns as white as a polar bear. The Japanese also believe in a multitude of animals distinguished mainly by their monstrous size or by the multiplication of their members. Among these are serpents eight hundred feet long and large enough to swallow an elephant, foxes with eight legs, monkeys with four ears, and fishes with ten heads attached to one body. Japs also believe in the existence of a crane which, after it has lived for six hundred years, has no need of any sustenance except water.

It is the duty of the liquor men throughout the country to "spot" every congressman and member of a legislature who is suspected of strong temperance proclivities and exert themselves to the utmost to defeat him.—Texas Liquor Dealer, San Antonio.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM FAR AWAY JAPAN

Sekinshiroji Mura, Shimonoseki, Japan.
February 12, 1910.

To the Sunday School Southside Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Ala.:

My Dear Friends—Please forgive me for having allowed so long a time to slip by in silence. You have been in my thoughts almost daily during the last few months, but numerous messages which I have from time to time wished to send have somehow failed to get themselves transferred to paper. During the long hot summer months we remained at home here in Shimonoseki, being for at least six weeks the only missionaries in all southern Japan, and the only foreigners of any sort in the city. Mr. Ray was very busy, all summer, going back and forth among the four churches of the Kokma field on the Kinshin side of the straits; but our little boys and I kept very close at home within own compound, because of the intense heat and the danger of contagion in the dirty, malodorous city streets—especially during the time that there were several cases of cholera only a few blocks away. But our home is, fortunately, located on top of a small hill, and has enough ground around it to form a delightful little oasis of clean, fresh trees and grass and pure air even during the hot season. It seems a very strange thing to us that the Oriental people always choose the valleys in which to build their towns; but it is quite fortunate for any foreigners who come to live among them, as the latter can nearly always procure the hilltops for residences. Shimonoseki is a city which fills up seven valleys, converging at the sea just west of the noted Straits of Shimonoseki, a passage of water only one and one-half miles wide, separating the beautiful "Inland sea" from the Sea of Japan. Some of you schoolboys and girls must guess what ancient city it is that this Japanese city of seven valleys reminds us of. All the great steamers plying between the Pacific coast of the United States and China, India and the Philippines pass through these straits in plain view of my bedroom window, beside which I now sit writing; for, although most of the city is hidden from view of the passing ships between the narrow hills or ridges which divide it into so many sections, our house, built on the very top of the central ridge, commands a splendid view, not only of the straits, but also of the mountain-side, both on our side of the water and south of us on the island of Kyushu. The pictures of the place which I mailed under separate cover to Mr. Marbury yesterday, were taken during an unusually heavy snow last week. The photographer stood to take them in a small truck garden on the hillside separating our compound from that of a wealthy Japanese gentleman, whose place is a sort of "museum of antiques," nearly always visited by visitors to the city. Our lower house is the one which we occupied during the summer, while Mr. and Mrs. Dozier were still using the one above. But when they had to give up the charge of this station and go to Fukuoka to assist in the Theological Seminary, we moved into the upper house, after spending some busy weeks having repairs made, and have since been getting the lower house into as good order as possible so as to be ready for the several single women that we are all hoping and praying may be sent out by the board next fall to begin school work here. That is what the place was first intended for by the A. B. M. U. Mission, from whom our board bought the property last year. The lower house has a Japanese wing, which would easily accommodate two Japanese teachers and about sixteen students, while the foreign part of the house is arranged to make a comfortable home for two or more missionary teachers. The Woman's Bible Training School at Osaka, which is now so prominent and successful a feature of the A. B. M. U. work in Japan, had its first home in this house. Mr. Ray has been having considerable grading and terracing done this fall, bringing more of our hillside into shape for use, and by purchasing the one small lot adjoining upon the north side, we would have plenty of room for the recitation and office building, which would be necessary in a very short time should the school prove a success, of which there seems no reasonable doubt. For in every station on our entire field at present

there is crying need for just such trained Bible women, Sunday school leaders and teachers as we are hoping to train here; and from every direction we are hearing of young women eager for such training, but unable to procure it. Up to this time our mission has depended upon the schools of other missions for its trained workers, both men and women. Nearly every native evangelist now associated with our mission received his theological education in the seminary of the American Baptist Missionary Union at Yokohama, which recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. The same thing is true of most of the women, who in our little churches and Sunday schools and woman's societies, or in the especial positions of missionary helpers are doing any efficient service.

Three years ago our seminary was started at Fukuoka to begin training native pastors and evangelists. This year it has enrolled sixteen students—earnest men—some of them men of unusual ability, who are going to be a most valuable addition to our native ministry.

But last October, when Mr. Ray and I were asked to take charge of this Shimonoseki field, without any one having yet come to relieve him of responsibility for the four stations on the Kinshiu side (making in all five churches and five out stations on our hands), and when for weeks it seemed constantly as if wherever we were we ought to be somewhere else, and whatever we were doing duties of equal importance were being neglected, I looked in vain for even one Bible woman to assist me in the work among the women and children. For the women who graduate each year from the A. B. M. U. Bible Training School at Osaka, positions are usually waiting long before they are ready for work. The girls from three girls' colleges at Himeji, Yokohama and Sendai, who wish to continue in special mission work naturally prefer to work with the mission fields to whom they owe their training. Many of them, of course, marry soon after graduation; and I am glad to say that a large number of our native pastors and evangelists have chosen wives from among these mission school graduates. Our dear little pastor's wife, Mrs. Ozaki, whom you may see in the middle front row in the group of women, is a graduate of the school at Sendai, and was before her marriage associated as Bible woman with one of the single ladies of the A. B. M. U. Mission. She now has a pretty little girl and two tiny boys in her home, so that her first duties are, of course, those of wife and mother. Yet she and I together have recently organized this little group of women from our church congregation to do a connected study of the gospel of Luke, in which she acts as teacher. And she also has a class of juniors (boys and girls) in Sunday school, of which my little son, Franklin, Jr., whose picture I enclose in this letter, is a member. Franklin has a much harder time learning his Sunday school lesson each week than any of you little four-year-olds at Southside have, because he has to study it in two different languages. His mother teaches it to him in English, then his nurse and his mother together read it to him in Japanese, and when Sunday morning comes and he is dressed in his little Sunday suit, his mother always slips into the pocket of his coat his little red crocheted slippers to put on at the church door, where all polite people in Japan take off their shoes. Then Franklin goes up the narrow polished stairs leading from the church to his little classroom, and seats himself on the floor with his little friends in their pretty gay kimono, while their teacher, Mrs. Ozaki, who sits on the floor in front of the class, opens her queer lesson book with the words written in rows from top to bottom of the page and explains the lesson in the queerest sounding words that you ever heard. Sometimes, if she talks very fast, Franklin cannot understand very well; but when she begins pointing to the lesson-picture hanging on the wall behind her our little American boy can see what it means just as well as the little Japanese boys and girls can. Sometime, if you at Southside have pictures or charts left over after using them in your own classes, it would help us greatly in some of these Sundays for you to pass them on to us.

The young lady who sits at Mrs. Ozaki's right in the picture is a teacher in the little kindergarten which the Japanese have just opened last year in Shimonoseki. She is a very pretty and attractive young woman, with very pink cheeks and black hair and eyes. She wears such dainty kimono and has a bright, quick manner of speaking. Last Sunday at Sunday school she had a little pink rosebud pinned on her black hair, and I thought she looked like a picture. But this lovely young lady had never read her Bible until quite lately, and has not yet quite decided to be a Christian. Will you not all pray that soon she may quite give her heart to Jesus, and consecrate all her beauty and talent to His service? The other young girl, standing up at the other end of the group, is also as yet only an inquirer; but she has been coming to the preaching services for several months, and is now much interested in studying the Bible together with this little class. The very homely woman standing at the back is a Christian, and a very good woman. She and her husband live in the little house adjoining our church, and serve as sexton in return for their rent. This Mrs. Hirano often slips out to her kitchen during the long sermon and brings in a little cake or slice of sweet potato to Franklin and Herman and the other little children when they grow tired and restless. But we do not often take Baby Hermon with us to church; for he is only two years old and does not behave very nicely. The church people all make a great pet of him; but one day when Mr. Ozaki was preaching in a very loud voice, Herman shouted to him, "Shizukam shite kudapa!" which means, "Please be quiet!" Another day, when he saw them preparing the little table for the Lord's supper, he began delightedly saying, "Shokujī des ka? Wata-kushi o, chodai!" (Is it dinner? I want some too!), and had to be taken out crying, because he wanted to go right to the table for some dinner.

Our little son Franklin is beginning to beg that he be allowed to go to school like the other children. I only tell him, "Not yet!" and have not the heart to tell him that he can probably never go to school like other little boys and girls, but that he and Herman must stay at home and have a little school by themselves with only mother for teacher; for of course we could not let him go to schools where heathen men and women are the teachers, and where the students and teachers all go together to the temples and shrines and bow down before the hideous idols, thinking they are "gods." One of my friends, a Japanese Christian lady, who was a teacher in the Girls' High School here in Shimonoseki, came very near losing her position because she was unwilling to go with the rest of the school and worship at the temples and shrines. The mayor of the city, although he himself is not a Christian, interfered and made the superintendent keep her as a teacher; but they together decided that no other Christian men or women must be employed in that school. It made me very happy, a few weeks ago, to have dear little Mrs. Abe (this teacher) come and tell me that she had a new position as governess to the two little daughters of a Japanese noble in Tokyo. I had wanted her as one of the language teachers for the several ladies that we are hoping to have come out from America to our mission next fall. But if they do come, Abe Ian may even yet be willing to accept such a position with our mission. Besides the ladies to take charge of our training school, we are asking the board for one or two trained kindergartners and for our new missionary, either man or woman who is an expert in Sunday School work. Should these new workers, for whom our entire mission is so earnestly praying, come to us by next fall, the ladies will probably all live together for at least a year in our lower house, studying the language. The last word from Dr. Willingham, received several weeks ago is that as yet not a single applicant for Japan is yet before the board. It seems inexplicable to us who see the need and the opportunity which Baptists have confronting them in Japan today, that many of the very flower of young manhood and womanhood in our Southern Baptist Convention are not begging for a share in the work. Searching for reasonable causes for the

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small number of volunteers for Japan within the last few years, one must see, first of all, the effects of American journalism during and immediately following the recent war between Japan and Russia, when one could hardly open a paper or magazine without finding some Utopian exaggerated picture of Japan's inherent power and advanced degree of civilization. I think the general public about that time was thoroughly indoctrinated in the idea that Japan was already about ready for translation, and that missionaries were wholly unnecessary in a land of such ideal conditions. About the same time not a few Christian writers on Japan in the effort to present only the bright side of Christianity's progress here, gave the impression that probably in another decade or two the Christian church in Japan would have become wholly independent and self supporting and the age of missionary effort be at an end. This idea was emphasized by the unfortunate publicity given to some troubles between the Presbyterian missionaries and their native churches, the latter finally going so far as to formally request the Presbyterian boards to send no more missionaries, but please to entrust the funds for work in Japan to the native churches directly.

The primary cause back of these difficulties between certain missions and their native churches in Japan is the very reason why, as Baptists, we have such an unequalled opportunity among these people. I refer, of course, to our form of church government. Only recently one of the most noted native Christian preachers, though a member of another denomination than ours, said in a great address at Tokyo, "The Baptists have the opportunity in Japan today, if they will only use it!"

Just here I stopped to count up the number of workers in our I. B. C. Mission. Besides the seven men and six women comprising our circle of missionaries, we have associated with us exactly the same number of native evangelists (13), though only four of this number have yet been ordained. The group of men which we sent with the picture are Mr. Ray and the three men who assist him on this Shimonoseki field. The one standing beside Mr. Ray is Nagao San, our teacher of Japanese, who also preaches some and acts as supply for the regular evangelists. The old gentleman is Kawakatsu San, who lives at Shimonoseki, but is away most of the time on evangelistic trips. He is the only ordained man of the three, and was the first Baptist preacher ordained in Japan. We think him decidedly the ripest Christian character among our acquaintances in Japan.

The younger man in native dress (the silk divided skirt is worn only on state occasions) is Ozaki San, our Shimonoseki pastor, one of the most efficient both in pulpit and pastoral work that we have connected with our mission.

But the thing for which we had this picture taken was that it might say to our friends and co-workers in the homeland, "We four are your representatives in entering upon the work of evangelizing this province of Yamaguchi, with its 2,000,000 souls yet unsaved. And not only in this province alone, but in all southern Japan between Kobe and, on the north-east, and Fukuoka, down in Kiushiu to the south, we are today the only Baptist preachers. "And," interrupts Nagao San, "most of my time is given to helping Ray San get into the language of our people." "And," says Ray San himself, "do not forget that I myself am still only half a witness for my Lord, with my halting, stumbling speech in this strange tongue." When Dr. Willingham was in Japan, seeing our need of reinforcements as never before, he solemnly promised our mission that, if possible, twenty new men should come out within the following five years. Two and a half years have gone by, and two of the promised twenty have come—Mr. Medling, who is now located at Kagoshima, and Mr. Moncre, to whom our mission has, whether or not given right of way for study during this first year. He is living with Mr. and Mrs. Bouldin at Fukuoka, but has no responsibility yet except his language work, in which he is doing very well indeed.

One other reason which may perhaps have operated against our board having as many volunteers for Japan as for some other fields has been what our members already on the field have not done their full duty in correspondence, failing to keep the work

before the eyes of our home churches as we should. The very scarcity of workers and overworked condition of those here seems reasonable excuse for such failure. But some of us have been making New Year's resolutions along that line, and mean to "do our level best" in future.

Have the physical and nervous breakdowns on the part of so many of our Japan missionaries put an obstacle in the path of some who might otherwise have chosen this country for their life-work? It is possible. Yet many of the breakdowns have not, were the facts really known, been attributable to climatic conditions at all. In the case of dear Mrs. Calder Willingham, few of us have any doubt that unskilful treatment from a physician to whom she went for a slight operation, laid the foundation for her long and almost unbelievable sufferings. Mrs. Maynard, whose ill health still keeps her and her husband in the homeland when they are so longed for here and both so long to come back to their work, has heart disease, which might have cut short her career of active service anywhere. In my own case, overwork before we started to Japan was doubtless the real cause of my breakdown so soon after we reached the field.

At present, among the thirteen adults and ten children in our missionary homes, every single one is strong and well—which certainly is great cause for rejoicing. You will see, by our annual mission report, which starts for America next week, how much fruit from the year's work we have to be grateful for. And you at home have little idea how often, when discouragement does come to us, or when the loneliness or the burden of responsibility seems too great to bear, we are cheered by the remembrance of your prayers and loving sympathy and readiness to co-operate with us in every known need.

God bless you every one at Southside, whether in joy or sorrow, in glad success or in sense of failure.

God make you, as a Sunday school and a church, truly a "city set upon a hill" causing you to become more and more each year among those who, having so freely received, do freely give." Lovingly, yours, for Japan and for our Lord,

(MRS.) I. FRANKLIN RAY.

BAPTISTS STAND FOR SOMETHING.

During the centuries Baptists have stood for certain definite rules of faith and practice. In many cases, however, we find that not a few Baptists are such by reason of heredity. They could not give a reason for their adherence to that faith, because they have not investigated for themselves, being content to remain Baptists for no other reason than that their parents were of that persuasion. It is only from this class that we hear occasional advocacy of what is called "Christian union."

I am sure that no sect of Christians would more willingly become an integral portion of this union than Baptists, provided the New Testament, and it alone, were taken as the Magna Charta, guide or fundamental and only rule of action for this contemplated organization. We would insist, as a condition precedent to even a contemplation on our part of this association, the recognition of the canonicity and authoritative nature of the four gospels, the Acts, all the Epistles and John's Apocalypse. Less than these, or more; we would not accept. "Well," say our brethren of other faiths, "you demand that we yield all and you nothing." Certainly we do. Adhering, as we do, to the New Testament as our all-sufficient guide, we never have been, are not now and never will be ready to make any concession not authorized by God's Word.

The misinformed of other sects and of no sect denounce us as bigots, sometimes asserting that Baptists believe baptism (immersion) is essential to salvation, when, in fact, we lay less stress upon that ordinance than any other denomination of Christians. Not long since, a young minister of the Methodist church insisted that John Calvin was the founder of the Baptists. It is the misinformation concerning us that, in my opinion, influences many to condemn, when, if they would become conversant with profane history, they would be more tolerant, and not a few who now misunderstand our belief would become of us. We are not unreasonably obstinate in our peculiarities, our pertinacity in our tenets of faith and

practice being derived, as we firmly and consistently believe, from the revealed word of God.

Since the apostolic and the sub-apostolic ages we have furnished more martyrs than all other sects of Christians combined. In saying this I do not forget Cranmer, Ridley, Latimer and other heroes of the cross who have gone to the stake rather than renounce their religion; but I am speaking of the peculiarity of the Baptists, which of itself has made them prominent as victims of persecution. Bucke, who certainly was not a Baptist, says: "In Holland and in Friesland, more than 30,000 Baptists suffered martyrdom." Motley places the number at 50,000. Drs. Dermont and Ypelg, in their report to the king of Holland, say: "The Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the apostles, and as a Christian society which has preserved pure the gospel through all ages." Dr. Keller, a skeptical German, writes: "The more I examine the record at my command, the more am I astonished at the martyrdom of the Baptists; it is enormous." (History of Civil Institutions, p. 189.) Motley, in Dutch Republic, pages 206-207, says: "The Prince of Orange was wonderfully influenced by Baptists in securing religious liberty for the Netherlands."

Baptists of Alabama, many of you do not know your own glorious history; if you did, you would be glad to stand in any presence and proudly say: "I am a Baptist." What a record we have! Through the ages we have stood for and been the disseminators of all the ideas of civil and religious liberty; we have fought against the union of church and state; we have stood against the perpetuation of the observance of Easter, which is only a relic of a heathen festival; we have never put the body under penance during Lent, and have that as an excuse for sinful excesses at other times; we have stood for our faith when blood was its price; we have been loyal to our convictions at the cost of persecution at the hands of both prelates and princes. We love our brethren of other faiths, and say to them, in the deepest earnestness: "We do not claim to be the only depository of the oracles of God; we have an open Bible; we frequently fraternize at the same altars; rejoice together at the shout of newly-born souls. We beg of you now to discard all the sayings of men, and prayerfully read the Word, then 'come and go with us, for we will do thee good.'"

W. D. ATKINSON.

GOOD NEWS.

I love to write it. I have heard so much of the other sort.

The Sunday schools are responding beautifully on the State Mission debt. The Linden Sunday school heads the list with \$60, Marion comes in with \$45, Parker Memorial, Anniston, \$50; Jasper, \$25; Lineville, \$26.12; Trussville, \$25; and a multitude more with smaller sums.

Alas! alas! not a line from so many that are so able.

Good for Roanoke.

Pastor Farrington writes: "Yesterday was our Home Mission day. We had come to the day after two weeks of prayer and study of the field. When all is in we may pass \$500. It was pre-eminently the greatest day the church has ever had on missions." This was followed by a suggestion that April was for Foreign Missions. Keep your eye on Roanoke!

One dollar for foreign missions came to a pastor the other day from an unexpected source. Whereupon the secretary said: "Brother, I have been saying the Lord would have to open the windows of heaven between this and April 30 if Alabama came up with what we gave last year. Maybe this is the way he is going to do it. Open the hearts of those from whom we are not expecting it!"

Oh! that He may intervene and save us from the shame of failure to do our part!

Another part of the good news I cannot give out in the words of the writers. They were love letters. How I cherish their sweet words! It is worth while to have a birthday and let your friends know it beforehand. February 24, in the light of all these good letters, was a red letter day in this office.

W. B. C.

EDITORIAL

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

There is scarcely anything in the Christian life which is more important to the highest welfare of the individual Christian and of the cause of Christ than is Christian stewardship. Yet it is one of the most difficult things to get settled in the minds of the most of Christian people. It is hard to make the average Christian actually realize that it is always to his advantage to be a "faithful and wise steward." Such advantage is set forth in the Bible in many ways. It appears all through the Old Testament. The Israelites were taught with great importunity that they were under the strongest of obligations to recognize the fact that all they had belonged to God, and that to Him they must dispense such amounts as He called for. They were to give an honest account of their transactions and revenues. They were told that if they withheld from God what He required of them they would be losers. And every time that they were unfaithful stewards they suffered losses. In some way their savings, at God's expense, were cursed. This is the history of that people; and it has been the history of God's people ever since then. This seems to be one reason why Christians in apostolic days were urged to be faithful and wise stewards. Paul kept the question of stewardship constantly before the minds of the people. He never urged it for his own sake. No one could truthfully accuse him of seeking his own financial profit. It was for the sake of the spiritual prosperity of the Christians themselves. He knew that they could not have a fullness of the blessing of God while keeping from Him the offerings which they owed to Him. And the great cause needed such revenues. The "running expenses" of Christ's Kingdom must be provided for. Salvation was free, but its delivery cost cash. And the most flourishing churches of that day were such because the most of the members were faithful to God as stewards.

Shall this golden lesson be lost on us? Shall we despise this secret of personal prosperity? Let each one deal honestly with God and himself in this matter.

TRUE EDUCATION.

To secure an education that actually is an education in the broadest sense of the term, imparting to the possessor the full command of all his ability and power, ready for instant use in everyday affairs, is the real problem before an ambitious people today. Some education simply polishes the surface; it does not draw out into the world of practical action the greater possibilities of ability, talent and genius that are latent within.

Modern academic methods are not always practical; while they may enable a person to know, they do not always enable him to do. The object of education is not simply to give us information; it must also enable us to use that information to great advantage. No process of education can educate satisfactorily and keep the individual "up in front" unless that process draws out greater ability to be applied all through life at any and all times.

True education, in its broadest sense, is nothing but right living, or, in other words, the right application of all that is in us. A person may go to all the high schools, academies and colleges in the country, but if he has not learned right living he is not educated in the fullest sense of the world.

We must continue in school as long as we live if we are to live right and make the most of the powers we possess. There can be no end to true education. True education, once begun, cannot cease as long as there is life, any more than thought can cease so long as there is life.

MISSION DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We hope our pastors will observe Sunday, May 27, as Missionary day, and in this way co-operate with the Sunday School Board in trying to interest the Baptist Sunday schools of the South in missions. Elsewhere we print a stirring, commendatory appeal from Dr. Gray. We know that Drs. Frost and Van Ness have their hearts in the movement. The lessons for that day give evidence of it.

We sincerely lament the death of Prof. F. M. Roof, who for years filled an honorable place in the educational life of Alabama Baptists. As president of Howard College he did conscientious work and will live in the hearts of many young men up and down the state who came under his guiding hand. Prof. Roof was a high type of Southern manhood. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved family.

There never was a moral saloon or a saloon that was striving to make human conditions the better for its having existed.

Commerce may open the way for missionary enterprise, but in many instances the reverse is conspicuously true, that missions have prepared the way for commerce.

With more than one-half of the geographical limits of this great country under laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, and with an organization opposing us and sworn to our destruction that jacks nothing in the way of money or brains, enthusiasm or persistent, untiring work; what, may we ask, is the wine and spirit trade doing to arrest the current of events or to alter in any way the radical conclusions which are being forced upon the people in every state, county and precinct? If there is one thing that seems settled beyond question, it is that the retail liquor trade of this country must either mend its ways materially or be prohibited in all places save the business or tenderloin precincts of our larger cities.—Bonfort's Mine and Spirit Circular.

David Hume, the philosopher, was once twitted for his inconsistency in going to hear Dr. John Brown, the celebrated Scotch preacher, when he made reply: "I don't believe in all he says, and he does; but once a week, at least, I like to hear a man who believes what he says. Why, whatever I think, that man preaches as though he felt the Lord Jesus Christ were just at his elbow." That was a fine tribute to a Christian man.

In order to show that spitting on the sidewalks is dangerous to health, an investigation has been made by Dr. John Robertson, medical health officer of Birmingham, England, which shows that 7 per cent of the "spits" collected in public places contained consumption germs. On the other hand the dust collected from the floors of the cottages of the Adirondack Cottage Sanitarium has been found free of tuberculosis germs, showing that a careful consumption is not dangerous.

If commercial intercourse be characterized by integrity and honesty and conducted in the spirit of a conscientious and honorable fairness, commerce affords an undoubted aid to higher civilization; but on the other hand, taking the world as it is, commerce may be simply a school of fraud, deceit and selfishness. It may illustrate the worst aspects of unscrupulous greed and grievously misrepresent the moral principles of Christianity.

March 27th for Home and Foreign Missions in the Baptist Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School Board at Nashville suggests it for all the South.

\$10,000 from the Baptist Schools in Alabama! What say you, Brother Superintendent? Alabama is shamefully behind for these two Boards.

April 30th their books close!

W. B. CRUMPTON.

"HE DOES MOST TO SAVE THE WORLD WHO DOES MOST TO SAVE AMERICA"

To me this statement of Dr. Josiah Strong appears to be a self-evident truth needing no argument to prove it. But a word or two of comment may be useful. So far as statistics can show anything they show that the most profitable religious life-saving apparatus in America is that which belongs to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for last year more than 25,000 Baptists were reported as the result of our Home Board's work. And what is this? It is more than any two mission boards in America have ever reported in a single year.

Put alongside that fact this sentence concerning the Southwest from the brilliant pen of the editor of the Home Field (March):

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

In the face of such success and such opportunity is it not painfully distressing to learn that our contributions to the Home Board have fallen behind those of last year? At this writing Alabama is \$3,500 behind last year and needs nearly \$17,000 to be raised between now and April 30 to enable her to meet her apportionment for Home Missions.

Let me urge the vice-presidents of the associations for Home Missions to do their utmost in the few weeks that remain to get these facts before the churches of their associations. And shall not we pastors cry aloud to our God to help us do our duty to instruct and arouse and lead our people to sustain this work in this hour of great need?

RICHARD HALL,

Vice-President Home Mission Board, Alabama.
March 4, 1910.

CIVIL LIBERTY VS. PERSONAL LIBERTY.

"Civil liberty, not personal liberty, was the freedom demanded in the Declaration of Independence," declared Finley C. Hendrickson in an address before the Baltimore and Ohio Y. M. C. A. at Cumberland, Maryland.

There was a very large attendance, and he continues: "Civilization is just the opposite of 'personal liberty.' We have traded off the selfish personal liberty of the savage for civil liberty which looks to the good of the society at large, and we have learned to know that society at large cannot be benefited except every individual who constitutes that society is likewise benefited. The personal liberty fellow wants to pull back toward savagery while the patriot pulls forward along the pathway of civil liberty. Every step has been thus fought and won, and you need only to cast your eye back over history to know which side is final victory."

A SENSIBLE SECRETARY.

Recently a good sister who lives in Alabama wrote to one of our mission headquarters and got the following sensible bit of advice:

In response to your inquiry as to what is the best Baptist paper in the South, I may say there are a number of good papers, one being published in almost every one of our Southern States. There is none, however, superior to the Alabama Baptist, published at Birmingham, and no paper in the South will contain one-fourth of the amount of information in regard to your own Baptist work as you will find in the Alabama Baptist. The subscription price is \$2 per annum.

The editor of a large Japanese daily paper, himself a non-Christian, pays the following tribute to Christianity: "Look all over Japan. Today more than 40,000,000 have a higher standard of morality than they have ever known. Our ideas of loyalty and obedience are higher than ever, and we inquire the cause of this great moral advance. We can find it in nothing else than the religion of Jesus Christ."



A Page of Interest to Fathers

Father's Busy Season.
 Everybody works poor father;
 Bess pats him on the cheek
 And says she'll need a brand-new hat
 Before another week.
 Brother, he wants a dollar
 And so does sister Nan;
 Every one down to baby
 Works that poor man.
 —Nashville American.

To My Son.
 Do you know that your soul is of my
 soul such part,
 That you seem to be fiber and core
 of my heart?
 None other can pain me as you, son,
 can do;
 None other can please me or praise
 me as you.
 Remember the world will be quick
 with its blame,
 If shadow or strain ever darken your
 name.
 Like mother, like son, is a saying so
 true,
 The world will judge largely of moth-
 er by you.
 Be this, then, your task, if task it
 shall be,
 To force this proud world to do hom-
 age to me.
 Be sure it will say, when its verdict
 you've won:
 "She reaps as she sowed. This man
 is her son."

"I, strolling along at forty,
 He, holding me by the hand,
 As he prattled his childish ques-
 tions
 Of the things he would understand,
 I was thinking of years behind me,
 But he of the days ahead:
 'I wish I was grown up, father—
 And what do you wish?' he said.
 "A dear, strong face comes before me,
 As it was in the time gone by;
 I thought of our strolls together
 Underneath the old blue sky.
 'I think I should like'—I answered
 In reply to his little talk—
 'To again be a boy for an hour,
 With my father out for a walk.'"

Getting Information Out of Pa.
 My pa, he didn't go to town
 Last evening after tea,
 But got a book and settled down
 As comfy as could be.
 I'll tell you I was off glad
 To have my pa about
 To answer all the things I had
 Been tryin' to find out.
 And so I asked him why the world
 Is round, instead of square,
 And why the piggles' tails are curled,
 And why don't fish breathe air?
 And why the moon don't hit a star,
 And why the dark is black?
 And just how many birds there are,
 And will the wind come back?
 And why does water stay in wells,
 And why do June bugs hum,
 And what's the roar I hear in shells,
 And when will Christmas come?
 And why the grass is always green,
 Instead of sometimes blue,
 And why a bean will grow a bean,
 And not an apple, too?
 And why a horse can't learn to moo,
 And why a cow can't neigh?
 And do the fairies live on dew,
 And what makes hair grow gray—
 And then my pa got up an' gee!
 The offul words he said,
 I hadn't done a thing, but he
 Jest sent me off to bed.
 —Trade Register.

A Boomerang.
 Little Archie, aged four, had been
 very troublesome all day, and espe-
 cially trying to his father, who had
 had to stay at home as he was not
 well enough to go to work. In the
 evening after the little fellow had
 said his prayers, his father called
 him, thinking it a good time to say a
 "word in season" and began by ask-
 ing, "My son, why is it that father
 and mother have had to punish you so
 often today?" Archie thought a min-
 ute, and then to his father's discom-
 fort replied, "I guess it was cos you
 were both sick and cross today."
 —The Deliberator.

Parental Honesty.
 By Sylvanus Stall, D. D.
 If you want your children to be
 honest with you, why should you not
 be honest with them? If you would
 not have them deceive you, why
 should you attempt to deceive them?
 If you would teach them by precept,
 why should you not teach them also
 by example? Is it any wonder that
 your child should shut you out of its
 confidence in similar matters and in
 the same manner in which you have
 yourself taught it to deceive. Why
 should you strike and slay the very
 confidence which the Creator has so
 wisely placed in the heart of every
 child in the integrity and honesty of
 its parents?

Rest assured that the deceptions
 you attempt to practice upon your
 children do not deceive, but they do
 destroy their confidence and some-
 times even their faith in their own
 parents. Let me name a single illus-
 tration.

One bright May morning, a little
 boy, about four years old, with no
 companion, was playing ring-around-
 a-rosy by himself around a young ap-
 ple tree that grew near the garden
 wall. While he was playing a very
 young "baby bunny" came out of a
 rabbit-hole near by. The little rabbit
 was too young to escape the child's
 grasp. Delighted with his new-
 found treasure he naturally ran to his
 mother in the house. His happiness
 during the day with the baby rabbit
 was complete. When evening came
 his father suggested that he should
 take the rabbit back to the hole and
 leave it with its parents for the
 night, and then when he would go
 again early the next morning the lit-
 tle rabbit would come out of the hole,
 and he could bring it again into the
 house and play with it another day.

To the confiding little child this
 seemed reasonable enough. But im-
 agine the disappointment of the child
 the next morning after he had waited
 an hour or more and the idea began
 to dawn upon his mind that he had
 been wickedly deceived by his own
 father! He is now a grown man and
 when relating this incident to me a
 few days ago, he said that the bitter-
 ness he felt in that moment against
 his father could never be described,
 and he resolved then and there in his

infancy never again to accept his fa-
 ther's word or to trust him in any-
 thing.

It would have been just as easy
 for the father and equally influential
 with the child, as well as far more
 satisfactory in its results, if he had
 pictured to the mind of the child the
 sorrow of the parents of the little
 rabbit as they went all day up and
 down the field hunting for their baby
 bunny, and how that they would not
 be able to sleep at night unless their
 little baby was returned to them, as
 the bunny was too young to sleep
 anywhere else except right by its ma-
 ma, and that it ought on that account
 to be returned to its own little home.
 Such a course as this would have
 taught the child tenderness and
 thoughtfulness for all forms of ani-
 mal life, and would have been truth-
 ful, and would have inspired in the
 mind of the child love and confidence
 in his father. Parents may ask how
 early they ought to teach their chil-
 dren upon the subjects of life and be-
 ing, and the proper care of their
 bodies. Whenever the sacred ques-
 tions are asked they ought always to
 be answered honestly, but with the
 greatest intelligence and wisdom. It
 matters not how young the child
 might be. Children always know
 more than their parents ever imagine
 they do.

Analysis.
 From Judge.

There was once a young man who
 was paying court to three different
 beautiful damsels. Each was fair,
 each was sweet, each was charming—
 so much of a triplicate similarity did
 they have that he did not know how
 to choose between them. So he went
 to a wise old man and laid his trou-
 bles before him.

"Is there a clock at each house?"
 asked the wise old man.
 "There is."
 "And what does Esmeralda say
 when the clock strikes eleven?"
 "She says the clock is slow."
 "What does Eufalle say?"
 "She says the clock is just right."
 "And what does Evangeline say?"
 "She always says the clock is fast."
 "My son, there is no need for fur-
 ther evidence. Evangeline is the one
 that really loves you."—Wilbur D.
 Nesbit.

The Way of Two Fathers.

Fifty years ago on the same day a
 boy-child was born in adjoining
 houses. The fathers of these boys
 were hard-working, intelligent me-
 chanics—men whose ambitions were
 large and incomes small. Each of
 these men was honest and indus-
 trious, each looked upon his first
 child as the great event of his life,
 and each hoped to make of his son a
 useful, God-fearing man.

But they chose very different ways
 to do it.

The hardest trials of one of the
 men—Pratt—had come from the lack

of money. "I'll train Jim to earn it,"
 he said. "All good things in life can
 be bought."

He kept his word. Jim was sent
 to school just long enough to fit him
 for a commercial college. There he
 was prepared for mercantile work;
 he entered a great business house
 and has worked his way up, becoming
 more expert each year in accumulat-
 ing money. He has amassed now a
 huge fortune and lives in luxury. His
 wife is a leader of fashion, his boy
 has his automobile. The father him-
 self takes no interest in anything out-
 side of his business. He reads noth-
 ing but the newspapers. Science and
 art are to him dead names. When
 he was fourteen music had a curious
 power over him and he wanted to
 study it. But his father said: "Why
 waste your time with that sort of
 thing? Will it ever bring you in a
 single penny?"

So narrow now are his sympathies
 and knowledge that even his wife and
 boy never try to make a companion
 of him. And not long ago, in spite
 of the solid millions which he has
 gained, he was heard to say that life
 was so meaningless that he could see
 nothing in it.

Hunt, the father of the other boy,
 was different from Pratt. When he
 first looked at the child lying in his
 cradle he said:

"God sent that boy to us. God is
 his Father. We must never let the
 boy forget that."

So as years passed he tried to
 make Bob truthful and kind and mer-
 ry. Why should he lie or quarrel
 with his brother or be miserable?
 Was he not one of God's family, lov-
 ing and beloved? Hunt would say to
 the boy: "This world is your home
 which God made to live in. You
 ought to know something about it.
 Don't take the things in it for granted,
 as the brutes do."

Then he taught him about the aw-
 ful wonders of the stars, and the
 rocks with their written histories of
 ages, and the secrets of plants and
 shells, and birds and animals—"all
 your dumb kinsfolk," he would say.
 As years passed he took care that Bob
 should have some insight into art and
 music and the world of books.

"Would you live in this wonderful
 dwelling-like a blind idiot?" he would
 say. While the boy was yet a child
 he was taught that God meant him to
 earn money to pay his own way in
 the world, and to help his brother.
 "You must find the work for which
 you are fitted and go to it," he was
 told. And Bob did.

It proved to be a very simple, home-
 ly work, but Bob put his strength
 into it. He has paid his own way, has
 helped many of his brethren with his
 wages, and he, too, is rich. But now,
 as an old man, he gives little thought
 to these wages. The wonders of the
 earth—the home in which he has lived
 so long, the needs of his brothers who
 crowd it, the thought of the Eternal
 Father to whom he draws nearer ev-
 ery hour—these things fill his soul
 and make it ready for its passing.

To which of these newcomers into
 life was given the true education,
 would you say?—Exchange.

In a recent issue of the Golden Age,
 "Earnest Willie" had an appreciation
 of John W. Minor, one of our most
 useful laymen.

AN HONEST WAY.

It would not be necessary to discuss this subject if pastors would stress the subject of tithing more and Christians would study and practice God's plan of giving to his cause.

God says in Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed me," but ye say, "Wherein have we robbed Thee" in tithes and offering!

Why is it that we as Christians do not practice tithing?

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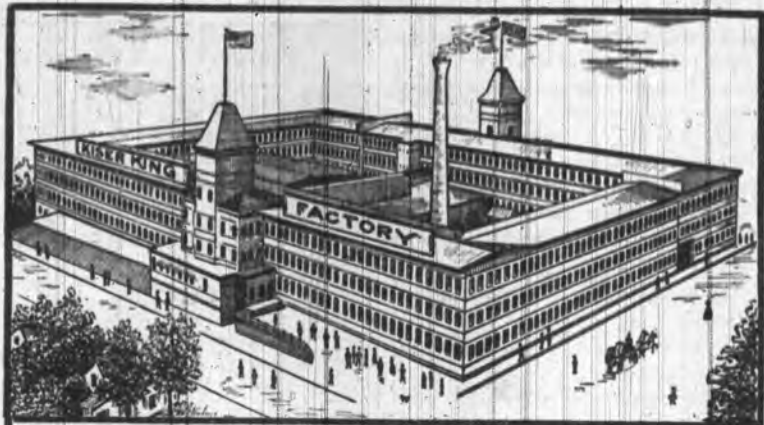
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Here her sufferings have ended,
Her spirit now is with the blest
Persons who she had befriended
Are glad her spirit's now at rest.
She had profess'd to love her Savior
While she was young her youthful days
In Christian duties did not waver,
Name of God e'er since did praise.

Little children, though they'll never
Know the bliss of mother's love,
God will care for them forever,
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They'll meet mother bye and bye,
Not like Judas e'er betray him,
They'll live with her beyond the sky.

Farewell 'till the great assize,
'Till then, we'll see her no more.
Then when her new body rises
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And we'll ne'er more say farewell.
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A GOOD DAY IN ROANOKE.
Sunday, Feb. 17, was a good day in Roanoke. Rev. Arnold S. Smith and the writer were requested by the church and pastor to meet them on that day and assist in the ordination of eight brethren who had been chosen as deacons: J. C. Wright, J. A. Carlisle, John Fausett, Dr. J. P. Lisle, E. P. Mickle, F. P. Nichols, Dr. S. W. Lane, J. J. Awbrey. The presbytery was organized by the election of Pastor F. H. Farrington moderator and W. C. Bledsoe secretary. The ordination sermon was preached by Bro. Smith, who was a much loved former pastor; the charge to the deacons was delivered by W. C. Bledsoe, and the ordaining prayer was made by Pastor Farrington. An impressive feature of the service, was the assembling of the newly elected deacons in the altar, where with hands upon the holy Bible they gave their solemn pledge to faithful performance of duty. Bro. Farrington is bringing things to pass in his new field, and the church is rallying to him to a man. You may expect to hear of steady, healthy progress among the Roanoke Baptists. This addition to the strength of the board of deacons means much for the Master's cause in all that region. They are splendid Christian men and enter upon their duties with unusual eagerness, and under the leadership of the consecrated pastor the outlook is full of promise. The writer preached at the evening service.

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loving esteem unanimously adopt the
following resolutions:

Resolved, That the faithful work
she has done in this school shall
never be forgotten.

Resolved, That we strive to be
benefitted by the good deeds that she
has done.

Resolved, That we extend to her
bereaved, ones our loving sympathy
in their great loss and earnestly pray
that they may find comfort and so-
lace in the Savior whom she trusted

and served; that they may be able
to say "When the brief years of serv-
ice on earth are passed we will join
thee, Mary, and be forever with the
Lord."

Resolved, That our lives have been
made better by her having been with
us.

Resolved, That a copy of these res-
olutions be spread upon the minutes
of the K. W. Q. Literary Society, of
which she was an active member;
that a copy be sent to the family and
also to the Moulton Advertiser, Ala-
bama Baptist and Alabama Christian
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J. E. JENKINS,
MABLE SANDLIN,
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THE DEATH OF PROF. ROOF.

Whereas, It has pleased God to re-
move from us Prof. F. M. Roof, some
time president of Howard College,
be it

Resolved by the faculty, in Special
session assembled—

1. That we desire to place on
record our sincere admiration of the
ability, work and character of the de-
ceased educator:

2. That his consecration to duty,
his unremitting zeal and his faith in
God should arouse in all who knew
him a desire to emulate his high and
worthy example.

3. That we regard his service for
the college a large contribution to the
welfare of the institution, while we
hold in admiration the many sacrifi-
ces which he made for the uplift of
denominational education.

4. That Howard College should
never forget this faithful servant of
the people, whose labors did much in
a time of great trial to bring about
the success of the college.

5. That we assure the family of the
deceased of our sincere sympathy, and
of our prayer that God may be, with
them in this bereavement.

6. That copies of these resolutions
be spread upon the minutes of the fac-
ulty, and given to the press and the
family of the deceased.

A. J. MOON,
J. A. HENDRICKS,
W. A. BERRY,
Committee.

I was just thinking of sending in
my back dues, but I notice on my la-
bel I have paid up to January, 1910,
so I am not very badly behind. After
noticing the proposed exit to the star
Centaurus I have decided not to pay
any more of my subscriptions until I
hear the success of that trip. If it is
a successful one and there is no
wrecks on the line, I want to be ready
for the next train, and I will need all
the change I can raise to pay the fare
one way. Maybe I can beat my way
back like the poor editors are beat.
I hope you will not think me unkind
since I tell you in advance my con-
templated trip. If, however, I decline
the trip I will send you check to
move me up to 1911.—J. D. Johnson.

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Feb. 12, 1910. She joined the church
at about 15 years of age and lived a
consistent and devoted life. She was
a member of the Baptist church at
Sulligent, Ala., a Sunday school teach-
er and president of the Ladies' Aid
Society. She was confined to her
bed for about three months before
her death and bore her afflictions
with that degree of patience that
characterizes a child of God. The
last two days of her life seemed to
be spent in heavenly visions. She
spoke of dear ones who had gone be-
fore and was perfectly resigned to
the will of God. The only daughter
loses an affectionate mother, the
church an efficient member, the town
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The old gentleman, whom we will call Farmer Jones, many years ago won the heart and hand of the present Mrs. Jones. When a little baby girl was born to them, their happiness seemed complete. It was a beautiful little tot that brought this bright ray of sunshine into the Jones household. A happier family would have been hard to find.

Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, it seemed, when during the middle of one cold winter's night, the little girl was suddenly attacked by a severe illness. Farmer Jones hurriedly saddled his swiftest mare, and at the peril of his own life, rode in darkness over the bad country roads, in the face of a storm of sleet and rain.

After what seemed to him an eternity, he reached the doctor's door. As fast as their horses could travel, physician and farmer sped to the relief of the stricken child. But they arrived too late. Five minutes before baby had died in her mother's arms. This is the event that has brought grief into the lives of two good people.

A similar incident that had a more fortunate ending was also brought to the attention of the writer. Several years ago the little daughter of another farmer was suddenly stricken with a dangerous illness. The father happened to be away that night, so the mother phoned to the doctor, explaining the child's symptoms. The physician gave her instructions as to what remedies to immediately apply, and quickly hitching up, he raced to the farm. He got there in the very nick of time—in time to save baby's life.

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FROM ENTERPRISE.

Our church has been without a pastor since January 1st due to the fact that Bro. A. G. Moseley resigned his pastorate that he might take a special course in the seminary at Louisville. The church, however, has been having supplies by different brethren since that time. On Sunday, Feb. 20, we extended a unanimous (indefinite) call to our brother, the Rev. R. S. Gavin, and we have just been advised by him of his acceptance of the call, and he will move with his family next week to enter upon his work here.

Bro. Moseley did a good, substantial work among us while with us three years, and we were loathe to give him up. Bro. Gavin, you know, is one of our strongest preachers and best men, and we are delighted indeed when we contemplate having him as a citizen, and especially as our pastor. With best wishes for you and the Baptist, I am yours fraternally,
J. E. JAMES.

NEW CHURCH.

About eighteen months ago I was called to the pastorate of Mt. Pleasant church. I went over there, accepted the call and went to work.

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THE EASTER FAITH AND MESSAGE.

Now that proof has come to humanity in the Easter message and in the Easter faith, Harnack is the author of these words, "Easter message" and "Easter faith." They were based by him on the victory of Jesus over death and on what the gospels and epistles of the New Testament relate of the resurrection of Jesus. Now, to distinguish the one from the other. The Easter message being "the wonderful occurrence in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea," the empty grave into which several women and disciples looked, the appearance of the Lord in glorified form—so glorified that his own could not at once recognize Him. Soon also speeches and deeds of the risen one. Always more complete and more confident do the reports become. While the Easter faith is the conviction of the crucified over death of the power and righteousness of God and of the life of Him.

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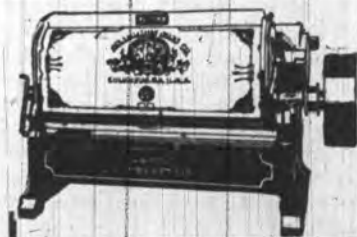
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Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day, and appeared to the disciples. That's the great Christian certainty. That is the proof which the heart of humanity in our modern world finds to be satisfying. It stills doubts. It brings peace. It lightens our horizon with a light that death can not quench. One has come back from the tomb and says to all mourners everywhere, be still and know that I, your Redeemer and Lord, am here alive forevermore, and have the keys of Hades and of death. To that gentle but strong voice of the Son of God we reply:

"O, risen Christ! O, Easter flower,
How dear Thy grace has grown;
From East to West with loving power
Make all the world thine own."
--DOLLIE SCOTT,
Geneva.

SMITH.

On the 12th of Feb., 1910, our heavenly Father called the spirit of our dearly beloved Bro. A. P. Smith to dwell in his mansion above. Bro. Smith was 63 years of age. He united with Shiloh Baptist church in Green county when a young man and was a consistent member until his death, being senior deacon at the time of his death. He filled the office of deacon continuously for more than thirty years and did it well. For 15 years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. It is useless to say that he will be missed, yes, sadly missed. He was first in every good work, ever looking to the interest and greatly concerned about the welfare of his church and his Lord's kingdom. As husband and father he was kind and loving, as neighbor he was faithful and loyal, always willing to help his fellow man.

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But still shall I, in accents clear,
Sing Hope's undying song.

Love may hide its tender beam
From my all-hungry heart,
Illusive be my fondest dream—
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And tears may fall like floods of rain,
My life o'erburdened with wrong—
And yet my soul shall chant in joy
Hope's never-dying song.

For no cloud can hide my Father's face
From my adoring eyes,
Nor dim my hope of rest at last
In perfect Paradise;
Though storms in furious rage may toss
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Hope's melody-laden song.

No shadow can hide His love from me,
It fills my raptured heart.
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