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We regret having missed Dr. A. C. Cree, who paid the office a visit last week. He has been doing some fine missionary work in the Birmingham district.

Will you please state in the Alabama Baptist that I have resigned at Wetumpka and have moved to Montgomery. It is my purpose to engage in revival meeting work. There is a great field at Wetumpka for the right man.—J. A. Jenkins.

**A Note of Thanks.**—Dear Bro. Elliott: I wish to express thanks, through the columns of the Alabama Baptist, to you and all members of the Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society, who so generously and promptly contributed \$524 to the assessment fund of my husband. It came at a time that help was greatly needed and appreciated.—Mrs. B. H. Crumpton.

I send you one dollar to move up my figures. I have been tardy, but look over it this time. While in the midst of a great people doing great things for God and men joying and rejoicing with them in the work, I still have a tender feeling for the work and workers of my old native state. To each and all I send a hearty God bless you.—W. G. Gregory, Yantis, Tex.

Yesterday was a good day with us at Tallassee. We have had about sixty pupils added to our Sunday school within the last month. Bro. Sisk, our new superintendent, is well fitted for his office. Our congregation at the night service was unusually large, and much interest manifested. We had about fifteen who came to the altar for prayers and one received into the church by expression. We expect to begin a series of meetings at an early date. The W. M. U. is planning for larger contributions and more work than ever before.—J. P. Hunter, Opelika.

I watched with great interest your splendid fight for constitutional prohibition and was disappointed at the failure of the amendment. But I can not see that the friends of prohibition have any reason for being discouraged. Let them keep a keen eye on the candidates for the legislature, and they can prevent the repeal of the present excellent law. We all rejoice in the magnificent proposition of that unknown friend of foreign missions to pay the outfit and traveling expenses and first year's salary of one-third of the new missionaries that may be appointed early in the next conventional year, provided the board comes to the next convention free of debt. Surely our people can not fail to respond to a proposition like that. Thank God for another Christian layman who has recognized his day of opportunity! With best wishes for the Alabama Baptist.—H. W. Provence, Shanghai, China.



REV. J. W. WHEELER, ATMORE.  
Brother Wheeler is doing good work in South Alabama.

Rev. Robert Stuart MacArthur will supply at Tremont Temple, Boston, during July and August.

I preached for Bro. Colley Sunday, March 20th. The pledges almost quadrupled their mission fund for last year.—J. R. Stodghill.

I am sending you one and one-half dollars for which please send me the Alabama Baptist on until ordered to stop it. I like it fine. I think it a number one paper. I am 79 years old, am not able to work out very little, but I can read your paper and feel as young as ever.—M. A. Croley.

Our people are being stirred up on missions as never before. Our dearly beloved moderator was moved upon by the Holy Spirit to call his people together at Tenbroeck Baptist church to talk over the needs of the boards and our duty as a Christian people to spread the gospel all over the world. Yesterday was such a beautiful day for our people to plow, but they stopped the plow and came out to take part in their blessed Master's work. Our people are a noble, true-hearted, honest, upright people who believe in missions as far as they understand. What we need is more education along these lines. The following resolutions were offered by our executive committee and adopted by the body: We, your executive committee, urge that each church in our bounds take definite action at once to raise the best contribution for home and foreign missions possible and turn in same before April 30th. We gave last year for missions \$448.19 and we hope to make it \$600 this year. Pray for us.—A. L. Stepnens, Crossville.

We are getting along nicely with our work. We are nearing the completion of a \$1,500 pastor's home, have moved up to two Sundays, advanced in our missions. Our Sunday school alone gave \$22.20 to missions this month, besides a contribution to the orphans. If you were to drop in on us some Sunday night you would think we were in the midst of a protracted meeting. We preached twice for the good people of Brent the second Sunday. Immediate results: A good mission collection. Their Sunday school superintendent, Bro. J. T. Martin, is fine, especially on the exposition of the lesson. Dr. MacArthur's exegesis bearing on Pharaoh is worth many times the price of the paper. It had the old time ring. I was impatient to get this week's paper to see some more from him. I would like for you or some other able minded brother to give an exegesis on Prov. 8:31, especially the latter clause. I hope your delinquents like myself will send you in what is due you. I feel like I am safe in saying that if the Baptists of Alabama would support the paper as they ought that advertising space would be at a very high premium. Here is yours (M. O. for \$1.00) with very best of wishes.—J. S. Wood, Billingsley.

## \$1.00-- A GREAT OPPORTUNITY --\$1.00

To meet a pressing need and to give the pastors a chance to put the Alabama Baptist into the homes of the people so that they may be informed about the great Mission Campaign during April we will send the paper to new Subscribers until January 1, for \$1 cash, and will give to every one sending in one or more new subscribers the Latest Edition of Webster's Self - Pronouncing, Thumb - Indexed, Vest Pocket Dictionary. Most Complete; Containing 51,200 Words with Rules for Spelling, Words often Mispronounced, Punctuation, Use of Capitals, Pointers on Proof Reading, Tables of Weights and Measures, U. S. Coins, Postal Information, Political Sub-divisions, Legal Holidays, Parliamentary Law, Revenue Law, Bankruptcy Law, etc.

Don't wait but get to work at once and see what you can do to help Missions and the paper.

# THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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## W. M. U. MOTTO:

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

Hast thou plenty? Then rejoice.  
Rejoice and freely share.  
Hast thou scanty store? E'en then  
A little thou canst spare.  
And hast thou only bit or crumb,  
A donor yet thou mayst become.  
—From the Norwegian.

## A CALL FOR CO-OPERATION.

It would be a pleasure to write you a personal letter, dear friend, but this cannot now be done, so I hope you will read carefully these printed words in behalf of our woman's work, and "may this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," as we enter upon the home stretch before the Baltimore convention. We are praying that before May we may reach our full apportionment to Home and Foreign Missions, to the Bible Fund, and to the Endowment, Support and Student Fund of the Training School. To do this we need about \$8,000, which means that every society, every auxiliary, every Royal Ambassador and every Sunbeam Band will have to reach its full apportionment for these causes. Please do not say that this is impossible for you, for no worthy work for God is impossible! It may mean sacrifices, but "in Thy service pain is pleasure," for a sacrifice for Christ often saves a soul to eternal happiness. You may have already given your full apportionment, in which case I am constrained to ask you to make an Easter gift that the resurrection life may come to many now dead in sin. If 300 societies would give \$10 each, and 50 auxiliaries and 150 Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors \$5 each above their apportionment, \$4,000 of the \$8,000 would be assured! Talk this over with your members and may you quickly resolve to be on this Easter honor roll. You have until the 20th of April to send me these offerings, so let us work to this glorious end, and, as we work, let us keep the morning watch, praying God that His love may constrain us to do our full part by May. God does answer the faithful, united prayers of His people, so I call upon you to unite with me before 8 o'clock each morning from now until May in asking God to use you and me to clear off our part of the debts on the boards. "No gift will He withhold." Prayerfully,

KATHLEEN MALLORY.

## THE JOY OF SELF-DENIAL.

I must tell you of our Y. W. A. offering for Home Missions, \$140! We wonder where it came from, since there is so little "wealth" among us. I think our girls have experienced the "joy of self-denial." You know our Christmas offering was \$108; so our offerings for Home and Foreign Missions amounts to \$248 for this year. CLYDE METCALF.

## ONE MORE WORD.

The observance of the week of prayer and self-denial for Home Missions was two weeks earlier this year than usual, so that during the whole month of March our societies might have before them the thought of the great need for preaching the gospel of Christ to the unchurched thousands in our own territory.

There are two suggestions I wish to make to those who read these words:

1. Make sure that an offering for Home Missions has been sought from every member of your society—is it too much to say, from every woman member of the church? Perhaps there have been envelopes given out for this purpose which have never been returned. Pray that the spirit of God will remind the forgetful or careless member of that silent plea, and will put in their hearts the spirit of giving so that they will return the envelope filled. And I do not think it will hurt to have the president or the treasurer speak to members about this—especially members who have been absent. It is not for ourselves we do so—it is for the Master. Almost equally important is it to forward this money promptly, dear treasurers. Don't hold it all waiting for a possible 50 cents more. Your state treasurer will not refuse a second installment later. And if necessary continue the gathering of the crumbs through April.

2. I make the second suggestion with some hesitation. Doing without things we want, self-denial, savors of asceticism to us democrats of the faith; but when done with the right motive there is value in the denial of self. If we really care more for the enlargement of God's work than for our own pleasure, does it seem impossible that we should plan to make Him an offering that costs something? Don't give up this purchase or that pleasant little excursion because they are pleasant and you want to be a little sentimental in your selfishness—no. But for the sake of Him who, though He was rich, yet for your sakes became poor that ye through His poverty might be made rich—there's the worthy motive. Use the money you look at in your palm today to be spent in giving to the mountains or the immigrant over the unsearchable riches of Christ.

EDITH CAMPBELL CRANE.

## THE VALUE OF THE SOCIAL ELEMENT IN THE CHURCH SOCIETIES.

(Continued.)

The disapproving ask many questions. Do these things really pay? Does not the average cost measure up fairly well with the proceeds? If the promoters would make a direct contribution would there be any difference in the net results? Is the money gotten from outsiders sufficient to cover the expense incurred to induce them to patronize the objects? Is it right to use the money of outsiders, anyhow? If the money spent for material were applied directly would there not be as much in the end? Would not a vast amount of trouble, inconvenience, bad feeling and general misunderstanding be avoided? Have not many divisions, jealousies, personal animosities and deplorable sensations had their origin in church entertainments? Do not the enthusiasm and energy disappear when the work is finished?

## 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.

Are not many questionable features introduced?

These are some of the questions people ask. They also ask many questions about revivals; but does that signify that they should be abolished? Shall we abolish every institution which is abused—marriage, for instance? Every bad thing in the world is a good thing perverted from its normal uses.

Mismanagement occurs when people have not good judgment. Do not these difficulties arise on account of the nature of those having charge of the affair? Discord will always arise among people of undisciplined natures, no matter in what they are engaged.

The Master himself said that the children of this world are wiser in their methods than the children of light. It cannot be denied that in many of our church affairs we introduce questionable features and adopt methods which are to be condemned. It is this which has brought them into disrepute. If we ask the patronage of people we should give them something they really want at a reasonable price—not practice a sort of moral compulsion upon those who are easy to be taken in. It is perfectly fair to ask people to spend their money if we give them something in return; it is better to ask for a donation outright than to ask them to purchase and not give the money's worth.

We must not go in for money-making alone. Our methods should be above reproach. But underlying all method is principle. Does it involve a desecration of principle? I think not, unless we allow these entertainments to take the place of voluntary giving. We would not lower the ideals of any. The modern church enterprise, conducted according to upright methods, is not out of harmony with Bible teaching. It is true we have no Scriptural authority for it, but many things not specified in the Scriptures have been introduced into our churches! How about the church organ, choir, and the Sunday school? There are people who think the Sunday school is a wicked thing. Objections were made to the first stoves and other conveniences introduced into churches.

Is there anything in the Scriptures condemning the church enterprise? Our Lord's indignation at the desecration of the temple is sometimes used as a case in point, or as wonderfully suggestive, though what parallel there can be it is hard to determine. The work of those men in the temple was not for convenience or necessity or any good motive, but for the personal gain of the priests; a system of graft like many of our trusts of today. A man, for instance, must buy his lamb for the sacrifice from the Temple Trust and pay about \$3 for one that would be worth about \$1 on the hills. Perhaps Jesus meant just what he said: "Ye have made it a den of thieves." If He should appear now and behold some of our modern methods He might use the same language, but not necessarily.

People who claim to believe the church enterprise unscriptural will often listen with delight to a solo in church sung by a man of immoral character. I believe I would sooner risk the Lord's indignation in the matter of the church entertainment.

If any lady should give the money realized from

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### THE SAYINGS OF CORRESPONDENTS AND NOTES BY SECRETARY CRUMPTON.

one of her hens to missions, it would be called a worthy act. If, for convenience, a number of women should each put a hen into an inclosure and the proceeds from the chicken yard be given to missions, some might say that would not do. That would be going into business for the Lord. If a lady should make a cake or a shirtwaist and sell it for a dollar and give the money, she would have universal approval; but if we put our cakes and shirtwaists together and call it a market or bazaar, that is another matter entirely.

If we sell a half-worn garment and give the money it is a good thing to do; if we put our garments together and sell them at a reasonable price to people who really need them—why it is not just the same, is it? It looks a little bit like straining at gnats, though, does it not? People who make distinctions like those are often the same ones who discriminate between Home and Foreign Missions.

Do admonitions to Christian giving apply to outsiders and should their money be used? Jesus used outsiders for His purposes; for instance, the lad with the loaves and fishes. He was not a disciple. Jesus adopted special methods when the situation was urgent. The social obligation demands that everybody be used for the glory of God and the service of mankind. At the Seminary Jubilee, Professor Polard said that the truly consecrated man is the one who brings not only all that he has, but all that he can acquire and lays it upon the altar.

Jesus ate with publicans and sinners and accepted from them all the hospitality and social attention current in His day, which is the equivalent of money. We are in danger of confusing the minds of our young Christians by making them think it "bad form" to earn money for the Lord by any kind of concerted action. Social work is their only resource and it is in perfect accord with the teaching and example of Jesus. The abstract view of Christianity may do for the elderly, but the young must have some concrete point of contact. If people are improved by their efforts to earn money for a good cause, the money brings a two-fold blessing.

We are told that the day is coming when no more every man shall say to his neighbor and his brother, "Know the Lord," but all shall know Him from the least to the greatest. But that day has not come yet. Meanwhile,

"Tasks wait for us that call aloud:

Work with the hands!

Let's use our common tools with pride,

Obeys all the Lord's commands.

So shall we give Him with rapt hearts,

Work with the hands!"

When Jesus appeared before His disciples in His risen body and said, "Children, have ye any meat?" He had no need of physical nourishment, but He gave them opportunity to do again the simple, material tasks which they knew how to do, and renewed their loved comradeship.

No worker is ever a pessimist. To do better work is the way to become better.

Sisters, let us have sympathy with humanity and believe in the success of our undertakings. Let us be practical, up-to-date, sensible. Our work will be rewarded, but we must "go forward on our knees."

MRS. A. J. DICKINSON.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans 6:23.

In congress the brewers have for almost a decade held up and prevented the enactment of legislation giving prohibition states and lesser districts the simple right of self-protection from the invasion of liquor agents bent on defying the people's will under cover of these unmodified interstate regulations. Congress could—and would—change this situation at any session in five minutes' time were it not for the beer lobby, which masquerades in Washington under the high-sounding title of the "German-American Alliance," with a corps of "legal advisers."

London has three open-air schools for tuberculous children. Similar institutions have been established in the United States in Providence, Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Chicago, Hartford, Conn., Brookline, Mass., and Rochester, N. Y.

One of the missionaries:

"I feel that we have made decided gains. We are perfectly able now to take care of ourselves."

This is a missionary right. He has brought the church to the point where it will no longer need help. From this time on it will be a helper.

R. A. J. Cumbee, Louisville:

"I am feeling good and thankful today. I took my general subscription for our work in connection with the Calendar yesterday and I wish you could have been here; with what ease I raised the money. I asked for a voluntary subscription after my sermon. I asked of the church present \$175 and raised \$190, and have seen some who were not there and raised it to \$200; have a few others to see.

"Yes, our Sunday school had already voted to send you the \$10 on the debt. We did not wait to be asked. We did it before we received Brother McKee's letter. Nothing like getting things ready for a collection; this I did."

This old hero can always be counted on. He is one of the steady pullers. What would we do without such? May their tribe continue to increase! "Nothing like getting ready for a collection." That is the secret of success on the line of collections.

A brother writes:

"They believe in missions, yes; but want it coming their way all the time—not for them to send it anywhere else."

"There is much unrest in the churches; pastors moving or thinking about it."

How many churches there are who have been helped by the board, but have never helped the board. Sometimes when the board, because of its distressed condition, withdraws help, they turn against it and abuse boards and secretaries.

That unrest is all over the country. Among the country, town and city pastors and churches. It ought not so to be. Pastors should be more patient, less inclined to get out of sorts or discouraged. Some of our preachers have never learned to "live peaceably with all men."

A pastor:

"I told my folks I would take a collection every month for missions, and some of them said to me I had better look out for myself, that it was about all they could do to raise mine. This shows how they talk and hold a preacher down who wants to do his whole duty; but I told them the mission money had to come first and mine after. It will come, some, even if little, but I will press and talk and educate and broaden and deepen their faith."

This brother is more certain to get his salary by this than by the other route.

J. F. Yancey, Round Mountain:

"You will hear from me or my churches every month this year. I have four churches here, Round Mountain, Leesburg, Shady Grove, and Shiloh. Am going to do my best for them and for the Lord's cause. Your notes in the last issue of the Alabama Baptist for December struck me as I have never been touched before."

Another precinct heard from! God bless the pastors whose vision is getting broader. This brother is a sample of many. The spirit of co-operation is taking hold of our preachers and they are bringing the churches into line. The people are eager for it and only await the coming of the pastor of enlarged vision.

A. T. Sims, Geneva:

"Our great need is to reach the masses. If we could lay our denominational burdens heavily upon the hearts of all the preachers, then, and not until then, can we have some hope of 'taking up the lost motion' in the Kingdom. Oh, the wasted energy, the lost power, the buried talents, on which account we Baptists suffer untold loss."

Here is another bugle call from an earnest pastor. Brother, read and ponder over this sentence: "Oh, the wasted energy, the lost power, the buried talents!" Surely when hearts are being moved under burdens and longings like these, God is moving and we may prepare to receive His great blessing. How we need to be burdened with the conditions among us!

"We will take more collections later, as our present pastor is in favor of the organized work."

"Our present pastor." Everything depends upon the pastor. Collections are certain to come, if the present pastor wills it. The former pastor was an opposer and of course nothing was done along the line of collections.

W. P. Coffield, Fort Deposit:

"I am doing my best to make them believe that they are able to do anything by the help of the Lord."

"The Sunday school at Lowndesboro agreed to give \$7.00 for state missions, which will be forwarded to you right soon. I shall put the matter before the school here at home next Sunday. I also urged the brethren at Lowndesboro to remember our foreign mission work, which they agreed to do. I am planning for a foreign mission collection here next Sunday."

How it gladdens the heart of the secretary when a pastor will write and say: "I am trying to do something." Some don't write, but they do something all the same. Others do not write, neither do they do.

REV. J. W. MCCOLLUM, D. D.

The passing away of this noble man of God reminds us afresh of the first sad chapter in the history of our Japan mission and the first offering laid by Southern Baptists upon the altar for the redemption of Japan, namely, the two missionaries Rohrer and Bond and their wives, who started to Japan in 1860 on a ship that was never heard from.

We can no more understand the providence that did not permit those to land on this soil than we can understand that which has quenched this brilliant light at the very zenith of its power. For Dr. McCollum should just now be in the prime of life.

What can we say for him? We have no words to express our emotions. Marvelously gifted, he advanced in wisdom and power beyond most of those of his own age. The writer never knew him till his noble form was much worsened by disease, but his soul was still aglow, and we can never forget the outstretched arms and open heart that welcomed us when we landed in this country. If the first offering of our people was a sacrifice pure and simple, this second was none the less so. He burned out all too quickly, but he burned out wholeheartedly and in a glorious cause. Few men have wrought so well and none more nobly and unselfishly. All missionaries had a right to envy him his power to use the Japanese language and he won a place in the hearts of the Japanese people that is something unusual. The news of his death seems to fill their hearts with unspeakable sadness. He wrought in a hard place and wrought nobly, and now he has entered upon his rest. We would pray for the presence of the Great Comforter to be with the loyal companion and the dear children that are left behind and that a double portion of his spirit might be given to the young ministers of the gospel in his native land and that others like unto him might come to this land and to continue the work he began so well.

One who loved and honored him,

GEORGE W. BOULDIN.

Fukuoka, Japan, February 26, 1910.

The Standard cannot publish even approximately everything that is sent for publication. For instance, it cannot publish all the poetry, and it cannot publish appeals from churches at large to help build meeting houses. If we were to begin that, the whole paper would be taken up with it, and then no results would come to any church. Every pastor in the state at the head of a contributing church is flooded with such appeals for help. There are scores of churches struggling to build now. It would do no good to publish these in the Standard. Again, some of our ablest writers do send in horrible manuscript. Some of it cannot be deciphered and we have no man in the office who is a first-class mind-reader, therefore it goes in the waste-basket. We cannot print programs of union meetings. Remember that there are over one hundred in Texas. The rule now is for these programs to be printed on slips and sent to those interested in them. We are doing our best to make a paper that will commend the favor of the people at large, and we crave the indulgence and help of all our readers.—Baptist Standard.

GET READY AND GO TO B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

The seventeenth annual convention of the Alabama Baptist Young Peoples' Union will meet April 13 and 14, 1910, at Dothan, Ala., and the host of the convention will be the First Baptist church, when the following interesting program will be carried out:

- Wednesday, April 13, 1910.**  
 9:15 a. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Samuel A. Cowan, Montgomery.  
 9:30 a. m.—Organization; enrollment.  
 10 a. m.—Annual address of the president; appointment of committees.  
 10:30 a. m.—Convention Sermon—Rev. Cecil V. Cook, East Lake.  
 3:15 p. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Mr. Cowan.  
 3:30 p. m.—Reports of committees; executive committee; report of secretary and treasurer.  
 4 p. m.—The B. Y. P. U. as a Preventative of Lapses from Sunday School and Church—Mr. Arthur Flake.  
 8 p. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Mr. Cowan.  
 8:15 p. m.—Organization and Conduct of Local Union—Mr. Flake.  
 8:45 p. m.—Address, "Making of a Life"—Dr. W. F. Yarbrough, Anniston.

- Thursday, April 14, 1910.**  
 9:30 a. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Mr. Cowan.  
 9:45 a. m.—Officers and Committees—Clayton E. Crossland.  
 10 a. m.—The Monthly Missionary Meeting—(1) "Purpose," Prof. Geo. W. Macon, Howard College; (2) "Planning for It," J. E. Robinson, Woodlawn; (3) "Results," general discussion.  
 10:30 a. m.—The B. Y. P. U. Round Table—Mr. Flake.  
 3:30 p. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Mr. Cowan.  
 3:45 p. m.—Monthly Business Meeting—B. L. Whatley, East Lake.  
 4 p. m.—Service, the Aim and End of All Christian Activity—Rev. W. M. Anderson, Woodlawn.  
 4:30 p. m.—Reports of committees.  
 8 p. m.—Song and Praise Service—Rev. Mr. Cowan.  
 8:15 p. m.—Address (to be announced later.)  
 8:45 p. m.—Consecration Service—Dr. Preston Blake, Birmingham.

**Railroad Rates.**  
 The railroads will give cheap rates and a large delegation ought to go, as the Dothanites are given to hospitality.

L. & N. train No. 3, leaving Birmingham on Tuesday afternoon, April 12, carries special B. Y. P. U. car, and makes connection in Montgomery with the Atlantic Coast Line; one or two special cars go to Dothan that night via Atlantic Coast Line. It is especially urged that all north Alabama delegates come by way of Montgomery.

**The Annual Letter.**  
 Each union is earnestly requested to fill out and mail to the secretary at once the annual letter, giving all of the information asked for.

It is especially urged that all unions indebted to the State Union make remittance at once, as the expenses of the convention are based upon the

**Southern Baptist Convention**

The fifty-fifth session (sixty-fifth year) of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in the Lyric (Mt. Royal Avenue) Baltimore, Md., beginning Wednesday, May 11, 1910, at 3 p. m.

The annual sermon will be preached by W. L. Pickard, D. D., of Georgia, or his alternate, W. C. Tyree, D. D., of North Carolina.

The office of the secretaries will be open in the Lyric, Mt. Royal avenue entrance, Tuesday, May 10th, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. and Wednesday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Financial representatives and fraternal visitors are earnestly requested to file their cards as soon as possible after arrival.

Representatives of associations will not be forwarded cards in advance, but will be expected to present themselves with their credentials for enrollment as such.

Please do not wait for the opening of the convention. Come before Wednesday afternoon if possible. This will greatly assist us and the state secretaries in presenting at the opening session a correct roll of those actually present.

LANSING BURROWS,  
 OLIVER FULLER GREGORY,  
 Secretaries.

**Woman's Missionary Union**

Auxiliary to S. B. C.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held in the Seventh Baptist church, North avenue and St. Paul street, Baltimore, beginning Wednesday, May 11, at 2:30 p. m.

The executive committee, with state vice presidents, will meet in the office of the W. M. U., 15 W. Franklin street, at 9 a. m., Wednesday, May 11. The boards of the training school will meet at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 11, and the boards of the Margaret Home will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Seventh Baptist church.

Delegates are earnestly asked to register at the Seventh church as quickly as possible after reaching Baltimore. They are urged to present their credentials at the registration office on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning in order that an accurate list may be obtained during the first session.

FANNIE E. S. HECK, President.  
 EDITH CAMPBELL CRANE,  
 Corresponding Secretary.

**Railroad Rates**

General Regulations.

**ROUTES**—The fares granted are applicable only via routes, via which standard short line one-way fares apply, tickets to read via same route both going and returning.

**LIMIT AND LAY-OVER**—All tickets limited to continuous passage in each direction, and to bear privilege of stop-over at Washington, D. C., on return trip to enable passengers to attend the World's Sunday School Convention, May 19-26, 1910, such stop-over privilege not to extend final limit in reaching original starting point not later than May 31 or June 1, 1910, as the case may be. Tickets must be deposited by original purchaser in person with station agent at Washington immediately on arrival.

**FORM OF TICKET**—Tickets of iron-clad signature contract to be used. Such tickets must be signed by the original purchasers in the presence of the ticket sellers at the time of purchase, and such tickets will not be honored for return passage until validated by authorized validating agents.

Each ticket will be non-transferable. The holder of a signature form of ticket must be identified as the original purchaser to the satisfaction of any conductor or agent by signature or otherwise whenever requested. If such a ticket be presented for validation, passage or checking of baggage by any other than the original purchaser it will not be honored, but will be forfeited, and any agent or conductor or any line over which it reads shall have the right to take up and cancel the ticket.

**INTERLINE TICKETS** will be on sale at regular coupon agency stations only.

**BAGGAGE**—The usual baggage regulations will apply in connection with tickets sold at the fares published.

**Trunk Line Association**

Grant one and one-half first class limited fare with minimum of \$1 for the round trip, going and returning via same route only; tickets to be sold and good going May 9, 10 and 11; returning, to reach original starting point not later than May 31st.

**Southeastern Passenger Association**

From all coupon agency stations south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers announce that the rates from this territory will be approximately (for round trip) 3 cents per mile plus 25 cents to the Ohio and Potomac gateways, added to the fares tendered by lines leading north from those gateways. Tickets will be sold May 8, 9 and 10. Final limit, June 1st.

O. F. GREGORY,

Secretary in Charge of Transportation.

Staunton, Va., March 21, 1910.

amounts pledged by the different local unions, and it is essential that we make collections in order to meet our obligations.

**Send Your Name.**

Every one who expects to attend the convention should send in their name and also the names of any others from their union or church who expect to attend the convention to W. I. Pittman, Dothan, Ala., using the enclosed letter and envelope.

**The Secretary's Letter.**

Secretary Blount F. Davidson says: "If you have a union in your church see to it that they are represented at Dothan. Have them fill out the enclosed annual letter and mail to me. If they made a pledge at Anniston, or if they made a pledge at Troy, in 1908, and have not paid it in full have them send me a check as early as convenient. If they have made no pledge have them send us a contribution.

"If you have no union in your church, use your utmost influence to have some of your young people attend the convention. Have your pastor attend, even if you have to raise the money to defray his expenses, as your church will derive much benefit as the result of his attending. If you desire a copy of our last minutes I will be glad to mail you same upon receipt of a two-cent stamp to cover postage.

"We know that we need representatives from your church and we believe that you need to be represented. Take it upon yourself to see that you are represented."

Board of Deacons' Room, First Baptist Church, March 13, 1910.—At a called meeting of the board of deacons, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Dr. W. F. Yarbrough, for eleven years our beloved pastor, faithful, generous, kind and loyal, God-fearing and God-honoring in all his words and deeds, has severed his connection with this church to accept the pastorate of the Parker Memorial church of Anniston Ala.; therefore, be it

Resolved by the board of deacons of the First Baptist church, That we pledge anew to him our abiding love and confidence, that we acknowledge our deep and lasting debt of gratitude for his loving service, wise leadership and his consecrated walk among us; that we acknowledge our loss in his leaving this field for other work, a loss that is shared by the entire denomination in our commonwealth; for he served for many years as vice president of the foreign mission board, was a member of the board of trustees of our Baptist institutions throughout the state, aside from being a leading spirit in our state conventions; that we commend him to the brotherhood of Alabama, assuring them that our prayers join theirs for the continued success of this Godly man.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this board, and that copies be forwarded to Dr. Yarbrough, one spread on our church record and a copy also furnished the Baptist Record.

S. R. WHITTEN,  
 Financial Secretary.

ROBT. B. MIMS, Chairman.  
 The church unanimously endorsed these resolutions March 20, 1910.

## THE ALABAMA SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Being unable to attend the sessions of the convention, we have clipped from the excellent report in the Montgomery Advertiser a number of paragraphs.

Last Wednesday night's double meeting, made necessary by the overflow at the church, gave added zest to the delegates and at the sunrise meeting Thursday morning the church was taxed to its capacity. This early meeting proved to be a love feast in that every one present was imbued with the spirit of the gathering and joined in the services with heartiest accord. There was a general grasping of hands of the delegates and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. It was a religious enthusiasm which is seldom seen in any city.

Professor Excell was in fine voice and his deep base rang loud and firm in the midst of the wonderful chorus which had been trained for this great Sunday school convention. Song after song was rendered, the men and boys vying with the women and girls in the glad refrains. Professor Excell paid high compliment to the singers and urged them to put all the feeling possible into their voices in singing the holy numbers.

A feature of the morning service was the stirring address of President Jerome T. Fuller. He spoke of the wonderful advancement of Alabama industrially and commercially and urged those in attendance at this convention to join in assisting the newcomers to Alabama in a spiritual way along with commercialism. He spoke encouragingly of the great gathering, the hospitable city and the large-hearted people of Mobile who are doing everything possible to make this convention a success. It was an address full of inspiration and one which sank deep into the hearts of all. Especially beneficial was his urgent appeal to lend the helping hand to the new citizens who had come into their neighborhoods to reside.

The report of Judge Armstead Brown, of Montgomery, who was detained at home because of illness of his wife, was read and closely followed. It told of the work of the past eleven months and of the banner counties of which there are sixty-five and six gold star counties as against fifty-nine of the former and two of the latter. Choctaw and Lamar are the only counties yet to hear from. Resolutions of regret at the illness of Mrs. Brown were passed and a message of condolence sent Judge Brown by the convention.

Miss Mary Smith reported for the committee on home department work; W. B. Davidson on adult superintendents and Mrs. S. P. Moore on teacher training. The latter was given the chautauqua salute as she arose. Other reports were made by Miss Alice Hale, Mrs. J. W. O'Hara and Miss Minnie Kennedy.

State Treasurer M. M. Sweatt stated that there was sufficient funds on hand to cover every obligation of the association. It was a fine record for the past eleven months. Thirty-

five counties had paid up and seven counties had overpaid; they are Clarke, Baldwin, Butler, Elmore, Lowndes, Marengo and St. Clair.

Field Secretary Leon C. Palmer made an able report and was followed by General Secretary D. W. Sims. His report was most elaborate and of great length, and interesting throughout. Of the workers, he said:

"Several members of our executive committee have rendered valuable volunteer service. Mr. D. W. Dillard has given in all nearly a month of his time, Mr. J. B. Green, Mr. D. H. Marbury, and Mr. W. H. Thetford and others have helped in institute and county convention work. The chairman, Judge Armstead Brown, has traveled, spoken, planned and been a general overseer of the entire work, giving freely of his time and means. This association will never be able to pay him the debt of gratitude he is justly due.

"Our president, Hon. Jerome T. Fuller, has also done much volunteer field work, and I am sure all will agree he has proven a splendid officer.

"Miss M. E. Kennedy has been in your service longer than myself, so I do not feel worthy to comment other than to say her work is matchless and the association will sustain an irreparable loss when she leaves the work.

"Mr. Leon C. Palmer began in field work July 5, and is a rare jewel, one of my most congenial companions and friends. His piety never goes on dress parade, but is the same in the chamber, the office, or on the platform.

"From accurate reports from many counties and careful calculations based on reports from others, we find the total number of white Sunday schools in the state to be 3,002, with a total enrollment of 285,456, estimate home department 7,000, cradle roll 8,000, would make a grand total of 298,456, with an average attendance of 166,108.

Senator Dunn, of Clarke, the banner county, made an excellent report, and his remarks were spiced with witticisms. He made a hit by exhorting United States Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, for his attitude in regard to General R. E. Lee's statue in the hall of fame at Washington.

Dr. F. B. Meyer, of London, England, world's president of the Sunday School Association, held a "Quiet Half Hour Service." Having preached in all parts of the world, he gave reminiscences of some of his experiences which proved entertaining.

At the afternoon session the features were addresses by Mrs. J. E. Ramsey on "What Is Our Glass Doing?"; by Rev. A. L. Phillips on "The Need of Trained Teachers." An adult conference was conducted by H. D. Marbury, assisted by Marion Lawrence. A teacher's training conference was held at St. Francis Street Methodist church, Rev. A. L. Phillips presiding.

The association decided today to meet next year in Birmingham.

A wonderful parade was given by the male delegates to the convention augmented by Sunday school workers of this city and county. Headed by a platoon of police and followed by Drago's band, the great throng marched through the principal business streets. Walking in two's and in close quarters, the parade required twenty minutes to pass a given point. It was said there were between 1,500 and 1,600 in line. There were many banners carrying appropriate emblems. In front of the county court house was a gathering of people composing the city schools and they sang hymns as the parade passed.

Secretary Sims read a telegram from Judge Armstead Brown, of Montgomery, expressing regret at his inability to be present owing to the illness of his wife. Being one of the foremost Sunday school workers in the state the message was the source of much regret.

In attendance at the convention were 1,800 accredited delegates and a total of 2,500 out-of-town attendants. This is the greatest number of delegates ever in attendance at a convention of the association.

S. D. Monroe spoke on "The Home Department Work—Is It Practicable?" and told of what his experience had been in urging home departments.

Marion Lawrence, who arrived shortly after the noon hour, accompanied by Prof. E. O. Excell, told of the use of the blackboards in the Sunday school. Mr. Lawrence is the general secretary of the national association.

Rev. J. S. Chadwick spoke on the subject, "The Sharpened Blade."

The feature of the third day's convention of the association was a remarkable tribute paid by the delegates to Miss Minnie Kennedy, of Opelika, the field worker, who is about to leave the state to engage in a broader work.

At sunrise this morning the last day of the great convention was opened with a meeting in Government Street Presbyterian church. It was a repetition of yesterday morning's session. Professor Excell led the song.

Judge Amos Goodhue, of Gadsden, spoke on adult Bible class work, giving valuable suggestions to his hearers. Clear and concise, his every word was heard throughout the building, and he was followed with marked attention.

"Glory For Me" by the choir was followed with an address by Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Selma, who dilated upon teachers' preparation. This, she declared, was most essential to the successful accomplishing of the purpose of the teacher. Consecration for the work is essential, she said. The Bible is the source of inspiration and this should be studied closely in order that the preparation be made complete. One must have love for the work, she declared.

Prof. J. T. McKee made a talk on the practical view of teacher training. His talk produced enthusiasm and brought forth much favorable comment.

Miss A. L. Williams, of Birmingham, spoke on graded classes and demonstrated her ideas lucidly. Her compliments for Mobile and its people was beautifully worded and appeared to be the sentiment of all the delegates to the convention. Miss Williams dwelt upon the need of lessons in graded schools. She offered suggestions to teachers which will prove invaluable.

During two overflow meetings \$7,611 was raised for state work inside or thirty minutes. There was much enthusiasm incident to the appeal by the eloquent divines.

President Fuller, reviewing the work of the convention in Mobile, declared it was the most successful he had ever attended of the association's gatherings in convention, and he said that the results would be far beyond the imagination of any one. He reviewed the past work of the association and spoke glowingly of the prospects for the coming year.

## A TOKEN OF LOVE.

On the morning of the 23d inst., we had just finished breakfast when the "transfer and delivery man" rolled into our pantry a box of some 150 pounds weight, containing a goodly supply of such things as we need so much to nourish and invigorate the physical man. Not only was the culinary department of our home very stoutly replenished, but the warbrobe received some valuable additions also; and even the bedchamber was not overlooked by the thoughtful ones contributing to this very much appreciated gift. Every article is of the best of quality, and so useful to the home.

These good things came from the L. A. S. of the church at Dolomite, to whom we are profoundly grateful, and upon whom we implore God's richest favors and blessings. May those true, noble Christians live long to bless and cheer the hearts of the pastor and his loved ones, whoever he and they may be. The number contributing is so large that space will not permit the mention of the names of the contributors; but we are deeply grateful to every one who in the smallest way remembered us in this "token of love," and shall ever remember in deep sincerity each and every one who so cheerfully gave of their substance to our needs.

God bless and keep these dear ones, is our prayer.

A. C. YEARGAN AND WIFE,  
East Lake, Ala.

Bro. J. T. McKee will be with us in the Cahaba Association in April to hold several Sunday school institutes. He will be at Pisgah church, near Perryville, April 1 and 2; at Shoam, April 3; Gallion, April 9; Uniontown, April 10; Harmony, April 4. Other appointments will be made for him.—J. E. Barnes.

# BOOKS

**Famous Poems Explained.**

By Waltman Barbe.

Every one has some favorite poem. Many have many which they declare their favorites. But every one is familiar with many poems without being acquainted with them. Most of us are attracted in the case of many popular poems by some one engaging quality of the verse, the rhythm, the swing or lilt, the sentiment, the sound—the way the words, the syllables, the metre fit the ideas—or it may be the story of the reminiscence, or some other attribute of the poem; or, again, it may be a patriotic or romantic association. But for whatever reason a poem becomes one of our favorites, the more we know about the poem and about the allusions it contains, the better we appreciate it, and the more capable we become of appreciating other poems—the more susceptible we become to the charms of poetry generally. To read with understanding—the design of the new book is to help one to do just that. The poems are well selected. And every one is prefaced interestingly by some account of the poem, or some incident regarding its origin, or something informing by way of interpretation or "appreciation." In most instances the poem is followed by footnotes explanatory of words or phrases, or allusions, and at the end of the volume are "Biographical Notes of the Authors Represented." Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, New York. \$1 postpaid.

**Living on a Little.**

If Caroline French Benton had put in a whole year in selecting a title she could not have hit on a better one to stir the curiosity of the great American public than the one she adopted, for if there is any question to the front just at present which grips the men and women of our country closer than the one which tries to make both ends meet (meat?) we do not know it. The cover is attractive, showing a young couple at table (not counting the dog). The red, white and black or gray (its night and we are color blind) is fetching. Every bride ought to have this book and every groom ought to read it. It is packed full of good things, and just because they try to live on little does not mean that they find little worth living for. Dana, Estes & Co., Boston. \$1.

**Religion Rationalized.**

This is fresh from the Nunc Licet Press, of Philadelphia (75cents). In it Rev. Hiram Vrooman's desire is to show, first of all, that religion is concerned primarily with definite and concrete facts and realities, just as science is, and then that it is concerned with a realm of reality no less extensive than the unmeasurable heights and breadths and depths of all the immortal potentialities and possibilities of human nature, that this spiritual realm is co-extensive with nature itself and that the two realms are related in a peculiar and vital way by means of which an exact and precise analogy or correspondence exists between the two realms. There are places where we cannot follow this author, but he says much that is provocative of thought.

**The Common Sense Poultry Doctor.**

Until we began to try and keep chickens (?) we had no idea that they suffered more "ills than flesh is heir to," but before our lot was "lifted" we had on hand birds suffering from every variety of diseases. When we had the chickens we didn't have the above book, and now that we have it the chickens are flown, but we are going to keep it handy and some day perhaps some friend will send us a coop (this is not a hint). But as sick as was our brood we never dreamed there were so many things a fowl could have until we looked into John H. Robinson's little volume (and not so little, 176 pages). Now if you want to know what to do order this book for 50 cents from Farm-Poultry Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.

**Mechanics for Young America.**

This is an interesting illustrated book of nearly 100 pages in paper, published by Popular Mechanics Book Department, Chicago, at 25 cents, and well worth it, for it is a book for boys, showing them how to build boats, water motors, windmills, searchlights, electric burglar alarms, ice boats, water bicycles, cabins, camps, clocks, fishing tackle, kites, imitation

street car lines, etc. The directions are plain and complete.

**First Lessons in Poultry Keeping.**

This is a subject in which we are greatly interested, as we have not been able to keep any poultry on our place, as somebody takes a fancy to them and only leaves us the roosts. However, this book is along serious lines and is attracting much attention in the poultry world, and is being used as a textbook in some of the agricultural colleges having poultry departments. It is already in its fourth edition, and no wonder, as it is sold in paper for 50 cents and yet contains 168 pages. The above includes the first year course by John H. Robinson, editor of Farm and Poultry, published in Boston, Mass.

**Home Decoration.**

Part of this charming volume by Dorothy Tuke Priestman has appeared in the form of special articles in the American Home Monthly, Suburban Life, the Woman's Home Companion and the Philadelphia North American, which means they were of a high order or they never would have been printed in such leading publications. The book is appropriately illustrated and there are many suggestions for those who delight in making the home attractive. We thoroughly believe in the kind of missionary work among home builders and owners being done by "Dorothy Tuke," and hope her book will have a wide sale. It is one of "The Family Books" that no family ought to be without. Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. \$1.

**The Florentine Frame.**

By Elizabeth Robins.

Do not pass this novel by with a glance. Look inside. It is the most remarkable production of a most remarkable author. The publishers say: "We have not been overactive in the field of fiction. We have been careful in our selection. But we would publish this novel if it were the only novel we ever published. We believe in it. Way down deep we feel this to be one of the real, big novels of the time, and we know you will feel the same about it when you read it."

The above is rather a unique statement to appear on the cover page, but when one opens and reads he learns that the publishers were giving a good tip, for this is a wholesome tale of New York social and University life. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. \$1.50.

**One-Year Course in English and American Literature.**

This is a history of literature that is different, for its pages almost read themselves. We are glad to know that at last some one has had the good sense to do some pioneer work, for this volume is written on a new plan, namely, of trying to interest high school pupils in the really significant figures in English literature, and leaving such ancient worthies as Thomas Fuller, George Gascoigne and Thomas Kyd to the college course, where they belong. It does not attempt to discuss every author in English literature; it does discuss those whose works live today, and who mean something to us. It is one of the most attractive text-books ever published. On nearly every other page is the portrait of an author, the best portrait that could be procured, with a facsimile of his autograph, or perhaps a complete poem in facsimile; also pictures of authors' birthplaces and homes. Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, New York. \$1 postpaid.

**The Missing Empire.**

This little booklet is the work of a newspaper man, who writes: "I have been in the newspaper work for a quarter of a century, have seen the sad as well as the bright side of life, and mean that every word in the little book shall be taken seriously. I believe you will agree with me when I say, 'If the mother does not train the boy, he will not be trained.'" And a prominent educator says: "Man

reads the book and feels proud that he is the son of a queen mother; woman reads it and takes quiet pride in the thought that the author has portrayed her rightly. One cannot help having tenderer thoughts of 'mother' after having read your book."

It can be had of the author, A. M. Gher, Carlisle, Pa., in paper, 35 cents, or cloth 50 cents.

**HOME BOARD EVANGELISM.**

By Victor I. Masters.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga in 1906, the convention inaugurated a general evangelistic work and put it under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

It was a thought of the convention fathers and of the entire body that the time had come when Southern Baptists in their general convention should give emphasis to the fundamental work of winning the lost to the Savior.

It was then pointed out that the business of the evangelist was of New Testament origin; that a number of our churches, especially in the larger cities, were in danger of losing their grip on the foundation work of saving the lost; that it was not worthy of the denomination to depend for evangelistic service entirely on the chance performances of independent evangelists, who are amenable to no denominational body.

This Department of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board has been most abundantly blessed. As a direct result of its activities thousands of souls have been brought into the kingdom. Remote and weak churches have been stimulated and strengthened and made efficient, while in the large cities great campaigns have been conducted which have placed righteousness and Baptist principles as a force where sin had had its stronghold. In some of these city campaigns the Baptist church membership of the city was increased as much as twenty per cent, and the prestige of Baptist principles was greatly enlarged.

A great benefit has come to the Southern Baptists from this work in an indirect way. The decision of the convention in favor of evangelism has emphasized this work among the churches everywhere. It is not too much to say that these indirect results have been much larger than the blessed results that have immediately attended the activities of the evangelists themselves.

The board now has a staff of twelve trained evangelists, with Dr. Weston Bruner as general evangelist in charge of this department. It is the desire of the board greatly to increase this number as opportunity may suggest.

One marked indirect result of Home Board evangelism has been the large number of young men and women who have been led to give themselves as missionaries both in America and to the uttermost parts. For instance, when Dr. Hamilton conducted a meeting at Mississippi College, the old alma mater of Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Board, about thirty-five young men and women surrendered themselves to become missionaries. Thus it appears that evangelism is a potent agency for securing recruits to lead the lost of earth to Christ.

It is the earnest prayer of the Home Board that this agency, through which it has been able to accomplish such blessed results, shall become more and more powerful as the means wherewith to go into the strongholds of sin and to win many souls to the Savior.

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

General Philip Sheridan was once asked: "Phil, if you could choose for your little son from all the temptations which will beset him the most to be feared, what would it be?" Gen. Sheridan answered soberly: "It would be the curse of strong drink." W. E. Broderick, of Baltimore, retiring president of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, was asked by a young man his opinion of the best kind of whiskey to drink. Broderick looked at him gravely and said: "My boy, the answer to that is dead easy. The best drink of whiskey to take is not at all."

## A VISIT TO SOUTH CHINA—By Rev. H. W. Provence

It had long been my desire to visit South China, especially Canton. And when the Chinese New Year caused a lull in our work and gave me an opportunity to leave it for a few days, I took advantage of the holidays and got away for a two weeks' trip. Leaving Shanghai on Feb. 11th by the splendid new steamship *Mishima Maru*, belonging to the great Japanese line, the *Nippon Yusen Kaisha*, which is one of the largest shipping companies in the world, I had a delightful voyage to Hongkong. The weather was ideal. There was ice on the deck when we left Shanghai, but the day was bright and clear. During the three days and nights of the voyage there was never a rough sea, and so steady was our good ship that it seemed almost like being on an inland canal.

It is eight hundred miles from Shanghai to Hongkong, and another hundred to Canton. Before we reached Hongkong the difference in climate was very marked. A heavy overcoat and steamer rug were necessary to comfort on deck at Shanghai, but before we arrived in Hongkong both were discarded, and we were lying out in our steamer chairs without wraps. With the winter as warm as this I could not but wonder what the summer climate must be.

## Hongkong.

Some readers of the Alabama Baptist may not know that Hongkong is an island off the China coast and belongs to the British. It is a place of great natural beauty. The large harbor is almost completely protected by the surrounding hills, the highest of which, known as "The Peak," rises several hundred feet above the sea and is dotted with handsome homes. The British government keeps a strong military force on the island.

One of the first things that attracts the attention of a visitor from the north is the massive architecture of Hongkong. The ceilings of the first floor rooms are generally fifteen or twenty feet high, and the others in proportion; while the rooms are immense. Great broad verandas usually surround the houses on three sides, one for each floor, making the rooms very gloomy in cloudy weather. The purpose of these is to shut out the glare of the sun in the long hot summer. Mosquitoes flourish from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

An inclined railway similar to that at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., ascends the Peak, and from the various stations on this railway are roads around the mountain affording access to the many homes which give a picturesque beauty to the landscape. Most of these belong to British families, for Hongkong is a British colony, although there are a few residents of other nationalities.

Arriving at Hongkong, I had the unpleasant experience of losing a trunk which I was bringing down for a friend. The ocean steamers, at least those on the Pacific, have no system of baggage checks. A passenger must label each piece of baggage, and when he leaves the steamer he must see that it is put off and must be responsible for its delivery at his hotel or residence. The steamship companies accept no responsibility for it whatever. I have never understood why the traveling public continues to tolerate such an absurd and annoying system, or rather lack of system. In the present case my trunk was in the baggage room, all my other baggage being in my state room. Before we finished breakfast on the steamer at Hongkong an early launch took off most of the Japanese passengers and some of the baggage, my trunk among others. So I had no opportunity to look after it. This was so clearly the fault of the steward in charge of the baggage room that I insisted that the company must find the trunk or pay for it. But as I did not have time to stay in Hongkong longer than one day, I went on to Canton, after reporting the loss to the Hongkong police. It

was a great relief to learn on my return to the city that the trunk had been found. Fortunately I am not much given to worrying over what I can not help; so this little incident did not interfere with the pleasure of my visit to Canton.

The journey from Hongkong to Canton requires about eight hours. There are several boats, every day. I chose one that gave me a day-light trip, in order to see the country along the river. The scene

is very different from that of the low flat lands along the lower Yangtze. The undulating hills that line the river make a pretty view, though here as in most other parts of China an American traveler is struck with the utter absence of woods. Here and there is a tree or two, usually near a temple or a private graveyard belonging to some wealthy family; but the deep dark forest with its gently rippling streams and whispering trees, its barking squirrels and singing birds, I have not found. Everywhere are the marks of human hands. And almost every hillside is covered with the graves of somebody's ancestors, many of whom are still worshiped by their descendants.

Arriving in Canton I decided after consultation that it would be better to go on to Wuchow first and get back in time for Sunday in the larger city. So I took the ferry across to the new railroad, a branch line that runs to Samshui, thirty miles distant. Not since my first three months in China have I felt so strange as during this short stay in South China. Although I can speak the Shanghai dialect and get along pretty well with the Mandarin dialect, I might almost as well have been in Kamtschatka, so far as language is concerned. The Cantonese and related dialects are so different that I could neither understand nor be understood. But the written characters being the same, I could make out fairly well. At Samshui I took a "sampan," or small row boat, over to the steamerboat, which lay about a mile up the river, and after traveling all night in cramped and not very comfortable quarters, I arrived about 11 o'clock in the morning at Wuchow.

This is a city of about a hundred thousand people situated on the West river. Here we have a good medical work in charge of Dr. Meadows, who came out in the same party with us on the *S. S. Gaelic*, and Dr. Hayes. Dr. Hayes and his family were absent on furlough, and Dr. Meadows was gone to a medical conference in Hankow, but Mrs. Meadows and the children and Miss Julia Meadows, also a member of the Gaelic party, were at home. It was a great pleasure to see them again, though my limited time did not allow but a short visit. I was entertained in the home of Bro. Tipton, another of the same Gaelic party, and it was through his kindness that I was able to see the city so well. His field of labor covers several hundred square miles, and as there are neither boats nor railroads on which to travel, much of it being in the mountains, he keeps two ponies for this purpose. We spent the morning on these ponies, the best way of traveling through the narrow, dirty streets of a Chinese city, unless the streets are too crowded for rapid progress. The new Meador Memorial Baptist church, the gift of friends in Washington city, has recently been completed, and it affords excellent facilities for church work. The brethren were looking forward eagerly to the meeting of the Chinese Baptist district association soon to be held in this church, and I regretted that I could not stay over and attend it. The past year has been the best in its history.

Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays the schools were not in session, but I was greatly interested in visiting the buildings erected for the government schools, both male and female. There is a very large normal school in one of the largest temples of the city. Another building was going up when I was there. The finest school buildings in the city were those of the girls' school. Some half a dozen temples had been torn down and the materials used in the construction of new buildings. In the laboratory was a fair supply of modern apparatus, most of it from Japan, and I could not but wonder what impression it must make on a scholar trained under the old system, which was abolished four or five years ago. For in the "good old days" education consisted in memorizing the Chinese classics and learning to imitate the style of the sages. Mathematics, geography, chemistry, physics, etc., were unknown realms. The student was taught to think and act as his fathers before him had done. Naturally the new education labors under enormous difficulties, chief of which is the lack of competent teachers; but it is ushering in a new day in China.

One spot of interest was the spring and pool on a

hill back of the city, for it was there that Dr. Graves baptized the first convert in the Kwongsal province. That was years ago, and now there are hundreds of Christians and numerous churches. In Bro. Tipton's field there are some twenty pastors and evangelists, many of them in charge of prosperous churches. It is more than any one man can do to visit these churches and train the workers and direct the work as it ought to be done; but Bro. Tipton is doing a splendid work. He very much needs two or three co-laborers, especially one for the large district where the Mandarin dialect prevails.

It was a pleasure to meet Mrs. Tipton and Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, who are recent accessions to the Wuchow station. They all give promise of becoming useful workers.

Just before my boat left we had a brief prayer meeting, which I was asked to lead, and it was sweet to dwell on the thought of God's call to the mission field and thank him for the rich blessings he is giving us in our homes and our work.

## "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 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 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.

## QUESTION TO BE SOLVED BY THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

Brethren—Judging from the appeals that come from every nook and corner of the state and through the religious papers, we conclude readily that the state is in dire need of more preachers, Sunday school workers, missionaries for the associations and other Christian workers. If it is true that there are so many places open, why is it that some of the best talent of the ministerial class of Howard College, long before school closes, begin to look forward to a summer's work with some book company or an agency of some kind to make perhaps expenses during vacation? Up to the present date already a large number have signed up to sell books, etc.

Is it true that Howard men are not capable of filling these places? Are you supporting Howard College and getting nothing in return? Or, are there any places for these men if they could be placed? They have spent their time and money. Do they not deserve a place?

W. R. SEYMORE,  
President Ministerial Class Howard College.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

A Christian church holds very important relations to the community in which it is located. The members of the church have no moral right to say that it matters nothing to the general community as to what they may do as a body. It does matter a great deal, and especially so if the church tolerate certain evils, or pursues tactics which are a reproach to the good cause. A church has certain obligations to the community around it which it can not shirk without sinning against both God and man. A church may be an independent body, as to its form of government, but it cannot rightfully be independent of the claims of the people of the community in respect to the influence which it exerts. A Christian church is just as responsible to general society as any individual is. If it be wrong for an individual to so act as to injure the morals of other citizens, it is also wrong for any church to do a similar thing. As a single person has no right to be a moral nuisance to the community, so no church has a right to conduct its affairs in a manner which shall unfavorably affect the morals of society. It is a fact that people outside of a church have the right to demand that the church shall exert a wholesome influence in the community. This leads us to say that no professedly Christian church has a right to have in official positions such men as are a reproach to good morals. It is a very serious fact that many a church has among its official members certain ones in whom honorable people of the world have no confidence whatever. They are a moral stench in the community, and therefore they are a detriment to both the church and society. When a church continues to retain in prominent office a man whom no decent people can respect, a grave damage is done to the general community. The church itself is disrespected by unconverted ones, and God's blessing is withheld. Let churches keep clean, and thus be a help to the community.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

We found it impossible to attend the recent session of the Alabama State Sunday School Convention which met at Mobile last week, but some of the returning delegates were kind enough to visit us and gave glowing accounts of the addresses and the hospitality of the Mobilians. We were powerfully anxious to get down there and see the new churches about which Cox and George are so justly proud, and to mingle with the other Baptist pastors who are standing for our Baptist cause in the lovely Gulf City.

THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

Sunday, March 20, was a great day for the Laymen's Movement in the Birmingham district. A number of visiting brethren occupied the leading pulpits in the morning and evening and in the afternoon there was a great rally at the First Baptist church, where stirring addresses were made by Dr. W. B. Crumpton, John E. White, T. B. Ray, V. I. Masters and J. M. Frost. We feel that the visit of these brethren gave Home Missions a great uplift. We regret that Dr. Gray could not be present.

# Editorial

DID YOU GET MAD?

It seems impossible for me to send out statements without making somebody mad. The following card was enclosed with a number of the bills:

THE GOLDEN RULE

My Dear Friend—It is impossible for me to know all my subscribers personally. I do not know your financial condition. I am sending you a statement, and simply beg you to treat me as you would want to be treated if you were an editor.

If you can pay the full amount to date, do so. If you are able to pay a year in advance, do so. If you can't pay all you owe, do your best, and I will be satisfied, but please DON'T claim, as many do, that you do not owe anything, because the paper was not STOPPED. Has it not blessed your home each week? If not, you could have ordered it STOPPED, or refused to take it out of the postoffice, but having read it, please do not refuse to help me out in this trying year. May God's blessings rest with you and your home.

And yet some got mad, but I want to thank those who tried to live up to the "Golden Rule" and sent in their back dues.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR ALABAMA.

We have received to March 25:  
For Home Missions.....\$ 7,534.26  
For Foreign Missions.....\$12,081.82

We have only four more Sundays in which to round out the figures for these two boards.

We gave last year:  
For Home Missions.....\$19,353.77  
For Foreign Missions.....\$26,981.11  
W. B. C.

Only four Sundays more for Alabama Baptists to raise for Home and Foreign Missions \$25,000 to bring us up to the figures of last year.

Can we do it?

We can; but everybody must take a hand and that right away.

Several thousands of dollars are now in the hands of treasurers who have not reported it. Some of the association treasurers, I doubt not, have money in their hands from last fall for these two boards.

Now for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether. Fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

THE POWER OF TRUTH.

The hope of the prohibition reform is not in the temporary stimulus of numbers, enthusiasm, or political cleverness. The assurance of its final triumph is written in the truth which bases all its argument. The whole question is, how can we arrest the thought of the people, focus their attention upon the issue in such a way as to result in conviction, and action in accord therewith. The honest seeker after truth will become a prohibitionist if his attention is turned in the right direction. The lover of humanity will espouse the great reform whenever his heart and brain have been touched by the message of our cause. The power of a single book, or a single study of conditions, may be sufficient to precipitate a revolution once its potential energy has been transformed and applied by the

soul it has set on fire. The certainty of progress, the hope of reform, and the prophecy of permanency for our country and our civilization is wrapped up in the printed form that can reach the average man. We give below one of the simplest and truest descriptions of the meaning and the power of "books," which appears in the Independent, March 10, 1910, and written by Marguerite Ogden Bigelow:

Books are not made for libraries, but libraries for books. They are not made to be owned in sets, but to be read by sentences. They are not meant to become the mural decoration of a rich man's home, a luxury of the eternal life; but they are meant to be serviceable to the inner life of rich and poor alike.

Many books have been destined to pass an idle hour and then die forgotten. Some books have been destined to fill the leisure to the full with beauty and they live while they are enjoyed; but a few books there are that death cannot kill—they are perennial in their repeated resurrections and everlasting in their influence, for these few express ideas that encourage the germination of the spirit in soil long fallow.

Suppose that a certain great book is read only by one great man in each century? Is he alone the gainer by his perusal of it? Will he not, because of it, raise to greater achievement and more abundantly benefit his times? Will not the thoughts expressed in it filter through his mind into the minds of those with whom he has human relations? Will they not gain dignity by contact with whatever of insight and nobility he has gained from that book?

Wise folks distrust all books beneath their own status of nobility, attainment and power, and love those with a stern challenge, those that are stimulating and helpful in their several vocations, those that inspire the darkest hours, and those that are not inconsistent with ardor and joy. They do not rejoice in the possession of any good book unless they are willing to share it; or, failing this, they do their best to radiate its light.

A WISE MOVEMENT.

An educational and religious movement has been started by the Bible League of North America, of which William Phillips Hall, of New York, is president, and Rev. Dr. Henry Otis Dwight is vice-president. A considerable number of church leaders, clerical and lay, of national or international reputation, representing various evangelical denominations, are directors and officers. It is stated that the object of this movement is to furnish an agency which shall completely counteract the widespread teaching of infidelity in many leading American colleges, and in divinity schools, which are spreading agnosticism, pantheism and materialism. It is announced that the Bible League has issued a call for a general enrollment of "all who love the old gospel and hold the Bible as God's inspired word," for the purpose of an aggressive educational campaign. Efforts will be at once made to raise a fund of \$100,000 yearly, to be expended in introducing sound Bible teaching in schools and colleges, and also to issue literature for the instruction of the people in the Bible and Christianity, in Sunday schools and Bible schools. It is further purposed to prepare a great dictionary, on strictly evangelical lines, and to establish an educational center, from which to direct the work in general. The headquarters of the league are at 86 Bible House, New York, where all requests for further information may be sent. We regard this as being a very wise movement, and a most timely one also. For years it has been apparent that skepticism, in various forms, has been rapidly taking possession of many nominal Christians, and particularly preachers and theological teachers, mostly in the Northern and Western states. And even in our own Southland there is danger from the same sources, and such a "movement" would be welcomed among us. It would fortify our young people against infidelity and strengthen others.

Evangelist Paul Price, of Urbana, O., has recently conducted successful meetings at Newcastle, Pa. At present he is engaged in similar work at Jonesboro, Ill. He is due at Twenty-second and Walnut street church, Louisville, Ky., on the first Sunday in April. From there he goes to Hogansville, Ga., for April 17th and to Santa Anna, Tex., for May 22. These last three meetings are return engagements.

Rev. J. M. Cook, East Lake, has the first and third Sundays vacant. Here is a good chance for some church or churches to get a consecrated young preacher.

SPRING IN THE AIR.

How do we know it? Because the sap is beginning to rise in the hearts of our subscribers and a goodly number of them have sent in their advance subscriptions, and written letters cheering enough to drive out of our mind the few mean ones which slip into our mail bag. I certainly appreciate the good men and lovely women who are helping to lighten my burden.



THE ALL-SUFFICIENT.

By Lucy Strickland.

Is there rest in the world's market-houses?  
 Is there peace in the glitter and glare?  
 Is there joy in crowns or in homage,  
 Or in the gold and the diamond rare?

Is there a moment's calm in the struggle  
 For power and thrones of kings?  
 Is there smiles or sunshine in climbing  
 To the summit of mortal things?

Is there power on earth to keep us  
 Safely through Eternity's years?  
 Is there comfort enough to strengthen us  
 And hope to still our fears?  
 Vainly man seeks a boon for his sorrow,  
 Vainly he clutches the yellow of gold;  
 Yet still his soul yearns for the soothing  
 Of boundless love and untold.

He barter's his honor for fame's gifted trappings,  
 He revels in the praises of earth and its men;  
 He imprisons his soul in the dungeon of misery,  
 And clothes it in garments of blackest sin.

And round him is wealth in splendor supremest,  
 Men in loud tones sing in triumph his fame;  
 Yet his eyes are oft wet with tears freely flowing  
 While earth's remote corners resound with his name.

Oh, the depth of the tomb which so deeply engulfs him,  
 Oh, the peace and the hope he never has known;  
 Can there be relief in gold or in homage  
 Or rest even upon the velveted throne?

Yes, awake him! Arouse the sacred fire immortal,  
 Fan it into flames serene, clear and bright;  
 Breathe into his ear the message from heaven;  
 Let it flood his warped soul with a radiant light.

And all his treasures so carefully hidden,  
 All the gold and the fame and the praise  
 Are ashes to his dreary soul tired and complaining,  
 Are thorns in the network of life's tangled ways.

He moans. Inside his soul reigns voiceless sorrow,  
 He weeps. No tears can bring him calm or peace.  
 He prays; and heaven, all eager, hearing him,  
 Breaks the bars of sin and bears release.

What boundless peace reigns in his soul immortal!  
 What joy is his! what ecstatic glory!

What a calm sweeps o'er his being exhausted.  
 What rapture there is in love's old story.

There is joy untold and peace beyond measure;  
 In fancy he views the fair promised land.

All the gold and the homage he passes unnoticed;  
 The all-sufficient lives in the soul of man.

IF WE SHOULD FAIL?

I feel almost like a traitor to write down these words, even in the form of a question for the sake of argument. No one must think of failure in the present effort to pay off all the indebtedness on our foreign mission work and come to the convention in good shape prepared for a splendid advance next year. We must not fail. Perhaps, one way to make success sure is to look squarely at the consequences of failure.

In the first place, we would lose the greatest opportunity we have ever had to put on the fields something like adequate forces. We have on account of the great offer made by one man, the opportunity to send out sixty new missionaries for what it would cost us ordinarily to send out forty, since one noble layman will bear all the expense of sending one-third of the missionaries if we come to the close of the year free of debt. Such a re-inforcement would lift the burden from many a weary shoulder, fill in the places of those who are broken down and enable us to enter some of the great new fields that are open before us. Shall we let such an opportunity pass? Any business man would go to the limit of his ability to grasp such a profitable offer. Are we not a great company in business for the Lord? Shall we be less eager to seize a large advantage than men in the ordinary affairs of life?

In the next place, for us to fail now would be enough to discourage every one of our missionaries. They have been laying large plans and only await the word from us at home to put them into execution. Some of them have waited until they are heart sick already. They are crying, "How long, oh, Lord, how long?" Shall we force them to cry out in still deeper despair? If we fail, it will not be because we are unable to meet the demands that are upon us. Southern Baptists have spent not less than twelve millions of dollars during this year on religious work at home, and without question we are well able to contribute the little more than half a million dollars which the convention has asked for foreign mission work. It is not a question of ability, but simply a question of willingness.

Again, if we should fail, we would proclaim to the world that we are not worthy of the great name we bear. Dr. John A. Broadus, in an address delivered in Boston almost a quarter of a century ago, made the claim that it was our Baptist fathers who led the way in bringing Christianity back to its original basis and started the modern missionary movement. And he added:

"Then, mark you, don't get fussing about returning to the New Testament ideas of ordination and church government, and stop there, and fail to return to New Testament ideas of

missions. The Baptist who stands up for believers' baptism, and for the independence of the churches and all those things, which I believe in, and then isn't hearty in the work of missions—well, the fact is, he is no Baptist at all. He doesn't deserve to call himself that. Let him go to reading his New Testament over again.

But that isn't all. I quote from Dr. Broadus again. He said: "Christianity is missionary, or it is nothing at all. Christian people who are not missionary lack one of the original, fundamental, essential, indispensable elements of genuine Christianity."

Shall we confess by failure to give even the inadequate support to our mission worked asked by the convention this year, that we are not worthy of the name Baptist or even to be called Christians?

I repeat, we must not fail. We must face the tremendous task that is before us and come to the last day of April in great triumph. Let us labor and pray as we have never done before. Too much is involved for us to think one moment of failure.

How can we succeed? First of all we must give the money. Let every man, woman and child give. It is a glorious privilege to make a sacrifice in such a conflict as this. Then we must pray. Let us turn the whole Southland into a vast prayer meeting, pleading for all hearts to be opened and all of our people to be aroused. Finally, let no pastor be satisfied until all his people have done their best. Then there will be no possibility of failure.

WM. H. SMITH.  
 Richmond, Va.

Whereas, Our Almighty Father, in His divine wisdom, has taken from our midst our sister in Christ, Mrs. James Waiters,

Resolved, 1. That we, the Baptist church, have lost a faithful member and one of our truest Christians.

2. That her family have lost a devoted wife and mother from their home.

3. That she shall be sadly missed in her home, the church and community, but we must remember that our loss is her gain, for to live is Christ, to die is gain.

4. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and point them to the kind and loving Savior, who doeth all things well.

5. That we try to so live on this earth as to be prepared to meet her in eternal glory when the final summons comes.

6. That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent the county paper and the Alabama Baptist for publication and a copy sent the family.

MRS. JOHN BRYAN,  
 MRS. B. F. WEAVER,  
 MRS. CHAS. HAWKINS.

My life here has been a busy one. With a flock of over a thousand members, many public duties, and a building enterprise on my hands I overlook many things. Our splendid building, to seat 2,000 people, is nearing completion. You are still doing good service for the Baptists of dear old Alabama. In fact, I think your paper gathers momentum constantly. May the Master continue your success.—A. J. Moncrief.

Please change the address of my paper to Newport, Tenn. I assume charge of that work April 1. This ends a pastorate of five years and eight months where there has been perfect harmony and splendid success. A brief summary of the work is as follows: Sermons preached, 839; members received, 423, of whom 159 were by experience and baptism; membership then 190, now 490; tracts distributed, 33,530; visits made, 4,593; funerals, 354; contributed for missions, \$3,950; total contributions, \$18,000; Sunday school, about 500, then about 100; thoroughly organized in every department; primary department under Mrs. O'Hara's direction has grown to about 275. Besides this, there have been prayer meeting talks, training classes, workers' meetings and much other work accomplished. I ask that we may have your prayers that in our new field we may serve even more efficiently. I shall always keep in close touch with the work in my native state.—J. W. O'Hara.

(We surely hate to have Brother O'Hara leave Alabama.)



REV. JOHN L. RAY.

Bro. Ray, after spending some time at the Seminary, accepts the call to Blocton.

Our school is doing well since Bro. S. O. Y. Ray has moved to Newton and taken hold of the financial part of the building. The work is moving up. If he had been employed years ago I believe there would have been a good building here long ago. There are four Sunday school rooms being built to the church. Most of this is due to the energy and tactfulness of Bro. Spurgeon Jones, a worthy son of a noble sire, "Uncle Allie." We have much to be thankful for. My pastorate seems to be doing well. We are expecting many of the brethren to come to our institute. We want them all to come and enjoy the good time that we expect to have. And we want our editor, too. Recently we ordained to the work of the ministry one of our best young students, Bro. McMellon. The presbytery consisted of Brethren George Bragain, R. J. Rigel, and the pastor, Bro. McMellon stood an excellent examination, and we predict for him success in the blessed work to which God has called him.—R. M. Hunter.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

AMONG THE SOCIETIES OF THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

The truth of the saying that "all's well that ends well" was verified in our trip to

Vincent.

We left Birmingham not actually weeping over our departure, though the skies did look as though any moment there might be a cloud burst, but parting from the sisters after our meeting in the afternoon the opalescent tints in the heavens were reflected in the peach-blow of the orchards and the violet and the daffodils that decorated the visiting sister as she went forth on her mission. It makes one feel very comfortable to have a kindly face smile upon you as you descend from the train and to feel the hearty handshake of welcome. This was our pleasant experience as our sister Mrs. A. E. McGraw, greeted us, and as we met Miss Addie E. Cox, whom we had met at Carrollton, and who is tarrying at Vincent for the while. It brought back many pleasant memories of a former visit here, being near the home of Mrs. Wilder and under Mrs. Kidd's kind care, and going over to see a friend for the time "shut in," we thought again of the pleasant family who had entertained us so beautifully in the then new home. The ladies and the children greeted us at the church and we rejoiced that our Sunbeams are again "gathering up" and shining as of yore under Miss Cox's guidance. She also has the president's place in the mission society. How many sined some people are, and how God can use them wherever they go! The Y. W. A. was organized with the following officers:

- President—Mrs. W. J. Florey.
- Vice President—Miss Mary Kidd.
- Secretary—Miss Christo Davis.
- Treasurer—Miss Cannie Freeze.

And we believe a mission study class will be speedily organized, for as one young lady remarked, "We shall find we need it in order to carry on our auxiliary. There is some talk of a chapter of the Royal Ambassadors being organized also, but as yet the boys have not reached the age or thought when they consider themselves too old to be "Sunbeams." Blessed in the coming and blessed in the going away by kindly expressions of friendship and appreciation, we left these sisters at the station and turned toward

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Lot No. ten (10), except the south two and one-half (2-1/2) feet, in block No. nineteen (19), "Tharpe Place," West End, as shown on map recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, in map book four (4), page eighty-seven (87). Also lot No. seven (7) in block No. ten (10), "Earle Place," as shown on map recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama.

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to meet Mrs. O. W. Reynolds, of Anniston, vice president of the eastern division of the state, and Mrs. John C. Williams, of Talladega, superintendent of the Coosa River Association, who had been at Wilsonville to hold a meeting with the sisters there. It is easier to "go forth rejoicing" when one has such good help in the work. The faithful few met us at the church with a sprinkling of Sunbeam children, and the meeting was a precious one. The new plan of the district vice president and the superintendent of the association working together and allowing the state organizer to come along, too, makes the heart of this scribe leap for joy. The delightful Bible reading by Mrs. Reynolds was followed by a well rounded, practical exposition of the work and duties of the societies by Mrs. Williams, resulting in the reorganizing of the Woman's Missionary and Aid Society, with the following named officers:

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### Talladega

headquarters for days, is no mean privilege. The Sabbath day was a feast of fat things. The two sermons heard in the old church, so full of fragrant memories, were striking and long to be remembered, clear cut in thought and concise and original in presentation. The saints here are sitting with great delight under the ministry of their pastor, Rev. J. D. Gwaltney. The woman's Missionary Society, the Y. W. A. s and the Sunbeam Band gave us welcome in the afternoon, and good audiences. I wonder if they know how blessed they are in having for their very own the superintendent of their association? We found a fine little Sunbeam band at the Second Baptist church, being fostered by Mrs. C. H. Goodroe, and having for their president Earle Blankenship. They recited verses and little poems for us, and we were glad indeed to claim them as our Sunbeam children and list them as such.

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### Winterboro,

where we had enjoyed the Coosa River Association last autumn. Mrs. John S. Morris was our hostess and we do not wonder that no one passes

her gate—it swings so wide open and the greeting is so hearty and the dinners so sumptuous! Here we met again Mrs. J. B. Russell, president of the society at Winterboro, who had assisted us so heartily in the organizing of the society last October. Again we return thanks to the teachers of the school heartily for lending us the bright boys and girls, who looked into the church and filled it with sunshine. The Sunbeam band is under the guidance of Miss Nellie Morris and we congratulate both band and leader. We shall never forget the kind offices of dear little Ruby Russell and Roy Morris, who formed an escort for the Sunbeam mother and "helped her in the meeting." The Winterboro and Talladega societies were well represented and it was such a joy to see the kindly faces of these sisters again. Our obligations are great to both Mr. and Mrs. John C. Williams for accompanying and assisting the visiting sister. We wish to make special acknowledgments to the former, as he took so amiably the crisp March air outside while the sisters held their meeting within the pretty and comfortable church, but "cones" and women and such like are such "feeble folk" they are paralyzed by any but their own kind in their meetings. We acknowledge our feebleness along with our many obligations!

Toward Talladega we turn our faces—the crisp air putting mettles into our horses and giving promise of a rebuke to fair spring for her forwardness in arraying herself in pink and white blossoms and being so enchanting when winter still craved "to hide with us a wee." How cozy and grateful the homey sitting room and bright fire as we touch base again and call the "home of "Our Mountain Home" our own for the while, at least.

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It was my privilege to be in Bro. Gilmore's home and in that of Captain and Mrs. Wiggins. In both places, as in the home of Brother and Sister Simmons, who have a fine son in Howard College, the generous hospitality was very pleasant to one who is much of a wanderer.

At Tunnel Springs, in the field of our dear brother, Rev. S. P. Lindsay, we also received help for our college.

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Good things in a good way by a good people.

On March 23d a strange thing took place at the Union Baptist church parsonage. Everything was quietly settling down for the night when suddenly the tramp of many feet was heard upon our front veranda and to our surprise down through the hall came a perfect stream of happy human beings, each lugging a sack, bundle or box of something. A fuss? I reckon you would have thought so could you have passed our way. Not the kind of fuss you have heard in a kitchen, either, but a real fuss. It was kept up until 144 sacks, boxes and bundles were piled up in a good old fashion way. It would have made you happy could you have seen them. I guess you have been wondering where the preacher has been through all this. I will drop you this. He had been in bed for some days, but is better at this time. His condition, however, for the next few weeks depends upon the leniency of his wife as to what he eats, and of course the quantity that he can digest.

Well, we had a good time thanking and being thanked. The good people tried to keep the preacher quiet; but, how could a fellow keep still and all this going on? And the wife, poor thing, she just couldn't keep still. She had not seen so much good things to eat since she was a girl of eighteen sweet summers before she had cast her lot with this poor preacher. (She's contented now). Finding words lacking in power to express the gratitude of our poor hearts, we just bowed our heads while yet standing in the midst of all these good things. When the prayer was ended that big hearted, generous Deacon Dunnam said amen. A reflex of this noble act could be seen upon every face as they said good night and went away. When all was normal again in the home wife and I tipped into the room. It would have amused you to have seen us putting these things away. Flour, meat, sugar, coffee, canned goods, potatoes, jellies, preserves, pickles, in fact something of everything that poor people need in hard times. When this preacher could collect his mind enough to let his heart speak he heard something like this: Oh, you are not worthy all this lavished generosity. Then said I: God, make me worthy in thy sight and humble in the sight of men and may all who have helped in bringing this great blessing meet Jesus in the pardon of sin and meet this preacher and all his up in that world where all such deeds of love and acts of kindness shall be acknowledged and rewarded of Him who has said, As ye did it to the least of one of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me.

J. ED AND ELLEN LOWRY.

Enclosed please find check for \$2 for renewal of my subscription for the Alabama Baptist. It is uplifting to read it and keeps one in touch with the Baptist interest in this (my adopted) state. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon your dear family, especially those sweet little sons, and yourself, and may you do much good in this grand old state of Alabama. Is the sincere wish of Mrs. John W. DIXON.

(Is not this a lovely letter?)



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**DEATH OF MRS. HOBSON.**

On February 5, 1910, the spirit of Mrs. M. C. Hobson, one of the most faithful members of the Baptist church, passed to the reward of a good and faithful woman.

Death came to her at her home at Hagler, Ala., after a short suffering of two weeks, which she bore with that patience and Christian fortitude that had ever marked her daily life.

She was born October 12, 1836, and joined the church when quite young. She was a faithful Christian the remainder of her life and was always ready to do something for her Master. She was married to Rev. F. M. Hobson May 23, 1856, they having lived happily together for forty-seven years when her husband was called home to his reward.

She leaves eight children—four sons and four daughters—as follows: Mr. Joe Hobson and Mr. Jerome Hobson, of Hagler, Ala.; Mr. R. E. Hobson, of Northport, Ala.; Rev. W. A. Hobson, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Jane Fikes, of Pearson, Ala.; Mrs. Missouri Lucky, of Moundville, Ala.; Mrs. Della Dockery, of Merke, Tex., and Mrs. Jennie Mosley, of Arkansas.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at 1 o'clock at Liberty church, of which she was a member at her death. Rev. G. W. Hubbard, her pastor, conducted the services. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed her remains to their last resting place beside her companion who had gone before her to the glory world.

"A light from our home is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our hearts  
That never can be filled."

S. J. H.

We are confronted with a crisis in our mission work at home and abroad. There should be much prayer and earnest, vigorous work. Just a little more than one month now and the books of the mission boards will close. Much can be accomplished by pastors co-operating with each other in holding mission rallies. Where assistance can't be received each pastor could arrange for an all-day service, so he can present the work to his people and enlist his laymen in the every member canvass.

It was my pleasure to conduct a mission rally with Mt. Olive church, some fifteen miles northeast from Marion, on March 19 and 20. The church urged me to conduct this rally, and I was enabled to do so because my Hopewell church so cheerfully granted me leave of absence from my appointment there on the 20th, and then, too, Dr. R. G. Patrick supplied for me, and Dr. P. V. Bomar furnished me the horse and buggy.

We had a helpful rally. A goodly number of the membership and others met for an all-day service on Saturday, and for a morning service Sunday. A nice amount was given for home and foreign missions at the close of the rally and the brethren agreed to see that the full amount asked of the church for home and foreign missions this year is raised and sent to Bro. Crumpton before the 30th of April. The following brethren were appointed to make "the every member canvass." George W.

Hughey, J. H. Ham and William Miller. This church is located in a very prosperous section of the county, and has in its membership some of the best citizens of Perry. I never talked to a more appreciative, people, and to people who seemed more anxious to know about the Lord's work.

Bro. W. M. Hughey is superintendent of the splendid Sunday school. The executive committee has been asked to let Bro. Henon Harris, who will give the association four months' work during the summer, hold a meeting for them beginning the second Sunday in July.

I greatly enjoyed being with the brethren there two days, and believe that in the coming years this church is going to do more for the cause than it has ever done.

I regretted that Bro. J. D. Martin, who is the pastor of this church, will not be with me.

Blessings on these faithful servants of the Lord who are beginning to get a broader vision of what God wants them to do. Yours for service,

J. E. BARNES.

Marion, Ala.

On Feb. 19, 1910, the most dreaded of all visitors, the death angel, came to the home of Bro. and Sister J. M. Brewer and carried away their sweet little ten months old babe, Annie Grace Truman. She was a very bright little one and all through her sufferings did not cry. She had whooping cough and pneumonia. While it grieves our hearts and saddens our homes to give up our little darlings, we bow in submission to our dear Lord, and while we do not know His purpose in taking them from us, we realize that all things work together for good to those who love God and we are drawn closer to Him in our sad hour. We know there will be a day when we shall meet our loved ones where there will be "no more sorrow, no more dying, no more crying in that happy home above, where all shall be peace and love."—Mrs. R. B. Lacy.

I have let my time run over a month through neglect. I am now in my 76th year and my eye-sight is so bad I can hardly see to read out will pay \$2 a year to sustain our Baptist literature whether I can read or not. May God bless you in every effort for good.—Wm. P. Bell.

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It is a grand paper and I don't think any home can well do without it. May your good work continue in years to come. God grant that your efforts may lead many souls to Christ.—Alice Armor.

Enclosed is express order for \$4.00 in payment of my subscription to the Baptist from January, 1910, to January, 1912. Please mark me up two years. Did not intend to get in arrears, but try to compensate by paying two years at once.—R. D. Palmer.  
(Any one else wish to follow his good example?)

I hope your numerous subscribers are making some response to your earnest appeals for the filthy lucre, which seems to be necessary, even for an editor.—W. J. E. Cox.

I am pleased with the Alabama Baptist, and to keep you from getting in trouble with Uncle Sam by coming money I will do my part by sending you a check for \$1.50. I was paid up to the first of 1910. I don't want the paper to stop. Let me know when I am due to remit and it will come. I am very busy and do not try to keep up with it.—L. D. Buchanan.

I am sending you \$3 to pay up to date for the Alabama Baptist and have it extended to 1911. I am sorry that I neglected sending in my subscription to the dear old Baptist so long, but sorrow don't heal the wounds on the dear editor's purse or financial embarrassment, which if we don't pay our subscription up will surely be the case, so let everybody pay up and renew. We ought to act promptly with all our obligations and especially with our religious ones.—J. F. Heil.

If I work in my association this summer as missionary, as I am contemplating, I shall get all the new subscribers that I can, for those who read our denominational papers are the ones that are paying most liberally and standing by our organized work.—A. N. Varneik.

The coming of my Alabama Baptist is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure each week. With all good wishes to you and yours.—A. Augusta Bickerstaff.

In looking over my Alabama Baptist I find that my subscription has expired and I have been a subscriber so long I can not feel right without it and so send you check for renewal. May God bless you and yours.—W. A. Jackson.

(Glad he feels this way about it.)

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(This is good advice.)

Find within \$2, for which you will move up my wife's figure to 1911. We are a few days behind, but can't afford to be without the Alabama Baptist. We appreciate the work you are doing and we wish you would pray for us down here. It looks like life is a hard tug.—A. N. Robinson, m. D.

We have been taking the paper ever since it was first published. May the Lord give you many rich blessings.—Mrs. Bettie Cree.  
(she pays in advance.)

Enclosed find \$2 money order for my renewal to the Alabama Baptist. My subscription expired January 10, but the good messenger still comes, for which I thank you most cordially. I have no thought of giving up the paper until I am called home. Many good wishes for you and yours.—A. P. Williams.

(We hope he will live a long, long time and prosper.)

I enclosed check for \$2 for renewal of Alabama Baptist for year 1910. We enjoy our paper. Wishing an increase of subscriptions to the Baptist and that all delinquent subscribers may send renewals. May you and yours have a peaceful and happy new year.—Mrs. J. T. Caine.

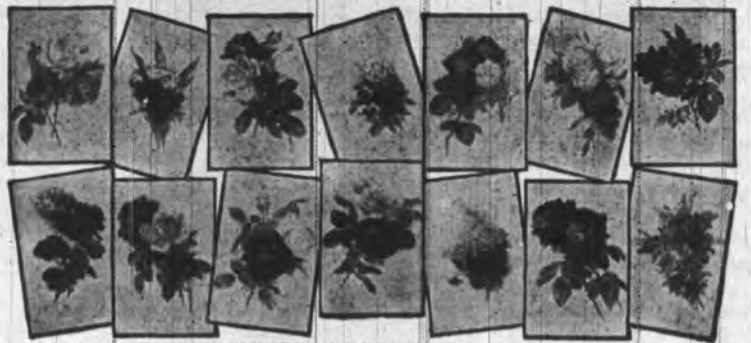
Will mention Alabama Baptist from my pulpits and appoint committees for it. May God prosper your work.—Wm. A. Parker, Sr.

(This good brotner has been a continuous helper ever since we became editor.)

Change my address from Lamar, Ala.; to Eldorado, Okla., R. 4. I still love the Alabama people and love to read about them in the Alabama Baptist.—C. J. Spradlin.

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