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Paragraphs

Mr. George W. Coleman, of Boston, has resigned as publisher and manager of the Christian Endeavor World.

Charles E., Jr., son of Gov. Hughes, of New York, is one of the six men selected as editors of the Harvard Law Review.

It is a dangerous game that some of the so called leaders of Democracy are playing in Alabama.

Modern Greece has not been a success as an independent nation. But for the support of Great Britain she would long ago have been crushed.

Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, has been decorated with the insignia of an officer of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, and wife have returned to New York after a pleasant visit abroad.

Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, D. D., of the Rochester Theological Seminary, was one of the American delegates to the International Congress of Liberals at Berlin, Germany, and one of the speakers.

Preaching and pastoral visiting are the warp and woof of church work which make a firm texture of Christian experience and give completeness to church life.—Watchman.

From the dawn of history uncontrolled commercialism has been a fruitful source of misgovernment, and when it wears the livery of the whiskey or beer trust, it debauches the electorate in country, city and state.

The Birmingham Association was a pleasant one in every way, the only sad feature being the sudden illness of Pastor Wilson, who was rushed to St. Vincent's to be operated on for appendicitis.

The Muscle Shoals Association met in the new Falkville Baptist Church. Rev. R. L. Quinn was re-elected Moderator and he knows how to do it, and Rev. J. I. Stockton was re-elected Clerk. Rev. J. D. Ray was on hand to represent the State Board and made a fine address. The meeting was unusually good.

Rev. G. W. Freeman, of Montevallo, dropped in our office and handed us \$2.50 and gave us the names of five of his members, saying: "Send them the paper until January 1. When a country preacher does a thing like this, surely ye editor has cause for rejoicing. Brother Freeman has recently closed some good meetings at Eolin, Providence, Dogwood, Enon, Jemison and Blocton. Evidently he was revived himself. 89 joined by baptism,



G. V. HUGHES,
Of New York, a Prominent Baptist Layman Who Has Been Elevated to the Supreme Court.

A Peruvian aviator succeeded in flying over the Alps, September 23rd, but at the end fell beneath his machine, and was severely injured, and later died. The machine was smashed. He rose from Brig, Switzerland, flying over the Simplon pass to Domedossola on the Italian side, the first place level enough for landing.

With a view to maintaining a healthy rivalry among its track supervisors and assistant supervisors, the Pennsylvania Railroad distributes annually the sum of \$5,400 in premiums to those employes whose divisions have been kept in most perfect condition during the year.

Let people who think that the practice of polygamy among Mormons has ceased, not be deceived. The "Salt Lake Tribune" prints the names of 139 (bishops and elders with few exceptions) who have taken to themselves plural wives since the hierarchy pretended to abolish polygamy twenty years ago.—The Lutheran.

The church is like the center of the solar system which flings off planetary bodies like colleges, hospitals, associations, settlements, and missions which swing in their orbits of service but depend upon the church for their light and life and power.—The Watchman.

Rev. J. H. Shakespear, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, in recording his impressions of the Baptists of the United States was struck with the enormous multiplication of offices in the Baptist body. "I found that everybody was a secretary or else a chairman, and I longed to see someone who was just a humble member of the rank and file."

Margaret Sangster has printed an insomnia cure: Do not lie in bed trying to coax sleep, but get up and move about the room some, and if not yet sleepy, eat a couple of crackers, or drink a glass of milk, and return to bed.

The Columbia Baptist Association meets at the Cedar Springs Church Oct. 12th, 13th and 14th. This church is two and a half miles from Sigma Station on Central Railroad. The brethren will have teams to meet first train from Dothan on Wednesday the 12th, and other trains if notified. Visitors will receive a warm welcome.

In the concluding lectures before the Harvard summer school Rev. George A. Gordon, D. D., of the Old South Church, Boston, is reported in the press to have said: "The wild Methodist or the crazy Baptist is worth a dozen of your new theologians. It seems impossible that a man of culture and professedly a Christian would be guilty of characterizing the two great denominations in such a manner even though he meant it partly as praise.

The Sultan of Sulu is visiting this country, and recently called on the president. Sultan is a Mohammedan term for ruler, as the "Sultan of Turkey." The Sulu Archipelago consists of about 160 islands in the southern portion of the Philippines, now under the control of the United States. The sultan is a man of intelligence and some education, and knows a good deal about the United States from American officials. He has been deprived of some of the property he claimed, such as the pearl fisheries, but receives a small salary from the government, and still has an income from some private property.

Paragraphs

Brother Carnes brought me back from Hoke's Bluff to Gadsden. He is doing a good work at Alabama City.

At Hoke's Bluff I was entertained in the home of Brother Heaton and greatly enjoyed the night spent under his hospitable roof.

The East Birmingham saints are to be congratulated on their new church and the hospitable way in which they entertained the association.

The Birmingham Association met with the East Birmingham Church. Brother J. W. Minor, that sterling layman, was re-elected Moderator and Alvin Douglass was chosen Clerk. There was quite a good attendance.

We regret to lose Rev. O. P. Bentley out of the Birmingham district. He, however, goes to South Alabama to serve the saints at Enterprise.

Rev. J. E. Smith ("Bud" as he is lovingly called) was unanimously re-elected Moderator of the Etowah Association. He is a whole association within himself. R. R. Yeates was re-elected Clerk.

Dr. W. F. Yarbrough, pastor of Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, represented the State Board at Hoke's Bluff. His address was greatly appreciated. Brother Yarbrough is an enthusiast when it comes to working for all of the denominational interests.

Hon. George D. Motley took me in his automobile out to the Etowah Association at Hoke's Bluff and I greatly enjoyed being with him, his charming wife, and lovely mother-in-law. He is a great believer in Howard College and is proud of the fact that Etowah Association has eight boys enrolled for this year.

We sincerely regret that we were hindered from being present at the dedication service of the beautiful new church at Florence. Elsewhere we print an account of the interesting exercises taken from the Florence Herald. With such a house of worship and with Bro. Willis as a leader, we feel sure that the Florence saints will make a record.

One of the best things we have recently seen anent the movement towards the union of Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists in Canada is the following from The Presbyterian: "We should be obliged to vote with that persistent minority in the Presbyterian Assemblies which would postpone final action until more substantial agreement has been reached. A 'compromise' confession is fruitful of separative possibilities. And might it not be more practical to get the Presbyterians together first?" "Fruitful of separative possibilities" is prophetic.

ARE THEY HYPNOTIZED?

A notorious political feature of the unrest in Alabama at present is brought about because certain unscrupulous yet daring political demagogues have assumed leadership and it is with this newer, subtler, more grasping political force that has come into being paralyzing the better elements in the dominant party with which we have to contend or have forced upon us a change in our temperance laws. Their exuberant verbosity seems for the time to have hypnotized some of the strong men, who fighting the amendment, yet rang a clear note against the return of the saloon. Our only hope is that their loud and inflammatory oratory will awaken from their trance some of the men who are fitted for true leadership and that they will rebuke the spell binders for their offensive personalities uttered from public platforms in a style and wealth of invective outraging the delicacies of political speech.

It is one, among the pious and valuable maxims which are ascribed to Francis de Sales, "A judicious silence is always better than truth spoken without charity."

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given away, up to this date, according to Henry Clews, sixty millions of dollars, and notwithstanding this, his fortune is said to be increasing faster than he can give it away.

Do away with the saloon and more than 275,000 centers of corruption would be swept away. The voting elements which debased by drink, gather at these centers to exchange their votes for drink, for money, or both, would gradually disappear from society.

The business world of today is demanding not only ability, but also reliability. Too often these qualities do not go hand in hand. At least this is the testimony of many employers. They say that there are clever and brilliant men in plenty, but that the supply of the reliable sort is not equal to the demand.

"Prohibition will pass," It is only the dreams of a few impractical fanatics. "It will blow over." These are a few samples of the things being said by so called practical politicians. These are to us like the senile prattlings of the dotard; the chirping of the grasshopper, not knowing that the winter rain is already brewing which shall burst upon him and chill him unto death. Insurgency? Why it is but the first stirring of a new life which will grow and spread and defy party ties and fatuous threats till it unites into a new party all those radicals or progressives who believe in the human race, human rights and never dying justice.

"It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction."—Henry Ward Beecher. The famous preacher was right. It is friction that sends the engine to the scrap heap. Friction that wears out the wonderful machinery of the body. Nerves overwrought—the whole body at variance with health—sleeplessness, no appetite, indigestion, headaches, loss of ambition, thin blood, weariness—the danger signals of too much friction.



THE TEACHER.

If you have not yet done so, take time to look over carefully your "Teacher" for October. It is truly an exposition of the Baptist spirit. The mere table on contents sets one's mouth watering for the good things spread before us.

- The Baptist Message in Europe Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, M. A.
- Religion in Education President William Louis Poteat
- The Limit to Baptist Mission Work J. F. Love, D. D.
- Baptist Self-Respect—A Drawing Force W. W. Landrum, D. D.
- Do the Heathen Need Our Baptist Message? R. J. Willingham, D. D.
- Denominational Evangelism W. W. Hamilton, D. D.
- Do We Need a Distinctive Baptist Sunday School Work?

Rev. Hight C. Moore
The Baptist Opportunity in the World of Modern Thought..... Rufus W. Weaver, Th. D.

The World's Debt to the Baptists J. W. Porter, D. D.
Studies in the New Testament—Four Special Articles on the Lesson.
October 2—"The Wise and the Foolish" J. C. Armstrong, D. D.
October 9—"My Task the Measure of My Ability" Wm. Lunsford, D. D.
October 16—"The End of the World" Rev. J. Benj. Lawrence
October 30—"The Place of Deeds of Sentiment and Loyalty in Christianity"

Rev. J. J. Hurt
and then read the editorial of Dr. Van Ness. We can only give an extract but we think you will get the "Teacher" and read the rest.

For the last ten or fifteen years there has been a great cry for union. To some extent the appeal has been listened to. As we begin to study, however, the fruitage of this agitation we realize that it was largely a plea for undenominationalism. It was a plea for union rather than unity. It was a plea that all differences should be put out of sight, and that the minimum creed upon which we all could agree was the desirable one. The period of undenominationalism in religion has not been a fruitful one. Lack of belief, is worse than division. Compromise of conviction takes the life out of the co-operation. When we begin to say it does not make any difference, and once take this as our creed, there is an end of positive belief, and when all positive belief disappears, instead of faith we have sentimentalism. The experiences of life and the toils we must face are too strenuous for anything less than a real faith.

If you do not take "The Teacher," order the October number from the Sunday School Board and file it away for reference, or, better still, subscribe for it for a year.

ON GETTING MARRIED

If it is true as Emerson says: "That all the world loves a lover," it may come as a surprise that the conventional announcement in foreign newspapers, 'A marriage has been arranged and will take place,' is an exact description of matrimony in the earlier periods of English history. Preference or predilection on the part of the girls had little to do with it. Marriage was something not to be decided independently of the will of the parents by the mutual inclination of the young people themselves. It was a lifelong connexion for the due performance of which the parents would make all necessary arrangements at the proper time. Girls had seldom the privilege of saying 'No.' They were expected to show readiness in accepting whatever was offered them.

Dr. Johnson, the great lexicographer, was of the opinion that marriages would be in general as happy, and often more so, if they were made by the Lord Chancellor without the parties having any choice in the matter.

An Englishman in commenting on this says:

Yet it is increasingly evident that much of the wedlock of the century is a failure, or at the best a falling away from the ideal dear to the English heart of an intended, foreordained union of the soul of man with the soul of women, indissoluble and beyond compare. There can be few clergymen arrived at middle life who have not been called upon to pronounce the blessing of the church upon scores of marriages unblest from the beginning, who have not lamented the necessity of joining together those who were best kept apart.

There is no word in the English

language which has been more perverted than that of Love. How many love matches are there in which the choice appears to have been regulated by no principle of fitness or wisdom of expediency! How often in the divine name of Love has a lukewarm preference; a sudden whim, an emotion of pique, a fleeting fancy, a mere brute fascination, launched the barque of two young lives upon the flood of tender passion to carry it to shipwreck, or into the great waste of waters where the tradewinds of domestic unhappiness are never still!

If children in the fifteenth century had too little to say in view of their life settlement, now they appear to have too much. Authority should still continue to guide and control the divinest and deepest of all human intuitions. At a time when the parental rule is relaxing, or altogether ceased; when the door of the registry office stands open to every undesirable with the price of a license in his pocket; when the name of Love is invoked and accepted as a reason why drunkenness, phthisis, consanguinity, and madness should pass on to generations unborn their dreaded endowment of disorders of mind and body; when the control of the minister of religion has become a sinecure—in such a time as this the discipline of home and guardianship should be once more asserted, there should grow up among us, what must surely come as the world goes on, a deeper sense on the part of parent and child of moral responsibility in this matter of marriage.

The ideal of the marriage state has suffered eclipse in these latter generations; the permanent, indissoluble union of the past is in danger of giving place to a system of cheap divorces and weekly weddings.

UNCLE SAM IS GETTING ANNOYING.

Publishers of the United States have been pestered enough by attempted government control, through official whim without the authority of law and should henceforth be let and not be subjected to increased annoyance and interference from the Federal authority.

The following recently appeared in the Des Moines Capital, at least we read it in an exchange: "Editor Fay, of Lyons, Iowa, has been called to Washington City because his subscription list is not so well paid up as the law requires. He will have to explain to the government officials why he has not compelled his subscribers to pay up according to the postal rules. An inspector had visited him two months previously and his list was said to be pretty thoroughly paid up, but evidently it was not sufficiently so. It seems a little tough that country editors have to be hauled up before the government under the charge of violating Federal laws paid up, but evidently it was not sufficient because they do not eternally keep dunning their subscribers for the small sum they owe on subscriptions, but it is like the end of the world, no one knows when it cometh, and no editor knows what day the inspector may pop in and ask to see his list. And if too many subscribers are behind on their paper it means trouble with the government. It puts an editor in such shape that he is compelled to force his collections unless he has an unusually prompt paying list of subscribers."

We do not want to cut off any subscribers and therefore earnestly request all who are in arrears to pay up.

Carmen Sylva, Queen of Romania, is said to be one of the best business women in Europe. It is her idea to use the Romania talent for embroidery as a commercial asset for her country. She opened workrooms where the peasants could obtain materials for their embroidery and sell it at a fair price. The surplus work was sent abroad, and the profits divided among the workers. In this way hundreds of peasants have been able to free their land from debt, to rebuild their cottages and educate their children.

Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia, whose father the German Emperor, is rumored to be planning to marry her to Edward, Prince of Wales, and heir to the British throne, is the Emperor's only daughter, and has been a subject for royal match-making plans for a year or more. The Princess is now seventeen years old, having been born on September 13, 1892. She is a shy girl of simple tastes, and has not yet become a society figure.

There are those who honestly believe that Mr. Lloyd's budget will prove the undoing of Great Britain. Nothing that has happened in recent years has so stirred things up. Its tendencies certainly do seem to be more or less socialistic—more rather than less—and their working out will be watched with no little interest on both sides of the water. We have great faith however in this Welsh Baptist.

A Page of Pointed Paragraphs

The ingenuity of the Chinese in surmounting difficulties is well illustrated by this dialogue, which recently took place on the Imperial Railway:

Rev. D. G. Whittinghill, missionary to Rome, Italy, is at home for a short vacation.

Mr. Birrell, of the British Government, is the chief secretary for Ireland, and is a Baptist.

Emphatic denial was made by Senator Stephen B. Elkins of the rumors that he is preparing to go to Paris, or that his daughter Katherine Elkins will marry the Duke of Abruzzi in February or at any other time, or that his family is to be presented at the Italian Court.

The Continental Weekly, Paris, as quoted by the Baptist World, says: "Miss Esterlee Vere Riddett, youngest daughter of the late Phillip Riddett and Mrs. Riddett, of Villa Riddett, Cannes, was married last week at Christ church in that town to Prof. Edward Preston Dargan, of the University of California." This marriage occurred in France, the bridegroom being a son of Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon. May long life and great usefulness be the lot of the young couple.—Christian Index.

Dr. H. A. Porter, of Louisville, Ky., writing to a friend in that city says: "I have gone to a Baptist church every Sunday since crossing the water—Glasgow, Edinburg, London, Paris, Florence Florida (Sicily), Geneva, Vienna and Berlin—and will be in St. Petersburg at a Baptist church next Sunday. Am having a rare time studying Baptist work in Europe."—Christian Index.

The Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, has the only roof garden on a church in that state and one of the very few in this country. An organ has been installed on the roof and services were held there early this month for the first time.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer in Great Britain, claims that his tax on whiskey has reduced its consumption by ten million gallons, with a consequent reduction of arrests for crime.

Baptist and Reflector: Rev. J. E. Merrell, of East Florence, Ala., is visiting friends and relatives in Tennessee, where he was reared. While he is here, we should be glad if one of our vacant Tennessee churches would lay hands on him and keep him in the state. He is an excellent preacher and a valuable man. (Let us keep him a while longer.)

Emperor William of Germany has explained in a later speech, which sounds like an afterthought, that when he represented himself in his address at Königsberg as "being under the protection of the Highest, and as working under the highest commission of our Lord and God," he assumed that "every honest Christian whoever he might be, did the same."—Ex.

"He rightly reads scripture who turns words into deeds."—Bernard.

Judge Lindsey was re-elected last year as Judge of the Juvenile Court, of Denver as an independent candidate, and received more votes than both the Democratic and Republican nominees, and it was the votes of women that elected him.

Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton succeeded Lord Kitchener as inspector general of the Mediterranean forces, a position which Kitchener held for only a short time.

Our hearts have gone out in sympathy to our dear Bro. Jolly and wife, ever since we learned of their daughter's awful fall at the Hillman hospital, which has left her in such a sad condition. We join our prayers with theirs that she may yet be able to live and nurse others to health.

Dr. W. B. Crompton, Secretary of the State Board of Alabama, knows how to catch up and use expressions that come to him in letters from the brethren. He wrote in a recent issue of the Alabama Baptist: "A brother said, 'Times will be better when cotton begins to move.' The Secretary is wondering if that will bring improvement to the Mission Board. It will, if the pastors decree that it will be so."—Christian Index.

Scott has all the poet's vision in picturing those regions that appeal to his romantic nature. He knew the glories of a sunset in the lake country; he knew the awe-inspiring forces of a thunder shower. Each purple peak, each tiny spire, was bathed in floods of living fire.

Charles A. Dana has been dead for eleven years. The men who worked with him have their own estimate of his career, their own belief concerning the thing which he left to the world. That he did leave something permanent, something more than a "good newspaper property," the Sun will always maintain. This permanent heritage, as expressed in the Sun and by it disseminated through the conservative newspapers of the United States, was his conviction that the writing of news for a daily newspaper is worthy of all the power, all the insight, all the command of intellectual tools that there is in any man.

"The Emperor of Germany has a thorough knowledge of the English language, literature and history, and follows all the social and political movements of Great Britain with the keenest interest. His long familiarity with her methods is not able, however, to hinder his constantly recurring astonishment at her English way of doing business," and he can only satisfactorily explain it to himself by assuming that the special Providence which protects children and the less normally gifted has a particular interest in the British Empire," says a clever "Englishwoman at the Prussian Court," writing in Hampton's.

He who would remain in public service should serve the public, not the system. He must serve his country, not special interests.

Rev. M. W. Gordon, for the past three years pastor of the First Baptist church, Decatur, has just resigned to accept a call as pastor of a Baptist church at Graniteville, S. C. Mr. Gordon and his family have left for their new home. We will greatly miss Bro. Gordon, who by his genial presence made many friends in Alabama.

About fifty pupils were awarded diplomas for primary, intermediate and junior Sunday School work, Sunday at the rally day exercises of the Ruhama Baptist Church at East Lake. Those who were recipients of the diplomas had finished the required work in the various departments and were thus entitled to the honor. Some six hundred people were in attendance and Prof. Spright Dowell, Superintendent of the Sunday School, presided and delivered a talk on the "Key-note of the Year's Work." Prof. A. H. Olive, of Howard College, also spoke to those present on "Bible School Activity." The Ruhama Sunday School is one of the largest in the state and has the distinction of being classed "A" in the last Southern Baptist Sunday School convention.—Birmingham Ledger.

A round, chubby, fat little Chinese boy rules China's four hundred millions of people. Of course this baby does not issue the edicts from the peacock throne, nor wield the vermilion pencil. Nevertheless this tiny youngster sits on the wonderful carved dragon throne of gold and lacquer and represents the supreme power of the empire, temporarily invested in his father, Prince Chun, the regent.

Rev. James Farrar, pastor of the First Reformed church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has started a New Year innovation by abolishing the use of the church bell to summon people to church and replacing it with a powerful electric searchlight installed in the steeple of the church, 200 feet from the ground.

Miss Myrtle Solly, the Hillman hospital nurse who was so badly injured by a fall through the elevator shaft at the hospital several weeks ago, was taken to her home this week. Miss Solly has been steadily improving for some time and has been sitting up for several days. She was accompanied to her home in Gadsden by her father and mother and several doctors.

Miss Solly's recovery from her injuries is regarded as one of the most remarkable instances of what modern surgery can do that has ever occurred in Birmingham. It will be remembered that her back was broken and that it was necessary to remove two vertebrae. While she will never be able to walk again she is enjoying the best of health.

While ill Miss Solly won the heart of every nurse and attendant in the Hillman hospital by her unflinching cheerfulness and optimism. She leaves a host of friends who deeply regret her affliction.—Age-Herald.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. T. T. Eaton, widow of the late T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Rev. R. F. Tredway of Mansfield, La., has decided to do the work of an evangelist and will be ready for work October 1.

Dr. Wilbur Chapman and Gipsy Smith are reported as saying that "five men are now being converted in their meetings to every one woman."

Traveler—"I wish to ship these two dogs to Peking. What is the rate?"

Railway Official.—"No got any rate for dog; one dog all same one sheep; one sheep all same two pig; can book four pig."

Traveler—"But one dog is only a puppy; he ought to go for half fare."

Railway Official.—"Can do all right. Then, turning to his clerk, "Write three pig," he said.—Lippincott's.

He called for a city beautiful;

He shouted it day by day;

He wanted a city where noise was not

Where the spirit of art should sway;

He wanted a city that should be fair,

Where filth might never be seen,

And forgot in spite of the zeal he had,

To keep his back yard clean.

Congregationalist.

Dr. J. C. Armstrong, for two years secretary of missions, Missouri, has decided to re-enter the pastorate. He resigned the church at Westport, Kansas City, Mo., to become editor of the Central Baptist. He now returns to the Westport church.

Baptist Standard: "I renewed my subscription to the Baptist Standard at the Alabama State Convention. In the clear, courageous, tactful articles on prohibition by Dr. Gambrell, I already have more than my money's worth. I hope you will fare better than we did. Our own Deacon Malory lost the Democratic nomination for Governor, when he could have won it hands down, by compromising, or temporizing with the liquor interests. But instead he smote them hip and thigh, and stood four-square to their stock of ballots."—J. R. Rossier, pastor, Selma, Ala.

You soon learn in China that you can trust a Chinaman to carry through anything he agrees to do for you. When I reached T'ai Yuan-fu I handed my interpreter a Chinese draft for \$200 (Mexican), payable to bearer, and told him to go to the bank and bring back the money. I had known John a little over a week; yet any one who knows China will understand that I was running no appreciable risk. The individual Chinaman is simply a part of a family, the family is part of a neighborhood, the neighborhood is part of a village or district, and so on. If John had disappeared with my money after cashing the draft, and had afterward been caught, punishment would have been swift and severe. Very likely he would have lost his head. If the authorities had been unable to find John they would have punished his family. Punishment would surely have fallen on somebody.—Samuel Marion.

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W. M. U. MOTTO:

Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.—John 2:5.

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Y. W. A. MOTTO:

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.—Daniel 12:3.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"But as he prayed, lo! at his side
Stood the thorn-crowned Christ, and sighed:
O, blind disciple, came, I then
To bless the selfishness of men?
Thou asked health, amidst the cry
Of human strain and agony;
Thou askest peace, while all around
Trouble bows thousands to the ground;
Thou askest life for thin and thee,
While others die; thou thankest me
For gifts, for pardon, for success,
For thine own narrow happiness."

DURING OCTOBER.

We study about Mexico, Central America, and the Canal Zone.
We give to Foreign, Home and State Missions.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Wednesday—The National Convention.
Thursday—Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Newton, Hwang-Hien, China.
Friday—Rev. W. P. Hamlett, Coo-Chow, China.
Saturday—The Opening of the Training School.
Sunday—Our State Mission Work.
Monday—Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Cheavens, Saltillo, Mexico.
Tuesday—Miss Addie Barton, Saltillo, Mexico.
"The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees."

ASSOCIATIONS MEETING THIS WEEK.

Central, Concord Church.
Cahaba, Felix.
Sardis, Beulah Church.
Bibb County, Free Springs Church.
Tennessee River, Bridgeport.
Cleburne, Camp Creek.
Muscle Shoals, Falkville.
Clarke County, Thomasville.
East Liberty, LaFayette.
Big Bear Creek, Little Bear Creek Church No. 2.
New River, Fayette.
Harris, Girard.
"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

PLANS FOR THE COMING MONTH.

The summer is over, the fall equinox has rushed by and the vacation days are gone until another June arises. With their passing come the realization of gratitude for the rest and the determination to do well the work of the winter. In our own woman's work, there is something definitely planned for each month, and truly it may be said, "There's a work for me and a work for you."
During October, many associations will be in session, and the state workers and the members of the given associations will be busy indeed with them. Then, during this month, we want to observe one of our days of meeting for State Missions. From the mission room, we have sent to each society, whose address we had, a suggested program for this day and most truly do we hope that the societies will en-

joy using it and through it and their own patriotic love for our state be constrained to give liberally to State Missions. We will need hundreds of dollars if we are to reach our \$5,000 aim before we go to Evergreen, but if the societies and auxiliaries and bands respond as wonderfully as they did in June, we can do it!
If we do, how gloriously happy will be our gathering at Evergreen. For this meeting, November 1-3, every possible preparation is being made, and we long for each society to be fully represented. We sent a credential slip to each society, along with the copy of "Our Mission Fields," and we urge them to see that they are given prompt and accurate attention. It is only courteous to the Evergreen ladies that we do this, and is also a sure means of making the convention a success.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Of Coosa River Baptist Association.

The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Coosa River Association met with the ladies of the Baptist church of Vincent, September 9th and 10th. The assembly was called to order at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon by Mrs. John C. Williams, associational superintendent. The meeting continued through Saturday. The ladies of Vincent were untiring in their efforts to entertain their visitors. Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, was present and gave two very fine addresses: one on "The Year's Policy," and the other on "Beginning at Jerusalem." Miss Mallory also explained the plan of work so that everything could be easily understood. Mrs. W. A. Brown of Sylacauga, was organist for the meeting. The associational secretary, Miss Alma McGough, not being able to attend, Miss Mary Kidd, of Vincent, acted as secretary. Miss Adnie Williams, of Vincent, gave the visitors a very cordial welcome in behalf of the local society. The response was made by Mrs. Hightower, of Sylacauga.

At noon on Saturday the ladies of Vincent spread a bountiful and well prepared dinner on the tables under the trees near the church which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Five societies were represented and a great deal of interest manifested in the work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon to meet next September with the ladies of the Baptist Church of Wilsonville.

MRS. JNO. C. WILLIAMS.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.—Rom. xiii; 2

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

Unity, Big Springs Church.
Dale County, Providence Church.
Weoguska, Mt. Moriah Church.
Alabama, Steep Creek.
DeKalb, Pleasant Hill No. 1.
Carey, Hatchett Creek Church.
Tuskegee, Salem.

W. M. U. SESSION AT LOWNDESBORO.

Among the hospitable, large-hearted people of Lowndesboro was held the twelfth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Montgomery Association. A large number of delegates and visitors were in attendance, and the Superintendent, Mrs. T. W. Hannon, presided, with Mrs. H. F. Martin as secretary, the Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. McQueen Smith, being providentially absent.

The spirit of tender and earnest devotion was evident, from the invocation pronounced by Mrs. S. A. Johnson to the Mizpah benediction, by Mrs. T. W. Howard, president of the local society. Beautiful fitting words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Alphonso Meadows, and responded to in the same manner by Mrs. W. W. Samford.

Twenty-eight of the thirty-three societies of Woman's associations and Sunbeam Bands raised a total of \$7,469.74, with an increase of 25 per cent. on all gifts and an increase of 40 per cent. on missions over last year. The Superintendent in her annual address cordially commended the work of the Union, and largely attributed the unprecedented success of the year to the location of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Montgomery and the inspiration which came from the presence and labor of Alabama's wise and able W. M. U. President Mrs. C. A. Stakely, and that of the devoted and gifted Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Kathleen Mallory, and the faithful and earnest Leader of Young People's Work, Miss Mary Rhodes.

Mrs. W. N. Samford, ex-superintendent of Salem-Troy W. M. U., informally led an open parliament introduced with "Value of All-Day Meetings," and ended with "Every Member Campaign," and "Evergreen Convention," by Mrs. R. P. Bazemore. Miss Mary Rhodes spoke earnest, helpful, inspiring words to the strong, enthusiastic young women and the bright, happy children, as she stressed the importance of the aid and influence of the older women in the "Enlistment of the young People" in mission work. The reports of women's societies made by Mrs. J. N. Bush on Y. W. A.'s by Miss Marie Burch, and on Sunbeams by Miss Annie Figh were encouraging and helpful, as well as the papers on W. M. U. Training School by Mrs. R. Haygood; Agents of State Mission Board, by Mrs. J. S. Clifton; W. M. U. Expense Fund by Mrs. Johnson, and respoken resolutions by Mrs. J. M. Savage.

The Aged and Infirm Minister's Relief Fund was presented in an eloquent appeal read from the Secretary, Mrs. Grace Hiden Wilkerson, to which the Union pledged an increase of gifts.

"The Year's Policy" was strongly presented by Mrs. C. A. Stakely in accordance with the various phases of the work. In adopting the report of the Committee on Plan of Work, with Mrs. S. B. Davis as chairman, and of holding the session at a separate time and place from that of the Association, a step forward was taken in enlargement of work and influence of the Union, as it thus followed the leading of that of the State and her great president who has ever taken from the mountain peaks a broad, far-reaching vision of Christ's Kingdom and cause.

—A Delegate.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

OUR MEXICAN MISSIONS.

Our mission stations in North Mexico are at Saltillo, Torreon, Durango, Juaraz, Chihuahua and Hermosillo. During the year there have been two hundred and seventy baptisms, more than the whole Republic of Mexico reported a few years ago.

The Madero Institute for girls is located in Saltillo with one hundred and three pupils enrolled. Some of these girls are preparing for mission work among their own people.

At Torreon we have a very successful Theological Institute, the student body of twenty-one is composed of as fine a lot of boys as you would see in any college.

The Baptist College at Chihuahua is a co-educational school with one hundred and forty-five boys and girls enrolled. A dormitory is much needed for the boys, as yet they are only day pupils. The missionaries who are not employed in the schools give the greater part of their time to preaching the gospel and visiting among the people.

Our mission stations in South Mexico are at Guadalajara, Leon, Morelia and Toluca. In the large and prosperous city of Guadalajara is located our medical mission, a good school, a self-supporting church and a flourishing Sunday school. This church is contributing to both home and foreign missions. Leon is a great and needy field, thickly populated and very fanatical, the persecution at times being very annoying. Let us pray for a brighter day in Leon. One man in a city of 40,000 is the report that comes from Morelia. The native pastors and preachers are doing faithful work, during the past year sixty-six having been baptized, and the outlook is full of hope. Toluca is the capital of the State of Mexico. The church here is in good condition but without a pastor. We are yet in the seed time in this field. May the harvest time draw near and be full of sheaves.

How can missions prosper in this or any country? There is only one answer to this question and perhaps we grow weary of it, but there is no other—more prayer, more men, more money.—Contributed.

THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

In response to a request I am sending you some suggestions contained in the short talk I gave on this subject at the recent Baptist State Convention.

In the District Association the Baptists possess a unique and unparalleled piece of denominational machinery. Only a prophet could tell what might happen if we could simply appreciate and utilize this body. May the Lord raise up a genius who can inspire and lead us in this undertaking.

More people attend these associations in Alabama during one season than will the State Convention in a generation. More attend them in the South during the same period than will the Southern Baptist Convention in one hundred years. Every church in the South, with rare exceptions, is represented yearly in these meetings by one or more of its members. Thousands attend them who rarely ever attend any other religious gathering during the entire year. Many more thousands are dependent upon them almost absolutely for their knowledge of Baptist doctrines and practices. This includes Baptists as well as many others. In many respects the people can be reached and controlled better here than in their own individual churches. Here, in a rare sense, is the Baptist nerve center.

All of this has come about, one might say, with little or no special effort on the part of but few, but in spite of much sad blundering the machine has almost run itself. What might it become under proper cultivation? The wonders in corn production under the Williamson suggestions would not be worthy of comparison. Then just think what might happen when these have been fully developed and gripping the people are wheeled into line for the spread and larger life of the kingdom.

This is the purpose of the organization of the Moderators and Clerks at Albertville. It was a delight to note the large number who were there. Brethren, see to it that your Moderator and Clerk attend the coming meeting at Guntersville next July. Let all come and strike hands. Write to Dr. C. H. Franklin, Union Springs, the president, for any information or suggestions.

J. M. THOMAS.

Union Springs, Ala.

BEGINNING AND ENDING.

In a room in England I saw, this summer, two placards hanging on the wall, thus entitled: "The first Words of C. H. Spurgeon in the Metropolitan Tabernacle," "The Last Words of C. H. Spurgeon in the Metropolitan Tabernacle." These words, at the beginning and the ending, seem to me mightily significant. Here are the beginning words:

"I would propose that the subject of the ministry in this house, as long as this platform shall stand, and as long as this house shall be frequented by worshippers, shall be the Person of Jesus Christ. I am never ashamed to avow myself a Calvinist; I do not hesitate to take the name of Baptist; but if I am asked what is my creed, I reply, It is Jesus Christ. My venerated predecessor, Dr. Gall, has left a body of divinity admirable and excellent in its way, but the body of divinity to which I would pin and bind myself forever, God helping me, is not his system, or any other human tradition, but Christ Jesus; who is the sum and substance of the Gospel, who is in himself all theology, the incarnation of every precious truth, the all-glorious personal embodiment of the Way, the Truth, the Life."

Here are the ending words:

"If you wear the livery of Christ you will find him so meek and lowly of heart that you shall find rest unto your souls. He is the most magnanimous of captains. There never was his like among the choicest of princes. He is always to be found in the thickest part of the battle. When the wind blows cold he always takes the bleak side of the hill. The heaviest end of the cross lies on his shoulders. If he bids us carry a burden he carries it also. If there is anything that is gracious, kind and tender, yeal- lous and superabundant in love, you always find it in him. His service is life, peace, joy. O that you would enter on it at once. God help you to enlist under the banner of Jesus Christ."

Surely nobody can deny that the ministry that went urging on for so many years and so victoriously in that Metropolitan Tabernacle, in London, was a monumental one. Nor did its influence cease within the walls of that great place of worship, where audiences of six thousand were enchained by it Sunday after Sunday. It was estimated last summer, by those who had the best means of knowing, that Mr. Spurgeon's printed sermons have had a circulation of one hundred million copies. And still multitudes are eager for the weekly issue of his sermons hitherto unpublished.

What is the secret of this phenomenon, of this majestic and pervading ministry? Is not the real secret of it the fact that that great ministry, through all the long courses of it, unwavering rang true to the Christ who was the glorious center of its beginning and the undiminished theme of its ending? Only a ministry utterly and always true to Jesus Christ could have so wrought and achieved.

A Christ "constructed" out of the whims and imagining of certain modern scholars, discrediting him of his deity; a "new religion" in Jesus Christ is but a phantom, even though it be promulgated by so erudite a man as the ex-president of Harvard University, cannot feed and fill the deep religious cravings of humanity. Only the veritable Christ of the New Testament can do that. He is the Christ to believe in, cling to, be unrelaxingly true to—the Divine-Human, atoningly dying, gloriously rising, ascending, ruling, actual Christ of the New Testament. Our strength is shorn if, to him, we are in the least disloyal.—Wayland Hoyt, in The Examiner.

MISSIONS PROSPERING IN MEXICO

Today all the leading denominations have missions in Mexico, and the territory is so divided up that there is no city or town of any considerable size where the Gospel may not be heard. The different denominations are drawing nearer together in all lines of work. Most of them keep to an arrangement not now to enter any territory already occupied by some denomination, unless it is sufficiently large to furnish work to both.

Year after year there is now held a convention of Christian workers, largely made up of Sunday school workers and members of the young people's societies. From five to six hundred Protestants, traveling on special trains, meeting for a week in some city, and with enthusiasm carrying out really fine programs, with especially good music, is making a fine impression on the country, and it is daily becoming more evident that Protestantism is becoming a power in the life of Mexico.—Missionary Review

THE MOODY CHURCH.

The danger of all institutional church work is making the material side of religion the goal, rather than the spiritual, as has been said, when a minister advertises for Sunday evening a stereopticon lecture on Niagara, the public may be excused for a cynical shrug at the Gospel. When a church devotes more time to filling a man's dinner-pail than to filling his soul, we can hardly expect that man to be either a very staunch or a very enthusiastic convert—when his dinner-pail goes empty. Sociology may blend with theology, but the trouble is that we are apt to get too much sugar and to have the flavor of both spoiled for us. This is the danger of the institutional church.

Here is the report of an investigation:

We have seen those churches of a ramrod stiffness—cold, deserted, barren. It is necessary to swerve to a sentimental elasticity—to adorn religion with frills and ribbons—in order to fill the pews? In answer, the scene of a certain blustering Sunday morning in Chicago comes before me. A winter wind was whirling great gusts of needle-like snow through the air. The crisis of a gale was rapidly nearing and the streets were long stretches of deserted asphalt. Five thousand men and women, however, had defied the storm to attend the Sunday morning service of the Chicago Avenue Baptist Church. It was not an unusual service nor an unusual congregation. For a score of years this church has crammed the crowds into the aisles and corners, and then turned hundreds away. It has never used brass bands or imported choirs—has never held forth even the inducement of the conventional church "social." "We deal only in the Gospel," was its crisp statement, not a great while ago; and yet it draws the people with confident ease. How?

Perhaps the secret can best be revealed by the statement that it is the church Moody founded, and the fire which Moody kindled has never been quenched. Its present pastor is the Rev. A. C. Dixon. Dr. Dixon is a man of firm chin, firm voice and firm principles. His principles are not always popular, but because they are unpopular Dr. Dixon does not leave them unspoken. In the winter twilight of his library, he gave these words to me:

"We try to substitute for the science of God the science of Man, and we can't. Our universities seek to act as interpreters of the Bible. Many of the universities are not twenty years old, and the Bible is more than two thousand; but this doesn't make any difference—to the universities. We tell ourselves that we should do good. True. But it is not enough. It is more important to do right. It is getting to be the present fashion of the world to put a question mark after the Scriptures. That is the trouble with the Bible. We accept the interrogation rather than the inspiration."

The Moody Church has offered the tired man an inspiration he can understand, if not define. So do all churches that accept theology as being human as well as divine, and remember that Christ was a man as well as a God. Men are humble, workaday atoms after all. Most of them carry burdens, and all of them must deal with this life before they deal with another. If the promise of the next lightens the burden of this, well and good; but the wise minister remembers that a long preparation is needed before the promise can be redeemed, and he does not waste time explaining to the chafing man before him what or where his soul is, but binds up the bruises of his spirit and renews his strength and his faith for the next lap of the struggle.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Wednesday—Rev. J. H. Sobey, Empire, Panama.
Thursday—Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Chastain, Guadalajara, Mexico
Friday—All Protestant Publications in Mexico and Central America.
Saturday—Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Hooker, Guadalajara, Mexico.
Sunday—The Possibilities for Good in the Panama Canal.
Monday—Rev. and Mrs. Frank Marrs, Hermosillo, Mexico.
Tuesday—Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Lacy, of Torreon, Mexico.

"The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy,
That day; I wondered how
A plowman, singing at his work, had prayed,
'Lord, help them now!'"

HOSEA HOLCOMBE ON THE USE OF TOBACCO

(The following extract is taken from Holcombe's History of the Baptists in Alabama, and is furnished the Alabama Baptist by request of its editor. Just at this time it is a "timely" deliverance—R. S. Gavin.)

There is one more evil which attends Alabama Baptists that we cannot pass in silence. It is what the Listener, John McGowan, denominates idolatry.

It is practiced to an alarming extent by Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Catholics, Greeks and Jews—Legislators and their constituents, physicians and their patients, lawyers and their clients, etc.

In order that christians, especially in Alabama, may guard against this evil in the future, we shall describe it and speak of some of its qualities. It was first discovered by the Spaniards, in a province called Tabasco, in Yucatan, in Mexico, or Tropical America. In this country it has sometimes been called the Virginia weed—Virginia plant—but most commonly called Tobacco.

We shall present the views of a celebrated physician on the subject.

Dr. Brown, of V—, makes the following judicious remarks:

"The habit of using tobacco has been so prevalent in our country that in some places a large majority of both sexes, who have arrived at the age of fifteen years, either smoke, chew or snuff the poisonous weed.

Nor is this habit confined to our own country, but it prevails to an alarming extent in nearly every country and island on the globe. When we became acquainted with the poisonous properties of tobacco, and its destructive influence on animal life, we were almost at a loss to conceive how man, who was made a little lower than the angels, and endowed with a mind susceptible of such high attainments, and capable of loving and adoring the author of his being, should stoop so far below his original dignity as to make himself a slave to this loathsome habit. Although this fact may be accounted for, in part, when we consider what is probably the case, that a great majority of those who use this article are ignorant of its baneful properties; yet a full explanation of this remarkable propensity can probably never be given, only by reference to that fall which brought death into the world, and all its woe. Without detailing the numerous experiments that have been made to prove that tobacco is a poison, I will here merely state for the benefit of those who may be unacquainted with the fact, that experiments have been made by the most eminent physicians in our country, by which it has been ascertained that three drops of the distilled oil of tobacco, dropped on the tongue of a full sized cat, usually produces death in from three to five minutes. Similar experiments have also been made with other animals, such as dogs, squirrels, and rats—and with similar results.

Experiments of this kind have established the fact, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that tobacco is a poison of the most active kind. Physicians have now become so well acquainted with its fatal effects, when administering as a remedy in disease, that they seldom resort to it, even in the most

urgent cases. In many cases where the infusion of tobacco has been given internally to remove spasms, and also externally to diseased surfaces, it has destroyed the life of the patient in a short time.

Now, who can believe for a moment that the daily use of a plant so poisonous as this can be beneficial to persons in health? Who is there in deed, that will not be convinced, after carefully examining this subject, that tobacco is a poison, incompatible with perfect health, and destructive to animal life? But perhaps some may ask why those who use tobacco do not sicken and die soon after they commence its use, if it is such an active poison as is here represented? The same question might with equal propriety be asked with regard to another poison, namely—alcohol. Yet no candid and intelligent person, at this day of light, on the subject of temperance would presume to say that alcoholic drinks are not injurious to health, because many that use them live for years, and say they have always enjoyed good health. Yet we may confidently say that their health would have been better, and their lives longer, had they never used it.

The quantity of tobacco used by its votaries is not generally sufficient to destroy life at once; but it slowly fixes its deadly grasp upon the organs of vitality, gradually undermining the health, and sowing the seeds of disease, which are sure, sooner or later, to take root and spring up, carrying away its victim to a premature grave.

The symptoms which are liable to arise from the habitual use of tobacco, whether chewed, smoked or snuffed, may be any of the following: Dizziness and sometimes pain in the head; a sense of faintness; pain at the pit of the stomach; weakness; tremulousness; hoarseness of the voice; disturbed sleep; incubus or night-mare; irritability of temper; seasons of mental depression, epileptic fits, and sometimes mental derangement.

It seems to act directly upon the nervous system, enfeebling, exhausting, or destroying the powers of life.

It is also especially liable to diminish the sensibility of the membrane lining the nose, mouth, and stomach, enfeebling the nervous power of the latter organ so that instead of promoting digestion, as is pretended by many, it has a direct tendency to produce dyspepsia, with all its direful train of symptoms. It is also the universal testimony of those who have abandoned the use of this article, that they are sensible of an increase of appetite, as well as of digestive energy.

A plea which is often made for the use of tobacco is that it preserves the teeth from decay, and also prevents those from aching which have already in some measure undergone this process. Of the first of these statements it may be said that it is not supported by physiology and observation; and of the second, that there are other remedies for the tooth-ache more efficacious, and far less disgusting to the organs of smell and taste. It has been found by observation that those who have for many years smoked or chewed this article, have the grinding surface of their teeth worn down, or absorbed much faster than those who do not use it. Such an active poison as the juice or smoke of tobacco, be-

ing kept almost constantly in contact with the surface of the teeth, must tend to destroy their vitality, and consequently to hasten rather than retard their decay.

It has been recently stated by one of the most eminent surgeons in our country that of cases of cancer of the under lip, which had come within his observation, all but three were individuals who had, at some period of their lives, used tobacco in some of its forms.

To this dark catalogue of evils arising from the use of tobacco, may be added the turbid nostril, the besmeared lip, the spitting of saliva, imbued with this baneful narcotic, upon the floor, furniture, and even upon the clothes of those around them; and, last, though not least, the foul and offensive breath, which, to those whose olfactories have not been perverted by the use of narcotics, is almost insupportable.

The expense attending the use of tobacco is also no small objection to this habit. What are we to think of that individual who daily spends a portion of his money—for what? For food? No; but for that which contains no nutriment; for a deadly poison which is gradually undermining his health, and diminishing his usefulness and hastening him to the grave. What, indeed, are we to think of that Christian who has professedly consecrated himself, and all that he has, to the service of God, and yet takes part of his Lord's money to expend for that which satisfies only the cravings of an unnatural appetite? And how can he do this and feel within himself that he is obeying that injunction of the Apostle which says: "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God?" It is high time for a reform to take place on this subject; and it is the sacred duty of every individual who has formed any alliance with this baneful weed, to break at once the chains which now enslave him, and never again touch, taste, or handle this foe to health and human enjoyment.—H. H. Brown.

Unban the Eighth communicated all persons who used tobacco in churches.

Queen Elizabeth rigidly prohibited its use in places of worship. And the Grand Duke of Moscow, and one of the Kings of Persia, went so far as to decree that those who persisted in taking snuff should have their noses cut off!

Indeed, it is strange that men who make pretensions to refinement so often use this article in a way that shocks all sense of decency. An American gentleman once, visited England, and on his return home his neighbors, in considerable numbers visited him to hear what he had to say about the mother country. Among them was an old man of the clerical coat, who was a devotee to the pipe. He was very inquisitive concerning the manners and customs of the English. At length, taking his position immediately in front of the gentleman and puffing the smoke at every breath in his face, asked: "Do gentlemen in England smoke the pipe?" The gentleman turning his head with disgust, to avoid the pernicious gas, exclaimed, "No; they do not, neither do they anywhere else."

The use of tobacco is unpardonable anywhere, but more especially in

places of worship; yet we have seen many a 'house of God' so defiled by tobacco chewers as to be absolutely uncomfortable to a decent man—and of course much more so to the refined feelings of the other sex.

From a moderate calculation founded on facts, the Baptists alone in Alabama use tobacco to an amount sufficient to supply all the Baptist churches with preaching at least twice a month; or it should be sufficient to pay every minister in the State, for his pastoral services, more than \$300 a year; it would build comfortable meeting-houses for all the poor churches; it would furnish bread for 2,000 poor families; it would furnish 200,000 poor heathen with Bibles. It is an alarming calculation! Why sunch waste? The time is near when each one will be called upon to give an account of his stewardship. Will not the judge of the earth complain that His servants have wasted His goods in a riotous manner?

There is a church of which we have some knowledge, that recently undertook to call a pastor to serve them for a year. The person who had ministered to them for many years was present. The greatest apparent difficulty in the way was whether they should promise to remunerate the man whom they should call, or not. One of the deacons arose, and very gravely remarked: "We all are very poor, enthralled, and much in debt, and have hard scuffling to live. We are willing to do what we can for our pastor, but we cannot promise to do anything in the matter of a definite amount." The same person was unanimously chosen again to serve them. He is an old man, and has no one to labor for him. Now, will our readers believe us when we tell them that this same 'poor church' expends annually near \$200 for the delicious weed, TOBACCO?"

SAD DEATH OF A LOVELY CHILD.

Columbia, Ala., Sept. 26.

Dear Brother Barnett:

I desire to say through the columns of your dear paper that God in His wisdom saw fit last week to take from our happy little home one of our darling little girls.

She was barely ten years of age, yet had been a consistent member of the church for nearly a year, and joined, too, at a time when there was no revival in progress or other excitement. She seemed to understand fully the plan of salvation and what it meant to be a child of God. In the home she always seemed to be as perfect a child as it was possible to be. In school she stood with the best of her class and was a favorite with both teacher and scholars. She was a thorough child and joined most heartily in all the children's games, yet she was never happier than when performing some act of kindness to those less fortunate, and she always saw the good points in every one.

As we see it now, God only sent her as a little visitor to bless and enrich our lives and draw us close to Him. Wife and self are so sad and feel the need of the prayers and sympathy of God's people. He knows best and doeth all things well, but we do miss our darling little Eugenia so much.

GHAS. H. DAVIS.

(Our hearts go out in kindest love to Sister and Brother Davis in the loss of their lovely daughter.)

GOOD MEETINGS.

Dear Baptist:—Bro. W. P. Kelley and the writer began a meeting at Mt. Vera School House in Wills Valley on the evening of the first Sunday in September. Services were announced for only one, or at most, two ahead through the meeting and continued just two weeks. We have been interested much in this section for some time as it is thickly populated with a splendid substantial class of people but who have in very great measure been spending their substance for things which not only profit not, but are destructive to the well being of their community, to themselves and to their children. Some opposition was stirred up against the meeting almost from the first, but the Lord graciously overruled it and directed it into a great advertisement of the meeting, so that many who otherwise would probably have carelessly remained at home, became interested attendants upon the services. Those who at first forbade the use of the building began to come. Their children and even some of them were saved and baptized. Twenty-seven were received into the nearest church, twenty-five of which were baptized. There are doubtless others who will follow. The church into which these were received now request a meeting, though they held their annual meeting recently. All seem to be agreed that this valley country has had an awakening the like of which it has not experienced before. This school building is situated near the center of a territory of over 100 square miles in area without a church of any kind. The people are nearly entirely Baptist in belief and we had little trouble in convincing the newly converted that they should unite with the church. A movement was started to constitute a church in this important field. The fact that no church has existed in this large and important district during all the years since the first native Americans were driven out from this beautiful country by a superior people mentally remains astonishing to us. Our hearts are yet tender and full of praise to God for His mercies and blessings upon the labors of His humble servants. We have cheerfully given fully one-half our time the past six months to our Lord's cause in this county with scarcely any material support, but feel that we must henceforth look more to the interests of wife and children. We are willing to labor on for only a living, but we must have the living. We would much like to obtain a pastorate in the southern part of the state. Am anxious to try the climate in that section. Am in position this fall to move to a new field should there be an opportunity extended. Would be glad to correspond with any church in regard to a supply providing the location is healthy and a good school is accessible.

God's rich blessings rest upon our people, our preachers, our boards and their representatives together with our state paper and its beloved editor.

Fraternally,
J. B. HAMRIC.

Crossville, Ala.

Under the colourable pretext that Democracy is endangered in Alabama some of the leaders are trying to rally the party by false cries, hoping to stampede the true temperance element and slyly slip in local option



SOME GOOD MEETINGS.

Since my last letter it has been my pleasure to help in several revival meetings. The first was with Bro. E. J. Castelo and his church at Sandy Creek, Fla. This church is located on the main thoroughfare leading from Geneva to Dejuniaek Springs, 20 miles south of the former and ten miles north of the latter. This church has a membership of near 200, the largest in the Graves Association. They have a splendid house of worship and the most complete and convenient Baptistery and robing rooms that I have ever seen with any country church. The pool is a very large one supplied by an ever flowing stream of the finest water. A large shed covers the pool, running back and connecting two dressing rooms and forming a large auditorium. This certainly answered a good purpose at the close of our meeting, for it turned out that the hour of baptising was a rainy one. But the large congregation found complete protection from the rain. Five were baptised. Near Sunday Creek church is located Cassidy's lake, covering just 600 acres by the land lines, and its greatest depth is 160 feet. This lake is well supplied with the finest of bream and trout, some of the trout weighing as much as fourteen pounds. One of the brethren (Ranter) told the writer that one day last May he caught three hundred of the fine Bream with hook and line alone. Bro. Castelo and the writer had a fine boat ride on the lake and a refreshing bath in its crystal waters.

Starlington, Butler county, Ala., was the scene of the next meeting. Bro. Fletcher is the beloved pastor here and four other churches. All of Bro. Fletcher's members "look up" to him, as he is six and a half feet in his socks. Starlington is the home of my childhood. Here I was born and partly raised. My father merchandised here for many years. The church was one of my first pastorates—lasting about fourteen years. So in coming back here brought me face to face with many friends of other years. As I went from place to place how the scenes and experiences of the long ago came like a troop rushing through my mind. Many once familiar faces have disappeared forever in many instances strangers occupy their places. From first to last I baptised several hundred people at Starlington. By the way it was at this place that where B. F. Riley began his career as a school teacher. Some of the men and women of the neighborhood, who are now somewhat advanced in years well recall how Prof. Riley used the rod when some rule had been violated.

My last meeting was with pastor J. W. Brooks and Hurricane Creek church, nine miles southwest of Geneva and in Florida. Five were baptised here as the fruit of the meeting. When the pastor placed the visiting brother in charge he made about the following talk, viz: "Bro. S. we

shall expect you to do all the preaching and conduct the services as you see proper to do. You can call on any of these brethren to pray or to conduct a prayer meeting. They all work." And I found it just that way. Is it not beautiful for the brethren to develop into personal workers? It is so often the case that they are as dumb as oysters. They don't pray; they don't sing; they don't invite others to come to church. They have a name to live—but are dead. Paul's exhortation to the Ephesian christians would be very appropriate to those who are so inactive in the churches today, viz: "Awaken, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

This summer has been a very busy one with the writer, but it has been joyous as well. A. T. SIMS
Geneva.

REVIVAL AT SAGINAW

We have just closed a good meeting of five days at Saginaw. We had with us Bro. H. W. Fancher, of Palmetto street Baptist church, Mobile, an able preacher and one who is thoroughly consecrated to the work of the Lord. Bro. Fancher was not in the best of health during his stay with us, but he did some good work and preached the gospel in all its power and truth. Although not in our own building and with a great deal of opposition, we had a fine meeting. The church was greatly revived and two united with the church by experience for Baptism. No doubt more good could have been accomplished had we been in our own house, but under the circumstances we did the best we could. We hope for better things later. It might be well for me to state just here, that we were organized at Saginaw sometime last year as a branch of the Siluria Baptist church, which is about two miles from Saginaw church. We have no Baptist church in this community, in fact there is no Baptist church between Helena and Calera, so you can readily see the great need of Baptist churches in this section of the state. The church building at Siluria does not belong to the Baptist people, but is used by both Baptists and Methodists, hence there is plenty of missionary work to be done in this field, and we are praying that the Baptists of the state will look more closely into these neglected places and establish Baptist churches wherever they are needed. The writer had the pleasure of visiting the Siluria Baptists on the fourth Sunday, their regular preaching day, and as a result of a few days meeting recently held at that place, witnessed the baptism of seven candidates, all girls, including the two from Saginaw church. It was a beautiful sight to behold. We hope and pray that the Baptists of the state will lend a helping hand in the establishment of a church in this immediate community. (Hope to be able to send our editor some new subscribers in the near future.

FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY

Dear Brother Editor:

I seldom see anything in the Baptist from these parts, and while I have been away from the county the major part of the year, and am not very conversant with the work over the county, will furnish you with a few items. The protracted season has closed and from what I can learn the ingathering over the county has not been as much as it usually is. The writer, after his return from the Seminary, assisted in four meetings, only one of which was in the county. This was at Newell, where that liberant Baptist deacon, Thos. J. Lovvorn lives and whose brother, Dr. R. M. Lovvorn is pastor of the church. On account of the sickness of the pastor he could not be present and the meeting was conducted by Rev. J. D. O'Keef and myself. From there I went to Harris county, Ga., to assist Bro. B. B. Nelson, and from there to Fredonia, in Crammers county where I helped Bro. H. J. Holliday. From there I went to Glenn, Ga., to assist pastor Martin. About fifty were added to the churches in these meetings. It was indeed a very happy summer's work for me. I shall not return to the Seminary this fall, but accept pastorates. Most of the preachers around here who have had regular work are about settled for another year. Bro. Farrington has returned from his vacation and taken up his work at the First Baptist of Roanoke with renewed energy. Bro. C. B. Martin has been called as pastor of the Second Baptist church. Bro. A. J. Layton has and Bro. J. M. Yates three also, I understand. I have not learned Bro. Jack Gross' plans for another year. W. P. Cofield, one of our strong preachers is coming back from Fort Deposit, and will settle at Roanoke. He has been called to Wedowee and will have one church in Lowndes county besides other work. Bro. Brannon's work has been out of the county the past year, and he will have the same work next year I presume.

Great Revival at Tuxedo Park Church.

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals our church has ever witnessed. Rev. Curtis Shugart came to us on the 28th of August and preached for ten days. On account of a severe cold his voice was very weak at first, but as the meeting continued he soon gained his strength. Bro. Shugart preached nothing but plain practical truths from a spiritual standpoint, saying that repentance is the only sure way to salvation. Each night of the services the crowd grew larger and larger until the seating capacity was not sufficient to supply the demand. The meeting continued for ten days with souls being saved at every service. There were in all 25 additions to the church, 18 of which came for baptism; then in addition to this the church as a whole was greatly revived and all promise to stand by the church and pastor better than ever.

We recommend Bro. Shugart to any church that has grown cold spiritually. Since I came to this work in July the church has worked as one united body, loyal to the pastor and to the work as a whole. Upon entering the new work the pastor was made happy by the gift of a fine \$35.00 tailor-made suit, given by various members of the church. Pray for us that we may continue in the right way.



Four Veterans of South Italy—Revs. Creanza, Stagnitta, Fasulo, Fiori.



Brethren Involved in the Persecution at Besaccia.

The great Conference at Edinburg closed on the evening of June 24th with an impressive consecration service, and the next morning early Dr. S. J. Porter and I bade farewell to the beautiful and interesting city where we had been on the mountain top for ten days, and turned our faces toward London. We stopped for a few hours at Durham, York and Cambridge, enjoying a visit to some of the points of interest in these exceedingly interesting places. We reached London Saturday evening. In the hotel next morning we met Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Porter, of Louisville, Ky., and they traveled with us for the rest of the journey until we parted at Naples, they to visit Germany and Russia and we to turn our faces homeward.

The main purpose of Dr. H. A. Porter's trip was to study Baptist conditions on the Continent. He was glad of the opportunity to go with us to visit our churches in Italy. They proved themselves to be the most delightful traveling companions, and the four of us found it exceedingly pleasant and helpful to travel together.

A Sunday in London.

Our first business that Sunday morning in London was to find Dr. John Clifford's church. We were well repaid for the effort by the strong sermon which this heroic leader of our English brethren gave us. After hearing him preach one is not surprised that his large church is filled, even on a mid-summer Sunday morning. That night we found our way to the famous Metropolitan Tabernacle, where the thronging memories of the great Charles H. Spurgeon and his mighty preaching made it difficult to concentrate one's mind on the earnest evangelistic sermon by the present pastor, Dr. Archibald Brown.

We spent a few days in London and Paris and two days in Switzerland, where, unfortunately for us, the low-hanging clouds lifted only enough now and then to give us a glimpse of the snow-covered mountains, over which they were drawn like a heavy veil. On the 7th of July we reached Milan, where we entered into the real purpose of our journey beyond Edinburg—a visit to some of our churches in Italy.

Here we were met by our missionaries, Drs. Whittinghill and Stuart. They are both strong men and have a firm grasp on the situation in Italy. They are doing statesmanlike work

just now, when such work will count for a great deal for our cause in Italy. They are in every way worthy of the confidence and support of our people. Dr. Gill will return to Italy soon, and we will have there a trio of leaders who cannot be surpassed. They will divide the work among themselves to the best advantage, but the three will confer together on all important matters.

With the exception of the lack of material equipment, the conditions in Italy seem now almost ideal for a great and glorious Baptist work. The country itself is in the dawn of a new renaissance and seems destined to become once more a vast world-power—this time, let us hope, along evangelical and spiritual lines. Here in incalculable responsibility rests upon Southern Baptists. We are in a position and can easily put ourselves more and more in the way of influencing mightily this rising tide of new life in Italy.

Our First Service in Italy.

The first service we attended was that Thursday night, July 7th, in the beautiful new chapel, which had just been secured and fitted up by the church in Milan. It is well located on a good street in a populous part of the city. It was the first time the church had met in this new place of worship—a sort of dedicatory meeting. It was not known certainly that we would get there in time to hold the meeting that night until late in the afternoon, still the hall was crowded, many people standing inside and around the door. Indeed, one of the most striking things in our entire trip was the ease with which a large congregation could be gathered on short notice at almost all the places we visited. A neighboring Methodist pastor was present, presided at the organ and led the singing. How they did sing! Everybody in our Italian congregations sing, from the oldest to the youngest, and all sing well. Our churches have a hymn book of their own, filled with hymns, noble in both words and music. The people, who have no opportunity to sing in the Catholic churches, enter heartily and joyously into this part of the evangelical worship.

This Methodist pastor, by the way, who led the music, could speak a little English, and said to us privately that our Baptist people were the only workers who knew how to reach the people of Italy. Of his own accord

he spoke with evident sincerity and enthusiasm of our work and said that it is the only serious, wide-spread and effective evangelistic effort that is being made in that country. He is an intelligent man, and there was no reason why he should make such a statement unless he felt that it was true. I am glad to give his testimony as that of a competent and disinterested witness.

The pastor of the church, Rev. G. F. Ambrossini, made an address, and while we could not understand his words, we were impressed by his intense earnestness and enthusiasm. Like nearly all our preachers in Italy, he is a man of culture, profound earnestness and eloquence. Then the three visitors—the two secretaries and the Louisville pastor—made short talks. Dr. Whittinghill interpreting for us. This is a difficult performance for the speaker, the interpreter and the audience. But when the agony was over the people greeted us with such warmth and evident appreciation that we felt repaid for the effort.

We went back to the hotel deeply impressed with the success and possibilities of our work in this beautiful, progressive, up-to-date, thriving city of the famous Lombard plains. The chapel is new and fitted up with extreme neatness and taste, and the audience was composed largely of intelligent looking, well-dressed people. It is clear, and this is true of all Italy, that our work in Milan is by no means slum work.

Conditions in Venice.

We spent the next morning in seeing a few of the objects of interest in the city, especially Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper," a picture still splendid in the midst of its many injuries and fast approaching ruin. At noon, we left for Venice and enjoyed a memorable ride through the fertile olive-covered and vine-clad fields of Lombardy, nearly all the way in full view of the snow-covered peaks of the Alps. At the station in Venice we were greeted by a flotilla of gondolas, in two of which our party were conveyed to our hotel. It was a unique experience.

Our work here is not encouraging. The city itself, with a few notable exceptions, is disappointing and anything but pleasing. The Piazza San Marco and the Grand Canal are still beautiful and thrilling with historic and literary associations, but away from these the narrow, winding wa-

A Visit to Our In



Faculty and Seniors

ter streets, with their decaying buildings and distressing poverty are depressing in the extreme. It is said that one-fourth of the population are paupers, and one is soon prepared to believe it. One ought to see Venice only by night, and then on by gondola, along the water-front and Grand Canal, or on its brilliant piazza, ringing with music. Otherwise it is impossible to escape the feeling that the whole city has a tendency to follow the example of its ancient Campanile a few years ago and crumble into a mass of ruins. It is pathetic. One of it was one of the most powerful and splendid cities of the world. Now its glory is nearly all a mere memory. My words may be too severe, but I am only giving the impression made on my mind by a visit of one day.

Under such circumstances we were not surprised to find that the work of the church was not flourishing. The pastor, who is growing old, is a man of talent, a poet and author or of mean ability, but he is discouraged and discontented. The chapel is not attractive, and the congregations are only fair. It is said that good congregations attend on Sundays, as the people recognize the pastor's ability as a preacher, but there are few conversions.

Fine Work at Ferrara and Florence. Saturday afternoon we went to Ferrara, where we have a good work. The town is progressive, and grow



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Baptist Churches



Seminary, Rome.

ing. We have a large, well-located chapel. The pastor is a young man of ability. The congregation was made up of a good class of people. Another one of our pastors, who has a flourishing church at a small town near Ferrara, was with us during our visit.

Our next point was Florence. Here our work is excellent. The chapel is on one of the best streets in the very heart of the city. It is large and beautiful, and the congregation would have done credit to any church. The pastor is a fine-looking man, eloquent, successful and popular. As usual, the three visitors spoke through our interpreter, and the people gave us a most hearty and enthusiastic reception. Our visit to Florence will abide as one of the pleasant memories of life. We could give but little time to the vast art-treasures of the city, but we saw some of the best, and late Tuesday afternoon our "guides" took us out on the electric railway far up the mountain side to Michael Angelo's Piazzale, a most beautiful spot, laid out and adorned under the hand of the great master. Here we had a splendid view of the city, and its environs, and saw one of Italy's indescribable sunsets.

Thus ended our tour of Northern Italy. Early the next morning we were on our way to Rome.

The City of Rome.

What shall I say of the "Eternal

City"? Space forbids any detailed account of our visit there. I can only stress the importance of our work and its needs. First, our Seminary. It is impossible to put into words my conception of its importance. Since it was organized ten years ago by Dr. Whittinghill it has sent forth a force of preachers who would do credit to any institution or to any body of Christian people in any country. They are young men of learning, eloquence and deep consecration. Some of them would stand in the front rank of preachers in America. As I listened to them they stirred my heart, although I could not understand their words. During their course in the seminary their hearts are filled with a mighty message, and they are delivering it under the most inspiring conditions. Some of them are destined to be great popular leaders. Every year this school is sending forth these noble, well-trained preachers, and we must make it possible for the number of them to be greatly increased.

This work of sending forth trained leaders is rendered vastly more important by the present religious conditions in Italy. The Church of Rome has no longer any power over the lives of the people. It is simply a dead formalism, and there is a widespread revolt against its tyranny. It is sad that this revolt, especially with the men, is swinging too far, and hurling many into agnosticism and infidelity. But a reaction is bound to come, and these very men will gladly hear the Gospel.

An important section of the press and many of the people openly ridicule the Pope and the Vatican. Many of those who are still friendly to the Church of Rome do not hesitate to laugh at the present Pope and his advisers as blunderers and as having a special talent for getting into trouble. It looks as if the people of Italy are going to laugh the Roman Catholic Church into oblivion just as their ancient fathers laughed away their pagan gods.

An Army of Priests.

A great army of priests seem to go through their almost endless rites and ceremonies as if it were all a weary routine to them. In Rome we met Signor Piani, who was a young priest in Brazil. He was converted by our missionaries there, and has spent several years in the Seminary at Louisville. He is now in Rome studying

"Modernism," preparatory to writing his thesis for his Doctor's degree next spring on that subject. He has talked intimately with many of the Catholic priests of Italy, and he says that thousands of them would leave the Catholic Church any day if they knew of some way to make a living.

Into this great mass of the people, tired of the dead formalism of Rome and laughing at the religion of their fathers, our young preachers are going with the message of life and salvation, and great crowds are listening to them wherever they go. It is impossible to get halls large enough to hold the congregations, who desire to hear these preachers. It is not an unusual thing to see ten times as many people crowded around the doors of our little chapels as can get inside.

In order to enable our Seminary at Rome to do its work efficiently we must give to it immediately an adequate building. It will be utterly impossible to carry on the work efficiently without a much better equipment. And the same thing applies to our church in Rome. We ought to keep the present down-town property as an evangelistic station, but we ought to build out in the new and growing part of the city a house of worship worthy of our important work in that city. We have in Rome a good church, but its work has been greatly handicapped by the lack of a suitable house of worship.

Naples and Sicily.

Our next point was Naples. Here we have, perhaps, the most successful work in Italy. Pastor Scalera is a man of tremendous power, and he is making his influence felt throughout this important city. We attended a week-night service at the church, and found the hall crowded, for the most part with university people—a thoroughly intelligent and cultured audience. At another point in the city a hall is rented, and here Pastor Scalera preaches twice a week to large congregations. In addition to his work in Naples he is in great demand as a public speaker all over the country. He is president of our Baptist Assembly in Southern Italy, and though still a young man, has all the elements of a popular leader.

From Naples we traveled southward for nearly twenty-four hours to Syracuse, in Southwestern Sicily. On Sunday morning we drove out to Floridia, a distance of eight miles, where

we attended two never-to-be-forgotten services. At the Sunday morning service Pastor Chiminelli made a most earnest and evidently impressive address to the young people who filled the hall. This was followed by addresses from the three visitors. After the morning service we were invited to the pastor's home, where we were graciously received by his wife, a charming, cultured bride of only a few weeks. They gave us a true Sicilian welcome and a dinner lasting for more than three hours, consisting of twelve courses, including every delicacy of that favored land. During the afternoon many of the members of the church and Sunday school came in to greet the visitors. It was indeed true Southern hospitality, to which we were treated. But the climax came at the night service. Not only was the hall filled, but the pulpit had been placed at the door which opened on the street, and hundreds of people gathered in the street and around the door to hear the preaching. As far as the eye could reach up and down the street there was one mass of eager faces, listening to the thrilling, eloquent address of Pastor Scalera, who had accompanied us on our visit. As we listened we were almost frightened when we caught enough of his words to realize the ridicule and the reproach which the great orator was heaping upon the Pope, the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church. But the great crowd only laughed and cheered, and there was no sign of disapproval. Then we learned that persecution never arose because of opposition to the Papacy. The people have no love for the Vatican. Persecution comes only when the priests can work upon the superstitions of the people and persuade them that the existence of Protestants will bring calamity upon them. In the recent bitter persecution at Bisacchia the priests persuaded the ignorant people that our Baptist workers there had brought on an earthquake, which had caused the death of a number of inhabitants, and this incited them to riot. When Pastor Scalera closed his address the writer was asked to speak, and he will never forget the scene as he looked upon that sea of eager faces in the dim light of the street. When the service closed and we went out to our carriages we were a little puzzled to notice that the drivers moved off before we had time

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Tennessee Valley Baptist Church, at Meltonville, ten miles above Guntersville, is alive again. For five years they have been without a pastor. All the members had moved away but six, one brother and five sisters. The little Methodist church was not prospering. I was told after I sent the appointment that the disturbance was so great that preachers could not do any good there, but the Lord attended the gospel with the same power that reached Paul and the people were glad to hear it. Brother William Dye of Guntersville came over from the United Brethren to the Baptist help in preaching. Brother James Smith from off the mountain was a great help as a worker. The one brother and one sister renewed the church covenant and elected the writer moderator pro tem. The result of the meeting was ten for baptism, four under the watch care of the church to get letters. Nearly all that part of the valley is owned by a few men, so nearly all the people are renters, but they agreed to rent a piece of ground and all come together and plant it and cultivate it and gather it to pay their pastor. They took up a collection of four dollars, one of which I gladly received.

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I desire to say a few words concerning my work with my churches. The first Sunday in September I began a meeting with Thorsby church which lasted five days, and I had with me Bro. F. M. Woods, of Clanton three days, and he did some of his best preaching, and the people were delighted and blessed. Five joined the church, four by letter and one by experience and baptism. But Brother Wood's physical strength gave way and he was compelled to give up at the end of three days. Men like Woods are few in our state, he gave up all earthly business for the Lord's love, and now he is rich only in God's love, and it is with a feeling of shame that I think of the little attention and care given by the Baptist to men like Woods. God grant that our people may wake up. Next was my meeting at Mulberry in Chilton county. We had a glorious meeting of six days, ten additions to the church, seven by experience and baptism, and three by letter. This is one of the oldest churches in the state, nearly a hundred years old, somewhere in ninety. Here I had the help of P. G. Maness, the Braudus of the piney woods. I do not know of but one Maness and I have known him from his birth, and no man lives who deserves more credit for what he has done for himself guided by the Lord than Maness. He spent four years at our seminary and when he graduated in the work the seminary gave he asked for more. But all this has not made him proud and selfish, but has made him child-like and easy to approach, popular with all classes, rich and poor, educated and uneducated. In him we see what grace together with a trained mind can do for a man.

My next meeting will be with Liberty Hill, four miles west of Clanton, where the Chilton county association meets on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October. This is a large church in members, near 197, but rather small in their support of the gospel at home and abroad. But we are hopeful the church has spent this year nearly three hundred dollars on her building and will pay her pastor more than she ever paid in any members subscribe for the Alabama Baptist; so we are hopeful and are looking to a day of greater work for the master.

I was with Bro. Wood at Rider-ville and Plantersville the week following the third Sunday in August, and the four Sundays I baptized for him fourteen converts in Big Mulberry creek. The Lord was with us and great blessings to the people, the result was quite a number joined by letter.

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—HERRICK.
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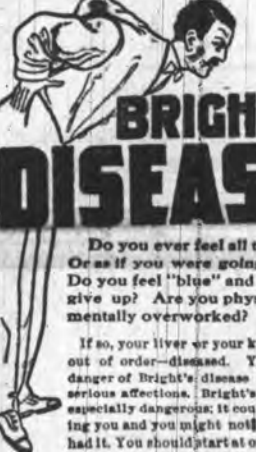
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MANY THUS DELUDED.

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It was a happy day for her when she was freed from the delusion which had held her in leash for five years. It was when she committed herself fully and directly to the Lord of life, utterly regardless of any ordinance or ceremony, that she came into the light and liberty which are the possession of the true children of God. Very many others are still under the power of the same delusion which that woman was the victim of. They fancy that they are in a saved condition, simply because they have been baptized "for the remission of sins," when in fact they are still unsaved, and therefore have no experience of the joy which is produced by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Such ones give proof of the fact that one may be a Christian in name, yet not one in reality. We can not too strongly emphasize the truth that the salvation of a sinner can be effected only by a full committal of himself to Christ by a faith which accepts His atoning grace, entirely independent of reliance upon church ordinance, or form of piety.

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From the best information that the writer has been able to obtain, the next session will show about 30 churches with a total membership of about 3,000; and seven ordained ministers included in the membership; and only 4 of the pastors of the churches with residences within the bounds of the association. Most of the pastors of the churches in the association live some distance from the churches they serve and several have to travel some distance by rail to reach their pastorates. The population of the county is increasing and several new and prosperous villages and towns are growing and developing in the county.

Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Brent, Ala., has been employed for the past nine months to give one-half of his time as Associational Missionary to the Bibb County Missionary Association. He has given me the following partial report of his work as missionary:

Miles traveled, 1,080; sermons preached, 51; addresses delivered, 60; members received into churches, 30; visits to homes, 125; Sunday schools organized, 2; Baptist rallies held, 5; collections for missions, \$192.02; collections for Orphans' Home, \$57.95.

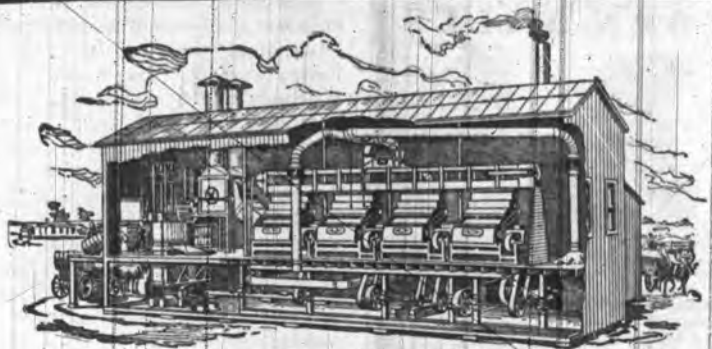
These figures make a good showing for our associational missionary, and I feel that every Missionary Baptist will be proud that this great missionary work has been done. The writer feels impressed that the association should secure a missionary for full time; and he is impressed that Rev. J. W. Mitchell is one of the best men available for this work. Believing that God is a missionary God; that Jesus is a missionary Saviour; and that all of these are behind the great mission cause, let us all do our duty, to ourselves, to humanity, and to God. Remember that the Bible says: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store, as God hath prospered him." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

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1. It is an evangelistic force reaching the lost in country and town alike. The evangelists, missionaries and colporters traverse the destitute points planting churches, Sunday schools and building meeting houses. There can be no morals without religion and no religion without public worship. State missions planted or nurtured two-thirds of the churches in our State, yet two-fifths of the churches give little or nothing for State Missions, the tap root of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. It is developing force. Many of our churches are weak, struggling and often discouraged bands. The missionary and evangelist bring strength and courage by deepening the spiritual life and organizing different departments of church work for aggressive service. Then they bring in recruits. Without this fostering care they would often become extinct.

3. It is a great unifying force. Our schools and certain geographical conditions tend to divide our State into three parts. This would weaken us and its effects would be disastrous. State Missions bind us together because it cares for the needy wherever they are found, from the Mississippi to the Big Sandy.

4. It is an educational force. It helps to support four schools in the mountains; it helps to train Sunday school workers through assemblies, institutes and the labors of a Sunday school secretary. It helps to teach correct ideas of stewardship. This is a busy world and even dollars must do their share of work. Christ commanded loving, systematic giving. Many Christians have little joy or fellowship because they know so little of service.

A serious campaign is now on to raise funds to liquidate the indebtedness to State Missions and Church Building. A committee of wise pastors and consecrated laymen should present the claims of State missions to each church in every association. There should be an every member canvass of each church. On the first Sunday in October every Sunday school should make a liberal contribution to this worthy cause. Prayer and work will save the day. There is not a moment to lose.

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A Visit to Our Italian Baptist Churches.

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to get in. As we followed along slowly, fully a thousand men and boys joined in the march, and they escorted us to the city limits. We learned that this was their method of honoring the visitors and showing their great appreciation of our visit.

The Assembly of South Italy.

The next day we went to Messina, and our hearts were sickened by the sight of the once beautiful city, which is still a heap of ruins, caused by the earthquake. Almost a hundred thousand people were killed in the earthquake and nearly half of their bodies are still buried under the debris of the city. Our little church there was literally wiped out. The pastor and his entire family, with a number of relatives, are still buried beneath the ruins of the house, in which was located our preaching hall and pastor's home. We have not been able to reorganize the work at Messina. We tarried there only a little while, and then took the ferryboat across the straits to Reggio. Here we were greeted by a number of the brethren who were already beginning to gather for the annual meeting of the Baptist Assembly of Southern Italy. Here for two days we attended the meetings of this splendid body and enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the brethren. Twenty-one of our Italian pastors were gathered in this assembly. The attendance of the local church was good. The night meetings especially attracted large congregations, many of whom were not Christians.

Among these preachers gathered here were a number of gray-haired veterans, who had seen many years of service in Italy. Their hearts rejoice within them now as they witness the dawning of a new day of progress and spiritual life for their beloved land. We give the faces of some of these veterans.

Here, also, we met brethren who had borne the brunt of the recent persecution at Bisacchia. For many hours they were besieged in the little chapel there by an angry mob, and were rescued by the coming of 400 soldiers, who quieted the people and protected our workers until they could leave the city without seeming to run away from the danger.

From this meeting at Reggio we visited the beautiful city of Palermo, where we have a small church, which is just now without a pastor. Palermo is one of the best and most beautiful cities in Italy, and it is important that we should have there at an early date a strong man to lead in an aggressive work.

It is impossible to enter into further detail of our delightful trip. We sailed for the homeland feeling that a new day has come upon our work in Italy. Conditions cannot remain as they are, a widespread religious awakening must come speedily. Our workers are in a position, and we can easily put them more and more in the way, of leading in the great awakening. With three such men as Whittinghill, Stuart and Gill to lead our splendid corps of Italian preachers, and with the necessary equipment—which we must give at once to our workers there—we may confidently expect a tremendous advance among our Baptist churches in the next few years.

Do the Baptists of Alabama believe in Christian education? Do we as Baptists believe that our greatest capital and assets are our boys and girls? Do we as Alabamians want to make strong and vigorous citizens of our children, who will be valuable workers in the upbuilding of the cause of the Master, morality, virtue, sobriety and intelligence? Do we as parents have the best interests of our boys and girls closest our hearts? Do we as Baptists have in view the best interests of our denomination, when we fail to send our children to our denominational schools and colleges?—Geo. D. Motley, Gadsden, Ala.

The good people of Center have had cause to rejoice in the fact that God has wonderfully blessed us in our recent meeting. Bro. J. M. Cook, of East Lake, came to us on Monday after the first Sunday and helped us. His sermons were child-like, but filled with gospel truth that found its way to the hearts of the sinners. They were converted to the Lord, and now rejoice in Him. The visible results of the meeting are the church greatly revived, and sixteen additions, nine of which were by baptism. We are planning a new house of worship which we hope to occupy before very many months have passed away. The Lord is graciously blessing this party of His vineyard. Pray for us that we may continue to do the will of the Master at all times, and that great good may result from all of our labors here. When I can get all my work out on other fields complete. I am going to try to raise a number of subscribers to the Baptist. I will write up our Association next week. May the Lord of Heaven bless you in your work.—E. L. Barlow.

The Cause of Physical Inability.

To be strong and healthy is the desire of every man, woman and child in this country, and they would be, if they would only stop for a moment and reason out the cause of their debility and then apply the remedy. There is always some cause for physical inability, and in the majority of cases it is bad blood. All food, before giving aid to the system, is first converted into blood; in other words, it is blood alone that gives strength, health and vigor to our bodies and keeps aglow the fire of life within us.

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