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THE BITTER CRY OF HOME MISSIONS.

In Atlanta a few days ago at the Commercial Congress Mr. Roosevelt predicted that the south was to be the scene of the greatest development of any section of our country in the near future. In this he but affirmed what has been already said by others. This is gratifying to our local pride, but there is something of vastly more importance to the welfare of the south than material growth and development. The preaching of the gospel, the Christianization of our great cities, the leavening of new communities with the principles of Christ, the building of churches for our four thousand homeless churches—what Christian will deny that this is "the development of the south" that is of supreme importance to him who looks at national progress from the standpoint of his Lord and Master?

And viewed from this standpoint, what shall we say when we learn that probably the mightiest of all agencies in the south for meeting the religious needs which our prosperity is creating has not only failed to keep pace with its material advancement, but is falling behind what has been done in the past?

On the first of March our Home Mission Board had received, not including miscellaneous items, but \$88,000 of the \$400,000 which the convention authorized them to ask for, and this is more than \$8,000 less than was received up to the same date last year, so that, while telling our board to increase their work we are decreasing the means with which they are to do it!

Brethren, are the children of this generation always to be wiser than the children of light? Is business—agricultural, commercial, industrial, dollar-making business—to be promoted by great organizations liberally sustained, and at the same time is "the King's business" to languish and diminish for lack of financial support? Then surely we are willing to work and pray and give during the remaining six weeks of our convention year to avert the calamity of a heavy debt upon our Home Mission Board?

RICHARD HALL,

Vice-President Home Mission Board for Alabama.

I am glad you sent me statement of my account, for then I have a reminder on my desk that I owe you. The only reason I have not enjoyed reading the Baptist as much as I should is, every time I pick it up (which is always Sunday) I am reminded of my neglect of duty, but my resolutions formed while reading are forgotten when my thoughts are busy with other matters. Enclosed find check to pay the year's back dues and one year in advance. Hope now I won't feel guilty every time I pick up the paper. Wishing you continued success, yours truly—J. W. Beasley, 7841 Hillman avenue.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS

Editor Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Ala.:

Dear Sir—I notice the article on your front page of this week, "Pastors Please Explain." Now, honestly, how many do you suppose will explain? I am not a "pastor" nor a preacher, but if you will allow me I will preach a little off-handed any way.

You should not be hard on the "boys." They are simply practicing what they were taught at "college." They believe in "final perseverance." They will pay you possibly finally "some day," if the debt don't get "so big" they can't.

Brother, let me tell you plainly, you are simply suffering from a case of "man's traditions making void the law of God," nothing more nor less, and this is "E pluribus unum." This "final perseverance," this procrastinator, this side tracker, this complimentary license (from the devil) to step aside and do a little dirty trick, and then another little dirty trick, and then another little dirty trick, and then a great big dirty trick, which, of course, any thinking person knows such will lead to. Of course God will forgive these dirty little tricks for a while, provided we come to him in the right way. But no where in His word does he license us to side track and commit them, and then console ourselves that we can or will finally come in and get rid of them. His law teaches us not to ever commit them, gives us no license to side track whatever.

You see this doctrine bolted into their heads has made them overlook or forget God's injunction, "Owe no man." They have proven to you that they think more of the money the paper costs than they do of the religious benefit they have derived. If they didn't they would certainly send you the money and appreciate the opportunity to do so. "Actions speak louder than word," etc., and then again you know some of us suffer very much with what is called "big head." We get the idea that you feel highly honored to have our "illustrious names" on your list, and that you would rather send "us" the paper for nothing than to send it to "common ordinary" folks for cash. Don't know just how you feel about it, but believe I would choose the "common ordinaries" who paid their debts with money and didn't want to or try to pay them with their faces. But, again, "such is life." The world will be full of such people just as long as they are raised up and taught from childhood that "Jesus paid it all." That's the reason that millions are doing nothing. They are told there is nothing to do, and they are doing it. "We can't do anything." "No merits in us."

God made us in "His own image" and expects us to do great and wonderful things, and He will give us the power to do if we put ourselves in His hands and obey His laws and command, by following the teachings of His Son, our leader, our example and our Savior.

Now, as to whom I am, will say I am not a pastor nor a preacher, not a professor, not a doctor, not a lawyer; have no tag on either end of my name; am just a simple observer. I look at a thing "when I see it," and think of it, too. Am a man that don't have to go to church to pray, although I do go; same on Broadway, New York, as am on a mule in Louisiana. But will let you rest at this, hoping some time to become better known to you, and in the meantime let's watch out for fence rails flying about in the air. "Let's don't" get any of them in "our eyes" if we can help it. With very best wishes, fraternally yours, M. R. W.

P. S.—After all they don't mean any harm, of course, but are simply blinded by that wool which tradition has pulled over their eyes. "Teaching for doctrine commandments of men" will do it every time, and don't you forget it. They will have to get back to theology, and let manology drop, and then they will recall that God says "Owe no man." Then you'll get your money.

The Baptists of this part of the vineyard are moving slowly. Brother Hatfield preaches for us twice a month—the second and fourth Sundays. He is doing a good work here, and I think that he ought to have help, as Baptist preachers are scarce in this part of the state, and the whiskey ring is doing their best to ruin it. Yours in the cause of Christ—A. J. Bedingfield, Rogersville, Ala.

My Dear Brother Barnett: I received your dun and did not get mad. I have been sick for the last four months. I am able to sit up and write you. Enclosed you will find \$1.50. Place to my credit. I think it doubt-

ful about my living much longer. May God spare your life to do much good for the Lord's cause. I can't sit up any longer—Moses Pierce.

(This from a dear old saint of more than four score years.)

Dear Brother Barnett: You certainly misinterpreted my letter. "Quit?" No, sir, not as long as you will treat me as nicely as you have. I have been reading the Alabama Baptist for about 15 years, and no paper takes its place in the home. I herewith hand you money order to set me up to 1912. With love and best wishes, your brother—J. A. Jeffers, Roanoke, Ala.

WRITE FOR NAMES.

Wanted—Discarded papers for mission work. Great opportunity to do good. Send literature direct to frontier homes. Thousands of families needing it. This is practical philanthropy, applied Christianity. To destroy good reading is a sin when there are hungry minds and hearts needing such ministry. Send no papers for distribution, but write for name and address of one or more families. Address Rev. B. A. Loving, Woodward, Okla.

I am missionary on a large district—Woodward, Ellis, Harper, Woods and Dewey counties. For over two years the seasons have been very dry, crops poor and hard times for thousands of the settlers.

Into hundreds of homes on my field I am having good literature sent free. It is highly appreciated and is doing a world of good. I see the results of this seed sowing on every hand. It's a good work, and there should be more of it done.

There are at least 2,000 more homes that I want to have supplied in the same way. That is why I ask you to publish my little notice. There are many people doubtless among your readers who have a wealth of good reading matters who are wanting just such an opportunity as I can give them to dispose of their surplus publications after they have read them. Where they live everybody is abundantly supplied. Is it not a pity to destroy it? We know many homes to which they may "pass it on," where it will be thankfully received and eagerly read by both young and old.

On the frontier or in a pioneer country like this there are many lonely, hungry minds and hearts that would be enriched by the very magazines and religious and temperance, as well as secular publications, which our friends in more favored localities treat as discarded or "old waste papers." I visit in these homes, know and love these people, share their trials and hardships, and personally know their needs and recognize their possibilities. They are not pensioners on the charities of others—perish the idea—and I am not "begging" old papers for them. I am simply indicating a way by which a healthy, deserving, helpful ministry can be maintained in these humble homes by some of your readers at very little cost and with perfect propriety and dignity at both ends of the line. I am writing from a long and varied missionary experience. I am not dealing in vagaries, but in practical, helpful, sensible things. It costs me lots of hard work, correspondence and postage stamps. But it is one of the best phases of mission work I operate. I preach hundreds of sermons, addresses, visit homes, etc., but this thing of having wholesome literature sent once or twice a month into hundreds of homes touches more vitally and helpfully upon human life than all the other agencies for good that I employ.

B. A. LOVING, Woodward, Okla.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

The chance for which you have waited long
May come before you lie down tonight—
Are you ready?Have you learned your part, is your courage strong,
Are your muscles hard, is your armor bright,
And your purpose steady?

—S. E. Kliser.

DURING MARCH.

We study about Home Missions.

We give, as women's societies, to the work for the immigrants and frontier people; as auxiliaries, to the mountain school work, and as Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams, to the Indians. This is our last month of this Southern Baptist Conventional year in which we are to work for Home Missions, and I do hope that all of us who can will see to it that our full apportionment to this great work is met at this time. As soon as you get the offerings in please forward them to the Mission Room, so that the tension at the last may be avoided. Any number of the societies have sent in most encouraging offerings, and there seems to be all over the state the genuine purpose on the part of the societies to meet their apportionment. Nothing could possibly mean more to our work, as I see it, than for us to fully reach our aim this year.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Central District; vice-president, Mrs. T. W. Hannon, of Montgomery. This is the largest of all the districts, and Mrs. Hannon is giving much earnest work towards its development.

Our work in the Clay Association. The superintendent of the Carey Association, Mrs. J. A. Smith, has consented to do all she can for this unorganized field until we can get a regular superintendent for it. We have not a single society in any of its 17 churches.

Our missionary to Shanghai, Miss Willie Kelly.

Our students at the Louisville Training School—Miss Rosa Dykes, Miss Ida Martin and Miss Maritta Register.

The reaching of our year's apportionment.

SOME OMISSIONS.

From February's financial report the following items were unintentionally omitted: Tuskegee W. M. S., Home Missions, \$12.80; Foreign Missions, \$2.80; Florence (First) W. M. S., \$7.30 for Foreign Missions, \$3.50 Christmas to China and \$3 to Home Missions.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE MET AT BETHSAIDA BAPTIST CHURCH, FURMAN, ALA., MARCH 9, 1911.

At the appointed hour the institute was called to order by the associational superintendent, Mrs. E. L. Cunningham. All joined in singing the doxology. The devotional exercise was led by Mrs. D. W. Ramsey. Words of welcome came from Mrs. L. B. Watson. Mrs. L. C. Lloyd responded in behalf of the delegates. The convention song, "Saved to Serve,"

was next sung, the sentiment of this song seeming to meet with a response in the hearts of the many women gathered for the purpose of gaining information about Mission work and drawing themselves closer to the throne of our Lord and Master.

Every society in the Pine Barren Association was represented, which proves the wide-awake interest of our women in the work. Not only did our faithful superintendent put forth every effort to make the day a success, but each Furman lady present had the work at heart—the social as well as the religious feature. The program was carried out very much as planned. Some could not get there, but sent their papers, which were read by others.

Mrs. T. T. Ivey gave us some deep and beautiful thoughts on "The Value of Devotional Exercises," laying stress on reading of the Scriptures, prayer, song and giving. A paper on "Business Methods of a Society" was read by Mrs. W. M. Hestle, recommending the carrying out of the program as given in the Foreign Mission Journal, and strongly advocated free will offerings, as did several others. The "Social Side of a Society" was ably discussed, after which Mrs. L. D. Moore took up the subject of "Program and Mission Study." Miss Rhoades talked on "Personal Service," reminding us that we should not narrow ourselves down to the point where we can only work when called upon by the board, but do with our might what our hands find to do.

Then came the lunch hour, when every one, with an equal welcome to all, was invited to partake of the bountiful repast.

The afternoon session was opened by song, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and Scripture reading from I Thes., 5th chapter, by Mrs. T. M. Perryman. She especially admonished us "to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord" and help with our prayers and means. Prayer, led by Mrs. D. W. Ramsey, after which Miss Rhoades gave a "Brief Survey of Our Work," telling of the golden opportunity to make missionaries of the foreigners that came to our country, since 250,000 of them return to their homes every year, and if they were missionaries to their own nation, what a gathering into the fold there would be.

Apportionment was introduced by Mrs. Knight and discussed by several. Systematic giving was strongly emphasized, and special effort should be put forth by every society to meet our apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions within the months of March and April. Miss Rhoades told of the "Results That May Be Expected from Week of Prayer"—that of knowing more about our work, taking deeper interest in our work and giving more because we understand the need better. It leads us closer to our Master's feet. What a great truth Miss Rhoades uttered when she said, "Mingle our wills with the will of God and we are sure to succeed. Make yourselves do your duty, and you'll learn to love your duty. Not only should we pray for success, but help to make success." Another result, that we will love each other more than ever before and love our God more.

Debate, "Resolved, That Missionary Society Is of More Help to Women Than Young People," by Mesdames R. E. Lambert and F. M. Jackson. Strong points were brought out on both sides. Song, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," by Mesdames Watson and Spear. It was left to a vote and unanimously carried that we hold our association at a separate time

and place from the men's meeting.

Dismissal by Mrs. Farrar. A talk was made to the Sunbeams by Miss Rhoades. Last, but not by any means least, I am sure that every visitor joins me in saying the men were liberal hearted indeed with their teams in carrying us from and to the station, for which we heartily thank them. Special honor was shown the institute by the attendance of Miss Cassie Hawthorne, of Pine Apple, and "Aunt Nancy Matthews, the mother of Pine Apple Society."
MRS. S. D. ANDRESS.

LETTER FROM LOUISVILLE.

Dear Sisters:

I have wanted to write to you through our page in the dear old Alabama Baptist all the year, but I had so many things to tell you I hardly knew what to put into a short letter. However, I am going to write any way and first hint at many things I would like to write so much about.

In the first place I must say that you are the dearest and best of Christian women. We do not know most of you personally, but we know so many of you through your kindness to us this year. We have indeed felt that you are praying for us, and then many good things have come to the Training School directly from Alabama women. You certainly have our love, our thanks and our prayers that each one of you may be used greatly in our Master's service.

For six weeks we have had Miss Virginia Bowcock, of Anniston, with us. She left the first of March to go back to her work. She is superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school in her home church, and judging from her pleasing personality, knowledge and interest in the work, she must certainly approach the ideal Sunday school worker.

As we realize that the year is rapidly drawing to a close, we naturally think more of the many blessings we enjoy here. The whole time has been filled with the best things we could desire. Sometimes we think that we do not desire so much work, but after we have done what is required of us we are so happy.

Our class work is some lighter the last half of the year, so we have more time for visiting the different institutions and missions in the city. Last Saturday I attended the service in the Orthodox Jewish synagogue. It was very interesting from a historical point of view, but sad to think of them not knowing Jesus as their Savior.

On Saturday night Mrs. McLure went with seven or eight of us to Hope Rescue Mission. This is a mission for men who have gone down into the depths of sin. Many of them have been men of education and culture, but sin has brought them as low as the lowest. God is doing a great work there through Bro. Bruce, and He is showing what He can for sinful man. In other words, God is working miracles there today. Many who had gone into the depths of sin and degradation have been converted and are now preaching the gospel to others. There were five who professed conversion the night we were there, and they were men with every mark of sin written upon them.

On Sunday afternoon I visited the colored mission conducted by white people of the Presbyterian church. Bro. Little, of our own state, has this work in charge, and truly it is a great work. All of the teachers are white people, and they certainly have

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their work in hand and at heart. They are teaching these 600 or 700 negro children the Bible and trying to develop in them tender consciences. Instead of there being any tendency towards social equality in this mission, the negro children are trained to be in subjection to the white teachers. The reverence for God's house was simply marvelous, and as I looked on the work I thought that surely I was getting a glimpse of the beautiful relation that once existed between the good old master and his slave in our southland.

I expect to see a great deal of the mission work in the city during the next three months, but I must tell you this time about another mission I have visited. I refer to the Union Gospel Mission, where Miss Register works. That is a mission mainly for women and children, and has largely to do with a portion of the foreign element in the city. One of our girls has a class of eight Syrian women, and only three of them can talk in English. One of them is planning to return to her home land as soon as her children are educated; so the girls are interested in her and anxious for her to become a Christian worker, in order that she might be a missionary to her people in her own country.

I teach a Sunday school class in one of the churches and do house-to-house visiting in the neighborhood of our church every Saturday afternoon, so I find myself very much interested as I visit the missions, and I am sure you would be, too. That is why I am writing to you about them.

Mrs. McLure leaves us the last of this week for a visit to many of our southern colleges, and we are praying that God will use her to help many girls to heed our Savior's call to service and find themselves in the Training School next year or some other year. We are sure that there are numbers of girls all over our land longing to know more about Jesus and how to do His will in service for Him. We trust that God will use every means necessary to direct those who are most willing and capable to the Training School, for it is a glorious privilege and opportunity to be here. Dear Mrs. McLure will visit the Alabama colleges this week, and will you not pray that God will use her to help many whom He has called to decide for a full course of training for His service? May God honor our state by calling out many of the brightest and best young women for training, and then service both at home and on the foreign fields.

With hearts full of love and Christian greetings from the girls in the Training School to every dear Alabama woman who reads this letter, I am,

Yours cordially,

IDA MARTIN.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee: Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.—Num. 6:24-26.

Here is a good one about Dr. A. C. Dixon, who recently supplied at Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London: "The story goes that on his first visit to England, twenty years ago, the young minister was introduced to by Mr. William Olney to C. H. Spurgeon. The pastor was seated in his vestry, with a large Bible and hymn book before him and his solemn deacons at the table. Turning round, with the well-known twinkle in his eye he said to Mr. Dixon, 'Well, I have always heard they carry things to great lengths in America.'"—British Weekly.

(We think Dr. Dixon is at least six feet and three inches tall, and we know he is big enough to fill any English pulpit.)

Pleasant Grove Baptist church will ordain three more deacons at its regular meeting—Brothers J. C. Burk, Will Elliott and Frank Ogletree. Much success to you and the Alabama Baptist—Willy Ogletree.

We regret to hear of the recent death of the venerable father of Judge A. P. Longshore, of Columbiana, and offer the bereaved family our sympathy.

Rev. I. A. White, of Thomasville, came up to the Child's Labor Conference at Birmingham. He keeps in touch with the live movements of the day.

Rev. Otto Bamber went to Columbus, Miss., Saturday, where he filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday morning and at night.—Mountain Eagle.

Mrs. I. A. White, of Thomasville, together with a number of the other good women of that growing little city, busied themselves last week and sent off quite a neat sum for famine sufferers of China.

Rev. H. B. Woodard, who was called to the pastorate of the Lineville Baptist church, has accepted, and with his family will remove to Lineville about April 1 and begin his pastoral duties. We welcome him home.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell recently celebrated his 68th birthday. He has built up one of the greatest institutional churches in the world, and the work done in it at Philadelphia is an inspiration to the Baptists of the Quaker city.

Rev. L. E. Smith has accepted the call as pastor of the Baptist church at this place, and we feel sure the church is fortunate indeed in securing such an able minister of the gospel as their pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now at home at the parsonage.—Wilcox Era.

Rev. E. T. Smith, assisted by Prof. S. L. Rayburn, closed his three weeks' revival at Jasper Sunday night, March 5. Pastor Longier and his people are happy over the results. There were 24 accessions to the church, 16 by baptism and eight by letter. Bro. Smith went from Jasper to Cordova, where he is assisting Rev. W. Y. Browning in a week's meeting.

John Hays Hammond, who has been appointed by President Taft special ambassador to attend the coronation of King George, is the president of the American League of Political Clubs and a particular friend of Mr. Taft. Mr. Hammond, who will be accompanied by a secretary of embassy and a military and naval aides, has taken for six weeks the house in London formerly occupied by the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts, of philanthropic fame.

We regret to learn of the death of John A. Erwin, twice mayor of Huntsville and for many years one of the oldest merchants of that city, who died Thursday night, March 16. He devoted a lifetime of activity in the First Baptist church and was its senior deacon, trustee and member of the discipline committee. For 27 years he was the superintendent of the Sunday school, and during a period of 17 years he missed being at his post only two Sundays.

As to Dr. Aked's going to the Congregationalists there need not be much surprise. He has not been much of a Baptist anyway. Soon after coming to America he stated that he would as soon accept a call to a Congregationalist church as a Baptist. He has stood for mixed membership, and his acceptance of a call to a Congregationalist church will cause no wrench in his own feelings or in those of the denomination which he leaves.—The Watchman.

Elisha Bomar, oldest son of Major J. L. Bomar and brother of Dr. Paul V. Bomar, of Marion, died at Spartanburg, S. C., on February 17. The Journal said: "Good deeds marked his path along life's thoroughfare. It was his pleasure to greet strangers in town and make them feel at home. Seeking out the isolated he made them comfortable and gave them material aid. His death causes a gap, and his memory will linger in the hearts and minds of those who knew him."

We offer our sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Kentucky Mission Monthly has a fine write-up of the Berea Sunday school, and pays Pastor Wilks, one of our Howard College boys, a fine tribute.

Dr. A. P. Montague, president of Howard College, spent Tuesday in Dadeville. He reports that the Dadeville boys at Howard, Sumner Sorrell and Alva Craddock, are doing fine work.—Tallahassee Courier.

The Mexican situation increases in seriousness. It is rumored now that 30,000 men, including perhaps a division of the National Guard serving as volunteers, may be gathered at the border soon.

Rev. S. H. Campbell, of Troy, Ala., our own Sam, called while in the city visiting, by invitation, the Second Baptist church. He preached a good sermon there Wednesday night of last week.—Baptist Advocate.

Arrangements are complete for the big Sunday school convention to be held at Inverness Sunday, March 26, and it is expected that a large gathering of people from about Inverness and Union Springs will be present.

An interesting program will be carried out at the District Sunday School Association to be held with the Sunday school at Haw Ridge, in Daleville District No. 2, on Sunday, the 26th. A good list of speakers are also down for the one to be held with the Sunday school at Post Oak, Arlinton District No. 6, on Saturday, the 25th.

Dadeville people will have the opportunity of enjoying a rare treat Monday evening, March 20, when Rev. W. B. Crumpton delivers his interesting lecture, "The Original Tramp." Dr. Crumpton is one of the best known as well as the most gifted men in Alabama. For years he has been at the head of the Baptist State Mission Board, and has friends in every corner of Alabama.—Tallahassee Courier.

(It is truly a great lecture and well worth hearing.)

The Judson College Glee Club has made a hit wherever it has been this season. The Tuscaloosa News speaks glowingly of the performance recently given in the Druid City, also saying: "Miss Lucy Dickinson with her strong, rich soprano won her way into the hearts of her hearers immediately when she sang the catchy song, 'Supposin'." Later she appeared in a quartette, and in another satisfying song, "Once Upon a Time There Was a Prince."

I think your paper gets better all the time. It does me good to know what the Baptists are doing. We are not doing much out here for the Lord. We organized with seven members about two years ago, and now have only 18. It seems sometimes that some of us have hidden our talents. I wish some good evangelist would come out and stir us all up. Think it's badly needed. Wishing you the very best success in your paper, I am your sister in Christ—M. M. H.

The B. Y. P. U. is distinctively Baptist, and through its teachings have come to our young people a clearer conception of Baptist doctrines and principles and a deeper loyalty to the denomination. Through its conventions our young people have been brought into touch with the larger currents of Baptist life and thought and their vision extended beyond the narrow confines of the local church. By means of the B. Y. P. U. study courses and conventions they have learned something of the past history of the Baptist denomination, and of the principles for which they stand. They know that Baptist is synonymous with freedom of conscience and soul liberty, and that today it is the one denomination most vitally related to democratic institutions and in keeping with the spirit of the age. They glory in the name of Baptist and are loyal to the core, and every Baptist who can be at Prattville April 11-13 ought not to remain away without a good excuse.

DEATH OF MRS. BETTIE H. COMPTON.

It was with deep regret on the 19th of April, 1910, when word flew over our quiet little neighborhood like the wings of the wind that Mrs. Bettie H. Compton, wife of R. J. Compton, had passed to her heavenly home.

It left sorrow in the hearts of many, and many were the expressions of love and sympathy for the bereaved loved ones.

Mrs. Compton was born in Louisiana; was 65 years, 5 months and 14 days old.

She was the daughter of Col. J. C. Lewis, of the firm of Lewis & Oglesby, of New Orleans, before the Confederate war. She was the niece of Gen. Harry T. Hays, of New Orleans, and of Gen. Jack Hays, of California, and first cousin of Mr. J. H. Hammond, of New York.

Several years of her girlhood was spent in Ohio at school. She was then an Episcopalian by profession, but in September, 1883, she joined the Missionary Baptist church at Nanafalia, Ala., of which she was a faithful and consistent member to the date of her death.

She was faithful to God and devoted to her church, and for many years was an influential teacher in the Sunday school.

Many tender hearts who on each Sunday listened to her words of pious Christian training miss her kind and gentle voice. She was ever ready and willing to work for her Master.

She was a kind, affectionate wife and mother, and presided over her home with that grace and dignity characteristic of her noble life.

What a comfort she was to the sick. Her visits were as brilliant rays of sunshine as with her gentle hands she administered to their sufferings. Her sweet smile and kind, gentle words were as soothing balm to the grieved and heart-broken.

During the months of her affliction what a sweet and patient sufferer she was, always brave and cheerful, never uttering a word of complaint, always welcoming each friend who came to see her with a sweet smile and hearty welcome.

Hers was a lovely home, and now her loved ones and friends miss her very much.

Besides a kind and affectionate husband she left four children: Mr. J. H. Compton, Mrs. M. F. Merrill, Mrs. G. H. Westbrook, all of Nanafalia, Ala.; also Mr. R. Whiting Compton, of Bolton, Miss.

She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Nanafalia in the presence of many friends and loved ones, who covered her grave with beautiful flowers.

It is wonderful what a long shadow a grave can throw over our hearts.

Death is a hard master; he would take from us our brightest and best, but he cannot even mar our memory. It will serve as a balm to our wounded hearts.

We love her memory still.

A FRIEND.

Enclosed find check for \$4, for which move me up \$4 on subscription to our beloved paper, the Alabama Baptist. With best wishes for you and yours, and last, but not least, the cause for which you are laboring to advance, I am your brother in Christ—R. T. Nunnally.

MORE ABOUT THAT FIRST ITINERARY

After leaving the growing and prosperous little town of Midland City I went to

Headland,

where the genial A. G. Spinks is also pastor. The Baptists here have a fine house of worship, the size of which surprised me. I preached here on Thursday night to a small congregation and made a statement about the work of our educational commission, but took no collection, as the community had only recently been canvassed by the representative of one of our institutions. From Headland I went to

Abbeville,

where I had an appointment to preach on Friday night. Some local talent from Headland had arranged for an entertainment that night in Abbeville, and the visiting preacher was forced to preach to a select few. The cause, however, was presented, and the brethren gave me \$18. The church here has a large and splendid house of worship, but are at present without a pastor. Bro. Woodward, who is doing some work in the state in the interest of the Home Board, was to preach for them on Sunday.

As I passed through Dothan on my way to

Columbia

I found that Dr. Montague, whose trail I had been following, was ahead of me. When I reached Columbia I found that he had been there just two days before and spiked my gun. Bro. Chas. H. Davis and his good wife entertained me in their home with that Christian spirit that makes glad the heart of the visiting preacher. His father, Bro. John T. Davis, and his brother-in-law, Bro. Campbell, were both confined to their homes by indisposition, and I did myself the pleasure of calling on them.

There was no service at the Baptist church in the morning on account of a district Sunday school convention at the Presbyterian church, but I spoke at night to a good congregation. On account of Dr. Montague's recent visit it was thought wise not to press the claims of the cause I represent, but the brethren kindly gave me a collection for expenses. The church at Columbia has the best Sunday school plant in this section of the state, though other churches have larger and more costly buildings.

From Columbia I went on Monday to

Slocomb,

where Bro. P. M. Mosely is pastor, a man who has done perhaps more for the Baptist cause than any half-dozen men who have labored in this section of the state during the past 20 years. Bro. Mosely's modesty has prevented him from taking a conspicuous part in state affairs, but no preacher in the state is better qualified to take such part as he is. I hereby nominate him as the preacher for the convention sermon next year. He has been and is still a power for good in Southeast Alabama. He has been in his shell long enough. Let's pull him out. He was with me at Slocomb and is interested in all our denominational work. I was entertained at the hotel by Capt.

J. C. Ansley, the illness of his wife preventing him from entertaining me at his home. He is one of the most prominent and useful men in the church. The brethren here kindly gave me \$55 for our work.

On Tuesday Bro. Mosely carried me in his buggy to

Hartford,

where Rev. Frank M. Fleming, who was educated at Newton, Howard and the S. B. T. Seminary, is pastor. I spoke at Hartford Tuesday night, giving some account of my journey last summer. A small amount was given me by the brethren for our commission. The brethren here are able to build a better house of worship than they have, and with the aggressive young pastor they have will probably do so in the near future. Bro. P. M. Metcalf entertained me in his splendid new home. Wednesday found me at

Geneva,

where my good friend, A. T. Sims, is doing most efficient work as pastor. Bro. Sims came over to Hartford for me, and I saw much good land and many evidences of prosperity between these two towns. Bro. Sims and his good wife entertained me in true ministerial style, and the brethren gave me something at the service that night for our work.

W. J. E. COX.

MY PLOT OF GROUND.

A tangled square of barren earth,
A plot of unproductive soil,
Which others left to waste and decay,
In fairer fields that they might toil;
A tiny square and wedged between
Other fields as bleak and bare and mean,
Is given my frail hands to till—
Decreed as mine by holy will.

Nor shall I murmur at the power
That has given this task to me,
To bring from out a rock waste
The beauty of rich verdancy.
I only pray that strength be mine,
That grace be given me divine
To till my field by faith, aright,
And make my plot a barden bright.

It matters not how drear the hours
That we spend in sowing seeds;
It matters not what joys we lose
In the doing of lovely deeds.
For we shall reap, in the glad light,
What we have sown in darkest night;

We shall find our lost joys there,
Garnered in Jerusalem fair.


So I toil with a heaven-born hope,
In my plot of ground, barren, bare;
Where others failed, perchance I'll find
Some bright-hued treasurer, rich and rare.

If I toil with a heart contrite,
If I work with a cheerful might,
I may reap from my stony field
A harvest of abundant yield.

Should I gaze, when my work is done,
Upon fields fairer far than mine,
No sigh shall fall from my still lips,
I shall murmur or repine.
And tho' my plot of ground lie gray,
While other fields are gorgeous gay,
Calm, I shall fold my toil-worn hands.
My Landlord knows—He understands.
—Lucy Strickland.

We are moving along nicely with our Sunday school. Have just installed a new organ for the Sunday school and church services; are growing in numbers and interest. We have no house, though; have to worship in the school house. We have a big saw mill going up here, and all kinds of folks are passing this way. I wonder if a little handful of Baptists like us could get any help on a church house. If we don't some other body will come in and utilize the territory. Pray for us few Baptists in this part of the woods. We have preaching on the first Saturday and Sunday by Rev. Frank Willson.—L. A. Weathers, Covin, Ala.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Please change my paper from East Lake to Healing Springs. I am working for the Washington County Association. This is a needy field and many little churches are pastorless, and numbers of them have no Sunday school. Few people take the Alabama Baptist. Perhaps during the year I may be able to get a club in every church that I preach to, and it looks as if I may be in charge of six or eight. Does that look like the Methodist way of doing things? Well, it would stir our wealthier churches up on State Missions if they could only see a few things in Alabama.

On the third Sunday in February I was with the first church, of Whistler, and in the afternoon Brother Daffin and I held a service at Myer's Memorial church, just three miles from Bishop Daffin's church. He did the preaching in the afternoon. I was working at the time under the direction of Dr. Crumpton for the State Board; hence I talked on the plan of giving and left a set of the cards and the calendar, which they agreed to use. Brother Daffin also took the outfit, and said he would see if he could work it to advantage.

Brother Daffin is a Clarke county boy. He spent six years in Texas, and while there felt a call to devote his life to the ministry. For the past three years he has been attending the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. During the time he has done some preaching and other work, which enabled him to remain in school. It was a real pleasure to be with him and his good people. They are in a needy field. The Mobile and Ohio railroad shops are located hard by the church. It will take grace and courage there.

I was entertained in the home of Brother Daffin's brother. He and his good wife occupy the parsonage, and the Lord has jewels in them. This brother was a faithful member of the Clayton Street church, Montgomery, for a number of years.

May God bless our hard-worked editor. I know you have a burden to bear that most of us don't realize.

With best wishes,

W. A. DARDEN.

FROM MOBILE.

I am in a revival meeting with Rev. G. W. McRae, of Mobile. Bro. McRae has been pastor of this church for about four years. The growth has been marvelous. There are about 250 members now. Since the church was started, they have given letter to 30 members to aid in the organization of the Calvary church. This work is self-sustaining. I do not know of a work in Alabama that has grown so rapidly and so well as this. The pastor is devoted to his work. The members all love him and are backing him in this great work. It is my prediction that in no distant day this wise leader and efficient pastor will lead this congregation in the accomplishment of great things for the Master.

I surely take my hat off to the young minister who will go into the great city and sacrifice and build as this man has done. Geo. W. McRae stands for all our enterprises, and if you don't believe he is a real hero ask the Baptists of Mobile.

J. A. JENKINS.

Montgomery, Ala.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

By W. E. Findley.

That the soul of man is immortal is an established truth. The terms soul and spirit are frequently used interchangeably in the Bible. By the word soul I have reference to "that immaterial, active substance or principle in man whereby he perceives, reasons, remembers and wills." When I say the soul is immortal I mean that the soul is so constituted that it is entirely exempt from death and will live as long as God lives, without regard to place of future existence. Evidences to substantiate the foregoing are multiplied.

We need not the testimony of heathen philosophers or the sages of antiquity to elucidate this grand doctrine. The inspired word of God is clear and emphatic, and pre-emptorily declares and proclaims man's immortality. It is a true, if not an inspired saying, that "God created man in the image of His own eternity." Gen. 2:7 says: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Until he received that inspiring breath from the Almighty which brought into action every organ of his being, man was only a part of the handiwork of God. The breath of God created and formed the soul of Adam. The soul of man is the work of creation. Zach. 12:1: "God formeth the spirit of man within him." The soul is not an impartation of divinity, but a creation suited and adapted to man's entirety. It is the climacteric act in the great scene of creation. Adam was a lifeless and inanimate form of dust before he had a soul. Hence soul life is antecedent to animal life, and divine life antecedent to soul life, speaking relatively of Adam's creation.

Metaphysical science concurs in the correctness of the above assertions, declaring the "soul builds the body, and not the body the soul." In the positive and absolute sense of the word, God is the creator of the soul or spirit.

In Hebrews 12:9 we read, "Father of Spirits." The soul of man is not the production of the reproductive powers of the human race, because the soul is immaterial. Enlightened reason and research and a careful investigation into the matter of facts conclusively demonstrate that the material cannot produce the immaterial. Matter cannot create spirit. So we are forced to acknowledge the invincible declaration that "God is the Father of spirits." We read repeatedly in the sacred book that man has a soul or spirit. But there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.—Job 31:8. We also read in Eccl. 3:21: "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward?" Read also Rom. 8:16: "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God." Speaking of man in his triune being in 1 Thess. 5:23 Paul says: "And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

All these quotations are clear, and obviously man has a soul, but is his soul immortal and is it likely or not

to die? There is a doctrine being taught through the press and preached on our streets that the good only will live forever. If that be true then the soul of man is only conditionally immortal. What about that?

Ecclesiastes asked the question, 3:21: "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward?" This, says Dr. Adam Clark (whose knowledge of the Hebrew language no one will question) should read: "Who considereth the immortal spirit of the sons of Adam?" Here the term is qualified by the word immortal. The Bible teaches that the soul survives the death of the body. Soul life is not dependent upon the vitality of organized matter for its subsistence. If cause is antecedent to effect, as previously demonstrated in the matter of creation, does it not follow logically that the dissolution of the effect produced has no bearing upon the cause or principle that produced the effect? The Apostle James was aware of this fact, and declares, "For as the body without the spirit is dead." The spirit is not dead, but the body is dead without the spirit in it.

The Bible teaches, according to Job 14:22, that the soul is in the body. The soul is the animating power of man's being. It is the chief operator of the physical man. It is his life. Some vainly contend that the breath is the life, but such a belief is the height of absurdity, an exhibition of profound ignorance. Creative science teaches that breath is only the manifestation of life. The child in its parental state lives, but does not breathe; so at the separation of soul and body, the body dies, but the soul lives. Listen to Elijah's prayer in raising the widow's son to life. "I pray thee let this child's soul come into him again," "and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived" 1 Kings 17:21-22. There is a parallel case recorded in Luke 8:55. Here Jesus raised the ruler's daughter. "And her spirit came again and she arose straightway." In these two instances it is manifest that the soul had left the body and as a result the body was dead, but the soul was living.

Moses and Elias appearing in the scene of the transfiguration afford incontrovertible evidence of man's immortality. Their bodies had been dead many years, but their souls continued to live. Jesus taught the immortality of the soul in Luke 20:38. "For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him." The account of the rich man and Lazarus as recorded in Luke 16, describing their condition while here on earth, does not close with reference to wealth and poverty, but Jesus draws aside the curtain and beyond the confines of mortality we see the rich man in hell and Lazarus safely folded in Abraham's bosom. This is not a mere figure, but a real description of two men in two separate eternities. The language of Jesus to the dying malefactor bespeaks the certainty of the future life: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." The last words of the immaculate Son of God were, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit." Stephen when

being stoned to death expressed his confidence in immortality and said: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Paul in 2 Cor. 4:16 declares the dual being of man, affirming that we have "an outward man" and also an "inward man." The outward man perishes, but the inward man is renewed day by day. Again, in 2 Cor. 5:1 he declares: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Again, in Phil. 1:21-25 we read: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." "But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor; yet what I shall choose I wot not, for I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better; nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. And having this confidence I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith." The argument presented by the apostle in these words is to the effect that the body is merely an inn for the soul.

The Lord Jesus revealed to Peter the fact that he was to soon move out of his caly hut into a mansion in the sky. The apostle, whom Jesus loved, when viewing the beauty of the celestial world "saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God." The bodies had been killed, but the soul lived on. These souls were active and intelligent and cried with a loud voice, saying: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" All these quotations are solid links in the long and unbreakable chain of evidence proclaiming the sublime fact and inspiring hope that man, the real man, lives beyond the confines of time and mortality. Let us praise God for the gift of His Son, who hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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The work under our pastor, B. S. Ralley, at Clayton, is taking on new life in every department. We feel that we are getting ready for larger things. The work now is so organized and systematized as to furnish an opportunity of growth and development from the small children to the oldest member.—A Member.

The Lord is blessing me greatly here of late. Yesterday was a good day with me down in St. Clair at Margaret. On next first Sunday we will have a dedication service of a new building; also will organize a Sunday school with a corps of able officers and teachers. They have been without either Sunday school or church services until since Christmas. I am expecting the Lord to do some great things for us there. Many blessings be upon you and yours.—M. W. Lanier.

I have tried to get up some subscribers for your most valuable paper, but have failed so far. I love the paper. Many say they are not able to take it. I'm poor myself, but somehow I get up the money and pay if I have to run on a credit.

(This from a good sister who inclosed \$2.00.)

Find one dollar inclosed with my very best wishes for you and yours, and may this be the best year with you in everything you undertake. I do not want to ever do without our paper.—Mrs. J. T. Dickson.

Dr. Allen G. Hall, superintendent of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, has appointed Dr. Byron H. DeMent, who occupies the chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, director of the Monteagle Sunday School and Bible Institute for the coming assembly season, July-August, 1911. The Institute will be held for eight days, beginning on Sunday, August 13, and closing on Sunday, August 20.

After three years of very successful work as corresponding secretary of the Southern California State Convention, the Rev. H. Russell Greaves, D. D., has resigned. The board has requested Rev. J. F. Watson, pastor of the Orchard Avenue Baptist church of Los Angeles, Cal., in connection with his other duties, to serve as acting corresponding secretary until the place is permanently filled.

Will inclose \$2 for the Alabama Baptist one year. It is a good paper and ought to be in the hands of every family. Wish you much success.—W. E. & L. B. Boaz.

The Alabama Baptist is always a source of pleasure as well as helpful information. I can not see how any Baptist could keep house without the Alabama Baptist. Brother Barnett, I feel sure that more of our people here will take it now, for we have secured one of the best pastors in the state—Bro. E. M. Stewart, from Lafayette. He came the first of this month. He has already mastered the situation here, and he is laying his plans for great things. He has gotten such a hold on us that we are going to stand by him in all his undertakings. He



KIND WORDS

and his good lady seem to have power with God and man. They will lead us to a higher plane and greater activity in the Master's work. With best wishes for the Alabama Baptist.—J. R. Shepherd, Supt. Baptist S. S.

Inclosed please find \$3 in currency. I accept the proposition on the folder inclosed. I can't afford to drop the Alabama Baptist now, after having been a subscriber for more than 20 years. It is a welcome visitor to my home every week. I like it because it is a strong advocate of principles that help to make our state better religiously and politically. I hope to be permitted to take and read the paper for many years yet. Wish you continued success.—R. L. Brumbelee.

Rev. Mr. Miles has taken up the work at Marbury and the people are well pleased with him. There was 145 present in Sunday school Sunday. The church has been without a pastor several months.—W. E. Price.

Did you ever see a fellow so busy that he forgot to send the editor some money? That's me. Find two dollars and send cook book. Will send some more next week.—R. H. Bledsoe.

(Any one else who is as busy as Bro. Bledsoe may get busy and send us \$2.00.)

Inclosed find check for \$2 for my subscriptions to the Alabama Baptist. Enjoy your good paper. My only way to keep in touch with what our denomination is doing.—M. T. Sumner.

I baptized seventeen candidates on profession of faith yesterday. They came at the regular services of the church. Quite a number have come into the fellowship of the church in other ways since I wrote you.—Isaac W. Martin, Pastor First Baptist Church, Sheffield, Ala.

I love the paper and the work. Long may your life be to carry on the good work, and may the richest blessings rest on you and your little family.—Mrs. S. A. Walker.

The Baptist is a welcome visitor to our home each week and may its pages grow brighter and brighter. Thanking you for past favors, J. E. Young.

Just a word from Ashland, as you seem to never hear anything from this section. Our church is not at peace with the world, but is vigorously engaged in fighting the devil at every opportunity. We have not made any mistake in calling Bro. Allen Smith to the pastorate of our church. He is a consecrated, Christian gentleman, and is doing a great work for our church and people. He has already succeeded in having a nice parsonage erected, increased the membership of the Sunday school from about one hundred to two hundred and fifty, and is fast bringing the membership to a high point of church activity. We will hold a revival service commencing the first Sunday in April, and he will be assisted by Bro. Thomas, of Union Springs. Come over and see us.

We can not give you 'possum this time of the year, but our frying chickens are getting ripe.—R. G. Rowland.

A good sister writes: I send you \$1.50, as you asked me to do. You said it might seem little, but I am not able to take the Baptist, but we will do without something else for the sake of the Baptist, for we dearly love to read it. As I and my sister live alone on a farm and have to hire everything done except what we do ourselves. We both belong to Mt. Olive Baptist church. Bro. Moorman is our pastor. He lives in Georgiana. He preaches once a month. We have a membership of 70 and very few take the paper. I tried in January to get them to take the Baptist and every one said it was too high, but we are going to take it as long as we can raise the money to pay for it, for it is a good paper and we love to read it, and we hear what the Baptist people are doing not only in Alabama, but in other states, so please send us the paper right on, for we don't want to miss a copy.

REV. T. V. NEAL,

Pastor Prospect Hill Church.

Four years ago a frail, red-headed preacher came to Texas from Alabama. About that time Prospect Hill Baptist church in San Antonio was pastorless. The visitor from Alabama did not look like a preacher. He was asked to preach one day. It was not a "sample" sermon, for nobody had any thought of calling him. The surprise of that day still survives, for there is something new and surprising about him every day. God called T. V. Neal to become pastor of this church, and the church voiced His call.

Sagacious, scintillating, spiritual, scholarly, self-sacrificing, Pastor Neal has been a mighty force, not only in spiritual affairs, but in the struggles for civic righteousness. His faith and optimism are glorious. He said, "No more Baptist enterprises are to die in south Texas," and then set his hand to the task of strengthening the institutions we have.

He has been pre-eminently an evangelistic preacher. Christ, the Savior of the world, is the central theme of his preaching. He is instant in season and out of season. He is constantly in demand for meetings, and God has graciously blessed him. Preaching has agreed with him. Hard work has made him sturdier and stronger.

He keeps before him the vision of larger things. One vision is now taking shape in the erection of the best work shop in San Antonio to the glory of God.

Last Sunday the fourth anniversary of his pastorate was celebrated. During the four years there have been 405 additions, and \$27,439.49 has been raised for all purposes. During this time one or two missions of the church have grown into churches. At the anniversary Brethren W. W. Sloan, J. P. Smith, J. J. E. Willingham, and J. W. Clayton spoke. Seventeen hundred dollars was brought in for the new building.—E. C. R., in South Texas Baptist.

FROM PRATT CITY, ALA.

My Dear Brother Barnett: Our series of meetings closed with the service tonight. Bro. Curtis Shugart was with us three weeks lacking one day. His preaching was simple and intense earnest. God greatly used him in arousing His people and in leading men to accept Christ. Bro. Springfield led the singing and greatly added to the effectiveness of the meeting.

As to results eternity alone will reveal these fully. But this much can be said: There were large congregations who daily attended upon the preaching of the word. At times the large church house could not begin to accommodate the people who came. The membership of the church was greatly revived, and we are in better shape now spiritually to do the Master's work. Thirty-six united with us—20 by experience and baptism, and 16 by letter and statement. Forty have been received since February 1, 1911. It gives me pleasure to recommend Brother Shugart to the brotherhood of Baptist pastors as a safe and sane evangelist. He has been a converted man for just 19 months, and he has been preaching for 19 months. I would love to see him giving all his time to this glorious work under the direction of the State Board of Missions.

Our duplex envelop system is working finely with my people.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. E. BARNES.

February 12, 1911.

PINE GROVE CALLS TO THE FRONT TWO GOOD MEN.

We had a splendid day at Pine Grove on Sunday, the 5th.

We have the only church in this immediate district which keeps up the Saturday service followed by conference.

Two deacons were elected in February—John M. Palmer and Tom Taylor. They were ordained Sunday, March 5. The presbytery consisted of Rev. John E. Huey and Rev. R. L. Wyatt, both of East Lake, the latter preaching the ordination sermon and the former delivering the charge to the church. Also Brethren C. M. Dixon, T. B. Godwin and the writer assisted in the ordination.

It would not be fair to close without saying that Brother Wyatt preached an able sermon, and one which was appreciated by all present. He, being a young man taking a course in Howard, with his noble gifts we predict for him a bright and useful career.

Pine Grove church is struggling to glorify the Master, and we feel no hesitancy in saying that the present outlook is gratifying.

Yours in the Master's cause,

J. S. CONNELL, Pastor.

The Wharton Memorial monument has arrived in Eufaula, and the work of its erection in front of the First Baptist church, on Randolph street, was begun last week. The monument is a beautiful piece of work, and stands nine feet high, while the life-sized statue of the late Dr. Wharton, which was carved in old Italy, is six feet in height. The monument is carved from the very best of marble, and it will stand not only as a memorial to the man for whom it is being erected, but also as an ornament to the city of Eufaula.

"Homestead: The Households of a Mill Town."

By Margaret F. Byington, formerly district agent, Boston Associated Charities; assistant secretary, charity organization department, Russell Sage Foundation.

This is one of the Pittsburg survey books. Miss Byington's intimate study of Homestead life serves two ends. It affords a grasp of the distinctive problems of the mill town which in the Pittsburg district and elsewhere are growing up about isolated industrial plants; it affords also glimpses of the part these towns can play not only as manufacturing centers, but in assimilating immigrants, fostering childhood and producing homes. Moreover, the book interprets the household end of the wages problem. The facts are based on the expenditures of 90 families representing the nationality and wages groups among the mill town people, ranging from the courts where Slovak and Czech and Russian live on the boarding-house system, to the homes of the Americanized Slavs, of Welch and Scotch and German, and of American born. The Homestead mill is one of the best and greatest of the United States Steel Corporation. The town was studied at the close of the most prosperous decade the country has known. Miss Byington's book deals with what life means to the families of the men who do the work in the mills at such times.

We have here a book that ought to be in the hands of our leaders who wish to know something definite about our great problem of Home Missions. One need not agree with Miss Byington in all of her inferences and conclusions, and yet any one who reads the story of her patient labor in gathering data and collecting them will feel that she has put them under a special cause for gratitude. The volume can be had for \$1.50; 20 cents postage.

Charities Publishing Committee, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York.

"A Key to the N. T."

The foundations of this book were letters used in a correspondence course with men by Alvah S. Hobart, professor of N. T., Crozier Theological Seminary, who had not received theological training, but were engaged in Christian teaching of some sort. The author says: "They are only helps to study. They are necessarily condensed. It is intended that teachers will give them meditation as well as reading."

The Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia. 40 cents net.

"Souls in Action."

Studies of Christianity militant, by Harold Begbie, author of "Twice-Born Men."

This new book amplifies and expands the narrative of "Twice-Born Men" in many much-required ways:

In the first book the instances of conversion were of the elemental, unreasoned type; "Souls in Action" deals with cases in which the dynamic change of conversion was completed through struggle on the part of the individual—a progressive struggle of the will, even after the heart had been persuaded, covering days, weeks and in one case years.

The first book recorded the testimony of men of the humblest classes,



some of them the very lees and dregs: "Souls in Action" deals with persons of a higher strata of society, whose natures, being more complex, have in them a greater capacity for intellectual self-distrust. These instances, therefore, bring out in a striking manner the permanent and divine elements of the subtle force.

From the viewpoint of psychology this book is even more dramatic and startling than the author's former volume, for many of the conversions here related are those of women.

George H. Doran Company, publishers, New York. \$1.25 net.

"The Gilded Way."

A new novel by Victor Mapes.

A successful journalist, a dramatist of distinction, a theatrical manager and a dramatic critic, Victor Mapes has been fortunate in touching life and art on many sides. He studied in Paris four years, and while there wrote a three-act play in French, "La Comtesse de Lisime," which ran at the Theater Mondain an entire season. He is the author of a number of popular plays, among them "Captain Barrington," produced by Charles Richman in 1904, which has been played to date nearly 1,000 times. "The Gilded Way" is a novel of the present day. Its clever characterizations, its sane philosophy, keen insight and striking dramatic situations make it a creation of more than temporary value.

The Neal Publishing Company, New York. \$1.50.

"The Sovereignty of the States."

This is a stirring address delivered by Walter Neale to the survivors of the Eighth Virginia Regiment while they were gathered about the graves of their fallen comrades on the battleground of Manassas, July 21, 1910, and put in book form. If you want to know something about the American kingdom from 1578 to 1783 read this book. If you want to know something about the American republics, 1783-1865, read this book. If you want to know something about the American absolute monarchy, 1865-1910, read this book. You may not always agree with the writer, but in spite of yourself your blood will tingle as he spreads before you some facts of history.

Neale Publishing Company, New York. \$1 net.

Thomas Dixon's New Book, "The Root of Evil."

The writer has recently read with real relish Thomas Dixon's new novel, entitled "The Root of Evil," and he is decidedly disposed to say that it is Mr. Dixon's best book—a timely and strong contribution to the literature of the day, destined to do positive good wherever it is read and worthy of the widest reading. The characters of the book are well drawn, and several of them become intensely real under the touch of the author's skill—so real that one's sympathies or detestation are awakened in a marked

degree. The shafts of the author are aimed with such precision as to mark their path with flame. With a wealth of invective he remorselessly drives at the great sore spot that curses our business and social life and lays bare the nationalism, at the same time revealing the untold sorrow that often overtakes its victims. Many of the passages are tender and beautiful—limpid as the mountain streams and luminous as the sunlight of the author's noble old state, whose glory is reflected in all his writings.

J. R. FRENCH.
Eufaula, Ala., March 13.

"The Betrayal."

A novel by Walter Neale and Elizabeth H. Hancock.

This is a thrilling story, and while peculiarly interesting to Virginians, it will be eagerly read by all the older men of the south who lived through the readjuster period. It is a terrible indictment of some of the leaders who made reconstruction days bitterer and more dreaded than even war itself.

Percival Pollard, critic, playwright, novelist, author of "Their Day in Court" and among the foremost living men of letters: "The very vigorous censure of various kinds passed in 'The Betrayal' compels for it an attention far beyond the deserts of the average novel. . . . We are led in these pages to the spectacle of the deathbed; we see Virginia dying, disintegrating, utterly ruined, betrayed by individuals as well as parties. . . . Aside from the main story, which is effective enough in maintaining the interest of the general reader, while exposing a fine and independent outlook upon matters too many of us have come to regard through the distorted glasses of our time-serving governors political, there are passages upon passages over which the lovers of plain speech must surely chuckle."

The Times-Dispatch, Richmond: "It is safe to say that, whatever popularity and prestige Mr. Neale and Miss Hancock may have hitherto enjoyed, their joint work in the present instance can be depended upon to arouse more interest, investigation, feeling and discussion than anything they have previously given to the public."

The Neale Publishing Company, New York. \$1.50.

"Colonel Todhunter, of Missouri."

"Colonel Todhunter," by Ripley D. Saunders, will stand as the Missourian of fiction. His original and racy humor, his genius as a story-teller and a speech-maker, his love of young love and his relish of a good fight deeply endear him. He always has a fight on, whether it is a fight to elect his friend governor, or a fight to save his daughter's lover from the gallows; or a fight with an irate parent when he has rashly aided an elopement. "The next best thing, sub, to livin' victorious," says Colonel Todhunter, "is dyin' game." The colonel lives victorious.

Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind., or Loveman, Joseph & Loeb, Birmingham. \$1.25 net.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Whose fault is it when the roast is put on the table as tough as whit-leather? Whose fault is it when the meat is dry and tasteless and void of all nourishment and relish? Whose fault is it when the soups, gravies, stews, etc., are insipid and savorless? Surely you can't blame it on the meats and it wouldn't be just to do so, because the fault is solely your own, for the simple reason that you do not put the proper amount of seasoning into your meat dishes. You wouldn't think of making up a tray of bread without salt, or baking a cake without flavoring, or making pickles without spices, or in fact, of cooking anything without the proper seasoning.

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Following is an excellent recipe for making that famous Mexican dish "Hot Tamales," a delightful dish, appealing to the most idle appetite:

Tamales. To prepare the meat, chop one pound of beef; add a little chopped tallow or one tablespoonful of lard and a little salt; fry in a pan until tender; chop again very fine; return to pan; add a little warm water and a tablespoonful of Gebhardt's Eagle Chili Powder; stir and fry for ten minutes; you may use sauce left over to prepare your dough, which will impart a fine flavor.

To prepare the dough: add to one quart of corn meal two tablespoonfuls of salt, two tablespoonfuls of lard, and boiling water to make a thick dough.

To prepare the corn husk: cut off with scissors about one inch of the stalk end, and boil ten minutes; dry and rub over with a cloth dipped in hot lard.

To prepare the tamales: put a layer of dough on the husk, about four inches long, one and one-half inches wide, and one-fourth inch thick; along the center spread two teaspoonfuls of the prepared meat; roll the whole like a cigarette and fold the small end of the husk, place them with the folded end down, in a potato strainer; place the strainer in a pot over water; cover the whole with cloth, and steam for two hours; always serve hot. The above will make about fifty tamales.

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Are You a Woman?

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. W. H. Ison, at 1419 East Madison street, writes: "For several years I suffered, off and on, from female troubles, until finally I was taken down and could do nothing. The pains I experienced I shall never forget. I lost weight till I was only skin and bones. I believe I would have been in my grave if I had not tried Cardul. I shall praise it as long as I live." Many women, like Mrs. Ison, are weak and discouraged, on account of some painful ailment. Are you one of these sufferers? Cardul will help you. Try it today. Any druggist.

EDITORIAL

BUSINESS MEN AND REAL THINGS.

Don't waste your own good years in waiting for some one to put you to work in your church.

All day long, from the morning whistle till long after the evening shut-down, you are figuring on new ways to bring in money. This is the climb to business success—this is the one great heart and soul interest in your business that binds all your hopes and energies down to years of desk study. Yet all these problems you are working out and struggling over have been worked out by thousands before you. Men have conducted similar businesses. Men have met and conquered similar obstacles. Men have sweat blood and staked off all their earthly resources to perfect just such plans as you are trying to secure. They paid the cost. They gained worldly success, but in so doing they lost their grip on spiritual things.

The superintendent of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in New England managed "between trains and appointments" to make prayer meeting, and, once there, unbosomed himself. "I don't know how it is," he cried, "that the real things are poked away into a corner of my life, while the unessentials bully me into scurrying around to fulfill their orders. I've money enough and position enough and honor; but I am driven every day and every hour of the day to fly after more of these, while the heavenly life and the work of Christ are neglected, forsaken. I don't get around to attend to them, but I know—O, I know with all my heart—that they are the real things!"

We believe men should be vigilant in business, but in these days of "hustle" it is the more necessary that they should take time at mid-week to spend a quiet hour at prayer meeting.

The B. Y. P. U. helps a young man to discover his talent. The B. Y. P. U. emphasizes Baptist doctrines and history. The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of Baptist churches. The B. Y. P. U. is a feeder to the prayer meeting and the Sunday school. There are 75,000 or more young Baptists in the south studying missions. There are over 75,000 Baptist young people in Southern B. Y. P. U.'s. Many hundreds of Southern Baptist church and Sunday school officers were trained in the B. Y. P. U. Therefore it is worth while to attend the state convention at Prattville April 11-13.

BROTHER CRUMPTON ON EMERGENCY CALLS.

Don't fail to read what our secretary says in another column. It is encouraging to know that so many of the church have fallen into line, following the recommendations of the convention.

But as we draw towards the close of the year every one of us should sympathize with the secretary and catch his spirit. Let loyalty to Christ and His cause be supplemented by a patriotic impulse. For Christ's sake and for humanity's sake, of course; that is the supreme motive; but Alabamians should be proud of their state and wish to have her stand well up towards the front, where she deserves to be, in every good work. The brotherhood in other states have a right to expect much of us.

We have the numbers, we have the wealth, and we can show we have the liberality also.

Shame on us if our patriotism doesn't come in to reinforce our religion in a time like this.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

Sunday, March 26, is the day appointed by our Sunday School Board for considering the great subject of missions in the Sabbath schools. Special literature has been prepared and much information given out by the Sunday School Board. Each Sabbath school throughout our territory is requested to make an offering for Home and Foreign Missions. We hope that every superintendent will not only have missions put before the Sunday schools, but will also have a special collection taken. If for any reason Sunday, the 26th, does not suit, the subject might be brought to the attention of the school on the following Sabbath. Surely our schools could raise a large amount for the great work of missions if each teacher would get a collection in his or her class. Both the Home and Foreign Boards are needing large gifts in order to close the year without debt. Let us train our young people to give, and then when they become older much larger gifts will be received for missions, and we hope that the young people will be so trained that they will give all along through the year, and that there will be no debt to meet at the close of the year.

THE FIELDS WERE WHITE UNTO HARVEST.

The annual value of the cotton trade of the world is said to be \$3,000,000,000. It is certain that the United States is the largest producer of cotton in the world. Cotton exports from this country in 1910 aggregated \$530,000,000 in value, exceeding by more than \$60,000,000 the highest record ever heretofore made. The quantity exported, however, was materially less than in certain earlier years, having been but 3,641,000,000 pounds, against 4,374,000,000 in 1908, when the value was but \$439,000,000. The United Kingdom purchased from the United States about \$243,000,000 worth of cotton; Germany, \$140,000,000; France, \$82,000,000; Italy, \$28,000,000; Spain, \$16,000,000; Canada, \$10,500,000 and Japan, \$9,500,000. The \$530,000,000 worth of raw cotton exported represents approximately two-thirds of the production of the country, which suggests a valuation of about \$800,000,000 for the total raw cotton product of the year in the United States. Cotton seed oil to the value of nearly \$13,000,000 and oil cake to the value of about \$10,000,000 were also exported.

This information is given in order to let those who have sold their cotton not to forget their gifts to missions and also to pay up and renew for the Alabama Baptist.

The B. Y. P. U. can be so moulded as to conform to the needs of any church, city or country. No particular form of constitution or organization is prescribed, and the formality of a constitution may be dispensed with entirely. No specific course of study is enjoined. The local society may confine itself to the devotional meeting, may pursue one or more of the regular B. Y. P. U. study courses, or may select a course of study for itself; though experience has demonstrated that the best work is done by those unions that faithfully pursue the regular Christian culture courses. No body or board exercises any authority over the local society, and it is subject only to the control of the local church of which it constitutes a part. Every young people's society affiliated with a Baptist church and every Baptist church is entitled to representation in the state B. Y. P. U. convention, which will meet at Prattville April 11-13.

MANY CHINESE STARVING.

The suffering in China from famine is something that is appalling. The people are dying of hunger and cold. Parents are selling or giving away their children, as they cannot get food for them. The letters which come from the missionaries are heart-rending. They say that a dollar will be enough to support one person until the wheat harvest. Several thousand dollars have already been forwarded through our Foreign Mission Board to China. Mr. R. R. Gwathmey, treasurer of the board, has made arrangements with the banks by which we can cable the amounts through to China. Any of our people who wish to give can send it direct to Brother Gwathmey at Richmond, Va., who will see that it goes forward at once. Amounts given to these poor sufferers are not credited to Foreign Missions, but that fact should not deter any from making liberal gifts.

DANGEROUS SWEETNESS.

There are many praises sung in behalf of sweetness of spirit. All of us acknowledge that such a spirit is preferable to sourness of spirit. All of us like to look upon a person who indicates that he or she possesses a very sweet disposition. But, after all that can be said in favor of such a disposition, it needs to be further said that in some cases there is danger in a sweetness of spirit. It is so in those cases in which persons are holding to pernicious doctrines. It is said of certain heretics that they are sweet-spirited Christians. Their admirers say that they manifest a much better spirit than many of their opposers do. Such was the praise given to a noted professor in the University of Chicago, who recently obtained much notoriety on account of his skeptical and heretical teachings. Ardent friends said that he was a "sweet-spirited Christian." There is a large element of danger in the sweetness which emanates from such a man. He is capable of doing a great deal more harm to other people than is one of equal ability and education who always manifests a sour spirit. The sour heretic cannot influence people as strongly and generally as the sweet and charming one can. The devil, as an "angel of light," is far more dangerous to people than he is when he appears as "a roaring lion." His roaring tends to drive people from him, while his lovely angelic appearance tends to draw people to him. A pleasant light is attractive to many; they admire it; a roaring darkness alarms and frightens people. So it is true that a good-natured heretic, beaming with smiles, and talking pleasantly about some good qualities in Christ, is vastly more dangerous to simple-minded souls than is the grim-visaged and rough-spoken heretic. The former is much more dangerous to society and to Christian churches than was the late Robert Ingersoll, the arch skeptic, for he openly belittled against Christianity and roared at Christians.

A southern Baptist minister, in a recent article in a Northern Baptist paper, in contrasting the southern brethren with the northern ones, said that the latter are sweeter spirited in defending their views than the former are. We deny this allegation. Our people, as a whole, are as sweet tempered as any people, and they are not dangerous heretics.



A. P. MOORE,
Huntsville, Ala.,

who is a native Tennessean; graduated in 1905 at Jackson, Tenn., with A. B. degree, taking the graduating medal, the highest honor. Since then has been pastor at Tullahoma, Tenn., and the Chamberlain Avenue church, Chattanooga, Tenn., building a handsome church house at each place and more than doubling contributions at each place. He is now pastor of the Dallas Avenue church, Huntsville, Ala., and is already planning to do larger things. We welcome Brother Moore to Alabama.

From Nanafalia: On last Saturday night about 9 o'clock the gin of Mr. Joe Compton caught on fire, but was soon extinguished. Next morning I preached to a good congregation, and took a collection for Home Missions, which amounted to \$30. God bless the donors. On the 14th inst. we laid to rest the body of old Brother Parnell. He had been sick for some months. Respectfully—J. W. Jones.



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Might Be Dead Today.
Garden City, Kas.—In a letter from Mrs. James Hamner, of this city she says: "I firmly believe that I would not be alive today, if it were not for Cardui. I had been a sufferer from womanly troubles all my life, until I found that great remedy. I feel that I can't praise it too highly." Are you a woman, suffering from some of the troubles to which a woman is peculiarly liable? If so, why not try Cardui, the woman's tonic? You can rely on Cardui. It is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, and acts gently but surely, without bad after-effects. 'Twill help you. Ask your druggist.

OBITUARY.
On Monday night, February 20, at her home in Falkville, Ala., Mrs. Matilda A. Russell was called home to her reward. She was only sick for a few days, when death resulted from the awful disease, pneumonia. Soon after she took her bed she seemed to realize that she was never to recover, and told her loved ones and friends that she was ready to go if it was God's will. What a glorious thing to be ready when God calls! In her home she was a faithful and loving wife and a devoted mother. The writer has spent many pleasant hours in her home, being her pastor at one time, and having known her for many years, and has ever found her faithful to duty. For a number of years she had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church, her membership being at Falkville at her death, and though she was never gifted in taking the lead as some are, she attended her church regularly and was willing to do what she could.

Mrs. Russell was born in Tallapoosa county, Alabama, July 16, 1851. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Satterwhite. She was married December 21, 1871, to T. F. Russell, of Talladega county, Alabama, where they lived until their removal to Falkville, Ala., in 1908. She is survived by her husband and six children, who mourn her death greatly; also a host of friends, who join them in their sorrow. But why sorrow, since we believe she has gone to a better land? It is our selfish hearts that cry out for her love. God took her because He knew 't to be or the best. We should be submissive and live in anticipation of the time when we shall clasp hands to part no more—in the home of the redeemed.

W. D. OGLETREE,
Louisville, Ky.

STRONG-CONGER.
At the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Conger, near Montezuma, Ga., on March 7, high noon, Mr. Tolliver M. Strong led to hymen's altar Miss Sarah A. Conger. Rev. Cheeves, of Spalding, Ga., in an impressive ceremony united two hearts that beat as one. It was an occasion of much interest to a group of intimate friends of Alabama who have settled in this neighborhood. The parlor, where the guests assembled, was decorated with southern smilax and cut flowers.

The bride was daintily attired in a gown of blue and white satin Foulard. Her going away dress was a beautifully tailored gray cloth, with hat to match. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Alexander City, Ala., and Goodwater, where they will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. Strong is a young business man of sterling worth, who has been teaching for several years. He has recently been ordained to the ministry. He was educated at Brewton, Ala.

Miss Conger is a gentle, sweet-spirited character, possessing many charming accomplishments, that make her the lovable young lady she is. Those who know her best love her most.

The number of presents of china, table napery and silver attest the pop-

ularity of the couple among their many friends.
Mrs. J. H. Riddle, of Hartselle, Ala., sister of the bride, is spending a few weeks with her parents, and will return home at an early date.
Mr. and Mrs. Strong will be at home to their friends at the home of the bride's parents, near Montezuma, Ga., after March 12.
A GUEST.

HAPPY EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS.
When Daniel said, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" he was a saved soul; had salvation, but was not enjoying it.

I fear there are many in this sad state of religious life today.

So many people put on a long face, the most sad countenance and grumble and complain of having such a hard time in this old world until it most gives you a chill to be in their company.

What a mistake this is. If we will read the Bible, meditate on the many promises, take the bright side of every question—yes, meditate the assurance of our eternal life, and live for our Savior and our neighbors, we will be cheerful, happy Christians. This world is full of the glory of God, and why not have it come into our everyday life. People enjoy their religion in proportion to the time spent in serving their Lord. So let us be cheerful, happy Christians every day, and we will be a power for good in our Master's kingdom.

C. O. HELMS.

MORTGAGE SALE.
Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Emma Johnson, a widow, on the 18th day of June, 1910, and recorded in Vol. 552, record of deeds, at page 594, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 17th day of April, 1911, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot number 13 as shown and designated on map recorded in map book 1, page 79, of the map records in the Probate Office of Jefferson county, Alabama. Said lot is situated on the northern side of Cove avenue, fronting 52 feet and extending back of that uniform width 178.8 feet to an alley, and is in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Sec. 26, Tp. 17, Range 3 west.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.
Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Jack White and wife, Alice White, on the 11th day of October, 1910, and recorded in Vol. 595, record of deeds, at page 282, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door, in Birmingham, Ala., on the 17th day of April, 1911, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 14, in block 8, as shown by the Ensley Land Company's addition to Pratt City, recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, in Vol. 3 of maps, page 101, mining and mineral privileges excepted.

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Pingtu, Shantung, China, Jan. 22.

We have been having some wonderful meetings at this station during the past six weeks, and I would like to tell the readers of your good paper something about them.

The revival meetings began here at our city church on December 11, conducted by Rev. Goforth, and continued eight days. This is the first meeting of the kind that has been held here, and as the people at first did not understand they were slow to act, and for the first four or five days we were a little discouraged; but this mighty man of God kept pouring the truth into their hearts, telling of the great results which attended his labors in Korea, Manchuria and Shansi, and on the last two days the power of the Spirit was very manifest. Men and women confessed all kinds of sins, many of them so deeply moved as to fall on their faces and cry out to the Lord for mercy. These people, as a rule, are very conservative, and I have often wondered why they were so unemotional in their spiritual life; so to see several hundred of them weeping, confessing sins and praying in concert is a scene never to be forgotten. This was new to these people, and at the close of the meetings they were greatly moved.

On Monday, after the close of the meetings on Sunday, our native pastor, with all the evangelists and co-workers, decided to hold similar meetings in each of our country churches. They are still in progress, and the Holy Spirit is doing a glorious work. They realize it is the work of the Spirit; very little preaching is being done, but much intercessory prayer. One of the leaders was in prayer all night. In two instances men have stood their little sons upon the bench, requesting prayers for them and consecrating them to the Lord for service. The church is being cleansed, and at the last report 275 had confessed their willingness to forsake their idols and believe in Jesus. When the meetings are over we hope to have at least 400 inquirers, and it is our plan to gather them into classes at each of the churches and further instruct them in the word.

The work of the past year at this station has been fairly successful, and we praise God for the marked increase of the numbers gathered into the churches over the preceding year. Into our seven Pingtu churches there have been 266 baptized, 516 in the entire mission. This gives our station a membership of 1,400, while in the mission we have a little over 2,700 members. This is good, but not as it should be. If it takes five of our members one year to lead one soul to Christ when will China be saved? And yet that is better than many of our churches do at home. We are expecting greater things this year, and if Pingtu alone does not have more than 516 at the close of the year I will be sadly disappointed. "According to your faith" be it done unto you. Father, increase our faith.

The hospital work during the past year has been fairly satisfactory. Nearly 6,000 patients have been treated, while more than 8,000 have heard the gospel, many of whom have believed. A few days ago I went out into the country ten miles to see a

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 24th Day of February, 1911.

Estate of Arthur Demand (minor), Deceased.

This day came J. W. Dupuy, administrator of the estate of Arthur Demand (minor), deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 23d day of March, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
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man who had been injured. When I arrived I found a man, 62 years of age, with both legs broken below the knees. I learned that the poor fellow had been fighting with another man, both drunk, with the above results. After treating him, and after praying for him and the other members of the family, I told them of our loving Physician. Of course they knew nothing of Jesus; but when I asked if they were willing to believe Him and trust Him for salvation they said, "Yes, we are willing." When I asked if I might pray the old man said, "Pray to who?" Think of that. One other thing on this trip which made it one of interest: On the way out, near the roadside, I saw a dog devouring the body of a little child. And I also want to tell one of Mrs. Hearn's incidents. She and her Bible woman were working in a village, and on visiting a certain home she was shocked to observe that some members of the family in the front yard were dressing a dog. After a little service with them and on preparing to leave they insisted that she stay for supper. She finally managed to escape, however, without the super and without hurting their feelings.

I only mention these to show a few touches of a missionary's life; and you must not be too severe in your criticism about what they eat, for they eat what the people for hundreds of years before them have eaten, and think it is all right. Some time ago a man came to the hospital sick from eating donkey meat. I found, upon questioning him, that the donkey had died of some disease. He was much excited about himself, for he said about one year ago he had a brother to die of eating meat of this kind. So the animal's usefulness does not cease with death, although it may have died of old age or disease.

After all it matters little to us what kind of food these people eat. We are here to fulfill Christ's command, "Give ye them to eat," to give them the Bread of Life. And this surely is the harvest time for this field. It matters not in what direction we go we find multitudes who are willing to be led, but have no leader; willing to learn, but have no teacher; starving with hunger and willing to eat, but no one to feed them, yet the Bread is freely and abundantly supplied. Let us continued to intercede with the Master that more laborers may be raised up on the field to gather these people into the kingdom. Among our helpers some have been greatly moved of the Spirit, and they are preaching the Word with power. These meetings are being conducted largely by them, and in the class work which we are planning for during February and March we expect them to take the lead. Very sincerely,

T. O. HEARN.

Rev. J. I. Oxford, of Atlanta, Ga., has accepted a unanimous call to the First Baptist church, of Tallapoosa, and will take charge of the work at once, and in a short time he will be a resident of our city. Both the church and the town feel honored and very fortunate in securing him, and we feel that new life and vigor will be thrown into our church and community by coming in touch with this great man of God.—J. C. J.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, March 11 1911.

Estate of Sydenham B. Trapp, Deceased.

This day came Mary E. Trapp and filed her application in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sydenham B. Trapp, deceased, and praying for such orders decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally effect the probate and record of said instrument as such will.

And whereas, the 13th day of April, 1911, having been set as a day for hearing said petition and the proof to be submitted in support of same; and it further appearing that the following next of kin of said decedent are non-residents of the State of Alabama, viz: Sydenham B. Trapp, Jr., who resides at Forest City, Ark.; Elodia T. Dick, who resides at Chicago, Ill.; Mary R. White and Hult T. Wiley, who reside at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Notice is hereby given the said Sydenham B. Trapp, Jr., Elodia T. Dick, Hult T. Wiley and Mary R. White and all other persons in interest to be and appear in this court on said 13th day of April, 1911, to contest said application if they think proper so to do.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

HOME MISSION FINANCES UP TO MARCH 1, 1911.

For a number of months, indeed, during the entire year since May, our home mission receipts have been behind those of the year previous. All along we have hoped it would be changed, but at the first of March, 1911, our receipts from regular sources were \$8,126.41 less than for the same period one year ago. This gives us increasing alarm. We should have received by March 1, 1911, at least \$25,000 more than we received up to March 1, 1910.

An Inadequate Explanation.

Brethren have asked how much effect the closing of our books two days later last spring had had upon our receipts for this year. In other words, how much money was collected by that postponement which would not have been collected if we had closed our books April 30. The point being that such excess of contributions properly belongs to this year, and that our situation is not so bad as we think. It is impossible to tell how much our receipts were increased by the delay; since as soon as the brethren knew of the extended time, they at once began to retain the money until the last day. Our treasurer doubts whether more than \$1,000 or \$2,000, at most, was received in excess of what the receipts would have been had we closed on April 30. At any rate, here we are with our appropriations far beyond what they ever were and our receipts over \$8,000 less than they were, which puts us between thirty and forty thousand dollars heavier in debt than we were at this time one year ago. The brethren are kind in their effort to comfort us, but we beg they will cease this inadequate explanation and remember our peril, which is real and serious!

A Point to Be Guarded.

In many places our brethren are stressing regular, systematic, weekly or monthly giving to missions. This is in every way desirable. We ought to have receipts every month by being regular in our contributions if the brethren hope to do away with the strenuous campaign during March and April, when four-fifths of our money has been raised. But just here is a serious danger. Suppose a church is accustomed to give \$1,200 to home missions and to give that during March and April. That church begins, we will say, regular weekly contributions January 1, 1911, at the rate of \$100 a month. By the close of the convention year, April 1st, we would receive only \$400. Now, what about the \$800, none of it having been paid during the preceding eight months? Here is a deficit of \$800. If one hundred churches should do likewise, it would mean a loss of \$80,000. A relative loss would come to us wherever any church fails to make up the deficit at the time she begins the regular weekly or monthly contributions.

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Lot 9, between the southeast corner and southwest corner of said block; north 104 1-2 feet, thence west 52 1-4 feet, thence south 104 1-2 feet to the point of beginning, as shown by a map and survey of southeast quarter of southwest quarter of Sec. 20, Tp. 17, Range 3 west, made by Martin Lockhart, Corry & Hall, surveyors; map recorded in Vol. 1, page 328. This is the same property conveyed by Lucius Johnston to Bernice Robertson on the 16th day of September, 1893, and recorded in the Probate Office of Jefferson county, Alabama, in Vol. 334, record of deeds, at page 186.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by William Tipton and wife, Marie Tipton, on the 1st day of February, 1910, and recorded in Vol. 563, record of deeds, at page 107, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 17th day of April, 1911, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

A piece of ground in block No. 51, East Birmingham, beginning at a point at the southeast corner of block 51 (a part of lot 1), and running west along Twelfth avenue 144 feet to an alley, thence running north 41 feet 8 inches along said alley, thence running 144 feet east paralleling Twelfth avenue to Forty-fifth street, thence running south along Forty-fifth street to corner of Twelfth avenue and Forty-fifth street to point of beginning, being a parallelogram 41 feet and 8 inches by 144 feet.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Eugenia McNeal, a widow, on the 16th day of January, 1911, and recorded in Vol. 610, record of deeds, at page 276, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 17th day of April, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot C, in block 1, said lot being 30 feet off of the south side of lot 21 in block 1 and 5 feet off of the north side of lot 22 in block 1, being 35 feet in all, fronting west on the east side of a 50-foot street and extending back east 135 feet uniform width to a 15-foot alley, as shown on map book 5, page 65, and surveyed by Herman Schoel, C. E., situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

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the credit system. The regular weekly or monthly system can not be inaugurated all at once, and we are doomed to the heaviest debt we have ever had at the close of our convention year if brethren start on the weekly or monthly plan of giving and fall to bring up the arrears. This is a most serious matter, and I beg pastors, laymen and our good women everywhere to come to our help. I rejoice every time I hear of regular, systematic giving to missions, but let us make up the arrearage.

Let us make good at this time and bring things even at the close of our convention year; then be ready to start with the new year with renewed purpose to inaugurate the regular contributions.

Sincerely and fraternally,
B. D. GRAY.

FROM SCOTTSBORO.

Dear Brother Barnett: I am writing you for the first time from Scottsboro. I have only been here one week, but things are taking on an encouraging aspect. I found a fine working force on coming here. The Sunday school is well organized, having a corps of officers and teachers second to none, with organized classes reaching into every nook and corner of the town and vicinity. Immediately on coming we had a deacons' meeting and planned a system of finance for all purposes, which is working admirably. Brother Calder T. Willingham was with us last week on his itinerary of Foreign Missions, which was greatly appreciated by a full house and by his thrilling address we were much stimulated along active lines of work. We gave him \$125, besides already \$100 this year for Foreign Missions. Our W. M. U. and Y. L. A. are untiring in their efforts for the Master.

The W. M. U. made last week a week of prayer for Home Missions.

We have under construction a new pastorium, to cost approximately \$2,000. The W. M. U. and Young Ladies' Aid have each given \$100 on that. We expect to have our home done in at least 60 days.

The family is still at Collinsville, but will move in about two weeks. God bless you and yours.

M. BRISCOE.

ATTENTION, LAYMEN!

Shall we not make ourselves felt during these closing weeks of the conventional year in the campaign to reach the million dollar goal for Home and Foreign Missions? We can give more generously ourselves, we can stimulate other laymen by private solicitation and by public appeals before the churches. This is the supreme hour for the laymen's movement to show its hand.

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WE WELCOME THIS EDITOR.

Columbia, Ala., March 10, 1911.

Dear Brother Barnett: After a little more than two years spent in the position of associate editor and business manager of the Florida Baptist I find myself in pastoral harness again. These two years of newspaper work, while they have been the busiest and perhaps in some respects the hardest years of my life, yet they were filled with many joys, and during this time I believe I have learned many lessons that will be of value to me in all the years to come, no matter what may be my work nor where my lot may be cast.

I resigned the paper work to accept a pastorate in your domains, and am on the field getting acquainted with the people and conditions. I find Columbia to be an old town, filled with some of the choicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. While the town is an old one, yet I find the general spirit of the place, and particularly of the church, to be progressive and vigorous. As some of you know, we have a splendid church building, with a modern Sunday school addition, and a plant worthy of a city several times larger than Columbia. We have a large, comfortable parlorium, just now being put in elegant condition by our faithful women for our occupancy on the first of the month. While the church has been without a pastor for several months, yet the fire has not burned low on the altar. Nor could it with such a band of consecrated women, who are giving themselves to the service of their Lord and King. They are enthusiastic and joyous in the service.

The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition under the direction of that consecrated banker, George L. Campbell, and, in fact, I find the church just ready to go forward in the Master's work, proving that they have fed on His word, even though they have been without a visible leader. I know I shall find great joy in working with this people.

I notice only one thing lacking at first glance in our church life, and that is, we have no B. Y. P. U. But we can easily remedy that, and before the state convention meets next month we will be able to report our young people organized. It is our purpose to attend that convention.

Excuse the length of this letter. I have saved the most interesting part till the last, and now for that. I enclose a dollar. Put me on your list. I shall be interested in all the state work, of course. Yours fraternally,
CHAS. M. BRITAIN.

A Line from the Union Association: On the fourth Sunday in February we had a fine service at Bethel church, a large congregation and a very good collection. On the first Sunday in March, good congregation and collection and a very sweet service at Grant's Creek church. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society there has taken on new life. Also on Sunday afternoon we organized a mission study class and had a very sweet service at Sylvan Sunday at 4 p. m. The outlook is hopeful, and the people appear to have a mind to work.—J. G. Lowrey, Pastor.



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EMERGENCY CALLS AND THE SCHEDULE.

I have letters from some of the pastors running about this way:

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I appreciate the position of these pastors, and rejoice with them in the beautiful working of the plan and the increased contributions. May the number of churches who like the plan and work the plan "beautifully" increase! But many of the churches have not adopted the plan and many that have adopted it are working it indifferently. Of course they ought to supplement with an extra collection.

From the beginning of the introduction of the plan, I have insisted that two or three emergency calls should be made, even where "the plan is working beautifully."

If I were pastor of one of these "blue ribbon" churches, I would make a speech about the second Sunday in March about like this:

"Your pastor is greatly pleased with the way you are contributing to benevolence. The every Sunday plan is the Bible plan, and I am happy to be pastor of a church where so many have so cheerfully fallen into it. But we are not all of us giving by this plan, and not any of us are giving more than we should; besides, we have many in our congregation who would cheerfully join with us in this good work if an opportunity were offered them. Now, because all our membership are not giving by the plan we have adopted and because none of us are giving as much as we should, and because we have friends who hold no membership with us, who would be glad to help, I am going to ask you to join with me

On Sunday, March 26th, in making an extra effort for home and foreign missions.

"All the Sunday schools of the State are asked to take collections for this purpose on that day, and I am sure many of the two thousand Baptist churches of the State will join the children that day in raising a great sum for the boards. Then, because these two boards close their books

At Midnight of May 1st, I am going to ask you for another supplemental collection on April 23 or 30th for home and foreign missions.

Then on June 25th for State Missions, as our State Board of Missions closes its year with June.

"I am sure you will all join me in these extra collections and let this be beyond our weekly pledges.

"These extra appeals will probably never cease entirely; but they will grow less frequent, as systematic methods are more generally adopted.

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W. B. CRUMPTON,

A LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

As an Alabamian in exile, my heart often goes back to my native heath. During these eleven years of absence my interests in Alabama Baptists has not abated in the least. I have watched with the keenest appreciation all the denominational movements of the state, and have observed with much pleasure the steady advance of the Baptist cause.

I am sending this work of greeting

to commend to your confidence and love our esteemed ex-editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, Rev. C. M. Brittain, who has recently become pastor of the church at Columbia, Ala. Brittain is a fine, clean, capable fellow, and a brother beloved and true. Florida regrets losing him, but the field is the world, and wherever Brittain goes he will do a good work and be an honor to the brotherhood.

We are expecting to see all of the brethren and many of the sisters at our coming convention, May 17. We are getting things in readiness for a great convention. We are to meet in the new Shrine temple, which is just being completed. It is a beautiful

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It is a real wonder that the Baptists of Southeast Alabama have been able to give to the people of this section such a rare opportunity as that afforded at the Newton Bible Conference. There has been nothing, so far as this writer knows, that has been so helpful in so many ways as this conference.

From the 6th to the 10th of March, from 9 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night, each period was filled with the most helpful instructions on the many objects that claim the attention of the Baptists in Alabama, the home field and throughout the world. Sunday schools, State, Home and Foreign Missions, B. Y. P. U. work, colleges and schools, church history and Bible study each had an important place and time. Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, was at his best, and in his exposition of the book of Romans and in his several lectures on the "Literature of an Expanding Gospel," "Literature in a Growing Theology," "Literature of a Controverted Faith" and "Literature of a Persecuted Church" he gave to the entire audience such a clear grasp of the subjects treated as to create within them a real stimulus for more study and more knowledge, and drove home to the hearts of his hearers a deeper spirit of faithfulness to the plain teachings of the word of God. It made the writer wish that in some way every Baptist in the state could enjoy this blessed privilege. This institute ought to be a permanent feature of our state work, and I hope it will be.

Newton is the place and March is the time. The good people of Newton, than whom there is none better, gave free entertainment to the visitors, and they made everybody feel welcome. Rev. R. M. Hunter, the pastor of the church, and his good wife were doing their best to have everything in order and to make all things pleasant. The people of the church stood loyally by him.

The school there! My, my! It was a revelation to me, and dare say to many others. With Prof. Tate, the scholarly and Christian professor at the head, and with hundreds of the very best young men and women from many counties in the state filling the halls and auditorium of the school room, not only learning English and Latin, geometry and trigonometry, but learning how to be a polished and useful Christian man and woman in the community, in the church and in the various places of trust and usefulness in the world, in pulpit, in pew, in state and nation, in home and society, in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. and in every walk of life. It was an inspiration. Newton is the most ideal place for such a school that the writer ever saw. Out there in a splendid community, where there is nothing to distract the mind and heart of the boys and girls from their studies, no allurements to vices. The Baptists of Alabama have a great school here, and it deserves the un-

stinted support and prayers of all the Baptists of the state. When an appeal is made to you for this institution you will make no mistake in giving to it a hearty and liberal support.

The Enterprise saints are looking with pleasing eye up Main street each day as the work progresses on our new church. We are to begin a revival meeting on the first Sunday in April. My cousin, Rev. J. C. Bentley, of Birmingham, will aid us, and we ask all the people who read this to pray for a great meeting here. With love to all the brethren, I am, fraternally,
O. P. BENTLEY.

STRICKLAND AT WORK.

Harry L. Strickland, formerly of Memphis, now secretary of the Baptist State Sunday School Association, addressed the Sunday School Union of the Montgomery Baptist Association Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist church. The purpose of the meeting was to organize better methods of teaching in the Sunday schools of the Montgomery association, and to this end to inaugurate at an early date in Montgomery a teachers' institute.

Far-reaching are the plans of Mr. Strickland. As state secretary he wishes to effect for Alabama modern methods of instruction in Sabbath schools. Montgomery is one of the links in the state chain. In the district with Montgomery are Sunday schools of 20 churches, among them the churches of Prattville, Wetumpka, Fort Deposit and the various churches of this city.

Officers Are Elected.

Effecting an organization on Sunday afternoon, P. W. Hodges was chosen president; J. H. Holley, of Wetumpka, vice-president; C. Kingcome, secretary and treasurer; Eugene Ballard, of Prattville, chairman of the committee on missions; Mrs. J. S. Thornton, chairman of the committee on teachers' training, and Miss Johnnie Spear, chairman of the committee on elementary training, were chosen.

As an executive committee, the president of the Montgomery Association and the superintendents of the various Sunday schools in the association will serve. The chairmen of the various committees will form a committee of committees and for their respective committees will select such persons as are willing to serve the cause.

Strickland Well Equipped.

Mr. Strickland, who made an address telling the purpose of the organization is a man well equipped for his work. At one time he was a prominent real estate dealer in Memphis, but six weeks ago he gave up his commercial business to take charge of the Baptist Association of Alabama. In Memphis and in Shelby county, Tennessee, he was connected with the Memphis Teachers' Graded Union and with the Memphis and Shelby County Baptist Association, and took prominent parts in such great conventions as were held in his city. In his new capacity he will visit Montgomery often.—Montgomery Advertiser.



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