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We had a fine day at Fredonia yesterday; a splendid service and good collection for missions. May the Lord bless you and yours.—H. J. Holliday. (This with a new subscription.)

May the Lord's blessings rest on you and family. I am still standing by the banner—gain or defeat. May the Lord bless the paper and make it a power for good.—S. M. Humphries.

Death entered the home of Mr. B. F. Thomas Friday night, February 24, 1911, and removed from our embrace Sister Thomas. She was a devoted member of Cane Creek church. Her age was 66 years. How our heart grieves to think we cannot see her smiling face any more in this life. Let us be consoled with the thought that we can meet where parting is no more.—Thos. G. Carr.

Having recently become pastor of the First Baptist church, of this place, I feel that I must at once subscribe for your paper and get in touch with Alabama Baptist affairs. Enclosed I am sending you \$1, for which send me the paper. Fraternally yours—E. H. Jennings, Dothan.

(We welcome Bro. Jennings to Alabama and pray God's blessing upon his work at Dothan.)

A "brand new" preacher wants to drop you a word. I was just licensed in February, but I feel that I am called to the greatest work on earth. Bro. Hunt, of the Home Mission Board evangelists, held a meeting at the Baptist church during the past few weeks. It was a glorious revival, and he received 28 new members. That's the best church around. They are quick to agree on a thing and they work. It's three months old now, and has about 125 members. Put me on your subscription list until January, 1912. I'll try a dollar's worth this time, for I certainly enjoy your paper. Wishing you unlimited success in your work, I am fraternally yours.—John Cunningham, University, Ala.

A number of friends are sending in names and cash on special \$1.00 offer to January, 1912. The pastors are leading, but many laymen and good women are also helping. Have you tried to get a new subscriber? If not, just make the effort and see how easily it can be done.

WE ARE FEELING JUBLANT

Never before have so many volunteers got busy on behalf of the paper. Each mail brings in new names. We have been gratified to see how the pastors have joined in the campaign. Our mail bag comes laden with letters bearing new names and appreciative and appreciated words about the improvement in the paper. Numbers of friends who do not care to solicit are sending it to loved ones as a gift. Mothers are sending it to sons and sons to mothers. A pastor sends it to his daughter, and another sends it to "his beloved nephew" in Oklahoma; an aunt sends it to a nephew who has recently joined the church. Young ladies are getting others to take it. A postmaster pays a year ahead and sends it as a gift to a deacon in his church. A layman sends it to a worthy widow. It looks like there is to be a genuine revival for the Alabama Baptist. The enthusiasm is growing, and if it continues we will get the ONE THOUSAND new names for which we are striving. Please get in line and go to work. One dollar to January, 1912.



Hope many of our people who do not get the Alabama Baptist will take the advantage of this dollar offer. Fraternally—J. F. Brock.

May God bless you and your work. Fraternally—J. S. Yarbrough.

(This came with a check for \$6 for new and old subscribers. This makes remittances from three resident preachers at Ozark.)

You ought to have an agent for the Alabama Baptist in every church in the state. If I did not live so far out in the sticks I would gladly work for the paper both in the church and out of it. We sympathize with you in your great and noble work for the Baptist cause in Alabama. Fraternally—J. R. Crumpton.

We are moving along slowly. We have to depend on the associational missionary for a preacher. We have Bro. L. W. Brock, of Selma, as missionary now. We are well pleased with him. We are few in number, but we are strong in faith. This section has been destitute of preachers since 1875 or 1876, and you know how that is. The other denominations predominate at present, but we hope to see the day that the Baptist cause will flourish as a green bay tree. Yours—J. C. Belue, Rogersville.

I am sending you check for \$2 to pay for the Baptist. It is a pity you have so many sorry Baptists like myself to contend with, but we all have to be continuously after the fellow we do business with. This is so in every vocation of life. I know it is true in my business. As our dear Brother Crumpton says, we have to be everlasting and continually at it. That is our job. May the blessings of our Lord and Savior be ever with and on you, for you need all the grace and patience you can sum up and most everything else that is good while you are contending with us sorry Baptists, yet I believe we are some of the best people in the world. Yours truly—J. G. Bishop.

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PRESIDENT PETTUS' PLEA FOR PLANS

To Alabama Baptists:

The most earnest appeals are coming up in the last day of our conventional year from all of our boards for the payment of the money pledged by us for the various denominational purposes. To them, as our authorized agents, we have designated certain amounts for their use in promoting the work under their supervision. Now that they have laid their plans accordingly and employed our very best men to do special work, it is a grievous mistake to embarrass these brethren by making them wait to the last moment, or beyond the limit set, for what is due them. It isn't good business to force the boards, as we so often do, to go to banks and borrow funds to carry them, when it is due upon the promise of Baptist men and women.

In the name of all of our causes, missions, education and orphans' home, I appeal again to the moderators of our associations, to the pastors of all of our churches, rural and city, to our mission societies, Baptist Young People's Unions, Sunday schools and Sunbeams to give your earnest heed to these pleas, and let us surprise ourselves, which we shall do if we do our very best. To the pastors especially, who are the leaders in the Lord's cause, this appeal is made, and more particularly in the interest of Foreign and Home Missions during the remainder of this month.

Many fifth Sunday meetings will be held before our books are closed. At every one of these there should be taken the best collection possible and the amounts telegraphed or sent immediately to Secretary Crumpton at Montgomery.

Will not the members of the State Board of Missions put forth an extra effort in their sections of the state to create more enthusiasm and greater interest in the contribution of larger amounts by those who are possessed of much of this world's goods? As a member I promise, for the border counties, that more money for missions will be sent in than has heretofore. To this end I have been striving during the present year.

How it would gladden my heart if this should prove to be the banner year of Alabama Baptists in the accomplishment of greater and better things for our Lord.

PERMIT ME, TOO, TO SAY THAT UNDER THE PROPOSITION MADE BY BROTHER BARNETT, EDITOR OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, THAT WE SHOULD, WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS DOUBLE THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF OUR PAPER. What that would mean to our denominational interests no one could estimate.

Fraternally,

R. E. PETTUS.

Dear Brother Barnett: Things are looking up in old Girard, thank the good Lord. On Sunday, April 2, we had Bro. Charles M. Kneeland, of Montgomery, to come over and preach for us. Our people all liked him so well they called him. He accepted and took hold of the work, with bright prospects. We all loved our former pastor, Bro. H. T. Vaughan, very much and pray the Lord to bless him, his good wife and baby and his work. Wishing you success in the good work you are doing for the Baptists of Alabama, fraternally—H. S. Sullivan.

My home for this associational year is in Tyler, Dallas county, Ala. Town Creek church owns the pastor's home, with seven acres of land. I am preaching for Town Creek, Shiloh and Stanton churches. These people know how to take care of a preacher. They have sent us many nice things to eat. Bro. G. W. Wood, of Town Creek church, gave me a wagon load of oats for my horse. The farmers of Town Creek church prepared my corn field and planted it for me. I do not think that I have ever had a better field. Fraternally—J. W. Dunaway.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES

NOTES OF DR. COX

All the places in Greater Birmingham and about there are so often in the papers we traveling preachers in our write-ups are liable to overlook our visits to them.

My Visit to East Lake

was in every way pleasant. I met a large number of young preachers and Christian boys, with some of the teachers, to talk about conditions thereabouts and what the boys might do to help in the great work.

It is a good sign when the young men begin to notice things near at hand. Many times our vision is far away, while all about us are the most crying needs.

To one with open vision and listening ear and sympathetic heart conditions in the Birmingham district are distressing. One of the great arguments for the removal of the college to its present location was that the young preachers would become a great evangelizing force. Many of the young men have made good, but many more have pursued the very foolish policy of not preaching while they were in school.

The great preachers of the future are going to be from among those who while in college and seminary improved every opportunity to preach. Those who do not, however fine and finished their educations may be, will be mediocre. "Practice makes perfect" in preaching, as in everything else.

Every association which has a young preacher in school ought to have him at work in its bounds every vacation. I am writing this while at Carrollton, in the Union Association. I was delighted to hear that veteran moderator and worker, W. G. Robertson, who is also chairman of the executive committee, say: "We have employed an associational missionary for the vacation young brother, David Bryan, and we will have our young brother, Mills, the beneficiary of this association, to work with him." That is exactly as it should be. The Bigbee Association, from which Brother Bryan came, missed their chance and lost the services of this valuable young man.

The College

is in good shape, and the attendance is encouraging. Dr. Montague and the members of the faculty seem to be in fine spirits.

The educational commission, having secured Brother Cox as secretary, has put new heart into everything educational among the Baptists of Alabama. The coming of Dr. Montague years ago to the state was the beginning of better times. The Howard has been given right of way, and under the leadership of its enthusiastic president it has prospered. Indeed his coming was the saving of the college.

The coming of Dr. Cox means the broadening of our work. All the other schools will soon feel the magic of his touch and with the Howard march gloriously forward.

The Baptists of Alabama, who care for education and the other things we are trying to do, ought to be happy over the Howard endowment. Some of us, who used to sit up with the college to keep its feeble light from going out, were dazed at the convention in July, when it was read out that we had an endowment of \$50,358. When

the next convention meets it may be near \$100,000. It will be if every one who has signed bonds will make a self-denying effort to pay them before the convention.

The Church at East Lake

is fortunate to have W. W. Lee as its pastor. He knows the college, being one of its graduates, and is in fullest sympathy with everything we are trying to do in the state. I was glad to find on inquiry that everybody is well pleased and the pastor enthusiastic. One of his predecessors did his work so well it drew from the pastor the remark: "I found here the best organized church in the state. It is easy to work with a people like this."

It was my pleasure to sleep in the fine, new home they have provided for the pastor. They need a new, up-to-date house of worship. The old one is entirely inadequate for the needs of the rapidly growing congregation and Sunday school.

If the women had been turned loose six years ago, as was suggested, to work for a new building, they would have been in hand at this time a good sum for that purpose.

Our Baptist Forces

about Birmingham have been greatly strengthened by the coming of Dr. Cox, of the educational commission; Brother Walker, the associational evangelist; Brother Reese, the Home Board evangelist, and Brother Strickland, the state Sunday school secretary. What a power these are, added to Howard College, the Alabama Baptist, the Board of Ministerial Education and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Board.

If the forces will organize with 30 or more pastors on the ground, what may they not do for the advancement of the Kingdom? "Let there be no divisions among you," but a wise, steady pressing of the fight along every foot of line, is the word.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT JUDSON COLLEGE.

Thursday, May 11—8 p. m., annual expression recital.

Friday, May 12—9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., annual art exhibition; 10 a. m., celebration of May day by the classes; 8 p. m., annual concert.

Saturday, May 13—10 a. m., annual meeting of Society of Alumnae.

Sunday, May 14—11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. W. F. Yarbrough, D. D., of Anniston.

Monday, May 15—8 p. m., graduating exercises, baccalaureate address by the Rev. C. Ross Baker, D. D., of Opelika, Ala.

Mrs. Vest Felt Like Crying.

Wallace, Va.—Mrs. Mary Vest, of this place, says, "I hadn't been very well for three years, and at last I was taken bad. I could not stand on my feet, I had such pains. I ached all over. I felt like crying all the time. Mother insisted on my trying Cardui. Now I feel well, and do nearly all my housework." No medicine for weak and ailing women has been so successful as Cardui. It goes to the spot, relieving pain and distress, and building up womanly strength, in a way that will surely please you. Only try it once.

Tuscumbia.

I have been trying to follow the schedule arranged by Dr. Crumpton in presenting the work of the educational commission, but find that it is not possible to do so always. I preached at Tuscumbia Sunday morning, April 2. Bro. J. H. Chapman is pastor there, and is a conscientious, faithful and indefatigable worker, and is leading his people into larger things. Most of the money necessary to make improvements on the meeting house, amounting to about a thousand dollars, has been raised, and it was expected that the work would begin the week following my visit.

In the afternoon I went with Bro. Chapman to the

Okolona

church, which is several miles from Tuscumbia. Bro. Chapman preaches there two Sunday afternoons in each month. A country school house has been used, but the Sunday following my visit they expected to occupy a larger and better house, a combination house—that is, the upper story will be occupied by the Woodmen of the World and the lower floor will be used for church and school purposes. Quite a good congregation was present at the service, men being in the majority. I am sure Bro. Chapman will develop this little band of saints as he will any people he serves.

At night I preached at

Sheffield,

where Bro. I. W. Martin, a genial, consecrated brother, is pastor. I heard from many sources that Bro. Martin has greatly improved this church since he became pastor. At present the church and town are feeling the depression caused by the shutting down of many enterprises, but are hoping that all of them will soon be running full time again. This church has many faithful, efficient members. I had quite a good audience at night, and the brethren listened with apparent interest to a sermon on "Tithing."

Monday night of the same week I preached at

Russellville,

where Bro. J. W. Partridge is pastor. The saints here, under the leadership of their efficient and aggressive pastor, have built one of the most attractive houses of worship in the state. It is a handsome house and is conveniently arranged for modern Sunday school work. The brethren are proud of their building, and have a right to be.

It rained Tuesday; it rained hard; it came down in torrents several times, but I took the afternoon train for

Haleyville.

where I was scheduled for a sermon that night. The weather was most unfavorable, but quite a number of persons were present, and I spoke to them. This town has suffered much in recent years from fires, but is nevertheless pushing ahead. They have a splendid school building and 300 pupils. Bro. J. T. Johnson, who practiced law for seven years, but later felt called of God to preach the gospel, is pastor here, and is a worthy brother, who is interested in all the

work relating to the kingdom of our Lord.

From Haleyville I went on Wednesday to

Oakman.

I did not see Bro. Morgan, who is the pastor at Oakman, as he was elsewhere helping in the Lord's work. As the house of worship was undergoing repairs he had written Bro. Longier that it would not be convenient to have me come. Later, and while Bro. Morgan was away, Bro. J. A. Huggins arranged for me to preach in the Methodist church, the pastor of that church very gracefully allowing us to substitute our service for his prayer meeting service.

The brethren at all of these places received me very kindly and gave me some money for our work. I have not yet heard a discordant note from preacher or layman about the work of our educational commission.

W. J. E. COX.

A FEW WORDS FROM VALDOSTA, GA.

My work here is progressing finely. Sickness and death in my family last year prevented me from doing any aggressive work, but since rallying from the shock I am made to rejoice as never before in the Lord's work and seeing the work prosper so well. We are in the midst of a fine revival without a protracted meeting. With only three services a week—prayer meeting and two sermons—we are having additions at almost every service. Twenty-nine have been recently received into the fellowship of the church. Large congregations. Since Christmas our prayer meetings have been remarkable for interest and attendance. The average attendance at our Wednesday night prayer meeting for the past five weeks has been 212. The finest interest in Bible study I ever saw. Respectfully,

JOHN E. BARNARD.

FROM THE SOUTHSIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM.

D. H. Marbury: "Our collections for January, February and March amounted to \$1,583.89, so you see we will not fall far short of the \$1,600 at which we were aiming, and that it is well to aim high. In order to correct any impression that might go out this was given by a few members, would say the total is made up as follows: Officers, \$295.39; adults, \$790.84; seniors, \$112.52; intermediate, \$109.83; junior, \$11.22; primary, \$64.09. The total number of contributions were 4,903, or an average of 376 per Sunday."

Go ahead, Bud, with the Southside school. I hope you will get turned down, but fear you will have to stand ahead for some time.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Find enclosed check for \$6, which I gladly send you. I am always glad to do anything I can to help the cause. I don't know that I could do a better thing to help than get my people to take the Baptist, for somehow those who take the paper make better members of the church than those who do not take it.—J. L. Stough.

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This book has grown out of the experience of more than 20 years as book editor of the Publication Society, and the rules formulated are those that have been repeatedly tried. It is only a small monograph, but it covers a great deal of ground. It begins with the preparation of the manuscript, and goes on to directions as to the reading of proof, as to what the author deems correct usage in punctuation, capitalization, compounding, etc., with suggestions concerning mistakes to be avoided, the making of an index and binding the book, etc.

"Import and Outlook of Socialism."

The doubling of the socialist vote in the United States at the recent elections, lifting the party into an actual prominence in the country and securing representation in congress, goes far to confirm the declaration of President Taft at Jackson that socialism is to be the next great issue before the American people. Intelligent consideration of the subject is therefore more than ever opportune.

In the present volume Newton



Mann, the author, with his customary large ability has sketched within moderate compass the rise of this movement through the Utopian communism of the first half of the last century, through the steady growth of an unconscious socialism in law and system, reaching in these latter days to a developed system of thought which contemplates nothing less than a social transformation of the world. He discusses the means by which, as is believed, the great change is to be brought about, and critically examines the grounds on which the socialist hope is built, treating in successive chapters the economic and the moral urgencies. He points out that socialism means fraternity, justice between man and man, the peace of individuals and of nations, the enfranchisement of woman, the realization on earth of the long-cherished dream of a heavenly kingdom.

He shows the existing social order to be at war with the ethics of the gospel, absolutely irreconcilable with both the word and the spirit of Jesus, breeding enormous inequality, hideous injustice, greed and oppression, instead of the brotherliness enjoined by the Great Teacher, and, so long as it stands, making hollow and hypocritical any general pretense to keep the golden rule or to love one's neighbor as one's self.

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These two books have now been issued by Dr. J. B. Moody, dean of the

Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn., in cloth for \$1. Anything written by Bro. Moody is well worth the attention of serious thinkers. To better guide those who read the book we publish Dr. Moody's letter:

"I suppose you are on the other side. Let me suggest that you read the last chapter (21) first. Take this as a key to part two. Then please read part two before you read the first part. All the angels of God cannot overthrow the conclusion of part two, because they are fallible and many fall and fall, but the word of God is infallible and will abide forever. If you had a thousand Scriptures, more or less, describing heaven as our final abode you would not weary in reading them, nor would any one. Now, we have these Scriptures describing our future places and states as plain as God can write them, and taken as their fair, full face value, believing as you read, you will get more heaven on earth than you ever dreamed of.

"Well, if the second position is true, and there is nothing plainer, then the first may be. By this route I hope to steer you and others around your inherited notions which we all hold as a sort of fetish. Read with all redness of mind and heart and let me know privately, or otherwise, what you have to say. With much love for you and the truth, I am—

"Fraternally yours,

"J. B. MOODY."

AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

After more than 40 years of close connection with the work of our associations, some of the weak places in that work becomes to me more and more apparent. I am sure that great possibilities for good lie in the hands of the chairmen of the standing committees. At the last session of my own association—the East Liberty—I requested the moderator to give me the chairmanship of the committee on "Aid to Old Preachers." I did this for the reason that I had in mind a special campaign for this worthy cause and could press it with more force as chairman of that committee. The suggestion that I am making in this note is that chairmen of the standing committees be not satisfied with only a report to the association, but in their official relation to the association make special effort to advance the interests of the cause concerning the progress of which they are to make report. This appreciation of the chairmanship of a committee would bring very gratifying results. If this falls under the notice of Secretary Crumpton I am sure it would have his hearty approval, and he would be glad to put into the hands of each chairman necessary literature for the purposes indicated. To write a report to be submitted to the association at the next meeting is a small task; but to fill in the year with earnest effort to advance the cause concerning which the report is to be made is work well worth the doing.

W. C. BLEDSOE.

LaFayette, Ala., April 4, 1911.

Dr. J. H. Foster, of Wilmington, writes: "I enclose \$2 for paper; as you trusted me for one year, I will trust you for one."

(If any one else desires to trust us we will gladly permit them to do so.)

ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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W. M. U. Watchword:

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

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Y. W. A. Watchword:

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.

"Be but faithful, that is all,
Go right on, and close behind thee
There shall follow still and find thee,
Help, sure Help".

DURING APRIL.

We study about South America.
We give to Foreign Missions and the other causes on our apportionment card which we have not helped to the best of our ability. "I can do all things through He who strengtheneth me."

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Northern District. Just this week, there are being held in this district three mission institutes; and we ask your prayers for them and for the Vice President of the district, Mrs. Henry Dill, of Birmingham.

Our work in the Coffee Association, where we have eight societies, but touch the life of only four of the thirty-four churches. The superintendent is Mrs. F. G. Rainer, of Elba.

Our missionary in Lanchow Fu, North China, Miss Cynthia Miller.

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

The reaching of our year's apportionment.

"Whatever the care that breathes thy rest,
Whatever the wish that swells thy breast,
Spread before God that wish, that care,
And change anxiety to prayer".

THEN AND NOW.

Last year we raised during April for Home Missions, \$1,716.45 and for Foreign, \$1,560.67. If we reach our apportionment, we must, during April, raise for Home, \$1,904.55 and for Foreign \$2,195.84, which means that we must raise over \$800 more this April than we did last April. It is hard to believe that we shall do this, but the very magnitude of the undertaking should challenge our faith. As we pray, let us ask that our faith be strengthened to believe, and then believing, let us ask that this wonderful blessing be given to us. We are so far this April, over \$1,200 ahead of our offerings this time last year, a fact that should stimulate us to renewed effort.

QUARTERLY LETTERS.

Please send your society's quarterly letter into your associational superintendent by Saturday, the 15th. In the letter, tell her how your society is getting along, what form of the work you all most enjoy, what the exact status of your society now is, whether or no you observed the January and March Weeks of Prayer, how many members you all have in your society, what the addresses of your officers are, whether or no your society will reach its apportionment by April 20th, and how many of your members are planning to go to the Jacksonville convention. Your superintendent will appreciate such a letter, and the work will be advanced more certainly be-

cause of it. Nothing is more conducive of success than enthusiasm at work through system.

THE JACKSONVILLE CONVENTION.

The time is drawing near for the great gathering of the Baptists in Jacksonville, Fla. There is every reason why we Alabama Baptists should have a large number there, and we do sincerely hope that many of our interested W. M. U. women will be there. It will be impossible for all of us to be appointed as delegates, for as a State we are entitled to only twenty, not including our State Vice Presidents. The Executive Board, at its April meeting, decided to hold to the plan of last year in appointing the delegates. This plan is to select four from each of our five districts, thus doing our best to have the benefits of the convention realized by every section of the State in like proportion. Let all those who plan to go send in their names to the Mission Room before the first of May.

THE PARIS OF THE AMERICAS.

Buenos Ayres, her capital, may well be called the "Paris of the Americas", so well developed, so liberal in thought and action, so care-free, so festive is she. Again, she may be denominated "the Chicago of the Southern hemisphere" when her commercial, nation-influencing spirit is felt. A population of more than a million and a third she claims. These are made up not of Argentines alone, but representatives of all parts of the globe. The Italian element prevails in numbers. It is claimed that about one-half the population are of that nationality, direct from the peninsula or descendants of but a few generations. Here, as in New York, have met and united the spirits of energy, ambition, thought, action, hope and purpose of the world's peoples. An almost indefinable, indescribable mass of humanity is the general population.

So much for the city as the average visitor will be impressed. Religiously, what are the conditions? Nominally under the power of Rome, but with awakened thought and understanding have come breaking away from the old systems of superstition, traditions and perversions. Among the men in general and the educated women are entering indifference and agnosticism. All the known creeds, sects, cults and isms are being introduced through the cosmopolitan influences and channels. All are finding adherents. The messengers of the gospel free and unhampered have been slow to hear and heed the voices of need and opportunity.—Baltimore Headquarters.

SOME QUEER THINGS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

In traveling through a South American village, you find almost all the houses only one story high, with very thick mud walls, to insure greater safety in earthquakes, which are frequent, though not often severe. Instead of a pleasant house with a pretty front yard, you see only plain walls as you pass along the street, but through the open door is seen the garden inside. The house is built around the yard instead of having the yard around the house. Flowers are abundant, and callas and geraniums, of

which we take such care at home, grow here without any care and are very little prized.

The houses have wooden ceilings painted white. Stretched from corner to corner of the room and crossing in the center are two pieces of tape for flies to settle on. A traveler here once saw these tapes and wrote them "all houses were braced with iron bars to hold them together because of the earthquakes"! All houses have not these conveniences, though nearly all need them, as flies are numerous and wire screens seem to be an unknown thing here.

The houses of the rich have to have from one to nine servants, according to their size, and each one has his or her own department, seldom doing anything outside of it. They all have plenty of leisure and are fond of sitting in the front door with their elbows on their knees for hours together. No baking, nor washing and ironing is done in the houses, so you may understand how little the servants have to do compared with those at home. To be sure every well-regulated South American family has five meals a day and that ought to keep the servants busy.

As you pass along the streets you notice that the sidewalks are many of them paved with small cobblestones, which tire your feet very much till you become accustomed to them. The street car conductors are all women with sailor hats and white aprons.—Selected.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.—Matt. vi:8.

Louis D. Brandeis, a Jew, is amazing the country with the intensity of his altruism and with the splendid service he is gratuitously rendering not "the people" only—as the demagog uses the phrase—but corporations and boards of trade as well. He said to a newspaper man: "Some men buy diamonds and rare works of art, others delight in automobiles and yachts. My luxury is to invest my surplus effort, beyond that required for the proper support of my family, to the pleasure of taking up a problem and solving, or helping to solve it, for the people without receiving any compensation. Your yachtsman or automobilist would lose much of his enjoyment if he were obliged to do for pay what he is doing for the love of the thing itself. So I should lose much of my satisfaction if I were paid in connection with public service of this kind."

If the preacher's wife and children go ragged, even like some of their brethren's children, these same brethren will remark about it and say: "I wish that woman would look more closely after her children's clothes. I wish she would dress up a little better. I never saw the Methodist preacher's wife look so common and tacky as our preacher's wife does. I am actually ashamed of her". Then, if she tries to look as well as she can, the same parties will say: "I think she is too stuck up. I don't have as nice clothes as she wears," when it may be the woman has no more than one or two decent dresses in her "wardrobe". Now, the preacher's wife has a hard place to fill. The preacher also has troubles of the same kind.—Joe S. Warlick, in Gospel Guide.

A PAGE OF MISCELLANEOUS SHORT ITEMS

A sermon is always preached to some one else.

Rev. Forrest Smith, of Sherman, Tex., will assist Rev. W. A. Wray, of Weatherford, in a meeting, beginning the middle of April.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Moody church, Chicago, since 1896, has been unanimously called to the pulpit of Metropolitan Tabernacle, London.

The Pastors' Association of San Antonio has passed resolutions of regret at the departure from that city of Rev. T. M. Thomas, who accepts the pastorate of the First church at Jasper, Tex., and now goes there.

Porto Rico now has 2,040 schools, 87,236 scholars, 1,736 teachers, and a rural school house in every village. When the United States took possession there was only one real school house on the island, and no public school system worthy the name.

It is now fairly assured that the day is not remote when United States senators will be elected by direct vote of the people. The house of representatives has passed a bill providing for this reform on four occasions, but hitherto the senate has always proved the stumbling-block.

Said the lovely girl: "Physical culture, pa, is perfectly fine. To develop the arms, I grasp this rod by one end and move it slowly from right to left". "Well, well!" exclaimed her father, "what won't science discover? If that rod had some broom corn on the other end of it, you'd be sweeping".

All who heard Miss Kathleen Mallory last week were much interested and edified by her practical and spiritual talks. Miss Mallory is the efficient secretary-treasurer of the State Baptist W. M. U. Her visit has resulted in the organization of an enthusiastic senior young woman's auxiliary.—Alexander Outlook.

Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Union Springs, is assisting Pastor James Allen Smith at Ashland in a revival service: The Progress says: "Each sermon has been full of earnestness and power and interest in the meeting has grown from day to day. Notwithstanding the busy times with the farmers and business men, the services have been well attended, the house being often crowded".

The church at Dickson has just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. The meeting was conducted by Home Board Evangelist T. O. Reese, and lasted for two weeks. The music was conducted by Mrs. Dr. J. H. Padfield and Mr. Edward Mason, both of Nashville. The audiences increased to the last. There were many professions of faith. The church was greatly strengthened and revived.—Baptist and Reflector.

We sincerely regret to learn of the recent death of Bro. John L. Trotman, of Troy. He was an active member of the Troy Baptist church and much engaged in Sunday school and other work of the church. He leaves a family of several grown up daughters, the eldest of whom was recently married to Mr. F. S. Wood, of Troy. His wife died several years ago. We offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

A few days ago, in the Montreal jail, a man of seventy years died of alcoholism. He had spent about thirty-five years of his life in jail. The jail and the barroom were his alternate homes. The bar paid for the privilege of making him a drunkard, and the country paid the inevitable penalty of its folly by maintaining policemen to arrest and a jail to accommodate the legitimate product of its licensed bars. And some people believe it is good business to legalize the traffic which does all this.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, says the fortification of the Panama canal is an absolute necessity.

"Here's to the army"! was a toast drunk long ago at a military celebration. "May it never want—and may it never be wanted"!

The Sunday school convention which met at Wesobulga Sunday, April 2, was a great success. It seems Judge Ingram and Hon. R. G. Rowland made a hit with strong speeches.

The new Diaz cabinet is officially announced and a new ambassador to the United States appointed. President Diaz sends a message to congress pledging sweeping reforms in elections, lands and judiciary.

Following the B. Y. P. U. convention, beginning April 23d, one of the home board evangelists will be with Pastor E. T. Smith at Prattville to hold a series of meetings. Bro. Smith during his first year, which was completed March 15, made a fine showing.

President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, will deliver the address at the commencement exercises of the University of Michigan on June 29 at Ann Arbor, Mich. On June 21 President Judson will deliver the commencement address at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Aked has realized certain personal disadvantages from being Mr. Rockefeller's pastor, much as he may esteem the great captain of industry. He has received in these four years not less than 7,000 letters from persons seeking his kindly offices in securing contributions from the Rockefellers.

The following item from the Alexander Outlook in regard to the First Baptist church was noted with pleasure:

"Prayer meeting growing in attendance and interest".

We wish such a report could be made from every church in the State.

Rev. John William Dean preached an excellent sermon at New Salem Sunday. He is a very able preacher and we all think a great deal of him. Rev. Obie Dunaway, of Mellow Valley, was with us. Rev. C. K. Parker, of Daviston, was also with us.—Alexander Outlook.

Mr. Thomas L. Lewis, late president of the United Mine Workers of America, is authority for the statement that that organization has paid out \$8,000,000 in strike benefits during the past eleven years. This, however, represents only a small part of the expense of a strike, as it does not include loss of wages, the sacrifice of property, nor the debts incurred while out of employment.

Henry J. Willingham, superintendent of education, is an A.M. graduate of Howard college, Birmingham, Ala., and in addition to his scholarship and fine experience in studying the school situation, he has enough energy and ability for continuous work to bring success to him in whatever he undertakes. We believe our educational institutions will be greatly strengthened under his administration.

The March number of the Watts' Official Railway Guide, Atlanta, Ga., is just inaugurating the twenty-sixth year of its publication. The railway lines of the South are shown in a clear and comprehensive form with miscellaneous information, and the most extensive hotel directory of the south, making it especially valuable to the traveling public and business office. Mr. J. R. Watts has well earned the success of his efforts in presenting the South the most complete sectional Guide extant. It is an indispensable hand-book of information well worth its price, 25 cents per copy, and only \$2.00 per year.

Rev. Charles Brown, a Baptist minister of London, succeeds Dr. J. H. Jowett as president of the National Free Church Council of Great Britain.

The Baptist people of Village Springs are planning to build a new church. The building is to be similar to the Oneonta Baptist church and will cost about \$1,500.

Rev. A. G. Spinks filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday at Midland City, preaching some able sermons to large congregations.—Southern Star.

"I have neither time nor inclination to pass panegyrics on the deceased", remarked a funeral orator. "Panegyrics", corrected a person present. "As you please, sir", remarked the orator stiffly; "the words are anonymous".

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul". "Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll".

And when He comes to call thee, arise and follow fast.

His way may seem dark, but it leads to light at last.

We are glad to note that an admirer of that great and good man, Rev. W. T. Davis, of Lineville, has an appreciation of him in the Headlight. Space forbids our reproducing it, but we desire to join with the brother in the estimate of Bro. Davis.

Robert E. Peary was commissioned, March 29th, "civil engineer in the navy with the rank of rear admiral on the retired list". The commission is dated April 6, 1909, the day on which he reached the North pole. It carries with it a salary of \$6,000 per annum as long as he lives. He has received also the thanks of congress by special act.

Lord, help me live from day to day,

In such a self-forgetful way,

That even when I kneel to pray,

My prayer shall be for others.

And when my work on earth is done

And my work in heaven's begun

May I forget the crown I've won

While thinking still of—others.

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 call 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 trahis 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 lie 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.

We can't keep house without the dear old Alabama Baptist. Wishing you much success in your great work, sincerely—Mrs. J. M. Presley.

Dear Barnett: I will give out the papers sent and try to get some to take the Baptist. Wish I could get 50. Dr. Preston Blake is with me in a ten days' meeting. Yours fraternally—J. J. Johnson, Sylacauga.

Dear Editor: May I find a short space in your issue for the month of April? As I've not been a guest to your paper in two years, I hope you will welcome me, as I'm a dear lover of your paper, which papa has been taking, and it's a welcome guest in our home. May the month of April find you in love and truth.—O. E. Pope, a School Girl.

Brother Barnett: I send you \$5. Move me to what date you think is right. Can't you send a preacher? Brother Crumpton sent a preacher to Washington county. He ought to send one to Choctaw. We have no preacher.—Lewis Jackson, Tullis, Ala.

(We hope some good preacher will get in correspondence with Brother Jackson.)

We had a glorious day at Dallas Avenue church, Huntsville, Sunday, March 26. Good congregation at the morning service in spite of the rain. Large congregation at night. Much interest is being shown by the unsaved. The members of the church are getting a vision of larger things. Enthusiasm in the B. Y. P. U. reached high water mark. After a very interesting program was carried out a very liberal collection was taken for missions. The outlook is hopeful.—A. P. Moore, Pastor.

We have a boys' Bible study at Clayton, and it is the very thing for boys. We have 24 members and average about 20 in attendance. The boys know more about the Bible than the average man or woman, and most of them take very much interest in our meetings. We meet every Tuesday night at the Baptist church. Our program committee arranges a nice program for us, and the Bible study is under the direction of our pastor, Rev. B. S. Railey. Although we meet at the Baptist church, the work is interdenominational. We would be glad to hear of similar societies in other towns, and would be glad to answer inquiries if stamp is sent.—James B. Laseter, President.

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

Enclosed you will find postoffice money order for \$2 for back dues. I am sorry that I am so far behind with my dues, but could not well help it. My wife and I are badly afflicted. I can read but little on account of my eyes and bad health. I am now four score years old, and have been a subscriber to the paper ever since it was published at Marion. Therefore I love the paper and its editor, and when my time is out for the paper you need not think I will get mad if you stop it. Fraternally yours.

(This from a dear old preacher. We wrote him that he need not send any more money, as we would put him paid for life.)

ALABAMA BAPTIST

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May you continue to give us as good paper in the future as you have in the past. Respectfully—W. C. Gewin, M. D.

We are doing very well down our section. We are very peaceable, only some grumble when the pastors press the collections pretty lively. You are giving us a good paper now. I will try to get you up some subscriptions. We travel towards Canaan's happy shore. Cordially—G. W. Duke, Allen, Ala.

Dear Brother Barnett: Send the paper to the following: B. M. Stone, W. T. House, H. W. Conoway, E. R. Harwell, Hollins, Ala. We are gradually working up an Alabama Baptist sentiment here. You can depend on us. Do not hesitate to command me. Fraternally—J. L. Aders, Hollins, Ala.

The first of this year Elder J. S. Edmonds, of Florala, Ala., came to this field at what he understood to be the call of God through His people here. Under his administration the church is taking on new life in all departments. Altogether it is heavenly to be in this country with the Baptist host of Arkansas, who are bringing things to pass along apostolic lines. "Ye are the light of the world."—Miss Essie Lanford, Mena, Ark.

A good brother writes: "I regret that I have placed myself on the list of delinquents from sheer neglect. This is bad on a preacher. Am I by myself? In a certain town, where there are eight Baptist preachers, half of whom are on the list of do-nothings, I heard the wife of one of them say she did not mind her husband resting a while, but she did not like the crowd he was with. Well, here is my subscription. I will get away from the delinquent crowd."

(If any one else wishes to get out of the "delinquent crowd" they can easily do so by paying up.)

Harry L. Strickland, our state Sunday school worker, was at the First church, Opelika, on Wednesday afternoon and evening in Sunday school mass meetings of the Tuskegee Association. On motion our associational organization was begun by electing W. W. Campbell, president; Dr. C. Ross Baker, vice-president, and H. T. Sanders, secretary and treasurer. May the spirit of God lead each of us in this great work till each of our schools is well organized and doing business for the Master. Lovingly—J. H. Wallace.

My work is as nice a little field as there could be had anywhere in the country, and as good a people as any country pastor deserves. My work is two Sundays at Reeltown, or Mt. Pleasant; one Sunday at Elam, four miles away; one at Salem, just six miles from home, and, by the way, the Tuskegee Association, meets with Salem this year, so we will expect you to come down and see our country, meet our people and have a good time. I will try to send some more names later. Fraternally—J. L. Stough.

Dear Brother Barnett: Your paper is good, but always better when paid for. Best wishes to you and yours.—J. L. Long.

Pastor G. L. Yates recently assisted Pastor W. A. Hamlett in a very gracious meeting with the First church, Temple, Tex. It was a meeting of large and blessed results. This ex-Alabamian is preaching to congregations that overflow his house, and the baptismal waters are frequently disturbed.

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 doubtful 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.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find \$1 for year's subscription to our Baptist paper. Send it to Rev. S. H. Harrison, Hope Hull, Ala. This is a colored preacher, but regarded by all who know him to be an exemplary Christian man. Respectfully, etc.—Mrs. A. J. Varner.

(We wish others would do as this good sister has done and send the paper to some worthy colored preacher.)

Our school is lively. R. S. Tillman, from Pike county, has just entered our school, preparing for a first grade certificate. He enjoys our nature's healing water, too. Bro. Darden, the Baptist missionary for Washington county, has his headquarters in the dormitory. Our new music teacher is from Enterprise, Miss., and is giving good satisfaction. I wish to call attention to our Summer Normal "ad" in this paper.—H. A. Barker, Principal, Healing Springs, Ala.

We had Brother Strickland, our state Sunday school secretary, with us and succeeded in organizing a Sunday school convention for the Tuskegee Association, to be known as the Baptist Sunday School Convention. I hope all our associations will organize at once and get ready for a state organization by the time our Baptist state convention convenes in July next. If we are Baptists let us be Baptists worthy of the name. May the Lord bless the work already begun. Fraternally—C. A. Strickland, Opelika.

We are making some progress. Have as our pastor now Bro. J. R. G. White, and under such an able minister and zealous worker we are doing more than we ever did before for missions, preacher's salary, church improvement and other causes. On last Sunday we adopted the duplex system of giving, which greatly increased our offerings for missions. If Brother White stays with us long enough he will be able to make us double every offering if he wants to, so much do we appreciate him and his services. Very sincerely—Nannie C. McWhorter, Hayneville.

A brother writes: "I like the paper. Go on with the good work. If you never get your reward here you will get it up in heaven from One who is able and willing to pay."

On the morning of the 3d inst. at Hoboken church, at 9:30 o'clock, gathered a goodly crowd of relatives and friends to witness the marriage of Mr. C. T. McCorquodale, of Salitpa, to Miss Gertrude Harris, of Hoboken community, both Baptists of the first water, and we predict for them a happy and useful future. The writer officiated.—J. W. Jones.

I will try to tell you what we are doing down here in the woods at Ebenezer church. We have just completed a new house of worship costing about \$600. It is about three miles west of Columbia, Ala. We have had a good Sunday school all through the winter, with the writer as superintendent. Pray for us down here. Yours for service—Joe Quattlebaum.

On March 24 we had the pleasure of attending a district Sunday school convention at Santuck, seven miles from Wetumpka. The program was an interesting one, and we had several able speakers with us, such as Rev. C. H. German, Rev. R. F. Stuckey, Rev. E. W. Coleman and quite a number of other prominent Sunday school workers. It was indeed a day of pleasure and profit. We think the people are waking up to the fact that the Sunday school is an important part of church work. God speed the day when the church shall fully awake to the importance of the Sunday school. The Sunday school has been called the work shop of the church. O, may our church members get in earnest and help us in this great work shop.—V. M. Harris.

Sunday, April 2 was a most pleasant and profitable day for the saints of Ansley church. Rev. L. H. Bowles, of Troy, preached a splendid sermon, his text being the parable of the good Samaritan. His discussion was edifying, and many of us were made to understand our obligations to our neighbors as never before. In the afternoon Sisters J. S. Carrol, J. B. Wiley and Miss Luther organized a Woman's Missionary Union, with the following officers: Mrs. J. R. Thompson, president; Mrs. W. H. Barnett, vice-president, and Mrs. J. M. Carter, secretary and treasurer. We are under lasting obligations to Bro. Bowles and these consecrated women for the day's labor of love given us. One month ago our church licensed our young brother, M. I. McLeod, to preach the gospel. He is an intelligent, consecrated young man, and gives promise of much usefulness. Under the auspices of our executive committee there will be held fifth Sunday meetings in April at the following churches: Antioch, Caldwell and Chapel Hill, at which appropriate programs will be rendered. Our executive committee reappointed that godly layman, J. T. Youngblood, as colporter for the current year. The churches were requested to take up special collections to maintain this important work. Under the leadership of Dr. J. L. Thompson our executive committee is going to do things this year for the Master. Fraternally yours—J. M. Carter.

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Enclosed find postoffice order for \$6, amount paid on subscription list. May heaven's blessing rest on you and your family. Yours truly—T. D. Bulger.

We had H. L. Strickland, Sunday school secretary, with us on a recent Sunday, and he gave us good help in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. matters.—A. G. Mosely, Wetumpka.

Rev. C. O. Stewart, of Atmore, Ala., is here, and the people know it. He is doing some fine preaching for us. He is a sweet, humble fellow, and God is surely with us. Pray for us. Success to paper and its readers.—J. W. Hoffman, Talladega.

Dear Frank: I would be glad to get you some new subscribers, but it seems like the brethren don't want to read our paper, although their houses are filled with other stuff. Find enclosed \$1. Your friend and brother in Christ—J. K. Nix.

Rev. C. R. Stewart will arrive today to hold a two weeks' meeting for us. Pray for us. We ordained two deacons at Pleasant Grove yesterday—W. T. Elliott and Frank Ogletree. Rev. J. H. Pope preached the sermon.—D. W. Coffman.

The friends of Bro. R. J. Adams (Uncle "Bob") will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his home in Ackerville on the 12th inst., in the 81st year of his age. He was greatly loved by young and old, and died in the faith.—M. M. Wood.

Had a good day at Epes yesterday; closed my eleventh year there. We are trying to build a new house of worship at West Green. Our Sunday school at Clinton is taking on new life and bringing things to pass. Sumterville keeps her steady old gait. Yours—J. E. Herring.

Rev. Z. W. McNeal, of Hartford, Ala., has recently been appointed missionary colporter by the executive committee of the Geneva Baptist Association. Bro. McNeal was ordained last Thanksgiving and is getting right into the work in his Master's vineyard.

We have started up a new Sunday school at this place, known as the Oakley Sunday school, and I want to ask an interest in the prayers of the many readers of your dear paper that our Sunday school may be a success and that I may be able to accomplish some good for our Master and may be able to help my dear husband in his work. Yours very truly—Mrs. W. T. Hall, Larkin, Ala.

The Baptist people here were happy to have the pastor preach for them Sunday, April 2. He has been in Louisville the past two months and will return this week to his work in the seminary, to be absent until June 1. After that he will take up his regular work here, which has been very helpful to our community. He is dearly loved by the people of all denominations. The district Sunday school convention was held Saturday, April 1, at Concord. A most enjoyable convention and splendid program and reports of schools.—F. Gunter, Bridgeport.

Dear Brother Barnett: Am anxious to hear from the artillery and the big battleships. The infantry and the little gunboats are doing well, but they are blue over not hearing the growl of the big guns.—W. B. Crumpton.

Our next Sunday school convention meets at Excel April 29-30. Have started a workers' meeting and home department in several schools since our last convention. Have started up six new schools.—A. L. Stephens.

I enclose \$2. Please place my subscription forward to January, 1912. May the Lord bless you and the little ones and help us to be more faithful to you and the Alabama Baptist in the future than we have been in the past. Yours very truly—W. H. Bedell.

Enclosed find two new names for the paper. This is the best I can do at this time. The Lord is blessing us up here. Pray for us. We are expecting this to be a banner harvest year for the Master. May God's richest blessings rest on our country pastors.—J. S. Brock, Crudup, Ala.

Dear Brother Frank: I never met you, but you feel like a brother to me sure enough. I have been taking the paper for years and have noticed your fight for righteousness all the way through. I have no hard time to study what is right, but just take down the Baptist and see and know the way. Will write you more cards. Your brother in Christ—Tom Blair, Center.

I take the Alabama Baptist, and can say that I hail with delight its coming, and wish every Baptist in Alabama would take it. However, my table does not look quite right to me, and I had rather there was a one or two where that little ought is. I thank you very much for your kindness in sending me the paper. Yours for service—W. B. Jones, Ashland, Ala.

Dear Brother: I received a sample copy of your paper and enjoyed reading it. I think I will subscribe for it. Last Saturday and Sunday were our regular preaching days. We had large crowds and good sermons. We have a noted pastor and an active Sunday school. Our Sunday school is preparing to erect a belfry to our church. Wishing you success in your great work, I am yours in His name—Felix Mayton, Aimwell, Ala.

Dear Brother Barnett: A word of praise for the good people in and around Mountain Creek for their kindness during the serious sickness of my son and his wife. They both seemed to be at death's door for some time, but by the attention of the good doctors—A. J. L. Dennis, of Verbena, and Maddox, of Mountain Creek; the merchants, who opened their doors and hearts to the supply of their temporal and physical wants, the prayers of the people and the help of a merciful God they are restored to health once more, and they and their three little children and all of us are happy and thankful to God and the good people. God bless them and you and yours.—J. L. Long.

I notice a mistake in my little card this week. I have had 25 additions to my church and 110 to my Sunday school; four by baptism and 21 by letter. My field is improving nicely. Yours in the cause—T. W. Coffman.

The Brantley Baptist Sunday school gave \$10 to Foreign Missions last Sunday. Will take a church offering for Home Missions Easter Sunday, though this is not the first in twelve months.—H. D. Wilson.

I am pastor of Hiram, Hatchechubbee and Good Hope Baptist churches; was at Good Hope last Sunday, and had a very good day; took a collection for Home Missions. The people there are very liberal. Yours in His service—A. Z. Mathews.

We haven't a pastor at present, but have a very good Sunday school and W. M. U. Brother Johnson came over from Haleyville and preached for us. We appreciated this very much. Our church is in debt, but we are striving to end this. Our church needs your prayers.—Mrs. O. W. P., Bear Creek.

Toyko, Japan, Feb. 20, 1911.—Dear Brother Barnett: I am sending you under a separate cover a photo of the teachers and students of the Japan Baptist Seminary, Tokyo. The school is making gratifying progress. I am enjoying the Alabama Baptist more than ever these days. With best wishes, yours sincerely—G. W. Boulton.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of Edgewater Baptist church at No. 13 Mines greatly surprised their pastor by giving him a large pounding. This society is only three weeks old, and this is their first work. I am proud of them, and we return our thanks to them and all who helped. May God greatly bless them all.—H. R. Schramm, Pastor.

The Baptists of this part of the vineyard are moving slowly. Brother Hatfield preaches for us twice a month—on 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 its best to ruin this section. Yours in the cause of Christ—A. J. Bedingfield, Rogersville.

At Elam Baptist church April 2 we held a Sunday school convention, which was quite interesting. Bro. J. S. Carroll, of Troy, and Bro. Parks were present. This is not the first time that Bro. Carroll has been with us, and every time he has something to say about his good wife at home. B. Davie, of Clayton, knows how to do things in a Sunday school. Rev. J. A. Phillips was one of the speakers in the afternoon. He stood up and predicted that the time would come when the poor people would not have to sign notes and mortgages. He said man would care for man, and if one was short the others would make him good. Yours truly—N. K. Byrd.

I would like to hold a revival meeting for some church without a pastor or assist some pastor in such a meeting. Yours in His service—A. Z. Mathews, Phoenix, Ala.

Our new pastorium is nearing completion, and we expect to move in before many weeks have passed. It is a two-story bungalow, and will be ideal in every way. Come to see us in it. Sincerely—A. G. Mosely, Wetumpka.

We are to have our annual revival services beginning the third Sunday in June. Rev. J. N. Vandiver, one of the Alabama brethren in the seminary, is to do the preaching. Pray that the Lord will give us a great meeting.—H. D. Wilson, Brantley, Ala.

Sunday, April 2, was a good day at Mt. Vernon. Prospects are bright for a good year with us. We have a good pastor (Rev. A. J. Johnson), and we hope to do more for the Lord than we have been doing. We hope in the very near future to have a new house of worship that will be a credit to our community. Wishing you great success in your work—A Member.

The church work at Union is progressing nicely. We are going to have a two days Sunday school rally there the 6th and 7th of May. Hope for a nice time. The people at Union are a progressive people. They make the work pleasant for their pastor, and that suits me, of course. I feel like the Lord is going to bless us with a good meeting this summer.—R. E. Owen.

April 4 we had with us Dr. W. J. E. Cox, but on account of rain only about 40 were present. His lecture was on China, and was highly appreciated by all who heard it. About \$20 were given to the schools. Several of our people will attend the Southern Baptist convention. We will hold a series of meetings the first of June. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. A. Huff, of East Lake. Come to see us and we will give you more subscribers. Respectfully—J. T. Johnson, Haleyville, Ala.

We held the first service in our new house at Sardis church the first Sunday in March and the Saturday before, and the house was dedicated last Sunday. We had an excellent program, and each one performed his part very well. We had a good congregation. The dedication service was in the forenoon, and in the evening we had Sunday school lectures and organized a right good Sunday school. Pray for us, that we may ever be found working for the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom.—G. W. Ingram, Section, Ala.

The Baptists are not doing much in my community. Only myself and some of my loved ones are Baptists. I have not done much preaching yet, but that will be my life's work when I get better prepared. I am trying now to prepare myself to attend the Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton, where I have been one term. I am going to try in the near future to get a new subscriber or two for you or send the money and have the paper sent to some one.—C. D. Walker, Caswell, Ala.

A HOME MISSION CRISIS.

We publish elsewhere an article from Rev. Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary of the Home Mission Board, which indicates that some heroic giving must be done in this month if the Home Board is to meet its obligations and come to the convention out of debt.

It will be seen by studying the figures in the article that \$40,000 more must be raised in the South for Home Missions than was raised in April last year if the board is to report out of debt. The receipts up to April 1st were only slightly in excess of receipts last year.

From Alabama, outside of the bequest of Brother C. G. Bush, the Home Board has received only \$9,633 up to April 1st, against \$11,142 last year. In other words, the receipts are about \$1,500 behind the same date last year. The situation looks even worse if we remember that \$3,000 of the \$9,633 came as a jump gift from the State in connection with one of the Home Board mission schools, and not from the church.

For the whole eleven months the churches in our State have raised only \$6,633 for Home Missions. This is distressing. It is not such an amount as the Baptists of Alabama are willing to have represent their liberality and interest of our people in the great and enlarging cause of Home Missions.

The situation calls for some heroic work on the part of our pastors and churches during the present month. The pastors are the leaders and every crisis in our work has been passed successfully, if at all, by their self-sacrificing and devoted helpfulness.

The Home Board cries out for such helpfulness just now, and we add to the cry our own hearty amen! There should be some heroic giving for Home Missions between now and May 1.

ALABAMA AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Up to the 5th of April Alabama Baptists have sent to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond \$11,990. Alabama's apportionment for the year is \$36,000. This leaves a little over \$24,000 yet to be raised. These figures do not include the Bush bequest, which is to be held as an invested fund. This large task of raising \$24,000 still confronts the churches of Alabama. Can it be done? Up to the present the churches of Alabama have made very little advance over last year. Surely our people are not willing to stand still when the work abroad is going forward so gloriously; but whatever advance Alabama is to make in the foreign mission work will have to be made during the closing weeks. Dr. Ayers wrote recently that he had never seen anything like the marvelous awakening in North China. Our missionaries in China report 1,500 baptisms for 1910. This is glorious. The reports from all the other fields are encouraging. There are now 220 young men in our theological schools and 128 women in the training schools. All these native workers will soon be ready to help in carrying the gospel to their own people. Surely it is no time for retreat in our foreign work. All of Alabama's band of noble missionaries are turning their eyes toward their own beloved State at this time. They are expecting their brethren to sustain the work. Shall they be disappointed?

By order of the convention, the books of the Foreign Mission Board do not close until midnight, Monday, May 1. This leaves three more Sundays in which foreign mission offerings can be secured. Will not every church which has not already taken its offering do so on one of these Sundays? Can not the churches which have already given something take a special offering in view of the threatened debt on our foreign mission work? Are our people ready for retrenchment in our foreign mission work? Have we gone too far? Are we unable or unwilling to sustain the advance? Unless the threatened debt of about \$75,000 on our foreign mission work can be averted, retrenchment will be necessary. Surely this is not a time for turning back. All students of foreign mission work agree that there has never been a more favorable time for pressing the battle on all the fields. We must go forward.

EDITORIAL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS TO APRIL 8, 1911.

We have received:

For Home Missions\$10,625.97
For Foreign Missions 15,346.28

We gave last year:

For Home Missions\$18,787.49
For Foreign Missions 25,264.29

The convention asked of us this year:

For Home Missions\$25,000.00
For Foreign Missions 36,000.00

THE SMITH LIQUOR BILL

Governor Emmet O'Neal, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, affixed his signature to the Smith regulation bill, and by that act it became the law of the State of Alabama.

Under the bill the cities of Alabama are divided into classes, A, B, C, and D. In class A, Birmingham is the only city. It permits only one saloon to each 3,000 population, and requires a license of \$3,000 annually. In Mobile a saloon for each 1,000 population is authorized, and the license for each saloon is fixed at \$1,500. In class C Montgomery is the only city. Montgomery will be allowed a saloon for each 1,000 population and the license will be fixed at \$1,500 annually. In class D, are such cities as Selma, Bessemer and Huntsville. In class E will be cities of less than 1,000 inhabitants. The license in each of these cities will be \$1,000. All saloons must close at 11 o'clock p. m. and not be opened until 6 o'clock a. m.

No liquor can be sold in any county until an election is held under the terms of the Parks local option bill. No county can have an election on the question of selling liquor until 45 per cent. of the qualified voters of that county have petitioned the judge of probate to call an election, and then he can not call that election under thirty days. At the election the voters can vote whether or not the county shall sell whiskey at all and if by any method, whether it shall be by dispensary or saloon. When that election has been held and the sale of intoxicants, through a licensed saloon or dispensary is permitted, the Smith bill sets down regulations governing that sale. It provides for an excise commission to regulate the sale in every county in which the sale of liquor is permitted. In the smaller counties the board of revenue is made the board of excise commissioners. In Birmingham the city commissioners will also discharge the duties of excise commissioners. In Montgomery, in Mobile and probably in other cities, excise commissioners will have to be appointed by the governor. A provision of the bill provides that hotels having more than thirty rooms can establish a bar, in addition to this number, by paying the license fee of \$1,500. Social clubs established over three years ago, and which have bona fide organizations since then, will be permitted to dispense liquors to their members on payment of a license fee.

Where dispensaries are established, the county draws 45 per cent. of the profits, the town in which it is located 45 per cent. and the State 10 per cent. Where a license system is established the city draws 40 per cent, the county 40 per cent, and the State 10 per cent.

Let those who are against the legalized sale of whiskey get together and make a last ditch fight.

A CALL TO DUTY.

In these days, as in olden times, God calls faithful men to certain duties of a very exacting nature. The people to whom God sends a servant may be in a state of lawlessness and moral corruption, and the man's duty may be one requiring a great deal of courage and persistency; but, being true to God, he will fearlessly perform his whole duty. It may be one of warning and also protest, but it must be done in all fidelity, regardless of consequences to the servant himself. So it was in Old Testament history, when God called prophets to proclaim His messages to a rebellious and hard-hearted people. Those servants were told to set their faces like a flint toward such people, demanding an abandonment of their evil ways, and a return to God. God's word to the sturdy and strenuous Ezekiel was: "The children are impudent and stiff-hearted; I do send thee unto them, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, and they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them." Here was a call from God which threw upon the prophet a duty of large import. It must be discharged without the least compromise with the lawless ones. Their boldness and defiance must not prevent the prophet from unflinchingly executing the will and work of God. They might refuse to give any heed to the words of the Lord's servant, except to scorn them; they might threaten to do him bodily injury; they might seek to utterly silence him; but he must not desert his post of duty, and he did not. He might not be able to win a single convert to the Lord's side; he might not succeed in changing the attitude of even one person; but that would not be his fault; the whole burden of blame would be on the evil-doers, and it was. Thus it is today. Some of us have been called of God to combat certain great evils; we are called to some duties of a very unpleasant character; we are called to protest against licensed iniquity; ours is the duty to wage war against a traffic which is destroying the moral and spiritual welfare of our young people; shall we be true to that call? What Christian says that he will not be true to such a duty? All of us should do our best to secure reform and redemption, even though we do not presently succeed as well as we desire. In the name of God we will warn and entreat, and shall not be held guilty of remissness in duty. Be brave to the last.

A CHINESE STATESMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Democrat-Reporter recently published an interesting letter received by Mr. Alex C. Thomas, of Rembert, a kinsman of Miss Willie Kelly. In it she said:

"There has been a great queue cutting lately, and not long ago, Miss Tucker's, our new lady, teacher appeared divested of his, and he looked too queer for anything.

"Mr. Wu Ting Fang led in the example. This gentleman made an address to our girls at the closing exercise the last of January, and told the girls that the time was coming when they need not marry unless they wished, which was heresy indeed, as you know you must marry in China. You will recall that Mr. Wu was formerly minister to the United States. Madame Wu and daughter-in-law were also present. We have a fine new building now, presented to the Eliza Yates' school by Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Yates' daughter."

We congratulate Miss Kelly on having so distinguished a Chinese statesman to address the school. We believe his presence with his wife and daughter-in-law means much for our mission work in China.

The death of Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, the able editor of the Baptist Courier, at Greenville, S. C., on April 1st, removes from the ranks of Southern Baptist journalism one of the old guard who for more than a score of years has fought for the things for which Southern Baptists stand. His death will not only be a loss to South Carolina Baptists, but his voice will be missed in the councils of Southern Baptists. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES.

The Bible institute at Newton has been written up by several, but I must say something of it, too. I will speak only of things about which there has been no mention.

That Last Night

was a memorable occasion to me. Probably 350 were in the audience, most of them young people. Dr. Carver read Hebrews, first, and second Peter, the three epistles of John and the book of Revelation. Of course he did not read every word, but he gave the substance, commenting as he went. I was where I could easily see the whole of the audience. Almost every one of them gave him undivided attention to the end. It was a compliment to the professor; it was a greater compliment to his audience. I doubt if this can be duplicated anywhere in Alabama.

These young people are in a Christian school; they are familiar with the Bible. It is taught them in the school and in the great Sunday school they attend. This accounts for their interest on this occasion. I found pupils there from far up in North Alabama and West Alabama. Why are they here? Because the school has established a reputation as a Christian school, free from the tobacco habit, match games and extravagance in dress.

Here is a speech one brother makes wherever he goes in answer to the question, "What shall we do with them"—meaning our boys and girls when they are ready to go from home to school:

"Serious question that. If you had a fine pointer pup, you wouldn't put it into the hands of just anybody to be trained. If you had a fine, blooded colt, wouldn't you be very careful to find its trainer among those who understood it and had an interest in the business of horse training? What about your boy or girl? Will you be less careful in the selection of those who are to train your children? Parents are becoming alarmed about their children. 'Where shall we send them?' is more and more a question with them."

Doubtless some who go to Newton will be a disappointment to their parents, but with the Christian spirit permeating the school parents feel safe in entrusting their children to its care.

If the Baptists of Alabama will put the buildings there we will have 1,000 pupils in attendance from the Christian homes of the state in five years. It will be the most natural thing in the world for them to step from Newton into our Christian colleges for boys and girls.

I want to see these Bible institutes multiplied in Alabama. Any community in the state can have one.

At Langdale.

Robert Bledsoe is an enthusiastic layman. I have often met him in his association, and from his church I hear each month, according to the schedule. It was my pleasure to spend a night in his home at Langdale. I was much impressed with the number of strong young men he introduced me to, members of the church. The Baptists have a good organization, but they worship in a union house, erected by the company. I doubt if another church in the state can show a better



REV. T. O. REESE,
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record as to the number of young preachers sent out. I was given the names of five, and some of them are among our most useful preachers. A brother comes from Columbus, Ga., and ministers to the Langdale saints once a month.

At Riverview.

a short distance below Langdale, I found a strong organization in a good house of worship. They furnished me a fine congregation and as good music as one can find anywhere. Brother George Bell comes from Dadeville once a month to preach to them. I am sure they would consider the question of half time if they were not afraid they would have to give up their present pastor, of whom they are very fond. In the afternoon I had an appointment at Shawmut, a large cotton mill town. By sacrifice on the part of the membership and the liberality of the company they have a splendid house of worship, well located and entirely free from debt. Young Brother Crowder is the pastor. He can give but little time to them, as he is in school over in Georgia. All of these mills, with the Chattahoochee railroad, belong to the same company. All of them are run by electricity, supplied from the Central mill at Langdale, the Chattahoochee river being the power used.

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At Lanett.

I preached at night to a fine audience. Probably there are 4,000 people in this town. The state line separates it from West Point, Ga. Brother Cranford, a young brother from Georgia, lives there and preaches twice a

month. He is doing a great work. Senator Jim Norman is a member of this church, and they are all very fond of him. These great mill towns, bordering the Chattahoochee river, are all in Chambers county and in the East Liberty Association. Strange to say, only one of them has ever had any help from the outside. Their wide-awake Sunday schools make up in large measure for the short time service of their pastors.

After the strenuous day in three pulpits, miles apart, the preacher was in fine shape for a night's rest in the lovely little home of Professor Leatherwood. The new housekeeper seemed proud to entertain the weary preacher. Surely the Lord will reward His servants whose doors hang on easy hinges for His tired servants.

At Lanett the mill company has erected a magnificent school building at a cost of \$27,000. It is said corporations have no souls. One has only to keep his ears open while he travels to find that it is not so of all of them. The problem of labor and capital can be easily solved. The mill company at Lanett and the company running Shawmut, Langdale and Riverview are solving it without trouble.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

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The friends and lovers of Alabama have watched with great interest the war against the powers of darkness which has been waged by the forces of righteousness in the state, and in which you have done so noble a part, and they have hung their heads in shame and bitter disappointment over the final defeat. I count myself among those friends. The memories of a happy pastorate in the state and the love of one of her fairest and noblest daughters binds me to her, and I feel a deep sense of shame that the money and minions of the devil and drink should have triumphed over the better citizenship in the fight for a cleaner, soberer and more intelligent state.

The repeal of the prohibition law—which is the practical meaning of the recent legislation—is a long step backward, of course, and it will take years to regain the ground that has been lost. But if the liquor gang imagine the war is over they don't know the temper and tactics of that veteran, but virile, captain of the Anti-Saloon League. If they know the spirit of that noble old war horse as the Baptist brotherhood knows it they will not rest easy in their success. Dr. Crumpton is a great soul. The jiber he gets the more vigorous and militant he grows. May he live a hundred years to keep it up. The state of Alabama, and especially the Baptists, will owe him a big debt when the account is rendered in full.

North Carolina has set a worthy example to the other prohibition states of the south. At the session of her general assembly just closed laws were enacted prohibiting the sale of "near beer" and the handling or selling of intoxicating liquors by social clubs. These acts were passed to strengthen and improve the prohibition law, which has been a great blessing, morally and materially, to the state. The governor in his message to the legislature said the law had reduced crime, increased the savings and promoted the prosperity of the state. The sentiment in its favor has grown rapidly in the two years it has been in force.

Things are going well with me. The improvements upon our church building have been completed, except the organ, which will be installed in the summer. The total cost of these improvements, including the organ, will be about \$30,000, and we have a plant which for practical arrangement and commodiousness is excellent.

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Howard College took off the honors last night in a debate with Auburn, and the triumph was made doubly sweet for the Baptist boys especially, since it afforded them a chance to settle an old score with the Auburnites, by whom they were defeated in football last fall.

The debate last night drew a large crowd, many of whom went from Birmingham to hear the different sides of the question, "Resolved, That the Trusts Are a Disadvantage to Society," as represented by Howard and Auburn. The affirmative side of the subject was ably and eloquently presented by the boys of the Birmingham Institution, but their arguments were replied to with equal force and animation by the representatives from the Polytechnic Institute. The negative side of the question was evidently the wrong side, and the defeat of the Auburn boys is due more to this fact than to their lack of ability at handling their side of an argument.

The Howard debaters were J. M. Rogers and J. G. Pinson, and the speakers for Auburn were S. R. Cruse and M. M. Carwell. Each of the speakers acquitted himself with credit and the affair was enjoyed by all who had the privilege of being present. The judges for the occasion were Judges R. B. Kelly, C. W. Ferguson and John C. Carmichael. W. D. Hall, of Auburn, presided at the meeting, and the music for the occasion was furnished by the boys from the Industrial School, who received much applause for their selections.—Age-Herald, April 8, 1911.

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Word of Welcome in Advance From the Host of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In less than six weeks Southern Baptists will be gathering in the Florida metropolis for the sixty-sixth annual convention. Florida has never had the convention, and this will be a great occasion for the peninsular Baptists. We wish to assure our brethren of a cordial welcome in advance. We are to meet in the state where civilization began its onward march in North America, and yet a state where the mission field is as needy as anywhere in the great west. It has been 400 years in round numbers since Ponce DeLeon and his sea-worn crew landed at St. Augustine, and on that beautiful Eastern morning, among the flowers of a new paradise, unfurled the Spanish flag, erected the Christian cross and claimed a new continent for the Spanish crown.

Old Florida and New Florida.

Florida is unlike any other state. It is different from the old south and the new west. Older than the oldest, and as new as the newest, it has needs as great as the growing west and difficulties greater. Under the Spanish, and later under the French and English, Florida made little progress. Being Catholic in its primitive population, Protestant Christianity had little opportunity. It is only in the last quarter of a century that the flowery state has caught the step of western civilization. Old things are rapidly passing away and all things becoming new. The Spanish quarters in St. Augustine, with its narrow streets and quaint houses, a lone section of the city wall and gate, the old Spanish fort, the site of the old slave market and a remnant of the Seminole tribe in the Everglades are about the only relics of old Florida that remain. New Florida can hardly be called even a child of the old Florida. It was not so much the awakening of the sleeping natives that made new Florida as the coming in of a new people, with new energy and new ideas, from the north and more progressive sections of the new south.

The City of Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, the chief city of Florida, and the gateway to Florida and Cuba, has a population of about 70,000, the last census taken by the city a year ago showing 67,000. Jacksonville has had a marvelous growth within the last ten years. Since the great fire of 1901, in which the city was practically swept off the map, a new and better city has risen, Phoenix-like, out of the ashes of the old, and stands forth in strength and beauty to welcome the hosts of Baptists who will gather within her gates.

The convention will probably be one of the largest in its history. Our Baptist kin are coming en masse from adjacent states and from all parts; from the islands and foreign lands they are coming, and we wish to assure all a most cordial, old-fashioned southern welcome. Brethren of Florida, of the south, north and west, from anywhere, everywhere, Parthians, Medes, Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, and all the rest, just come in, sit

right down and make yourselves at home.

Take Notice, Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

All delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention who desire to help in making the convention a great success, as well as minister to their own comfort, must arrange for their entertainment before arriving in the city. See announcements regarding accommodations, and write to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Rev. W. L. C. Mahon, 121 East Eighth street, and secure reservation at once. This is very important. If every delegate comes into the city with the matter of location settled it will add more than any other one thing to the comfort and satisfaction of all concerned.

Committee Chairmen Southern Baptist Convention.

Below we give a list of the chairmen and their addresses, who will have charge of the whole matter of the entertainment of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We would call especial attention of the brethren and of the press to the fact that Rev. A. W. Bealer has been secured as special representative of the Associated Press, to begin his work one month before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Bealer is well known both to the press and to Southern Baptists, and no more capable man could have been secured. His services will be a guarantee to the excellent character of the press reports of the convention. Dr. Bealer will arrive in Jacksonville April 19. Up to that time his address will be Murfreesboro, Tenn. After April 19 his address will be 125 West Church street.

Committee Chairmen.

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(This is a nice way to do it. He was paid to January, 1911, and yet he puts it as if he had been favored for not being requested to pay ahead.)

PROGRAM

For Fifth Sunday Meeting at Concord Church, Two Miles East of Clanton, Ala., April 29 and 30.

Saturday, April 29.

10 a. m. Devotional exercises—E. H. Parrish.

10:30 a. m. Organization.

10:40 a. m. Baptist Sunday school work in Alabama.

"Are We as Baptists Capable of Doing Our Own Sunday School Work?"—W. M. Olive.

11:15 a. m. Sermon—R. H. Long. Dinner.

1:30 p. m. "Woman's Work in the Kingdom"—Rev. Miles, of Marbury.

2 p. m. "Lordship of Christ in World-wide Evangelism."—F. M. Woods.

2:45 p. m. "Family Religion; Its Necessity and Scope"—J. W. Jones and W. H. Connell.

Sunday, April 30, 1911.

9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises—J. C. Abernathy.

10 a. m. Sunday school.

11 a. m. Sermon by appointee.

2 p. m. "Laymen's Movement"—W. I. Mullins.

2:30 p. m. "What Part of Our Income Belongs to the Lord?"—A. E. Davis and F. M. Woods.

Appointment of place of next meeting.

Adjourn.

Churches and Sunday schools are requested to send messengers.

J. BILLINGSLEY,

Chairman Executive Committee.

DEATH OF MRS. J. C. SPENCER.

On Tuesday, March 2, Mrs. J. C. Spencer passed to the great beyond. For a number of years she had been in ill health, but in all of her suffering she manifested a most remarkable spirit of submission and resignation.

She was born on November 9, 1866, and died March 2, 1911. On December 16, 1885, she was married to Mr. J. C. Spencer. In early life she joined Antioch Baptist church, of which she was a consistent member at the time of her death. She was universally loved by all who knew her. Her relatives, church and friends sustain a distinct loss in her death. We pray God's blessings upon the heart-broken family.

J. A. DICKINSON.

Marion, April 4, 1911.

On Monday evening, April 3, the spirit of Sister Lena McCarley took its flight to the better world. The deceased leaves a husband, four children, three brothers and one sister to mourn her death. Sister McCarley joined the Missionary Baptist church at Rock Springs, Chambers county, Ala., at a very tender age, being baptized by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.

In her death the church loses a consecrated Christian, the family a precious, affectionate mother and wife the brothers and sister a most devoted sister. May the dear Lord lead those precious little feet in the way the mother has gone is our prayer.

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The national government and state authorities are taking much interest in pure food products, and we are learning what to eat and drink, and what to avoid for the benefit of our health, to live the limit of the life allotted to humanity. We are also learning the best way of cooking approved foods for human consumption. The perfect assimilation of food depends much upon proper cooking and seasoning, and to disregard such produces a very unhappy state, but generally resulting in indigestion.

Variety of food is the enemy of indigestion, but this variety should not consist of meats and bread alone; the system needs stimulating as well as nourishing food, or, in other words, meats, breads, and vegetable products. The best results obtained from the use of vegetable products are when properly seasoned and cooked in their natural state, but when conditions render them impossible to procure in their natural state, science has added various ways to preserve them; one of the most important is the successful preservation of Mexican Chili Pepper in a dried powdered form, and wherever introduced it has completely revolutionized kitchen recipes in which spices of the pepper variety are used.

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CAPT. DAN EDWARDS.

By J. J. Johnson.

"A prince in Israel has fallen." Shiloh church (Dallas county) has been dealt a staggering blow. Every good cause has lost a nobleman and the whole world a friend. One by one God's children are going home. Gone is Capt. Dan Edwards.

Coming to Alabama nearly five years ago to consider the pastorate of Pleasant Hill and Shiloh churches, in Dallas county, it was my very good fortune to pass within the door to the home of this good man, which was ever a dear place to me thereafter, inasmuch as it was the first home to receive me after reaching this good state, and likewise because it was always open to me with its every comfort. I returned to my home in Virginia, telling my wife of Bro. Edwards, how he met me fully 30 steps from his front gate and with what cordiality he received me. I knew I was in the hands of a friend and Christian brother.

I have often wished to know if my impression upon him was as delightful to him as his upon me was to me. My friend was then 71 years of age, but his whole manner was such as attracts and inspires youth. I then and there felt blessed by his acquaintance, and it is only just that I should say the life of no man has meant quite as much to me as his since I came to Alabama. He was ever rich in Christian advice and always glad to assist his young pastor in any way he desired. A willing worker, a brother beloved, a deacon to depend upon, I as his pastor for two years was always encouraged to undertake whatever task lay before me. He contributed largely to the success of my ministry in that charge. Also since I have worked in my present charge his example has been a blessing to me, and even now, though dead, yet he speaketh. He cannot be forgotten. I am helped day by day on my way to heaven by reason of the life of Bro. Edwards.

As a citizen Capt. D. B. Edwards stood in first place everywhere in Dallas county. Everybody respected him and honored his manly character. He threw the weight of his whole being against everything which did not make for the good of the people. He was one of the greatest contenders for the right his county ever had, and he knew how to crush evil. His friends will surely miss his arm when they come to their next task.

The best thing of all about Bro. Edwards was that he was a true Christian. He glorified his Lord on the earth. He loved his brethren with that love that maketh certain the child of God. Ah, a few times when all could so clearly see this love of the brethren is never to be forgotten. He loved the whole world and deeply yearned for the day when the nations which know not God as yet should come to know Him through Christ. His church will miss his loyal spirit as she carries on the work committed to her, but let us believe that God will raise up one of her younger men to take his place as leader.

God bless the church and all the people, for they love God and made delightful the work of the writer as he labored in the midst of them. I speak

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The liberality of the Home Mission collection in our Southern Baptist churches this month will lengthen the lever that lifts the world. If there is lack of liberality the lever will be shortened.

In the Home Board offices we are very anxious about the outcome—anxious because the problems of this nation that are to be solved, if at all, through an effective Christianizing of American civilization—anxious because the Christianity in the whole world depends upon its future in America, and its future in America depends largely upon its efficient grasp in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We are dealing with problems of stupendous importance, of incalculable significance. Christianity must dominate the southern civilization. The alternative is the dominance of a crass and vulgar materialism. Home Missions is the combined effort of Southern Baptists to shoot southern civilization through and through with that Christian spirit that shall make us able to hold on to that idealism that made great the past of the south. The Home Mission Board is the Southern Baptist clearing house, whereby the liberality of Southern Baptists is made effective to supply the destitution and need of the whole south. It is a fact that Southern Baptist wealth is increasing at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day, and, with the bounty of Almighty God being poured with unparalleled liberality into the lap of the south, the Home Mission agency of the Southern Baptist denomination, which has 2,300,000 members and 23,000 churches, is in distress and anxiety today as to whether this great host will strengthen its arm for service to the extent of \$400,000 for the year. We have received from churches throughout the conventional territory up to April 1 \$108,090.70; from other sources we have received \$11,494, making a total of \$119,585. But \$10,000 of the supplementary receipts are not available for the expenses of the current year.

The receipts from the churches are about \$200 greater than they were on the 1st of April last year. If we are to close the year without debt we will need \$40,000 more than we received altogether last year. We will need during the month of April not less than \$260,000, though we raised during the month of April last year only \$220,000.

Alabama has sent in up to April 1 \$9,633 of its apportionment of \$25,000. During last year your state raised in April \$11,142. In order to meet the apportionment for this year it will be necessary for Alabama Baptists to raise \$15,366 during the month of April. We need every dollar of it. And the brethren of Alabama are able to give this amount, and would be blessed in the giving.

We appeal to faithful men to come to our assistance in this emergency. The greatness of the cause is worthy of heroic effort on the part of the pastors, who lead in winning every victory. This kind of effort in a pull altogether, and a pull at once, will save the day and put the Home Board in good shape for the large advances

it ought to make as the Southern Baptist agency for redeeming the lost and building up the cause of Christ in our own country.

GOES TO FLORIDA.

Pleasant Hill, Ala., April 4, 1911.

Dear Brother Barnett:

After being out of the pastorate for four years I am going back again within its sacred folds. I have no doubt in the world that I would have been much happier if I had never left it; but we all make mistakes, and I have made mine—not only one, but many, and as I come back into the fold of ministers I feel that it is not my work, but the leading of the Lord. I was on a lecturing tour through the west when news came to me through my beloved brother, Uriah Vinson, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., that that church wanted me. I wrote candidly of my dereliction of duty for the past four years, as I am no part of a hypocrite, nor did I want to take a church on false pretenses, and as he did not have my address he sent to my wife a letter telling me to come to DeFuniak, as that church wanted me, and so I returned home from Chicago and on to DeFuniak, Fla., where I have been called for all my time and where I will enter on my work at once. I am writing to my good brother, Jake Bishop, this evening at dear Old Fort Deposit, Ala., for a letter for myself and wife, and we will take up the work assigned by the Master. I know that I will at first do the work in a faltering manner, because of the four misspent years, but with a bravery that finds in the crucified Christ its sweetest expression of duty resumed, and I earnestly request all the brethren of the ministry whom I learned to love in the years that are gone to remember me at a throne of grace, that I may be faithful to the end.

Yours fraternally,

SIDNEY J. CATTS.

(We pray God's blessing upon Bro. Catts in his new field.)

SPECIAL NOTICE.

As the last day of April falls on Sunday this year, the books of the board will be kept open until Monday, May 1, by order of the Southern Baptist Convention. Now, let all treasurers of churches and societies remember that the funds for Foreign Missions must be sent so as to reach Richmond, Va., on or before May 1, or they cannot be counted. If collections are taken Sunday, April 30, and it is desired that they be counted on this year, you can wire Monday that you send a check by mail for the amount, and the telegram will be received as cash. The amount of money can be wired either to Richmond or to the officer in your state who receives the mission funds (not, however, to both). The state officer will wire to Richmond Monday evening the amount he has on hand to send.

As we have had great hindrances in many churches in taking collections, perhaps we can gain a great victory by a number of churches getting a good collection on April 30 and wiring the amount Monday.

Fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

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Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of March, 1911, by the Hon. J. P. Stiles, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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A COUNTRY PASTOR'S NEWS.

With ten years' experience with country churches I see some of the serious problems confronting our work. I believe a greater interest is manifested by our country churches for the last few years for our denominational work, though the lack of interest is appalling yet, and I believe the country pastors are responsible to a great extent for failing to inform themselves in regard to the needs of our Baptist cause at home and on the foreign field, for about all that we have learned or tried to learn has been what we have heard at the association from some of those consecrated men of God who have been placed at the head of our work. Then partly for want of courage and on account of indifference on the part of some of our members in regard to missions. We even fail to mention what we heard, much less to study and teach it.

It is astonishing how we will grovel on in ignorance, while we can for the small sum of \$1.50 have all the information necessary for any pastor in regard to our work at home and in the foreign field by taking the Alabama Baptist, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. Besides these there are thousands of tracts, which our secretaries would gladly mail to us free of charge.

We could hardly estimate the value of our publications, especially these papers, which keep us directly in touch with our brethren at home and across the deep. Not more than one-fourth of our country preachers read these papers.

I believe we should esteem our papers next to our Bible, because the Bible teaches us our duty to God and the lost nations of earth and our papers tell us where we may bestow our labor to the greatest advantage. The tracts give us the best ideas of our brethren who have made the work a life study.

Under the present conditions the most important step to be taken is in the direction of state and associational missions, for in the co-operation of our associations with the state boards we would be able to bring before our people the great needs of the work both at home and in the foreign fields, educating and enlisting the thousands of loyal Baptists that live in the rural districts, who know little, if anything, in regard to our denominational interests. These loyal Baptists, whose minds have not been seized with the graft that has swept the country around the commercial centers, when once enlisted in this great work, having nothing but their country and lost souls at heart, would be a great resource in time of need.

Now, to do this work we should have one or two good, wide-awake missionaries in each association, supported by the churches, which would be a small matter considering the financial circumstances of our country churches.

I may have in this short article placed too much importance upon our

country churches and on the work which we have discussed, but when we consider the number of Southern Baptist churches which are giving practically nothing to missions we readily see that something ought to be done, and in my humble judgment an effort in that direction would prove a great blessing to our work.

May the blessings of God rest upon the editor and the cause he is so nobly supporting.

JESSE R. LOVE.

FROM RICHMOND PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Our church was organized on the 12th of last June. From a beginning of 41 we have grown to 84 at present, and this without any special services.

We are now having erected a temporary chapel on our new lot at the corner of Avenue I and Twelfth street, on the Loop car line. We hope to hold services there on Easter Sunday. We are able to see this after much hard work ourselves and some much appreciated help from other churches and friends and the Home Board.

Our church is composed of some noble workers, and they are fast taking hold of the problems that face us. It is our habit to give each person in our congregation and this part of the city a personal welcome. Ours is a handshaking church, and more of our people will be reading the Alabama Baptist soon.

At the close yesterday of our first day's housekeeping in our newly rented cottage the members of the Ladies' Society sent us our supper. If they could have seen us while eating they would have known better than they ever will know how happy we were. We appreciated the super, but we appreciate more the spirit behind the supper.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton very materially helped her pastor and his wife by giving us the use of several nice pieces of furniture for housekeeping in the cottage. We appreciate what all did for our happiness and comfort.

Brother Barnett, visit our church, preach and help me get subscribers for the Alabama Baptist.

Yours very truly,

J. A. BEAL.

THE NEWTON SCHOOL.

This school is making fine progress. The old building is very poor indeed, but a new one is now being erected. May God speed the day that it will be completed. The president of this school is a noble Christian man, and most certainly deserves the help and prayers of every one. I am sure that God will greatly bless every one that gives to this noble cause.

This school is sending out Christian young men and women, and a large number of the young men have become ministers of the gospel. This ought to make the Baptists feel a great interest in this school.

ESSIE E. DAY,

A Student of 1909-10.



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R. E. LAMBERT, THE MISSIONARY.

Years ago, when I lived on a farm, I wrote to a preacher friend whom I had not seen for 15 years: "I am playing at preaching and farming in dead earnest." And that is the way of it, I suspect, with most of the farmer preachers.

I was born a lover of the country and of the soil. Of one of the kings of Israel it is said, "He loved husbandry"—the margin reads "soil," in place of "husbandry."

It was my pleasure on a recent trip to Wilcox, my native county, to visit at Darlington the brother whose name is at the head of this article. He lives in the heart of the Black Belt, on the old Bonner place. One of the terrors to the traveler in winter when I was a boy was "Bonner's Lane." More than 50 years have passed since I pulled through its mud. The lane is there yet, not so bad, maybe, as of old, because of less travel. The plantation has been divided up and part of it sold off. Everywhere in this section the signs of the thrifless negro tenant are to be seen. Neglect and abuse has well nigh wrecked as fine a country as God ever made. More and more the tenant system is going out. The seeds of death were in it from the start. With the owner living in town or in a distant city and the improvident tenant left to himself, with no one to direct or encourage him, it is little wonder that the country shows everywhere signs of decay and ruin.

Right in the midst of this wreck and ruin Lambert is trying to build up a little kingdom all his own. He is a Christian man, a true patriot and thoroughly familiar with his business. He is truly a farmer-missionary. While he is working for his own betterment he wants to bring prosperity to a country which is capable of becoming as the garden of the Lord. His negro tenants, of course, will make cotton. They know nothing else; no other crop will stand their abuse and neglect. Hay and grain, live stock and grazing occupy the attention of "de boss man," as the negroes call him.

At the call of their owner, far out in the pasture, where we had driven, the white-faced Herefords came bounding from every direction. It was a sight one seldom sees in the south. Blooded cattle and hogs and bronze turkeys are being raised here as cheaply as on any spot of the earth, and a ready market at profitable prices is found for everything raised on the farm. But the greatest thing Lambert is doing is the demonstration on his winter pastures. I have known of bur clover all my life. I have had patches of it and have seen it in patches through all the years; but here it grows over the fields, on the hillsides, on every variety of soil. This, with the different varieties of vetch, furnish green pasture for winter grazing and builds up the soil. Mr. Lambert's slogan is, "A carpet of green (legume) over every acre of the farm in winter." The beauty of it is a full crop of corn or cotton can be made on the land and "the carpet of green in winter" never be destroyed. Thus every acre becomes winter pasture and a fertilizer factory besides. Visions! Visions! Visions!

What visions my old eyes see for

this glorious Black Belt country!

Now, Mr. Simple-minded, self satisfied Black Belt farmer, afflicted with negrophobia or the all-cotton-phobia, you may laugh at all this; but Lambert is giving you a lesson which is worth your learning.

More neighbors this good man wants, and I predict he will soon have them if people will visit him and see what can be done. The health of the country is as good as can be found anywhere. "A physician has been called to my family but once in years, and that was a case of accidental sickness," said Brother Lambert to the writer.

Soil building wasn't all that we talked about. Lambert is a Baptist, the clerk of his association and a member of the executive committee. We went over the territory of the association and discussed means of supplying the destitution, which is distressing at some points.

Refreshed by this day's recreation on the farm, more cheerful about the future of the Black Belt, I write this message of hope to "those scattered abroad" over this fair section of Alabama.

So long as I am permitted to occupy the place of secretary of the Baptist Mission Board I shall never consent to surrender one inch of this territory, though the population decreases. Some day these lands will be occupied. W. B. C.

On April 1 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Bannie Hooks, of near Moro, and took away his beloved mother, 71-years of age. She was the mother of 13 children—nine sons and four daughters, and the grandmother of 101 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and had seen all of them except two. All of her children were there to see her laid to rest at Fellowship cemetery; Bro. J. W. Dunaway, of Gadsden, conducting the service.

It has been seven years since all of the children had been together, so today (April 4) all of her children have gone to Selma to have their pictures made.

"Sleep on, sweet mother,
And take thy rest.
God called thee home;
He thought it best."

A FRIEND.

We have recently organized a mission study class in each of my churches, and I am expecting to see my churches take on new life on mission lines before the close of the year. We will begin our protracted meeting the third Sunday in April at Tallassee. Brethren and all praying people, pray for us, that it may be God's will and pleasure to give us such a blessing as we feel that we need at this time. There are a great many unsaved people at Tallassee, and we hope to see quite a large number redeemed and given to us during that meeting. I want to go (if I can) to the Southern Baptist Convention, and I hope to return with my soul filled and thrilled with the spirit of the meeting at Jacksonville and be able to do my people better work than I have ever done for them and the Lord. May the Lord bless the Alabama Baptist and add many thousand subscribers to its present number and command His blessings upon the editors. Fraternally—C. A. Strickland, Opelika.



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APRIL.

Maiden March, so fair and pensive,
Looks with sadness down the way
She must go, and idly lingers,
Longing yet awhile to stay.

Skies are blue and softly shining;
All the world is fair to see.
"Come, my truant, wistful daughter,"
Calls old Father Time, "to me."

Gath'ring up her scattered breezes,
Spilling daisies as she goes,
Wafting backward zephyr kisses,
Drifts she into sweet repose.

Then, oh, then, our laughing April,
Like a glad, expectant child,
Comes with all her sweet caprices,
And her arms with blossoms piled.

All the feathered choir is singing
Sweetest carols every known;
With a million scattered sunbeams
All her gladsome way is strewn.

Happy little leaves are dancing;
Maples wave a welcome sweet,
Then in wild profusion scatter
Scarlet petals at her feet.

How we love you, love you, April,
Bonny one, so fair and fleet!
Blossoms for your wind-blown tresses,
Blossoms for you dainty feet!
—Leila Mae Wilson.

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