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HAVE YOU HELPED  
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You are invited to join the Birmingham delegation at Birmingham next Tuesday and leave over the Southern Railway at 4:25 p. m. to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to the seven subscribers for the Baptist which I am sending you, we got several subscribers for Our Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. After preaching Sunday morning we took a collection for Home and Foreign Missions and got \$20. I hope much good was accomplished. The meeting was held at Fairmount church.—C. T. Culpeper.

(This is good work.)

We are having a very good Sabbath school and prayer meeting at Mt. Pleasant church. Our new pastor is Rev. I. W. Inzer. We are helping him to go to the convention. So he will not fill his next appointment, which is the third Sunday and Saturday before. We regret his absence, but we want him to go to the convention. We love the Alabama Baptist. Your sister in Christ—H. C. Dunlap.

It was a great treat to have the fifth Sunday meeting at our church, the Fifth Street, of Huntsville. The meeting was opened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Bro. R. E. Pettus was elected moderator, and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. O. P. Moore, of the Dallas Avenue church. The preachers present were R. S. Gavin, O. P. Moore, H. E. Rice, W. E. Baggett and the writer. The subjects were discussed to the satisfaction of those present. After the sermon Sunday a very good collection was taken for Home and Foreign Missions. My people here are growing in the spirit of giving. I find that they are an easy people to lead. Rev. R. S. Gavin is here with me in a meeting, and he is doing fine work. A great interest has already been manifest. I am expecting great things from this church in the future. Dr. Crumpton hears from us every month. So you see we are keeping the work before us. Come to see us in the near future. Your brother—R. R. Brasher.

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REV. J. M. THOMAS, WHO GOES TO TALLADEGA.

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT YOUR DOOR



Opportunity only raps at some doors. She is battering yours down with an axe. Everything is possible to those who will. But you must make the right beginning. A thing rightly begun is half done. It is the commencing to do—the taking hold, the reaching out, the grasping of your opportunity—that counts as the greatest element in success; and the greatest element in failure is doubt, lack of faith in one's self and hesitation to take hold. You cannot help without believing in yourself and acting upon that belief. You must not only see opportunity, but you must seize it.

It is not the great number of good intentions you have that makes you win; it is the one you carry out. Your intention to become a helper is one of the best you have ever had, and could I talk to you personally for five minutes you would be convinced that by joining forces with me you can help everything for which Baptists stand in Alabama by putting the Alabama Baptist into new homes.

Here is the idea at a glance: An editor cannot do everything. He is but "central" for the pastors and people, or a kind of "clearing house." He needs the help of every reader, not only in getting new subscribers, but in getting news notes. Hence we keep begging our friends to join the post card brigade. Do not let any fancied difficulty prevent you from starting now as a helper. Many men are stopped by finding in their path a sapling, but the man of determination picks it up and holds it ready to bridge any stream he must cross or kill any "lion" which gets in his way.

Anywhere you must make a start. So let today be the dawn of your helping. The sun of achievement shines for you if you will but come out of the shadow of doubt and delay.

Use a little "sand," get out of the rut. Be a "doer" and not merely a "wisher."

Send in a list on the dollar offer to January, 1912.

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I have failed so far to get any new subscribers. I enclose \$1.00. Please send paper to my son, W. E. Presley, Margaret, Ala. I feel that I couldn't help him in a better way and I think every Baptist in the state should take the paper. May God's blessings rest upon you and yours.—Mrs. J. M. Presley.

Rev. W. N. Swain, of Birmingham, was with us 10 days and preached the real gospel in power. His sermon on baptism and the Lord's supper was the best I have ever heard on the subject, and ought to be put in book form and scattered over christendom. I wish that he could preach that sermon in every church in the land. He would make an able evangelist for the state. He preaches our doctrines on missions strong, as well as all the other doctrines. We began the meeting the third Sunday. I preached Sunday and Sunday night one joined by letter. Brother Swain came Monday and did the preaching for 10 days. The men's meeting Sunday afternoon was great. The men were moved to better life. The sermon to women was excellent. The sermon to children was great.—H. R. Schramm, Warrior.

Dear Brother Barnett: Please allow us space to give through your paper to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Gurley Baptist church for a "pounding" which took place at the pastorium on our arrival at this beautiful and clean little village. These tokens bespeak their loyalty and willingness to be useful, kind-hearted and true to the cause. We shall not endeavor to mention by name the many and useful articles which found their way to the pastor's home. However, we are reminded that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." God bless these ladies, and the brethren as well, for their noble deeds, of which this is only a part. The brethren and sisters combined their efforts and painted and repaired the pastorium; then put a nice iron fence around the church property, costing about \$75 or more. But we are just beginning the good work. We expect to see things move, because God is the mover. Yours fraternally—J. L. McKenney.

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

Send contributions for this page to the Mission Room.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"Freely ye have received, so give",  
He bade, Who hath given us all.  
How shall the soul in us longer live  
Deaf to their starving call  
For whom the Blood of the Lord was shed,  
And His Body broken to give them bread,  
If we eat our morsel alone?  
—Archbishop Alexander.

## DURING MAY.

We study about Home Mission Schools.  
We give to Home Missions; also to the Relief Fund for the Aged Ministers.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Western District. In this district, we have six associations, all well organized and with splendid work being carried on by the superintendent of each.

Our work in the Coosa River Association. The superintendent is Mrs. John C. Williams, of Talladega. In this association we have eighteen societies in nine of the forty-three churches.

Our missionary at Lanchowfu, China, Miss Alice Huey.

Our students at the Training School, Misses Register, Martin and Dykes.

For the receiving of our new apportionment.

## A COMPARISON OF TWO YEARLY REPORTS.

Shakespeare certainly didn't know the joy of pleasant, stimulating comparisons when he made his well-known statement. Surely there is nothing odious about the comparison given below, but everything to make us happy and to stimulate us to trust God for greater blessings this new year and to long to be made greater channels for His blessings to others.

From May 1, 1909, to May 1, 1910, we gave to foreign missions	6,582.08
Home missions	4,601.04
Bible fund	100.00
Margaret home	131.65
Training school support	275.00
Training school endowment	500.00
Training school student	175.00
Grand total	\$12,364.77

From May 1, 1910, to May 1, 1911, we gave to foreign missions	7,810.91
Home missions	5,596.64
Bible fund	112.31
Margaret home	67.08
Training school support	171.00
Training school enlargement	400.00
Training school student	102.25
Grand total	\$14,259.19

Last year our Christmas offering was \$1,884.94, and our thank offering \$1,678.56. This year, the Christmas offering was \$2,145.36, and the thank offering \$2,191.79.

"Paul may plant, Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase".

## OUR MESSENGERS TO JACKSONVILLE.

At the May meeting of the State Executive Board, the delegates from our State W. M. U. to the Jacksonville convention were duly elected. It was no easy matter to choose this year, for we had a long list of names of those who expect to attend the convention. Two general rules were made, however: first, to elect four from each of the five districts; and second, to elect no one who represented us last year at Baltimore. In this way, we hope to have the representation more evenly distributed over the State, and also to give others a chance to follow in the line of those who so graciously and helpfully represented us last year.

The delegate at large from the State will be Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, well known to all of us. Our other delegates will be: From the Northern District, Mrs. W. L. Rosamond and Mrs. J. A. Hendricks, of Birmingham; Miss Bettie Irwin, of Moulton, with a fourth one to be announced later. From the Eastern District, Miss Irene Embej, of Ashville; Mrs. Tom Herren, of Dadeville; Mrs. W. A. Davis, of Anniston, with a fourth one to be announced later. From the Central District, Mrs. Law Lamar, of Selma; Mrs. J. S. Carroll, of Troy; Mrs. Charles Stakely and Miss Mallory, of Montgomery. From the Southern District, Mrs. R. V. T. Taylor, of Mobile; Mrs. E. J. McCreary, of Evergreen; Mrs. B. B. Finklea, of Monroeville, with a fourth one to be announced later; and from the Western District, Mrs. Praytor, of Sumterville; Mrs. L. A. Brock, of Cuba, and two others to be announced later.

The State looks to these delegates to bring back to us much information, enthusiasm and zeal for the work. May we, each one, be true to the trust. But our State looks also to our visitors for much, oh! so much, that shall urge forward our work and methods here. The convention church will doubtless afford each one of us, whether visitor or delegate, a good seat at every session, so these can be but little difference between us in the matter of preferment. May there be no difference between us so far as the blessings are concerned!

Should any of the above fail to attend, their places will be filled in order by the following alternates: Mrs. J. A. Hays, of Columbia; Mrs. A. J. Lee, of Louisville; Miss Sarah Luther, of Troy, and Mrs. Walter Cullars, of Opelika.

## THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE OF BUTLER ASSOCIATION.

Promptly on time March 17th the meeting was called to order in the Georgiana church by the associational superintendent, Miss Cora Goodwin. All joined in singing "Work, for the Night is Coming". The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. F. Skipper, president of the Georgiana society. Words of welcome came from Miss Cora Goodwin, to which Miss Mirauda Eskew responded. The convention song, "Saved to Serve", was next sung. Miss Rhoades then gave such an impressive talk on the value of devotional exercises, laying stress on reading of the scripture, prayer and song. "Take Time to Be Holy" was then sung, after which the "Business Methods of a Society" was ably discussed.

A paper by Mrs. Lula Little gave us some sweet

and necessary thoughts on the "Social Side of a Society". Thea Miss Rhoades took up the subject of "Programs and Mission Study". A paper by Mrs. Nellie Shepherd on "Personal Service" came next, reminding us of many beautiful things that we can do if we take as our motto "Let us do with our might what our hands find to do".

The afternoon session was opened by song, "Stand Up for Jesus", and scripture reading from St. John, second chapter, by our beloved Miss Clyde Metcalfe, she telling how sweet it was to her to read where our Savior walked with men. The song, "Saved to Serve", was again sung and every heart seemed to respond to the sentiments of this great and noble song. Miss Rhoades then told us how important it is for us to meet our apportionment and in order to do it we must be systematic in giving. Song, "Crown Him", was sung, followed by open parliament discussion, led by Miss Rhoades. A prayer, and this brought to a close our most delightfully spent day.

## MEETING IN COLBERT ASSOCIATION.

An all-day missionary institute was held with the First Baptist church of Sheffield April 11, a number of ladies from Tuscumba and Florence being with us for the day. It was also our great privilege to have with us Miss Kathleen Mallory and Mrs. Dill. Their coming to us has meant much, and we feel that their instructive and helpful talks will bear fruit in the lives of those fortunate enough to have heard them. Also, the good done in getting our women to express themselves as those did who read the excellent papers to which we listened. This good done is incalculable. For truly it was a feast of good things, and many were the inspiring, helpful, uplifting thoughts carried home by those who attended. We regretted that the day was rainy, for some were detained on account of it. But it was a bright day in the lives of those who were there.

We hope to have the two workers present with us in another meeting in July, at which time we will meet with our good sisters in Tuscumba.

During the noon hour luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. A. J. Ivie, and the social hour was greatly enjoyed by all.

MRS. R. B. JOHNSON,  
Secretary Pro Tem.

## SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Bear ye one another's burdens.—Gal. 6:2.

I thank you for all your help to us this year. You have been a mighty comfort and assistance.—B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Home Mission Board.

Every now and then we hear of some Baptist who does not take the Alabama Baptist saying: "There is nothing in it", and sometimes we hear of people saying the same thing about their county papers. These reflections came to us on reading last week's Moulton Advertiser, which is full of good things, and yet we dare say Jerrod White in his long experience has heard of people making such remarks about his paper, which has stood through many years for civic righteousness.



# MOTHERS' PAGE

## MOTHERS' DAY PROCLAIMED.

Sunday, May 14, has been officially proclaimed Mothers' Day by Governor Emmet O'Neal. His proclamation to this effect was issued Saturday. He calls for the wearing of the carnation and a suitable celebration in all churches. The proclamation reads:

"Whereas, However citizens of Alabama may differ as to politics, religious inclination or any other subject, we are all united on one subject, and that is the love we owe our mother, whether living or dead; and,

"Whereas, In nearly every state in the union the second Sunday in May is now being observed as a day on which to pay some special attention to our mothers, or to their memories,

"Therefore, I, Emmet O'Neal, governor of Alabama, do hereby designate and proclaim Sunday, May 14, 1911, as 'Mothers' Day', and suggest that it be observed in all homes and in all churches by the people of this state. On such day the almost universal custom is to wear a carnation or a rose—emblematic of purity and love.

"It is further suggested that the various churches throughout the state arrange a suitable program for 'Mothers' Day', and that each person in Alabama pay some special attention to his mother, if she is living, or to her memory if she is dead.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at Montgomery, this the twenty-first day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven.

EMMET O'NEAL,

Governor.

"By the Governor:

CYRUS B. BROWN,  
"Secretary of State".

## TO ALL ALABAMA SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Governor O'Neal has issued a proclamation naming Sunday, May 14, as a day which the people of Alabama are requested to observe as Mothers' Day. He suggests that each person wear a white flower and, if possible, do some special act of kindness to some one in memory of mother, whether she be living or dead. People in all the other states will also observe the second Sunday in May as Mothers' Day.

If the teachers throughout Alabama will call this proclamation to the attention of the children on the Friday before the second Sunday in May they will thus cause the day to be observed by many additional thousands of young people. Do this in honor of "the best mother who ever lived"—YOUR mother.

Very sincerely,

HENRY J. WILLINGHAM, Supt. of Ed.

## HIS MOTHER'S INFLUENCE.

By Helena H. Thomas.

It was after a hush in the mid-week meeting that one who was a stranger to the majority broke the stillness, as he arose to his feet, saying:

"If any one had told me this morning that I would attend prayer meeting here tonight I would have questioned his sanity, but here I am, and right glad that I came".

Then, glancing over the congregation, he continued: "I see but two or three familiar faces, and that is not strange, for I was a youth when I worshiped here, and now I am past middle age. But this is the very pew where hundreds of times I sat beside my sainted mother".

From the pause that followed it was evident that the vivid memory of long gone days prevented speech, but when he had himself well in hand the stranger continued:

"Those of you who remember what a mother I had will, I am sure, bear me out in the statement that she lived so near her Lord that her influence was far-reaching. Anyhow, I have never been able to get away from it, although she was taken from me 30 years ago. To be sure, I have not honored my



Lord as she did—far from it, but whenever during these motherless years I have been tempted to stray from the path of rectitude I have been prevented by her restraining influence. And if you will bear with me, I will tell you why I am here tonight.

"Now, I do not give it as an excuse, for, somehow, I am not in a mood to excuse myself, but, like many another, I have allowed business cares to fully engross my time and thoughts of late, as to well-nigh crowd out preparation for the higher life.

"But this morning as I was sitting at my desk puzzling over a discrepancy in accounts, I glanced outward and saw across the street the figure of a passing stranger who reminded me of mother. And then the memory of the best friend I ever had so overcame me that I saw the ledger through misty eyes, and soon my head was pillowed upon it".

There was another pause, and then, in a choked voice, he continued:

"Memory's curtains were drawn wide as thus I sat, and among half-forgotten scenes I saw myself a child again, in this very pew, with mother at my side, and I felt—gray-headed man that I am—that such sweet memories were worth more to me than any amount of bank stock.

"Then, somehow, I felt as if mother wanted me to come here tonight and take a fresh start heavenward, and so I came thirty miles to attend this prayer meeting.

"Yes", added he, "mother's influence brought me here, but I see now that it was only that I might catch so lasting a glimpse of the Father as to enable me in the future to be less absorbed in transitory things".

From the breathless silence that followed it was evident that all felt that the foregoing touching remarks were a fitting close to the meeting. And the pastor said, as he rose to offer a closing prayer:

"I am sure you will all feel like joining with me in thanking God anew for the influence of a Christian mother".—Selected.

## THE HOME MOTHER.

We must draw a line, a broad line, between the home mother and the worldly mother, who, forgetful of the sacred task assigned her, neglects those who have been given into her charge, leaving them to the care of hirelings, while she pursues her giddy round of amusement.

Not so with our home mother. The heart warms to see her in her daily round of duties. How pleased she sits day after day, shaping and sewing some little article for use and ornament for her little ones.

And how proud and pleased is each little recipient of her kindness. How the little faces dimple with pleasure and the bright eyes grow still brighter as mother decks them with her own hands in the new dress she has made. How much more warm and comfortable they feel if mother wraps them up before they go to school.

There is a particular charm about all she does, explain it who can. They could not sleep—nay, for that matter, she could not, if she failed to visit their room and arrange them comfortable before they slept. Her heart thrills with gratitude as she imprints a good-night kiss on each rosy cheek. It may be, too, a tear will start for the little nestling in its chilly narrow bed for whom her maternal care is no longer needed. It sleeps, though the wild winter winds howl around its head. A mightier arm enfolds it. It is at rest. She bends meekly to the Hand that sped the shaft, and turns with a warmer love, if it be possible, to those little ones who are left to love. How tenderly she watches by their bedside when they are ill!

Blessing be on the home-loving mother! Angels look with love upon her acts. Her children will grow up and call her blessed, and the memory of her kindly deeds will remain when time shall have blotted out everything besides. The mother is the incarnation of love; for she finds her chief joy in promoting the happiness of her offspring. How great the privilege of having such a mother. How strong are her claims on her children's gratitude, love and good offices!—Scottish American.

## GOOD-BY TO MOTHER.

Representative Norris, of Nebraska, was on a street car last Sunday when there entered a white-haired woman, a man of, say, thirty, and a well-dressed young woman. The conversation soon made it apparent that the young man and his mother were from a farm, and that they were visiting Washington for the first time. The young woman was the sister of the young man. The man was starting for home, leaving his mother to visit longer.

The car was crowded when it came to a transfer point. Here the young man was to leave his mother and sister. He arose, took up his bag, and turned to kiss his mother. She stood up and threw her arms about his neck. For some minutes she delivered a last motherly message.

"All out for Union Station!" shouted the conductor with his hand on the bell cord.

Embarrassed, the young man still held his arm about his mother's waist.

"Start the car, conductor", said a man in a silk hat. "It's church time now".

Still the aged woman poured out her admonitions. "Why can't people do this sort of thing before they start for church?" the man with the silk hat grumbled.

It had gone far enough for Mr. Norris. "Young man", he said to the farmer, "you just take all the time you want to say good-by to your mother. You don't know when you will say it to her for the last time. And if any of these people are so worried about their sins that they must hurry to church, why, they might get down on their knees right here and pray".—Cleveland Leader.

## THE LAW OF THY MOTHER.

John Ruskin, in counting up the blessings of his childhood, reckoned these three for first good: Peace—he had been taught the meaning of peace in thought, act, and word; had never heard father's or mother's voice once raised in any dispute, not seen an angry glance in the eyes of either, nor had ever seen a moment's trouble or disorder in any household matter. Next to this he estimates obedience—he obeyed word or lifted finger of father or mother as a ship her helm, without an idea of resistance. Lastly, faith—nothing was ever promised him that was not given; nothing ever threatened him that was not inflicted, and nothing ever told him that was not true.



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We made a contract with the Pilchers, of Louisville, last Monday to place in our church a \$2,100 organ by August 1. Carnegie is to pay half of it.—M. K. Thornton, Bessemer.

Please send the Alabama Baptist to Miss Cora Sharp, Huntsville, Ala., to January 1, 1912, on the dollar proposition. My work here goes well. Largest collection for Home and Foreign Missions by far in the history of the church.—A. P. Moore, Huntsville.

I was at Spring Bank church, Washington county, last Sunday with Bro. Darden and preached the missionary sermon. Secured on subscriber for the Alabama Baptist to January, 1912, and turned it over to Darden to forward you. A good meeting. My churches are doing very nicely. Fraternally—Wm. T. Parker, Sr.

We had a splendid missionary sermon last Sunday morning at the Ensley Baptist church by our pastor, Dr. Wright is a strong preacher, and is doing good work in Ensley. May God's blessings crown your efforts abundantly is my prayer. Enclosed find \$1 for a new subscriber. I am trying to get more subscribers to the Baptist.—Mrs. A. H. Leath, Ensley, Ala.

You missed a treat by not coming down to our all-day services, which was one of delight to a child of grace. We had Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., and awarded each class a handsome little Testament for their attendance. We had a fine sermon by the pastor, Frank Wilson, at 11 a. m. and a fine dinner on the ground. We had singing in the afternoon. God bless you and yours. Yours for the cause of Christ—T. A. Weathers, Covin.

I am sending you money order for the Alabama Baptist, as I feel the need of the paper so much. I have been here since January 15, 1911, coming from Waco, Tex. Our work here is badly run down, but we hope to have a great revival before the years closes; that is, we are praying to that end, and I believe we will have it. I bring greetings from brethren in Texas, and feel glad to get back to my old mother state, as there are so many pleasant memories of the past. Hoping you much success with your paper, I am fraternally—H. V. Daffin, Pastor Whistler Baptist Church.  
(We welcome Bro. Daffin home.)

### FIGURE THIS OUT.

If a church in Texas, Missouri or Virginia can easily pay the expenses of its pastor to Jacksonville, it should not be difficult for any good Baptist church in Alabama to do so. How easy it is for our churches to do this gracious act if only some one will see that it is done.

The fifth Sunday meeting at Antioch was a great success, many being present from Brundidge, Troy and other points of the county. Dr. J. L. Thompson was chairman of the meeting, and Mr. J. S. Carter was secretary.

St. Louis will ask for the Southern Baptist Convention for 1912. I write to ask that you give announcement of this, and we shall greatly appreciate any favor you can show us in securing the convention. Very cordially—S. E. Ewing, Chairman of Committee.

Our Sunday school convention at Excel April 29 and 30 was a grand success. About 1,500 were present. Good speakers and good attention. Had an overflow meeting. The music was fine. Prof. S. O. Arnold, of Crossville, Ala., was in charge of the music.—A. L. Stephens.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Coosa River Association, held at Eastaboga, was a splendid success. The spiritual condition of my church was the subject Saturday evening. Nine brethren, representing so many churches, made helpful talks. J. H. Ivey, J. H. Hayden, T. E. Steeley, E. D. Scher and J. A. Woodward were the speakers on Sunday. The good people of Eastaboga endeared themselves to all the visitors.—J. W. Haynes.

I am able to go to work again, and am employed as associational missionary for the Marshal Association for three weeks in the month, most of the time going on foot. The opportunities for doing good are superior to any of my life. Pray for our work. Some of us are a little curious to know where the Baptist church of the Home Mission Board is located.—W. M. Garrett, Boaz, Ala.

(We are glad he is ready for service)

I wish I could get every family to subscribe for papers for their own good, but some are very slow to see it. I do so earnestly wish you could arrange for a children's page. I am not finding fault, for the paper is fine, but I want the children to begin reading it while quite young. Wishing you the success you have won, I am sincerely—Mrs. Julia H. Price.

(She sent two new ones. We hope to have a children's page. We have always wanted one, but somehow the long articles crowd it out each week.)

"When the Missionary Comes Home" is the title of an attractive little pamphlet that has just reached our desk. Certainly this "Mountain Rest" home in the beautiful Berkshire hills is just the very place for tired missionaries to regain health and vigor, amidst most delightful surroundings. Unlike some homes of this description, children are here accorded a hearty welcome, and the extremely low rates make it possible for all missionary families to take advantage of the many benefits here provided. Write for information to the International Medical Missionary Society, care Mrs. Geo. D. Dowkott, Room 531, 156 Fifth avenue, New York City.

You will please find enclosed \$1 for one subscriber. I wish I could have gotten some more. I think I can get some more later. May God bless you in giving us such a good paper. Yours in love—J. R. Hamric, Skirum.

Our church is going to send our pastor, Bro. H. D. Wilson, to the convention in Jacksonville. Please add his name to the list of churches sending their pastors. With best wishes to your and the Alabama Baptist, very truly—Miss Anna Ellis.

The Baptists of Pine Apple are doing better work this year than ever before I think, which is due to our good pastor and the duplex system. With every wish for your success and hoping I can get more subscribers, I am sincerely—Ada Sue Hawthorne.

Please send me some sample copies and I will try to get some subscribers to the paper, for I desire that all Baptists subscribe for the paper, read it and keep in touch with the mission spirit and contribute to the same. May the Lord bless you, your boys and family is my wish.—L. A. Bates.

My son, Rev. W. W. Smith, who went from here to the seminary at Louisville, Ky., last fall, returned a few days ago sick, and will remain here for some time. Please change the address on his paper from Louisville, Ky., to Phenix City, Ala. Yours truly—J. E. Smith.

(We hope the change will be beneficial.)

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Geneva Baptist Association met with the Coffee Springs Baptist church. Beginning Friday night and continuing through Sunday very interesting services were held. Brothers A. T. Sims, J. F. Felming, S. L. Lee, Z. W. McNeal, Jack Saville and D. F. Sutley were the visiting preachers who joined with Pastor J. F. Register in this good meeting.

Dear Little Editor: So glad we have such a nice little young editor growing up. The Ladies' Aid Society has purchased a new carpet for the pulpit, costing about \$50, with some other fixtures. The next thing will be to put a nice suit of furniture in the pulpit. We put in new circle pews last year, costing \$560. We have a nice house, a good working church and Sunday school. I would like to have your mamma's picture.—Mrs. Carrie Cole, Blountsville.

The writer assisted the pastor, Rev. J. R. Stodghill, in a meeting of two weeks at the Twenty-first Avenue church, North Birmingham. Marked tokens of the blessings of God were apparent in the meeting. The pastor had his people well organized for work, and the promptness and cheerfulness with which they responded to his suggestions was most gratifying. The future of the church is most hopeful, and under the leadership of their faithful and consecrated pastor the church will be led on to the accomplishment of great things for the Master.—W. M. Blackwelder, West End, Birmingham, 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.

Enclosed please find \$1, for which send the Alabama Baptist to Rev. Charles W. Cook, Greenville, Ala., R. F. D. No. 2. Will try to send you some more soon. God bless you, Brother Barnett, and the paper. Yours lovingly—Rev. J. L. P. Cook.

The Ensley Baptist church will pay the pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention. This is quite in keeping with the generosity this church so frequently displays toward its pastor.—A. K. Wright.

A Sunday school workers' institute, under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday School Union of the Decatur, will be held in the First Baptist church, Decatur, corner Oak and LaFayette streets, May 9 to 11, 1911. The following well-known speakers will take part: Mr. Harry L. Strickland, Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., Miss Alice Hall. All Sunday schools workers invited.

Please change my paper from Patton to Carbon Hill, as I am going there tomorrow (May 2). I was in a good and glorious meeting at Providence church Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. It would have done any one good to have been there. I pray for the success of the paper.—John I. Lallor.

Dear Frank: I hope this will find you and yours well. Well, I am getting on splendidly. I like this country and am learning to love the people, but oh, how I love Alabama and my people I left. I don't think I will ever find a better people, and can't expect to find a board of deacons like unto Brothers M. Hardy and Richard L. Stewart. God bless my old church. God bless you in your great work.—J. O. Bledsoe, Kerrville, Tex.

Tuesday morning, May 2, I sent you a telegram in order that you would get it before your paper went to press. Our treasurer was rushed to get the figures, and after making another calculation he found out that he had overlooked a certain call loan, but it was too late to correct the error in time to get it to you before you printed the telegram, so I send to let you know that our debt is \$89,600. This is very BAPTIST—TWELVE heavy on the work. May the Lord move mightily among our people. Yours fraternally—R. J. Willingham.

### FIGURE THIS OUT.

If a church in Texas, Missouri or Virginia can easily pay the expenses of its pastor to Jacksonville, it should not be difficult for any good Baptist church in Alabama to do so. How easy it is for our churches to do this gracious act if only some one will see that it is done.



ALABAMA STATE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N

The following officers were elected:  
Colonel H. S. D. Mallory, of Selma,  
was elected president.

A departure was made by the election of two vice presidents, S. A. Russell, of Anniston, first, and Judge M. N. Manning, of Talladega, second.

D. W. Sims, general secretary, was unanimously elected for another term.

The other officers are: Thomas E. Lovejoy, Montgomery, treasurer; Leon C. Palmer, field secretary and superintendent of the adult department; A. S. Scott, Oakman, field secretary; S. H. Blan, Troy, recording secretary; D. H. Marbury, Birmingham, international committeeman; R. O. Harris, Mobile, international vice president; Miss Myra Batchelor, Montgomery, superintendent of elementary department; Mrs. S. P. Moore, Birmingham, superintendent teacher training department; Dr. E. C. Anderson, Anniston, superintendent temperance department; Miss Ellen Groendyke, New Decatur, superintendent mission department; M. D. Dillard, Montgomery, superintendent home department.

Executive Committee—Judge Armstead Brown, Montgomery, chairman; G. G. Miles, Montgomery; M. M. Sweatt, Montgomery; W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery; J. W. Durr, Montgomery; Michael Cody, Montgomery; W. Feagan, Montgomery; W. E. Holloway, New York; G. W. Ellis, Montgomery; T. M. Owens, Montgomery; W. F. Thetford, Montgomery; W. J. Young, Mobile; J. L. Cawthon, Mobile; R. O. Harris, Mobile; T. E. Roach, Mobile; T. T. Fuller, Centerville; R. F. Lewis, D. H. Marbury and J. E. Ramsey, Birmingham; W. D. Dillard, Mathews; T. C. Banks, Attalla; J. B. Wadsworth, Gadsden; S. A. Russell, C. R. Bell and L. H. Carre, Anniston; J. S. Carroll, Troy; W. T. Hooper, Selma; B. C. Bynum, Lineville; W. H. Tayloe, Uniontown; J. B. Green, Opelika; John W. Batson, Rockford.

## The Speakers.

The convention was notable from the standpoint of the speakers secured, Dr. Mundall and Dr. McElfresh having come hundreds of miles to be present. It was also the first time that Dr. E. Y. Mullins and Professor Excell have attended a gathering of the kind, and they have cast an inspiration, the local leaders say, which has never been felt at a similar gathering in other cities of the State.

## An Unbounded Success.

General Secretary Sims, who was re-elected to his position, says the meeting was an unbounded success. The \$10,000 proposed for the coming year's work was pledged and every county in the State is now organized up to the banner standard, with ten counties having reached the gold standard.

Our church is taking on new life since Brother Stewart came to us. We all love him so much. Yes, we are going to send him to the convention, because we feel that we owe it not only to him, but to the cause that we represent. Every church should send their pastor. Hope to see you there. With best wishes for you and the work I am yours—J. R. Shepherd, Superintendent Baptist Sunday School, Florida.

ALABAMA BAPTIST  
*Join Our Post Card Brigade*

Brother Barnett:

Tell the brethren to be patient about receipts. There is always a rush this time of year in the office, but this year I am short of help. Miss Maud Merrit, my helper for nine years, and the best any man ever had, has taken to matrimony, just at my busiest time. I know the brethren will be patient after this announcement.

## Convention Delegates.

We can make room for all who will likely go, as the Bush memorial fund gives us eighty besides the regular number.

So no one need be left out if they will send in their names. I would remark, though: If one has done nothing for home and foreign missions, he ought to be mighty modest. Contributions are climbing. Will wire you Monday noon if I can get the time.

W. B. C.

I have been asking people to take the Baptist for about 18 years, and never yet induced a single person to subscribe. This is about the speech I make when soliciting subscribers: If you are a sorry Baptist, it will help you to read the paper, and if you are a good Baptist it will make you a better one. I feel like this is a good speech, don't you think so? So far as I am concerned I expect to continue to read the paper as long as I live, which may not be a great while, being now a little over sixty years old. It is surprising to me that a good Baptist will refuse to take and read the paper. I may be able to secure one or two subscribers under the \$1.00 offer.—M. G. Swindall.

(Glad Brother Swindall is not a quitter.)

I received card from you some time ago asking me to try and get some subscribers for the Baptist, which I have been trying to do. Please pardon my seeming neglect in not replying to you sooner. I was in a great deal of trouble when your card came. My husband was quite sick; has had a very bad case of smallpox and no one to wait on him but my daughter and myself. I will be glad to join the post card brigade. I certainly enjoy reading the paper, for I read pieces from those I know, which is a great pleasure. Inclose find money order for \$3 and three names. Wish you much success.—Mrs. C. E. Westbrook.

(Yet she took time to get three new subscribers.)

Yesterday was a good day with us at Antioch, of the DeKalb County Association. The Sunday school, under the careful management of the superintendent, brother Andy Stallings, rendered a nice program in the morning. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The collections for Home and Foreign Missions by the Sunday school and the church were not as good as we would like for them to have been, but reasonably good for this section of the country. After dinner we enjoyed a song service led by Prof. Eldson and others. I have distributed the papers you sent, and will try to send a club under the \$1 proposition. Fraternally yours—E. Crawford.

Sunday evening, April 16, the regular preaching service at the Baptist church was omitted at 7:45 and the hour given over to the B. Y. P. U. Instead of studying the lesson as laid down in the quarterly we had echoes from the convention, and quite a number of our members spoke of the good work that was being done by the B. Y. P. U.'s throughout the state. Everybody seems to have new energy and more enthusiasm in the B. Y. P. U. work. We feel like the meeting of the state convention with us has been an uplift to our local union, and we hope to do greater things in the future than we have in the past toward training the young people of our town for service in the Master's cause.—Robert Ellington, Prattville, Ala.

Dear Bro. Barnett: Please find enclosed \$1, for which please send the Baptist to my brother, R. E. Walker, at Mifflin, Ala. I am sorry I can not have the paper sent to others, but I am not able just now. It looks like a sin and a shame that more people do not take their denominational paper, from which they could get great and lasting good, instead of subscribing for so much trashy literature which in time will tend to damn and ruin their lives. May God continue to bless you in your great work. Tell Proctor and Frank I will try to send them a card soon to help their papa make the paper newsier.—C. D. Walker.

I made a little talk at the close of preaching and conference last Saturday in behalf of the Alabama Baptist and with the aid of the pastor, Bro. A. R. Loftin, I got two new subscribers for the paper. Please find enclosed money order for \$2, for which please send the paper to the names and addresses given on the card. I wanted to get more, but failed. If I get any more will send them soon.—W. H. Teer.

(This is a good start.)

Rev. Wm. Lindley, one of the gifted and popular young Baptist ministers of this county, who is serving as a juryman this week, gave us the following: "Had fine meeting at Littleville last Saturday and Sunday, with good attendance at both services. Said he desired to compliment the Baptists of Russellville on the completion of their house of worship, and after having the privilege of inspecting the building considers it one of the completest and most attractive buildings in all departments in North Alabama that he ever had the pleasure of going through, and prays God's blessings upon these people."—Franklin Times.

I am sending you \$1 for two young men—50 cents each. They are both unsave. I asked them to take the paper and to read it, that they might be led to see the necessity of a Christian life. We are in the midst of a great revival here. Forty have professed the Lord. Twenty-five have joined. The town seems to be deeply stirred and everybody seems to be happy. Brother J. A. May, of Attalla, is doing the preaching. Many regards for you and the paper.—J. L. Hearn.

## TO GREENVILLE OUT OF DEBT.

Baptists of Alabama:

Now that we have shown an advance in our offerings for Home and Foreign Missions over any previous year, let us rejoice, take courage and press forward in the further discharge of the duty devolving upon us concerning the destitution within our own state. The State Board of Missions could use twice as much to splendid advantage as the last state convention asked for, which was \$32,000. The board has made increased appropriations, so we must not fall them in their expectations, but have this entire amount in the secretary's hand before the assembly of our convention at Greenville in July.

It only requires an increased effort on the part of more of our stronger and weaker churches to liquidate all of our outstanding obligations. We must not put this matter off till July, but begin now to arrange for doing our part. It might be well for each association and church to look up the amount apportioned to them and see if they have paid it.

Brother, sister, as you respond so will be the result. We should show our love for our Lord's cause by our liberality. "Let us not love in word, but in deed" also. Fraternally,

R. E. PETTUS.

We held a most gracious meeting at the Baptist church at Louisville, Ala., commencing the fourth Sunday in April and continuing six days and nights. Brother Jenkins was to help me, but owing to his appointment just on the eve of our meeting could not help me. But trusting in God and my church I went right on with the meeting, preaching twice a day, some being converted every day and the church graciously revived. There were 12 additions, 11 by baptism and one by letter. Rev. A. J. Seay, of this place, conducted all my prayer meetings for me. His time is filled at different places this year, and he is doing a good work. I expect to hold meetings at my other two churches in the summer, and am expecting good meetings at both Prospect and Shiloh. My churches are going to send me to the convention. They are a good people. May great things be done at the convention, by which God may be glorified is my prayer. Many good wishes for the Baptist. Very truly, yours to serve—R. A. J. Cumbee.

You are giving us a good paper. The more I read it the better I like it. Only a few of our Baptists here read it.—Isham Dyar.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 6th day of May, 1911.

Estate of Pleas Alexander, Deceased. This day came W. B. Margan, administrator of the estate of Pleas Alexander, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 7th day of June, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they proper.

J. P. STILES,  
Judge of Probate.

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## THE CITY ON THE ST. JOHNS.

A Pen Picture of Jacksonville to Which the Hosts of the Lord Are Turning.

By Alex W. Bealer.

It is early in the morning. The color of gold is in the sunshine. I can see it where it falls on the wall of a neighboring building. The night has been delightfully cool, and sweet has been my sleep under the soft blanket that wrapped me in its warm embrace. It is not the time for sleep. I dress and go down stairs. The atmosphere, I fancy, is like to that which our first parents breathed when all the earth was radiant in the morning hours of Time. All about me tall trees like those of the up-country are waving in the breezes.

## A Vision of the Early Morning.

But there are others not seen in the North, the palm trees with their feathery foliage, suggestive of the tropics. Hundreds of them are in sight from where I sit. On the swaying, fan-like branches of one close by, I see a mocking bird. He flits on noiseless wing, he balances himself on nimble feet, and facing the newly risen sun, pours out a greeting to the King of Day as he marches up the Eastern steps.

All about me, filling my lungs, getting into my blood, and quickening every throb of my heart, making me thank God for the privilege of living and breathing, is that subtle combination, a mingling of the ocean's ozone, the magnolia's fragrance, the bay tree's perfume, and the aromatic odor that comes from the needles of the pine.

And this is Jacksonville, of which I have heard so much, but not all of it.

## Where the Land and Water Meet.

A walk of five minutes brings me to a busy scene. On every side of me tall sky-scrapers reach upward toward the clouds. The clanging of trolley car gongs, the honking of automobile horns and the voices of men shouting to their teams, make such a bedlam of sound that it is necessary for a man to keep his faculties alert to escape a fall beneath the eager, trampling feet of Commerce as it rushes along the crowded thoroughfares.

Over yonder to the right I hear a hoarse whistle, followed by the rattling of a brazen gong, and the sound of escaping steam. A great steamship is turning her face toward the land of snow and ice, bearing in her hold the treasures of this wonderful clime, the golden fruit plucked from off the dark green citrus trees.

There to the left is another ship. I can hear a strange language running round among the seamen, swarthy looking fellows with dark hair and glittering eyes of black. Under the insistent urging of a determined leader they have aroused themselves. Their Latin laziness, or love of leisure, whichever you please to call it, has been thrown aside, and with guttural shouts and straining muscles they are bringing to the shore the cocconut, the banana, and other fruits of South American lands on which the sunshine of the tropics falls.

I hear the creaking windlass, the rolling trucks, the songs of negro laborers, the hum of conversation, and the pattering of feet, as hundreds of men and women hasten about the wharf. Above and beyond all these sounds, from the sunlit waters of the wide river, I can hear the puffing of motor boats, the snorting of tugs, and the straining of steamers as they hasten from one wharf to another. Over there, where stand the pines and palmetoes, I can hear the rattling of a locomotive as it speeds away bearing Florida fruits to northern climes, carrying with them the delicate fragrance of the orange blossoms.

And this is Jacksonville—but not all of it.

## The Physical Man Needs a Feeding.

The spiritual man has been intensely interested and has been feeding himself upon the artistic sights and sounds with which the earth and sea and sky are filled, but now the physical man begins to assert himself. He cries out because he has been neglected for an hour beyond his usual time. He leads me to a restaurant. The breeze from the ocean is sweeping through the room. The snow-white linen and the

shining tableware are but the whetstone on which the appetite is sharpened.

I reach for the bill of fare. I pause at the very outset and jot down grape fruit. I might have taken strawberries, but they can be had in the up-country. I am now in Florida, and when I am in Rome I always seek to eat the things the Romans eat. I jump over the steaks and chops and brains, for I have been wrestling with them for many long and weary months. I do not even pause at ham, for even the red-gravy kind, and that which comes fresh from the smokehouse of the country, have long since lost all poetic suggestions. Eggs and omelets with all their culinary trimmings woo me not from a fixed determination. I have fed on them so much that I can dream about cackling hens and cheeping chickens when the veil of night has settled down upon my drowsy brain.

Now I have what I want, the list headed "Fish". "Salt Mackerel" does not sound good to me. "Fresh Water Trout" is a little more attractive. "Spanish Mackerel" has a wooing sound, and "Tenderloin Trout"—well, that goes me one better, but when I come to "Pompano" with cream gravy and fresh onions, with the Florida dew still sparkling on them, I get no further. But hold, here are "Shrimp". How long has it been since I tasted shrimp? Hardly since the days of my boyhood. I can not pass them by. It would be nothing less than sacrilege, a violation of the courtesy due to a yearning stomach that has long been separated from many of the good things the Lord has prepared for the children of men. Irish potatoes are added to the order, some snow-white bread, and a cup of rich oily looking coffee, as clear as amber, and as aromatic as the breezes that blow over the spicy lands of Arabia. When the waiter comes in with the order I am about as well fixed as a man ever gets to be. I am at peace with all the world, even the "care of the churches" has faded away for the time being, and as I pay my score and walk forth into the glorious day I am in a very contented frame of mind and still improving.

And this is Jacksonville, to which I have been looking forward for months—but not all of it.

## The St. Johns and the City.

I hear the honk of an automobile horn and a friendly voice calling my name. It is the voice of Dr. W. A. Hobson, pastor of the Jacksonville First church. His hobby runs to automobiles. Every pastor must have something to keep him from burning up with anxiety, or from being consumed with desire. Some preachers get the chicken habit (raising, not consuming); some take to horses, some to dogs and guns, and some to fishing, but Hobson goes in for automobiling, and it is a good diversion, if we are to judge from the great success that attends his efforts. But that is not, strictly speaking, a part of this story. He was going out for a spin, and wanted me to accompany him. Of course I consented.

No overcoat was needed. There was just enough of winter's breath in the breeze to invigorate, just enough of summer's languorous touch in the sunshine to lull the senses to repose. On the noiseless wheels of a big car we were soon whirling over a shell road as fine as any of the famous pikes of Tennessee and Kentucky, but superior to them on account of an absence of the terrible dust of the up-country.

We ran along the banks of the historic St. Johns river. Its blue waters tipped with foam, and rippling in the breezes, was a restful sight to the eye of any nature-loving man. A sharp curve in the road brought us to a point where we had a beautiful view of the city. Through a faint haze of blue we looked upon the tall sky-scrapers of yellow brick, upon the church towers gleaming in the sunlight, and upon the homes that men of wealth had built. The palms and pines, together with the rounding river, which seemed to have caught the blue of the sky and fixed it in its smiling face, formed a fitting frame for this picture of a great southern city built upon the sands at the gateway to the "Land of Flowers".

And this is Jacksonville.

## The Convention is Needed Now.

And yet, as I looked I thought of the wickedness

of the city. In this rushing center of traffic there were men who for the lure of gold had been led away from the God who made this beautiful climate, and who gave them the ability to make this wonderful new city of the new South, a city which, Phoenix-like, has within a few years risen from the ashes of a great conflagration. I thought of the struggles of the Baptists to drive out this wickedness, of what had been accomplished by the fearless Hobson and his fellow-pastors, backed up by many in other folds I thought of what an impetus would be given to the work of the Lord by the meeting of the convention, and I thanked God for the privilege of helping in this great movement. I prayed that our brethren might come to us in the Master's spirit and that each one could be saying in his heart,

Land of the South! the hand of God  
With fatness filled drops on thy sod;  
The silver rain, the golden grain,  
Uncounted wealth on hill and plain.

Land of the Sage, home of the Seer!  
My heritage to hold most dear;  
Oh, Holy Land thy soil is red  
With patriot blood by heroes shed.

Land of the pine, home of the black,  
Whose feet the cotton furrows track,  
His dying soul to us cries out,  
The voice of God is in his shout.

Land of our God! The nations crowd  
Within thy gates—they've heard the loud,  
The ringing call of liberty  
That woced them out across the sea.

Land of my heart, to thee I give  
My brain, my tongue, my all, I live  
Oh, native land, that I may see  
The God of God enthroned in thee.

Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Union Springs, preached at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening and was heard by large and representative congregations at each service. Mr. Thomas made a most excellent impression upon the congregations. He has a strong and vigorous manner of delivery, convincing and logical, and withal is most earnest and sincere. Not unknown in Talladega before his coming, he made many new friends during his short stay in the city, returning to his home Monday morning.—Our Mountain Home.

City Evangelist A. A. Walker began a week's series of meetings Sunday at the First Baptist church of North Birmingham. The subject of his sermon Sunday morning was "Do Afflictions Come from God"? The Rev. Walker is an interesting and forceful speaker, and much good is anticipated from his meetings in North Birmingham this week.—Age-Herald.

Virginia falls behind her record of last year in her gifts to foreign missions. The figures for last year were \$68,049.46. For this year they are \$61,683.95. We must pick our flints and try again. The debt on the board will be about \$75,000. The total receipts to the board this year will go some thousands ahead of the total receipts last year. The debt is partly due to the debt inherited from last year and partly to the great enlargement of the work of the board.—Religious Herald.

The Baptist rally at Bethel was more than could have been expected. Eleven preachers were present. The congregation was larger than the capacity of the house, but the dinner spread at noon was more bounteous than the capacity of the—then—faithful congregation. Rev. R. E. Owens, the pastor of Bethel church, was elected chairman of the meeting.

Next week we will begin publishing a series of articles by Rev. R. A. Winds, which have been rearranged and edited by Dr. Josephus Shackelford. They will no doubt be interesting to Christians of all denominations, and we take pleasure in transferring them to our columns.—Moulton Advertiser.



## ALABAMA BAPTIST A VISIT TO SULLIGENT

THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION AT  
SPRING CREEK.

We had an interesting fifth Sunday meeting of the Tennessee River Association April 28-30, and the following questions were discussed:

1. What are the relations between church and pastor?
2. Who makes the conditions of salvation possible, man or God?
3. Who is responsible for small attendance at religious service?
4. What is the true missionary spirit?
5. What is genuine repentance?
6. Is the church capable of looking after the Lord's entire business?
7. Is the Sunday school work worth while? If so, why do not all Christian people take part?

The visiting ministers were D. S. Collins, who was chairman; A. N. Yarnell and Jim Proctor. All the questions stated were ably discussed, with a manifestation of the Holy Spirit during the entire sitting of the body.

Preaching on Friday at 11 a. m., Friday and Saturday nights and also on Sunday at 11 a. m.

The subjects were not only discussed by the ministering brethren, but by some of the laymen. There were several churches represented by messengers. I am sure from the good attendance we had that the meeting will prove to be a great spiritual blessing to many. No doubt the truths preached to those who attended the services will lodge in good and honest hearts and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

W. T. HALL,  
Larkin, Ala.

Laurel Hill, Fla., April 17, 1911.

Young Soldier:

Allow me to ask you this question: Are you executing the office or performing the duties of a real soldier? I mean a real Christian soldier fighting sin in every form.

Are you holding up to the sacred vow which you made to the church not very long ago?

Will you be a true worker for Him who shed his blood for you? Why not do all you can? The world is perishing. Why? Because there are too many drones in the church today. This I say to those who see nothing to do, yet scores, probably hundreds and thousands, are dying around you for the lack of some one to point out to them He who is able to save.

Allow me to stir up your good qualities in this great and all-important subject. Why not defeat the devil and win some soul for Christ? This would glorify God, magnify Jesus, please the Holy Spirit and cause the angels to rejoice. More yet—that convert can strengthen the church, help the world to find God and enjoy the sweetness of a redeemed soul.

Now, if you have been playing the drone, don't you think it's time to go to work? Ah! my friend, how about those who pass over life and are lost, when we could have carried out the "life boat" and brought them ashore.

Now, dear church member, are you doing your part in this great soul-saving work? Jesus has suffered and died; yea, He has risen. Thank God, there is peace for the world and victory for heaven through Christ, our Lord, who on Easter has risen.

Fraternally,  
T. R. BRADY.

Dear Brother Barnett: After an absence of more than five years I visited Sulligent and Shiloh church recently, the occasion being a fifth Sunday meeting and a Sunday school institute. Besides the pastor, Bro. W. C. Wood, those who were present among the workers were Brethren J. H. Longcrier, of Jasper, and J. L. Strickland, of Birmingham. Brother Longcrier preached at Sulligent Thursday night and at Shiloh Friday night and Saturday morning, and then hastened back to Jasper to be present on Sunday at a fifth Sunday meeting in his own association. All these messages were strong and helpful.

Brother Strickland was at his best, and gave several suggestive and helpful addresses on practical Sunday school work. On Sunday morning he helped to organize the school for more effective work. He seems perfectly at home in the country church, as well as in the town and city church. He is a blessing to our work, and we should more and more rally to his efforts for better Sunday schools and for an organization in each association in the interest of our Sunday school work wherever an organization is at all possible.

Brother editor, can't you get Brother Strickland to write up his trip notes for us? I am sure it would be helpful for us to know how the Lord is using him along this line of work in our state.

This trip back into a field where I served as pastor and missionary for four years was greatly enjoyed. Several things pleased me. The royal reception which was given me on all sides rejoiced my heart. Then, too, the many changes and improvements from a material as well as a spiritual point of view. In Sulligent I found a splendid oil mill, and plans will soon be carried out that will give the town a splendid saw mill and brick factory. Some 30 or 40 new houses have been built since 1905. Another thing which pleased me is the splendid progress out Baptist people have made. They have bought and practically paid for a pastor's home, and are now enlarging their church house to accommodate the large audiences that gather to hear the gospel as Brother Morgan, their pastor, preaches to them. Nice new pews will be bought, and the house papered and painted. Brother Morgan preaches for them one Sunday each month, but does not live there. They are paying, monthly, \$300 a year pastor's salary, against \$100 five years ago. They seem to be thoroughly alive, and say they must have a man as pastor another year who can live on the field. By having preaching two Sundays in Sulligent they can easily form a field for the right man.

At Shiloh Brother W. C. Wood is pastor, and has been off and on for years. He feels that on account of his advancing age and the great demands of the work that after this year, if the right man can be secured for a field with Vernon as a center, he will largely retire from the active pastorate. This field can be easily formed, and the brethren seem anxious to have it.

A good, live pastor at each Sulligent and Vernon as centers could supply all the missionary churches in that

part of Lamar and do an excellent work. Our missionary churches feel that now is the time for them to do some real aggressive work in that section, but at present, except Sulligent, they are connected with the Yellow Creek Association, which is practically anti-missionary in feeling and practice. They will never develop as they should until they withdraw and join missionary associations. This the brethren are thinking of doing. There are some eight churches out of a membership of 30 that are missionary. So you see it is a hopeless situation for them unless they join the Harmony Grove and Union associations.

Vernon, the county seat of Lamar, has a new \$60,000 court house and a splendid high school house to take care of the county high school. Brother Wood tells me we are gaining some at Vernon. The church house has been painted, and the building is in good repair. Brother Wood has been pastor in this section for years, and eternity alone will reveal the good he has accomplished.

I had the pleasure of preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday to a crowded house at Shiloh. Many with whom I labored there for four years have been called to a higher and a more blessed service. Their faces were missed, and my heart was made sad. Our brethren in that section need our sympathy and substantial aid. There are many problems that confront them in their work. To solve these aright much prayer, patience and wisdom are needed.

Our State Board of Missions is very much interested in this needy field and is ready to help in every possible way as it has the opportunity and the ability. God is giving us the opportunity. Will God's people supply the means? Yours fraternally,

J. E. BARNES,  
Pratt City, Ala., May 4, 1911.

### FROM KENTUCKY.

I shall see you at Jacksonville. Kentucky Baptists believe in their pastors attending the convention. I will be there as the guest of my folks.

The paper was never better to my way of thinking, and especially this issue. The postcard brigade is both interesting and instructive.

While I am in love with my work here, I am still attached to Alabama and the work among the Baptists. We were greatly disappointed in not getting Bro. Sam Campbell at Paducah.

We are living in our own home erected this year. It makes a preacher feel sort of independent to live in a home all his own. The eight months of evangelistic work in 1909 and the good salary of last year have matured the plans of the home.

Our people are in love with the work here and loyal to the pastor in a high degree. Truly the richest blessings of our Father have been bestowed upon this household. Mrs. Wear is stronger than ever before, and my throat affection is a thing of the past. His blessings on you and yours.

Very truly,  
WALACE WEAR.

Some years ago, by reason of the forming of many counties into county associations, this once powerful association was greatly reduced in size, numbers and influence.

Many of its leading lights, such men as Lee, DeVotie, Renfro, Plaster, Bishop, McQueen and others, had already gone home, but the Lord had raised up others, many of whom were cut off and went with the county organizations.

But in the fifth Sunday meeting just closed at Spring Creek we have seen the same sweet spirit, heard the same sweet story of Jesus and His love as fell from the lips of the mighty men whose voices are now hushed in the silence of the grave. Verily, "there is life in the old land yet." The church and community have been awakened, Christ glorified and men and women lifted to a higher plane of Christian hope, Christian life and Christian duty.

C. C. L.  
Greenville, Ala., April 30, 1911.

### MAY.

Old Father Time looked down the way  
Fair April sped, one cloudless day,  
And chuckled to himself:  
"Now goes another winsome elf!"

"Come, come, my eager, laughing May,  
'Tis time you found the blossom-way.  
The golden sunshine waits for you;  
The skies are bending bright and blue.

"Your sister, April, stole away  
Full many a blossom—as you may;  
And though she tinted vale and hill,  
Your fragrant way is sweeter still."

Then May the winsome, May the fair,  
Wove chaplets for her sunny hair  
Of roses white, while zephyrs sweet,  
Blew roses red about her feet.

Then down the blossom-way she sped,  
Where little diamond sunbeams led,  
While fragrant breezes lightly bore  
A cloud of roses just before.

And thus she comes with all that's  
fair,

With rich and poor alike a share;  
And all the world looks up to say:  
"We wait a welcome, winsome May!"  
—Lella Mae Wilson.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Sunday School Board at Nashville requests that Sunday, June 11, be designated as "Bible Day" in all our schools throughout the south. The Sunday School Board, as you probably know, is sending thousands of Bibles to the destitute places of the south and west and to Cuba. It is earnestly hoped that every school in Alabama will use this day to educate our people in the great work the board is doing in this free distribution of Bibles. A splendid program has been prepared by the board and will be sent free on application.



## AS MAN TO MAN.

Brother pastor, let us tell you, as man to man, that you are making a grievous mistake not to enter enthusiastically into the great campaign now being pushed in Alabama to put the Alabama Baptist on the \$1.00 offer to January 1 into new homes. Pastors have been wonderfully kind and we know that for months they have been pressing missions, but we beg you to give just a little time before you go to Jacksonville to canvassing for the paper so that your members can read the convention write-ups. Put a little enthusiasm into your efforts and you will be pleased at the way in which you will succeed. The laymen are helping as never before, and so are many pastors, yet quite a few on whom we counted have as yet done nothing.

## MINISTERIAL NEUTRALS.

We will have some ministerial neutrals in the present great moral and spiritual struggle who, a little later, will be found dead on the devil's side of the line. They will all die of their own folly, and the Sadducees will bury them in graves over which will be written according to the faith of the Sadducees—No Resurrection.—Baptist Standard.

When a liquor fight is on anywhere, how can a minister of Jesus Christ be neutral? This greatest foe to God and man must die. The fight is on never to cease until the cursed traffic is put down and out. That preacher who goes over to the enemy either openly or secretly is digging his ministerial grave with his own hands.

## THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Before another paper reaches you the messengers, delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist convention will be on their way to Jacksonville. Will your pastor be among them? Give him a chance to attend the Southern Baptist convention, which is looked upon as the greatest deliberative body on earth; greater in numbers than the British parliament, or the congress of the United States. Give him a chance to hear the report of the three boards—the foreign mission board, with headquarters at Richmond; the home mission board, with headquarters at Atlanta, and the Sunday school board, located at Nashville, have all had eventful years.

Give him a chance to hear Drs. Willingham, Gray, Frost and their co-laborers as they tell of the year's work and their hopes for the future.

Give him a chance to listen to Dr. Mullins as he speaks about the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and its great plans.

The Southern Baptist convention has never met in the "Land of Flowers", and we hope that Jacksonville will have a larger delegation than was at Baltimore last year.

Send your pastor.

## MOTHERS' DAY.

This year of 1911 will be only the third year of Mothers' Day, and yet its popularity is now international. According to the correspondence pouring in upon Miss Jarvis, of Philadelphia, the originator of the Mothers' Day celebrations, it will be observed on May 14 to some extent in every state of the union, the provinces of Canada, in Mexico, where sons of the same blood are warring against each other, in Palestine where a holy mother gave birth to the Son of Man, throughout Europe and the Orient, in Australia and islands of the sea. In Europe alone the Mothers' Day literature is published in ten languages. And so it goes round the world—a universal appeal to a universal sentiment, for Miss Jarvis well says: "Good motherhood is the basis of all our prosperity."

The governors of nearly every state and territory, either by official proclamation or by personal letters, have indorsed the observance of Mothers' Day. Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, in his proclamation, eloquently writes:

"No memorial day can be richer in personal experience than one in which we hear again a mother's voice that is stilled, and feel the touch of her van-

ished hand; or, if she be living, give her the day with your presence in loving reunion—one day for the many she gave you; or, send her a line of greeting warmer than you have been wont to do".

This "memory flower" is the white carnation, which, so far as Miss Jarvis has been able to learn, is used as an emblem for no other purpose.

The use of this fragrant white blossom, by the way, has been one of the prettiest features of the observance in many states.



CURTIS S. SHUGART.

Curtis S. Shugart is the eldest son of the late John T. Shugart, who distinguished himself in many famous criminal trials in this State. He was born on the 9th day of September, 1878, in Jefferson county, Alabama, where he has lived all his life and is genuinely a Jefferson county product.

Brother Shugart's early school days were spent in Howard college, in Birmingham, the great Baptist institution which has sent out from her walls many men who have risen to distinction and honor all over this land.

Brother Shugart was of a Methodist parentage, reared under the influence of the Methodist church, but it is perhaps due to this early surrounding and influence that led him into the Baptist church. He was later graduated from the law school of Cumberland University, Tennessee, at Lebanon and after his graduation from this institution he was for several years actively engaged in the practice of his then chosen profession at Birmingham, Ala., with marked success. About two years ago he was converted, giving not only his heart to God, but abandoned his profession and entered the ministry. Since then he has held many meetings in and about Birmingham, accomplishing great and lasting good. Through his ministry many souls have been led to Christ.

His early career, carrying with it many of the experiences of a life that might have been misspent, has taught him to appreciate the love of God toward mankind and the great truths of His holy words.

It is with great hopes and pride that the people look to his future and predict for him, in this great and noble field, crowning success and the accomplishment of lasting good.



## WHERE IS HE?

That man who was saying a little while ago that it was a misapplication of mission money to maintain Christian schools in heathen lands. We have such schools here where the pupils are trained in Bible study and Christian work. An army of young men and women from these schools find places every year in the public schools of the country. Their knowledge of the Bible and their training for Christian work stands them in good hand then, and who can tell the extent of their influence for Christ?

The clipping below shows what an opening there is now in the government schools in China. The trouble is, we haven't enough trained teachers there to enter these wide open doors:

"Call for Teachers in China.

"The opening up by the Chinese government of day and boarding schools for girls is in advance of the supply of teachers, so that there is now a cry for more teachers from all over the country. This is a golden opportunity for the mission schools in preparing young women for positions as teachers. What a blessing it would be if each of the girls' schools could be supplied with mission-trained teachers! Young woman who have imbibed Christian ideals and are governed by Christian principles could within the next twenty-five years do untold good in shaping the future of China, if they could have the opportunity of moulding the characters of the boys and girls during that period. In many cases the government schools are not satisfactory because the teachers are inefficient or poorly trained. Teachers have been brought over from Japan to supply the need, but these are not all satisfactory".

## FAITH AND PRAYER.

To some of our readers this subject may seem to be very commonplace, but it is a theme of very large importance. There is a very vital relation between faith and prayer, if one's praying would be effectual before God. Much of the barrenness of prayer is due to the fact that the faith of the praying one is distinctly defective. It is not rightly inclusive. It does not include a glad acceptance of the truth that Christ is the supremely divine Son of God. One may pray with all human earnestness, and if he doubt that Christ was God in the flesh, his praying does not avail anything with God. Such praying is worse than formality; it is a mockery; it is an insult to God. It is an affront to God for one to ask Him to bestow a blessing upon him, and yet will refuse to acknowledge that His Son is what He declared Himself to be. One can not dishonor Christ and be honored by the Father at the same time. God resents any slight that is put upon His Son. Let no one think that he can worship God in prayer while being unwilling to worship Christ as God. Such a thing is a vain oblation. It is a tainted and mutilated sacrifice. It is vitiated by unbelief. One would better not pray at all than to pray in such a spirit. We see, then, that real praying is a very serious thing. We also see that the right condition of prayer is exceedingly important. Without true faith in God, and in Christ, it is impossible for one to pray acceptably, and receivingly. One may say that he is sound in the faith, and that therefore he has reason for expecting that God will answer his prayers; but there is a soundness in the faith which is nothing more than a mental acceptance of a system of doctrines, regarded as being orthodox. Faith in the doctrines of one's church does not necessarily mean a faith which lays hold of Christ as the pre-eminently divine Son of God. It is the latter type of faith which, put into prayer, makes it well pleasing to God, and to which He responds with answers of gracious measure. Such faith and such praying have a direct bearing upon one's spiritual life. One can not become a Christian without the two things; nor can one, being a Christian, make real progress in spiritual character without praying in a faith which honors the Father and His beloved Son. Save yourselves from a weak and lifeless faith.



## A PAGE OF MISCELLANEOUS SHORT ITEMS

We regret to learn that Rev. S. H. Campbell will have to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but hope it will give him relief.

Rev. Charles T. Russell, known as "Pastor Russell", of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, has accepted a call to London Tabernacle, Paddington, London.

The first meeting of the District Sunday School Convention for the Athens district for 1911 was held at the Baptist church in Athens Sunday, May 7, at 2:30 p. m., and was a great success.

W. T. Lowrey resigns the presidency of Clinton college, Mississippi Baptists' college for boys, and again assumes the presidency of Blue Mountain College for girls, all in the same state.

Rev. A. W. Briscoe came out in a strong article against the return of the saloon in Talladega county in the Camp Hill News of May 5. He always fights against the legalized sale of whiskey and he is a force in any community for civic righteousness.

At the Baptist church the "cross and crown" system which was adopted some weeks ago is proving effective as a means for promoting punctuality and increasing attendance. The attendance last Sunday was close to the 300 mark and is increasing week by week.—Ashland progress.

Dr. DeWalt Norton preached at Union Springs Sunday morning, May 7. At night he entertained a large audience with a lecture on "The Man of Galilee", illustrated by use of a stereopticon. The crowd seemed to be well impressed with the lecture and pictures.

Rev. J. M. Thomas held an all-day meeting at the Indian Creek Baptist church Saturday and preached several strong sermons. At the close of the meeting a considerable sum of money was collected to defray the expenses of the local minister to the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be held at Jacksonville, Fla.—Bullock County Breeze.

Dr. W. B. Crumpton will give his famous lecture, "The Original Tramp; or, How a Boy Got Through the Confederacy", at Cable hall May 12th (Friday night) for the benefit of the Richmond Place Baptist church. This lecture is out of the ordinary. We heard it with great pleasure.

John C. Ferguson, chairman of the Central China Famine Relief Fund Executive Committee, writes: At least 1,000,000 people are starving in Kiangsu. In addition to this district, there is the large plain to the which which extends into Anhui province, and in which it is estimated that there are 2,000,000 people starving. Within a distance of 150 miles, as the crow would fly, 3,000,000 people are slowly dying with cold and hunger".

Absence from the city and because the invitation was sent to our residence instead of to our office, caused us to fail to make mention of the wedding of Rev. Austin Crouch, of Dallas, Tex., to Miss Myrtle Oldham at Woodlawn on April 26. Brother Crouch has many admirers in Alabama who predict for him a brilliant and useful future in the ministry. His bride is a lovely young woman who is well qualified to be a true help meet. They have our best wishes.

The recent revival at Athens in which Pastor H. Ross Arnold was assisted by Rev. Curtis Shugart, state evangelist, resulted in 57 additions to the different churches, 47 joining the Baptist church. The Limestone Democrat says: "Mr. Shugart is a thoroughly consecrated man, full of the work of the Lord, and has a bright future before him. With his zeal, his genial disposition and striking personality, he will no doubt make his meetings a success wherever he goes".

### HOME BOARD GREETINGS AND GRATITUDE

We wired you the glorious news that we closed the year without debt. Alabama had a high hand in this noble task. She went \$11,708.88 above her gifts for the previous year, making her total \$30,496.27 for home missions this year. Here's the hand of greeting and gratitude to my comrades of the Alabama army. You have done gloriously.

#### How We Escaped Debt.

Let us rejoice first over the fact. Now, then, for the explanation. The home board lays out its work on as large a scale at the beginning of the year as seems prudent. We never appropriate the full amount at the first meeting which we hope to raise during the year. We want to leave some margin for further enlargement during the year. At the first meeting of the year we always have to turn down many worthy calls for help. Last July the board appropriated \$341,385 as the budget for the year. This included the support of missionaries in our independent and co-operative work and chapel and school building as well as the expense of administration.

A good portion of the above sum was for church building in co-operation with local forces made on certain conditions, two prime conditions being that our part would be paid provided the local forces raised a given part and with the understanding that ours would be paid towards the close of our conventional year. In church and school building and the purchase of lots in Cuba and Panama, and among the foreigners in the South, especially the Cubans and Italians in Tampa and the Mexicans in Texas, where we had to give about all the money, we also decided to pay these appropriations at the close of the year.

In the case of our co-operative church building with local forces we defer our payments until the close of the year in order that the local forces may have time to do their part and that we may be saved a heavy interest account. In the case of church building in Cuba and Panama and in the States where we pay the whole amount, we defer payment until the close in order that we may save interest and also that we may cut some of these out and save a debt in case our receipts are short during the earlier months of the year. This is considered good business precaution.

#### Diminished Receipts.

Unfortunately our system of waiting until the close of the year for large giving prevailed again during the past year. From early summer clear on through the year our receipts each month compared with the former year diminished steadily, ranging each month from \$3,000 to \$10,000 behind last year. This continued until after the middle of April. It appeared ten days before the close of the year that our receipts would be between \$10,000 and \$20,000 smaller than for last year. Fortunately, at the very last, many of our brethren were aroused and our receipts went \$8,000 or \$10,000 beyond those of the previous year, which averted a debt of \$20,000 or \$30,000.

Early in the year when it was seen that our receipts would fall short of the receipts of last year, the board decided to make no further enlargement; then in a number of cases our appropriations for co-operative church building for the year were cancelled because local forces did not comply with the conditions by raising their amounts; but we had to wait until the very close of the year before marking these off.

When receipts were short along through the year we reserved until the close a number of appropriations for church, chapel and school buildings in Cuba, Panama and in the States. These chapels and school buildings ought to have been erected early in the year, but for prudential reasons and to save interest and to avoid a pressing debt we deferred them until the very last day of the year, then cut them out because the gifts did not come in.

And so, with gratitude to God and with thanks to all the brethren for their help and praying for the Lord's guidance in our great convention in Jacksonville, Fla., May 17, I am,

B. D. GRAY.

The Baptist Baracas of Alexander City will observe Mothers' Day on the second Sunday in May. A large attendance is expected.

Dr. P. T. Hale delivered a series of lectures on evangelism before the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, which were greatly enjoyed by the students.

The senior Baraca class of Athens is growing in number and influence. The class is composed entirely of men and boys and the lesson is in the nature of a lecture by the teacher, Rev. H. R. Arnold.

General William Booth celebrated recently his eighty-second birthday. His plans for the remaining months of this year include visits to Scandinavia, Denmark, and probably Finland and Russia, to Canada and the United States, and he hopes to visit Germany in November.

There were about twenty-five of the Junior B. Y. P. U. chaperoned by Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Stewart and Miss Nell Curtis left early Tuesday morning, May 2, for Pine Barron creek for an all-day stay in the woods. They returned late in the afternoon with pleasant memories of the day and their little hearts full of gratitude for their chaperones.—Atmore Spectrum.

Dr. W. J. E. Cox, secretary of the newly constituted Baptist educational commission and former pastor of St. Francis Street church, Mobile, and one of the south's most eloquent divines, will fill Dr. Bomar's pulpit at the Baptist church in Marion next Sunday morning and at night. Everybody cordially invited to hear him.—Marion Standard, April 28.

The Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday school will present "Princess Chrysanthemum", a Japanese operetta, at the high school auditorium on Friday night next. The young ladies having the play in charge have spared no pains to make it a success, and no doubt those who attend will be highly entertained.—Clanton Banner.

We regret to learn that Rev. V. I. Masters, of Atlanta, Ga., editorial secretary of the home mission board, was stricken with typhoid fever and kept from duty in the closing months of the conventional year. Brother Masters is a virile writer and his work on the Home Field has been greatly blessed. We hope he will be out in time to attend the convention.

Great sorrow has come to Dr. E. J. Forrester, of the Bible department of Mercer university, on account of the death of his wife, which occurred in Macon last Sunday. She was the sister of Dr. E. C. Dargan and was truly a good woman. Her remains were shipped to Darlington, S. C., for interment. We extend to Dr. Forrester and his bereaved relatives and friends our sincere sympathy.—Christian Index.

Rev. T. H. Johnson, at one time assistant in the Ninth Street church, Cincinnati, and subsequently pastor at Bellevue, Ky., and at Nashville, Tenn., has become pastor of the Baptist church at Hillsboro. We welcome him back to Ohio. He has a good field and a fine opportunity. We hope to hear good things of him and of his people.—Journal and Messenger.

The American Baptist Year Book for 1911 reports 5,283,944 persons holding membership in Baptist churches in America. This is a gain of 17,575 over last year. They belong to 49,753 churches. There are 34,302 Sunday schools with a membership of 2,603,387. The church property is valued at \$138,675,356. Church expenses last year were \$19,122,361.34. State missions received \$1,415,743.91, while home missions received \$835,741.28, and foreign missions \$1,057,418.89. Total money for all purposes is \$25,978,911.21.



## MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Ida Farrlor, a widow, to John V. Coe, on the 25th day of August, 1909, and recorded in Vol. 529, Record of Deeds, on page 221, in the office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will, on Wednesday, May 19, 1911, in front of the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, sell to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot three (3) in block two, according to the present plan of P. Rising's survey called "Compton", as shown and designated on the duly recorded plat thereof, in Vol. 1, on page 83, of the map books in the Probate Office of Jefferson county, Alabama, with all buildings and improvements thereon.

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage. The sale being made to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, including a reasonable attorney's fee for foreclosing the mortgage, and costs.

JOHN V. COE,

Mortgagee.

THOS. J. WINGFIELD,  
Att'y for Mortgagee.

## GUARDIAN'S PUBLIC SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Honorable J. P. Stiles, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, State of Alabama, I. I. Grissom, guardian of the estate of Virgil Fallon, Lillie Mae Fallon and John Fallon, minors, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse door of Jefferson county, Alabama, on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon for cash, the following described real estate: Lot No. 6, in block No. 29, according to the present plan and survey of P. Rising, called Compton, as shown and designated on the duly recorded plate thereof, in volume one, on page 83, map book in the Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 19, township 15, south of range 1 west. Mineral rights excepted. Said lands situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, said property belonging to said estate.

IVVENA I. GRISSOM,

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## FROM LA PINE.

Three years ago Brother W. J. Ray came here, and with the help of our consecrated brother, J. A. Jenkins, and his sweet-spirited singer, W. H. Carson, organized a Baptist church. We called Brother Robert Jones for our pastor and worshipped in the Methodist church nearly two years. This Godly man was untiring in his efforts to build a Baptist church, and when we would become discouraged he would always tell us to look on the bright side of life and have faith in God. We only had 24 members, and none felt financially able to build. Our good friend and stand-by, G. T. Edwards, who is no stranger to the Baptist denomination, as he is always ready to help in every worthy cause, gave us our church lot and \$100 to begin the work. Others subscribed to the building. Some paid up their subscriptions; others did not. Still he pushed the work forward, and finally told us we might dedicate the church, that he would become responsible for all indebtedness, and we set the day on Easter Sunday, and with grateful hearts we witnessed the dedication last Sunday. Our pastor, Brother Folmer selected Brethren J. S. Yarbrough and J. A. Jenkins to preach the dedication sermon. Owing to sickness they were unable to get here, so our pastor in a strong, forceful manner preached it himself. Tenderly and lovingly he dwelt on the duty of its members to make for mar its future progress. Our house was full to overflowing. Our sweet friend, Mrs. Y. M. T. Tankersly, who is always ready to render service in church work, sang in a beautiful and impressive voice "Hold Thou My Hand" to the delight of all present. It was indeed a great day with us. A collection was taken for missions, the amount raised being \$10. We had quite an interesting program for the afternoon service or Sunday school. Two bright little girls, Misses Wertis Cook and Estelle Bassett, had prepared essays on the life of Samuel, which would have done credit to any young lady. Our pastor knows how to keep up the interest in the Sunday school and is always planning something ahead. We have a splendid choir. S. M. Michel, who is a member of the Christian church, is our leader, and he is a very excellent teacher, too. Our faithful superintendent, W. L. Grisset, is always there to do his part. Our much beloved organist, Miss Sallie Cook, is a member of the Methodist church, yet she is truly a faithful worker with us. She is truly a noble Christian girl. Right here I want to speak of our music teacher, Miss Edna Lazenby, who is also a Methodist, yet she has been an untiring worker in our midst. She will leave us soon, and her going away brings sadness to our hearts. How we will miss her. Surely God will bless this sweet, consecrated Christian girl wherever her lot is cast. We will take up our work now with renewed energy, thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

## CARMEL CHURCH.

We received five members in January, four in February, three in March and eight in April, and now have one other candidate awaiting baptism.

Our Sunday school, prayer meeting, Woman's Missionary Union and Sunbeam Band are doing as well as usual for us, but our B. Y. P. U. and teacher training class are not doing so well just now as formerly.

We take collections according to the schedule for missions (two Sundays in the month). The collections for the other two Sundays are used for our own building as our house is not yet finished. We have not failed a single month since our association last year to raise the amount for missions that was apportioned our church by the association. How simple and easy to point to the cards on the wall and say our apportionment for this month is so many dollars for (a certain kind of) missions; let us pay it. We like the plan. It can be worked, and we think it ought to be by every church in the state.

The fifth Sunday meeting of our association convened with our church. J. P. Hunter preached on Friday night, M. P. Edwards on Saturday and Dr. Baker on Sunday. The Bible doctrine of regeneration, temperance, needs of our association, Sunday school, Bible plan of giving and its benefits and missions were ably discussed by quite a number of brethren, such as J. P. Hunter, J. S. Bryant, E. L. Mayberry, W. R. Adams, A. W. Langley, M. P. Edwards, B. W. Martin, J. C. Condon, J. C. Lunsford and Prof. R. D. Webb.

On Sunday morning H. T. McClain, a member of our church, was ordained to the office of deacon, the presbytery consisting of the pastors and deacons present, who numbered about a dozen.

About 12 churches were represented. Our congregations were not very large. The sermons and discussions were fine. On Saturday the music was led by Claudia Aikin, and on Sunday by A. L. Yancey, who is not only chorister of our church, but secretary of Sunday school work, clerk and deacon, and who also about three weeks ago became a subscriber to the Alabama Baptist.

The church and community did credit to themselves by bountifully entertaining the meeting with dinner on the ground both Saturday and Sunday, as well as home entertainment.

Fraternally and lovingly,

J. H. WALLACE,  
Opelika, Ala.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION IN  
MAY.

According to the schedule prepared by the State Mission Board the month of May is the time for the consideration of denominational education in Cullman, Morgan, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Limestone and Jefferson counties. I earnestly hope that the pastors in these counties will present our cause to their churches. Our schools are very much in need of assistance, and if we do not rally to their support our cause in general will suffer.

The secular schools for higher education are more or less permeated with skepticism, and many of our young people are being led astray. Our denominational schools are not only free from such a spirit, but they are giving our young people a course of Bible study. W. J. E. COX.

A MAN'S DUTY TO LESSEN HIS  
WIFE'S DRUDGERY.

We read in the 7th verse, 12th chapter of Matthew, "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." While this seemingly applies to the male sex, there is no doubt that it is intended as a general rule, applicable to each and every human being living, and more is the pity it is not lived up to, to the letter. Take, for illustration, the relations existing between husband and wife. These relations should be in perfect harmony and accord, one with the other, and it is the husband's duty to look to the comfort and welfare of the wife, to lessen her burdens in life, both mentally and physically. But does he? No, a thousand times no. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule, but there are thousands of men, today who will sit idly by, peacefully reposed in an easy chair, and allow the already overworked wife to go to the well in the yard, or to the spring at a distance, and bring water to the house, to wear away her life eternally cleaning and refilling dirty, disagreeable old oil lamps, when, with a few dollars, he can install in the house a complete water and lighting system that will save the wife many, many hours of toil, and add a good many years to her life.

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Dear Brother Barnett: We are always waiting for the Baptist and are ready to read it, and sure are glad to see it increasing in readers. Hope the time will soon come when it will be in the home of every Baptist family in the state. Sorry to say that so far as I can find out we are the only ones of Bethsaida church that have been reading the paper. It is hard to say, but I find few of our country preachers that take the paper. They are the poorest paid laborers that I know of in our country. On that account many of them do not read the Baptist. We cannot expect them to encourage the great and important work in all of the important parts unless they were posted and had the proper encouragement. I find that our pastor, and a neighbor preacher who helps him with the work at our church neither take the Baptist. They say they are not able to pay for it. How sad. Now, I will suggest that if there is another church which has a pastor who does not read the Baptist, make a strong effort to get your church to send him the paper. If they fall, then some one of you whom God has blessed with means just send him the paper for 12 months, and God will bless you and the great cause that we claim we are laboring for. Try this, and I will assure you that you will not regret it. My wife and myself are sending you \$2 to send the paper to Brother Love, our pastor, and Brother Bragg, his co-worker and our neighbor. We are both old and poor in this world's goods, but we remember the promise that "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world." May God bless you and all of your readers and make the great work a success. Yours in the work—Wm. Bradford, Cullman.

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Shugart solves the often perplexing day meeting problem by waiting to begin them when the people are interested, which many preachers have not learned after 20 years, instead of 20 months in the ministry.

By the second week the meeting had become the one absorbing topic of conversation. Men would gather in groups on the streets and the stores and talk of the meeting; children in school would repeat the text and parts of the sermon of the night before; un-saved men were easily approached about their souls, and the prisoners in the jail heard of the meeting and sent for us to talk with them.

Long before the meeting hour the church would be crowded each night. In fact, the interest was about as good as any pastor could hope for.

As to visible results, we received 39 for baptism and 10 by letter and statement, and several have joined other churches, and still others will come to us.

The church has been greatly revived and strengthened, and we now face the future with brighter hopes and firmer tread than ever before.

Out of the entire number that joined us none were under 11 years of age and only eight under 15, and many are men.

Now a word about the evangelist. Unless this pastor and church be badly mistaken, the State Board did a wise thing when it appointed Shugart state evangelist. He is a tireless worker outside the pulpit, visiting the business houses and getting acquainted with the men on the streets or anywhere he could find them. He will know more people after a two weeks' meeting than some preachers after a six months' pastorate. His happy disposition and strong personality win him friends by the score. In the pulpit he is an old-time "exhorter," which, by the way, has become entirely too

rare in our day. His exhortation is so tender and yet so manly and powerful that it is well nigh irresistible by even the hardest sinners. His methods are about such as were used 20 years ago by the country preachers in the hill sections of Alabama. People thought these old-fashioned methods would certainly fail in a sedate old town like Athens, but they didn't. He has no foolishness, no silly jokes, no smart, catchy tricks in his work to attract the crowd. Indeed, he seems to have no self-consciousness while preaching, and never seems to "strain after effect," but is dead in earnest all the time. He uses few illustrations, but the few which he does use are nearly all well chosen ones from his own observation and rich experience, and not the "cut and dried," "worn slick by use" illustrations which so many evangelists palm off on a patient (?) public. There is nothing of the "professional" about him yet. Shugart is the pastor's friend, too. Stands by the pastor and encourages and strengthens him. At the close of the meeting he raised in cash and subscriptions about \$50 on my expenses to Philadelphia in June.

The meeting will go down in history as one of the few great meetings of the town.

As an expression of appreciation for the evangelist's services the church and the people of the town gave him about \$150, most of which was given by people outside the church. I can most heartily recommend him to the churches of the state.

H. R. ARNOLD.

## EAST ALABAMA ROUTE TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention from places named below, and all in between, are asked to meet at Opelika Tuesday evening, May 16, and take the "Seminole Limited" over the Central of Georgia railroad at 8:50 p. m., arriving in Jacksonville at 7:05 Wednesday morning, thus forming a delightful party en route. This is the only through train for this section of the state to Jacksonville. If you will notify F. H. Farrington, Roanoke, Ala., at once of your intention to go some definite steps will be taken to insure your comfort en route. Places:

Childersburg, Sylacauga, Opelika, Dadeville, Alexander City, Goodwater, Tuskegee, Auburn, Notasulga, Lafayette, Roanoke and Lineville.

The Central of Georgia has been asked to furnish a chair car for our use. Any one desiring it can take a sleeper. If you desire it say so in your notification.

I think I can see our churches here (Providence) and at Orrville taking on new life under the work of the Lord through our beloved brother, J. G. Dobbins. He has started two new Sunday schools, and at one has built a real nice church building. Just about the time it was completed a storm blew it down, but it is up again now, and he is holding services there every Sunday evening. The Orrville church was repaired last year, and we are working on ours now. I don't think a pastor could come nearer having the love and good will of everybody than he has. He is a worker and has such a loving, sweet wife to help him, which adds so much. Yours in the cause—L. P. Davis.



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### THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES WILL LEAVE FOR JACKSON- VILLE TUESDAY, MAY 16, OVER THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Below shows a list of the delegates who will leave Birmingham Tuesday, May 16, at 4:25 p. m. over the Southern Railway to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Join the Birmingham delegation, as all the delegates should go together:

Drs. A. J. Dickinson, Preston Blake, Rev. J. D. Ray, J. O. Colley, W. M. Blackwelder, W. J. E. Cox, M. K. Thornton, C. J. Bentley, W. M. Anderson, R. L. Durant, F. M. Barnes, W. W. Lee, W. B. McDavid, H. L. Strickland, A. K. Knight, T. O. Reese, J. W. Stewart, A. B. Balsom, J. C. Alexander, A. B. Creel, Curtis Shugart, J. A. Hendricks, R. W. Carlisle.

Our Baptists at this place do not (as many as should) take the paper, and I have decided to awake them to its importance if possible.—Mrs. A. McEachern, Heflin, Ala.  
(A good resolve.)

### THE RICHMOND PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIPS "UNDER ITS OWN VINE AND FIG TREE."

I doubt if with more pride and pleasure the Jews of the olden time entered their beautiful temple at Jerusalem than did the flock of the Richmond Place Baptist church meet for their first service in the new chapel, corner of Avenue I and Twelfth street, South, on the 23d day of April in this year of grace 1911. To this end this little band of men and women and children have been aided by the State Board and Home Board of Missions and many of the sister churches of the Birmingham district. With joy we sat together in "the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" and the words of the Psalmist were appropriately ours: "Know ye that the Lord, He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with pleasure; be thankful unto Him: and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."

In the evening Brother Crumpton was with us, which was a great joy. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Beal, had announced the Sunday before that the first collection to be taken in the new church house would be for Home Missions, and so it was. It was a spiritual uplift, for it was with "cheerfulness" (hilarity) that the amount of \$17.35 was offered to the Lord. There have been hard times and rough has been the way many a time in planting this little church, but there have been glad surprises oftentimes as well. On Sunday morning Brother Beal announced that the Home Board had sent their promised check, which completed the payment on the house as it stands, and we drew a sigh of relief and "took heart of grace."

We are rejoicing over many good things that have come to us, but no blessing could be greater than the devotion and consecration of our young pastor and his wife. We "sit with delight" under his ministry and pray that he will ever find in his people those who will "hold up his hands" and always help him to bear the burdens. Our aim is to have a real "live, true" Baptist church—not so large but that everybody shall know everybody, not so exclusive but that everybody shall find a welcome, not so autocratic but that every member will have a voice in every matter pertaining to the church, and above everything, that all be bound together in the bonds of love. That's a high ideal, but the pattern is found in the New Testament.

The Sunday school has overflowed the 100 mark under the judicious guidance of Mr. R. R. Darden, the superintendent. The Young People's Union is flourishing under the leadership of Miss Lillian Robinson. The Sunbeams have as their president Henry Hawkins, who has been an invaluable member of the band for years, is now president of his Sunday school class, a working member of the church, and some of us hope to live to see him a deacon some day. The Woman's Missionary and Aid Society, Mrs. Edwards, president, is indefatigable in carrying out the plans of work she seems inexhaustible in proposing. The

society met its apportionment with pleasure and with ease.

We have one of our very best women as treasurer of the church, and she "looks well to the ways" not only "of her household," but that of her pastor and his church.

Another blessing, of which we would not be unmindful, is the interest taken in our music by Mrs. Hughes, an accomplished musician—herself an Episcopalian, but "willing to work in the waste places." She is organist for us, training our young people in choir practice and in the services of the church. Hard has been the struggle, but over all has been "His love and care," and we believe there are even greater things in store for us, for His promises are ever "yea and amen" to them who love Him and strive to keep His commandments.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON.

### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNIONS.

At the convention held in Prattville we discussed the "group plan" for encouraging daily Bible reading and the helping along all lines of activity in the B. Y. P. U. The presidents who were there agreed to try the plan, and I have prepared a chart, together with some suggestions for its use. It is not a theory, but is being used to great advantage by many unions. Will not all the unions that were not represented at Prattville send me 30 cents for the chart and suggestions and give it a fair trial this year? Another thing, we agreed that the field secretary's office should be a kind of clearing house for new ideas and special plans that have been found helpful. Send along what you are doing or have been doing that is new or helpful, and I will pass it along to all the unions in the state.

Unions, let's make this the banner year in our work. Brother Barnett urges us to use the columns of his good paper to tell each other what we are doing. In order to do this we ought to try to get the paper into the hands of every unioner in the state. The special offer of \$1 until next January is a great bargain. Let me have the name and address of your president and secretary and let Brother Barnett have the dollar.

Fraternally,  
HARRY L. STRICKLAND,  
Field Secretary,  
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I received your \$1 plan some time ago, and had about given up hopes of getting any new subscribers, as there are so few Baptists in my community. I enjoy reading the Baptist and would like to do something to help in our great work. Perhaps you remember my father, Rev. Hix B. Chappell, now in the happy beyond. Wishing you great success—Mrs. Jennie A. McCafferty.

(She sent one. A worthy daughter of an honored sire.)

### THE SIMULTANEOUS SOUL-WIN- NING CAMPAIGN FOR BIR- MINGHAM IS NOW AN ASSURED FACT.

Rev. A. A. Walker, our associational evangelist, who is launching the scheme, is receiving many very encouraging letters from the brethren pledging their hearty support and co-operation. The Pastors' Union voted unanimously endorsing the plan, and it is now an assured fact that a majority of the evangelical churches will participate. The following excerpts from a letter written by Dr. Henry Alford Porter, of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., will be quite interesting to many:

"My Dear Brother Walker: I rejoice to know you are planning a campaign of pastoral evangelism in Birmingham. I earnestly hope you will be able to engage the pastors of other denominations, as well as our own, and that it may be made a city-wide movement. We launched out into the dark here, but the issue was a great success. Louisville has not been so moved since I have known it. The gospel had a wide hearing and met with a wonderful response.

"I held a meeting with my church last fall, and had not anticipated another effort this spring, but when I discovered that an effort was being made to have a union meeting here I earnestly sought to substitute for it a campaign of pastoral evangelism. All the central churches in the city participated in it and some of the suburban."

After giving in detail the plan of the campaign, he adds: "All this worked the pastors tremendously hard, but they all came to the close with glory in their souls. Several of the prominent pastors who had never conducted a meeting won such success and received such blessing that they will never be the same again. May every blessing attend you in the work to which you are giving your heart. I believe we are getting back to first things in this plan."

### REV. V. I. MASTERS RAPIDLY IM- PROVING FROM ATTACK OF FEVER.

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary. It gives me great joy to say to all your readers that my co-worker, Rev. V. I. Masters, editorial secretary of the Home Board, is steadily improving. He has been down more than three weeks with an attack of fever. It was hard on him to have to drop by the way just at the pressure of the closing days of our year. He had done splendid service with his gifted pen and was anxious to be in the fight to the close.

I am happy to say that he will be at the convention in Jacksonville, and I know this will be good news to the brotherhood, who know and love him.

My churches are sending me to the Southern Baptist Convention.—A. E. Emfinger.

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### BIRMINGHAM WOMEN FIGHTING LIQUOR.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Birmingham will make strenuous opposition to the efforts of local optionists in Jefferson county. Probate Judge J. P. Stiles has received from the W. C. T. U. a communication asking if the petition of the local optionists asking for an election on the prohibition question would be allowed to be seen.

#### Is Public Document.

The reply of the judge was to the effect that, being a public document, the petition would be permitted to be viewed by anybody and everybody.

Following this the W. C. T. U. has issued an appeal to the voters of Jefferson county asking them not to sign the petition and also announcing that the petition with all names attached thereto would be published in the daily papers. The appeal says that the W. C. T. U. is endeavoring to get the voters to withdraw their names from the petitions.

Among other things the appeal says: "We regret that at this time, when under the new commission form of government the prospect of enforcing the prohibition laws is so bright, that it should be wantonly snatched from us.

#### Enemy is Powerful.

"Our fight is against a powerful enemy, but we believe the people of the country will see that we are right and come to our help. If for no other reason the turmoil of another election should be sufficient cause to refuse to sign the petitions."

The appeal of the W. C. T. U. in full follows:

To the Friends of Temperance in Jefferson County:

The W. C. T. U. would call your attention to the above correspondence with reference to the petition now being circulated for the opening of saloons in this county under the provisions of the Parks and the Smith bills. We earnestly hope that the friends of temperance and good government in Jefferson county will not be persuaded to sign any of these petitions.

#### Will Set Voters.

It is the purpose of the W. C. T. U. to procure a copy of the petition so soon as possible with a view to getting the signers to come off of said petition. This copy, with the signers, we will publish in the city press and have copies sent to our co-workers for the preservation of our homes from the curse of liquor in each beat. We respectfully ask all the electors of the county who sympathize with us in relieving our city and county of this evil to help us to thwart this effort of the liquor trust to force this traffic on us.

Now is the time to show whether the people or the predatory business of legalized liquor selling is to prevail. Will you not come to our aid in this contest, first by refusing to sign the petition yourself, and then by using your influence to keep others from doing so.

#### Regret Loss of Prospect.

We regret that at this time, when under the new commission form of government the prospect of enforcing the prohibition laws is so bright, that it should be wantonly snatched from us. Our fight is against a powerful enemy, but we believe the people of the county will see that we are right and come

to our help. If for no other reason the turmoil of another election should be sufficient cause to refuse to sign the petitions.

### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. W. H. Jeffries, President.  
Mrs. I. D. Steele, Vice-President.  
Mrs. A. E. Meadow, Secretary.  
Mrs. J. F. Bothom, Treasurer.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENION.

The Sunday school convention of the First district of the Clarke County Baptist Association was held at Suggsville on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in April. Introductory sermon by Rev. R. K. Benson in his plain, practical way. Rev. I. D. White preached Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. The Sunday morning sermon was very instructive, showing the power of the gospel wherever it has been preached. Prof. T. L. Head made a good speech on the "Power of Faith." Hon. W. D. Dunn, after giving a short report from the State Sunday School Convention, spoke on "The Substituting Teachers." Brother Dunn is never happier than he is when teaching a Sunday school class or talking on Sunday school work. He has done more to advance Sunday school work in Clarke county than any other person. There were short talks by Bros. J. B. Cleveland, W. H. Williamson and others on various subject. The meeting was a success. The reports from the Sunday schools show advancement in the work.

The good people of Suggsville entertained the meeting royally. Last, but not least, oh, that magnificent dinner spread on the table in that beautiful grove near the church prepared by the good women of Suggsville just could not be excelled. Suggsville is one of the oldest towns in Clarke county, located about three miles east of the Southern railroad, and at one time considered one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic places in the county. At the same time some of the most hospitable people in the world. They have lost a great deal of their wealth and perhaps their aristocracy, but none of their hospitality. Nearly all the old citizens of this place have passed over the river to receive their reward, but they left their impress on their children. The Baptist church at Suggsville is small, only 20 members, but a zealous working little band. It is a pleasure to be their pastor.

J. H. CREIGHTON.

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 11th Day of April, 1911.

Estate of James N. Didlake, Deceased.

This day came Mollie Didlake, administratrix of the estate of James N. Didlake, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 17th day of May, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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Brother Butler was born in 1865; joined the Missionary church at Freedom when about 16 years old. He always lived a consecrated life. He was one of the most cheerful givers to the Lord's work I ever knew.

The funeral services were conducted at his father's residence by Rev. M. Briscoe, the writer and Bro. Billie Thompson, and he was buried by the Free Masons.  
W. T. HALL,  
Larkin, Ala.

**A VISIT TO MARION.**

It was my privilege to spend several days at Marion in the interest of our educational commission. Of course I visited the Judson, which is as fine a school for young women as exists in the south, and had the impudence to take up a collection at the college, and the young women responded quite cheerfully and liberally. Dr. Patrick gave me two days of his time, and we canvassed the whole town in the interest of the Judson, closing our work on Sunday with a collection at Siloam church. The total amount raised was about \$1,075, all practically cash. While the money raised was all designated for the Judson, it passes through the hands of the commission, which is the proper thing.

The people in general of Marion believe in the Judson, and have often and cheerfully responded to appeals for help for the school. Dr. Bomar gave us his hearty co-operation. Dr. Bomar has been pastor of the Siloam church for 14 years, and no man in the state is more beloved by his people than P. V. Bomar.  
W. J. E. COX.

**OBITUARY.**

Brother W. M. Barton died April 21, 1911, in the 79th year of his age. He had been for a number of years a deacon of Bethel church, and was one of the purest and best men in the community. He was true to his family, his country, his church and his lodge. His funeral was conducted by the writer, his pastor, and he was laid to rest with Masonic honors. He leaves a widow and nine children to mourn their loss, which to him is gain and bliss eternal.

The great concourse of friends who attended his funeral, the tearful eyes and the bank of flowers that covered his grave proved the high esteem in which he was held. A good and great man in Israel is fallen. We tender sincere sympathy to his loved ones.  
J. G. LOWREY.

Ralph Ala., April 27, 1911.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF  
HOWARD COLLEGE, MAY  
21-24, 1911.**

The commencement exercises of Howard College will be held at the college from Sunday, May 21, to Wednesday, May 24, and it is believed that they will this year be of especial interest.

On Sunday morning, May 21, at 11 o'clock Rev. Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, of noble name and great power among the Baptists of our state, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. At 8 o'clock that evening Rev. Mr. Bateman, now of Norfolk, Va., but expected to take soon the pastorate at Troy, Ala., will preach the missionary sermon, under the auspices of the John W. McCollum Missionary Society. On Monday and Tuesday attractive exercises of classes and drill will make the days notable. On Wednesday at 11 o'clock the closing exercises will mark the end of the school year. Rev. J. M. Rogers, a strong and gifted young man, will speak for the class of 1911, and the baccalaureate address will be made by Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans, rector of the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Ala., an eloquent speaker and a man of rare gifts of heart and mind.

It is especially requested that many friends over the state will attend these commencement exercises, and that all who purpose to come will as soon as possible send me their names.

This has been a great year in the history of the college. Let us make the commencement exercises a fitting close.  
A. P. MONTAGUE.

**LOUISVILLE BOYS.**

An organization of the alumni and students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was formed last year at Chicago during the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. Rev. C. M. Phillips, of Lansdowne, Pa., Rev. J. Milnor Wilbur, of 1701 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. P. O. Duncan, of Lafayette, Ind., were elected president, vice-president and secretary respectively. A complete list of the Louisville men within the bounds of the northern convention is greatly desired. Let all of the alumni and students of Louisville who see this statement and are located within the bounds of the northern convention send their names and addresses to the secretary for permanent enrollment.

Any of the men who expect to attend the northern convention, to be held in Philadelphia in June next, should send their names and addresses to the president.

If all will at once comply with this request on reading this notice we shall have the information desired.

- C. M. PHILLIPS,  
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## MARY HAS GONE HOME.

Little Mary Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Russell, first saw the light of this world nine years ago. Last June, during the gracious meeting Bricher Farrar held for us at Marbury, Mary first knew the marvelous light and liberty of the children of God. I shall never forget that night when she found the Savior; how bravely and intelligently she stood up and told about it. After a few days' prayerful and thoughtful consideration of what it means to join the church Mary offered herself for membership in the church her grandfather (Brother Joel Marbury) founded so many years ago. Again she sweetly and sensibly spoke of how Jesus saved her and how she desired to follow Him in baptism and in a life of service.

The following Sunday afternoon, in her Uncle Dave Marbury's pool, together with 23 other happy converts, Mary put Christ on visibly in baptism. That the life she lived ever after was a new, unselfish and beautiful one, every person in Marbury will testify.

A few days after joining the church Mary discussed matters with her mother and agreed that a Christian girl should not spend her money for soda water, candy, chewing gum and such things, but give it to the Lord. A Sabbath did not pass that she did not drop an envelope in the basket containing 25 cents on pastor's salary. She also gave liberally to missions, money she had earned herself.

At the close of our meeting in June we organized a children's prayer meeting, which we kept up as long as I was pastor there. Some old people said it was the best thing in Marbury; others said it was the grandest thing they ever saw. I am sure that children's prayer meeting was the best thing I ever saw. Mary was one of the leaders in it. She never failed to request prayer for the pastor. I can still hear her sweet, gentle voice as she pleaded, "Dear Jesus, bless our pastor and keep him." Their favorite song in their prayer meeting was No. 24 in Brother Farrar's book, "Heavenly Sunlight." How sweetly they did sing it every time!

Last fall, when I had typhoid fever, the children met at 7, their usual time, one Sunday evening in one of the primary rooms at the church. Although away over on the other hill from me, I could hear them so distinctly as they sang:

Walking in sunlight all of my journey;  
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;  
Jesus has said I'll never forsake thee,  
Promise divine that never can fail.

## Refrain:

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight;  
Flooding my soul with glory divine;  
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,  
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

Shadows around me, shadows above me,  
Never conceal my Savior and guide;  
He is the light, in Him is no darkness,  
Ever I'm walking close to His side.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,  
Press my way to mansions above;  
Singing His praises, gladly I'm walking,  
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of His

love.

Then there was a push. I knew they were praying. I knew they were praying for me. From that moment I began to get better, and was soon well.

In February our darling Mary went to live the higher life. She now sweetly rests in the bosom of her Savior. She cannot sing with the "prayer meeting children" in Marbury any more, but she joins the angelic chorus, and the song they sing is "Heavenly Sunlight." And, oh! how they do sing it so much better than we do here.

I had a letter from Mary's father the other day. He wrote in part:

"Dear Brother Jones: But for the love and sympathy of our friends what would we do in such times of bereavement? Hard though it is to give our darling up, we are consoled in that we know our friends grieve with us. Mary's death was so sad! She was taken ill a day before her birthday, and was sick just two weeks. I believe it was intended from the first she should go.

"Mary was so bright and happy. How proud we were of her. How well do I remember that on Christmas last she asked her mother to fix her a basket that she might carry it to some of the poor little children in the quarter. Her mother fixed it; I brought the basket down as far as the store, and she then took it and went from house to house, leaving something for the children.

"It is very hard to understand just why we should be called on to give up such bright and useful a little Christian, yet we try to believe that all things are for the best, but it is so hard. Pray for us."

No, we cannot understand now, except that "death loves a shining mark" and "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Jesus loved Mary better even than we did and wanted her to be right in heaven with Him. Some glad day we shall understand. Tenderly,

ROBERT JONES,

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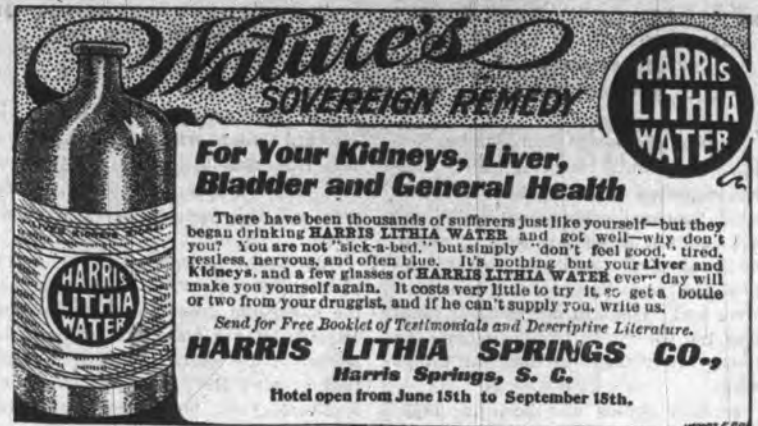
## FROM ANDALUSIA.

You have been writing me for some news items and to tell you what the Baptists are doing down here. They are doing so near nothing it is embarrassing to tell. I am a farmer-preacher and don't travel much. My home church is very young and we have no edifice. We worship in a school house. We are planning to build in the near future, so we can't do what we want to in other branches of church work, but are looking forward to better things and my work this year is among old run down churches in Hardshell communities, and you know how hard it is to accomplish anything in such communities. They get so full of the non-mission spirit there is no room for anything else, but I have made some marked improvements. I am getting the church in order. Have had some additions by baptism where there had not been an addition in three years, and prospects are brighter.

WM. L. JOHNS.

Andalusia, R. 7.

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