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Rev. J. W. Long, of Jacksonville, has been quite successful in forming teacher training classes. He is a great and persistent worker.

We want the address of M. W. Bennett. He is on the list at Mt. Gilead, but there is no such postoffice in Alabama. He is paid to September, 1912, and we want to get the paper to him.

I am getting on finely out here in the seminary. Mighty anxious to get through and get back to Alabama. Hope everything is going well with you and all. Yours fraternally—Tom C. Jester, Fort Worth, Tex.

Prof. L. D. Rutledge, principal of our Eldridge Academy, writes that he is very much in need of an encyclopedia and books of reference for the study of English. Perhaps if you would make this known through your paper there are friends in Alabama who would be glad to donate these books to the school.—A. E. Brown, superintendent, Asheville, N. C.

(Who will send a set?)

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Brewer, of Montgomery, were guests of Mr. J. C. Maxwell Thursday night to Saturday. This genial minister and his charming companion grow old gracefully. Many friends here are always glad of their coming.—Alexander City Outlook.

We have moved from Roanoke, Ala. to Antioch, Ga. We can't get along without the Alabama Baptist. So please send the paper to Antioch, and may the Lord bless you and yours is our earnest prayer. Your brother in Christ—C. B. Martin.

Rev. Charles A. Loveless, pastor of the First Baptist church, Pittsburg, Tex., is an available pastor for a pastorless Alabama church. He is a man of experience and ability, having been in the ministry 20 years. He has a wife and three boys. His present work is with a membership exceeding 400, with a fine Sunday school. He wants to locate in Alabama for good reasons.

On Sunday morning, December 31, Rev. H. B. Woodward preached to a congregation of men at the Baptist church of Lineville. He pleaded for a strict enforcement of the law of the land, and advised observance of the moral law. He said that when he came to Lineville it was said to him he had come to the best town in the state. He asked the men of the congregation to do their duty in aiding in law enforcement and sustaining the past reputation of Lineville as the best town in the state, both from an observance of the law of the land and of the moral law.

"Shop early" and give the clerks a chance to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Do not wait until the last minute to have your packages delivered. Have some mercy on the mail clerks and express carriers.

If You Have the Christmas Spirit

Owing to the low price of cotton we have not tried to push our collections this fall, and consequently our receipts have fallen way below what they would have been under better times.

Now, this is to ask those who are able to come to our rescue, and pay up or ahead and thereby help us to carry those who are not now in a position to send us remittances.

We want to do the fair thing, and will wait on those who can't pay at present without sacrifice, but we do hope those willing and able to pay will send us something before Christmas.

Yours for service,
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

We Can and We Will Make it Better

The Continent says:

"Our good Methodist brethren find the subject of religious journalism a live topic at their gatherings. And they know something about the topic, for they believe the religious paper is an essential part of their work, and they have consistently endeavored to carry out the plan of local papers at various centers. At the recent ecumenical conference, we discover in that excellent paper, the Christian Guardian, there was general agreement upon two or three things. First, that the circulation of the religious weekly was not a matter of loyalty to the editor, but of loyalty to the church. There can be little question as to the correctness of the view which holds that the vitality and permanency of the church's great enterprises in missions, education and benevolences depend to a very large extent upon the knowledge which the people at large have of these enterprises, and there is no other agency at once so cheap, so speedy and so effective as the church paper. Then, there was general agreement upon this point, that the pastor was the individual who must be held responsible for the extension of the circulation of the organ of his church.

"When some ministers were assigned to churches, it was declared, the circulation of the papers increased; when others went, there was a slump.

"Unfortunately, there was no one who had any remedy to suggest by which the delinquent brother might be transformed into an enthusiastic and successful advocate of his church paper. It is generally recognized that it would be a good thing, a very good thing, if every pastor could be led to see his duty in this regard, but as yet no way has been discovered by which the good brother's eye shall be opened and his tongue unloosed to urge the claims of the religious weekly, whose circulation means so much to himself and his people, and also to the church at large."

Brother Crumpton said of us last week: "You are doing well, but you can do better." It's the truth, and we are going to do our best to make such a good paper during 1912 that the pastors can't resist the impulse to speak a good word for it and to really take the trouble to send us news items and articles of genuine merit.

Galbraith P. Rodgers, who started from Governor's Island, New York, has finished his flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific, thus accomplishing the greatest feat in many respects recorded in history. His total journey is 4,141 miles, which he covered in 4,846 minutes, and that without injury worth mentioning. He started with seven other aviators in the coast-to-coast contest for a prize of \$50,000, offered by William Randolph Hearst. The flight, according to the terms, was to be made in 30 days, but because of storms and accidents, the 30 days had expired while he was in Missouri. Though giving up the prize, he determined to finish the course.

The Bethlehem Sunday school today gave \$1.40 and seven chickens to the orphans at Evergreen for Thanksgiving. Our Sunday school sympathizes with the little ones who have neither papa nor mamma. May God open the

eyes of the Baptist denomination to the work to be done, and so many idlers in the Lord's vineyard. Let's get right with God and save souls, and ever let our motto be soul saving. We are using the calendar in our Sunday school, and praise God for fathers and mothers who are training their children up to give. I hope to get the Alabama Baptist in many homes here. Thanks for such a fine paper. Yours in Christ—S. S. Sloan, Hanceville.

Please permit me to say in the Baptist that for some weeks my address will be Hazen, Ark., where I go to visit relatives, and please change the address on my paper accordingly at once from Shuqualak, Miss. I am not yet located in a pastorate. I may return to Florida. However, I am trying to leave my disposal to the Lord. I am His servant, and I feel sure He will direct. Affectionately—H. M. Long.

Mrs. J. W. Hamner was recently elected vice-president of the W. M. U. of the Baptist church at Alexander City. The society is in a thriving condition.

Martin Ball had an interesting account of the recent session of the Mississippi Baptist convention in the Baptist Record. The Mississippi Baptists had a good year. We congratulate them.

Mexia Baptist church met and ordained two deacons today—R. J. Taylor and L. W. Carter. We organized October 18, and now we have 32 members, two deacons and a pastor. We must build soon.—A. L. Stephens.

Thanksgiving was observed in Bridgeport with an 11 o'clock service at the Bridgeport Academy. A splendid sermon was preached by Rev. White, of Cleveland, Tenn. Brother White has the gift of speaking with great force and eloquence for the Master, and every one hearing his most helpful and appropriate sermon felt that "it was good to go unto the house of the Lord." The prayer service on Wednesday evening was also one of Thanksgiving.

I am always glad to read the items from the various fields over the state; the reports of others encourage me. The casual reader cannot appreciate our field of labor here. Our work moves on very hopefully. Two additions to the church yesterday and three baptized at the evening service. Two additions last Sunday. The Sunday school is very encouraging. Our mill village school is prosperous. We have an excellent corps of teachers. This mission school pays all its own expenses. The Philathea class will purchase an organ for the school. We have the largest teachers' training class we have ever had. They enter into the work very heartily. We hope to graduate the largest class in the county. Success to the Alabama Baptist.—J. W. Lang, Jacksonville, Ala.

On Saturday, November 25, Brother A. C. Yeagan preached a good sermon to an attentive congregation. His subject was "Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem." On Sunday following he read from Ex. 12:1 and I Cor. 13, taking for his text the latter clause of the 20th verse of the 12th chapter of Exodus: "What mean ye by this service?" A fine sermon it was, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The people of Tallapoosie neighborhood can boast of a nice \$500 school building, of which we are duly proud. Best wishes to you and yours.—A Member.

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ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Headquarters—Mission Room, 1122 Bell Building, Montgomery, Alabama

SONG FOR THE WEEK.

Tune, York, C. M. Two four time.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God;
To endless years the same.

—Isaac Watts.

DURING DECEMBER.

We study about Foreign Missions,
We gather in our Christmas offerings, reporting
the same at the January week of prayer.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Central District.
Our work in the Union Association, where we have
39 churches and only 14 societies.
Our missionary to Shanghai, Central China—Miss
Willie Kelly.
Our students at the Training School—Miss Addie
Cox, Miss Marietta Register and Miss Mary Keith.
The reaching of our year's apportionment.
The Christmas offering and the January week of
prayer.

FROM THE MISSION ROOM.

From the mission room during the past week have
gone out hundreds of packages. Part of these con-
tained the minutes of the Gadsden convention. A
minute was sent to every society in the state, to
every associational superintendent, to the state of-
ficers and to the delegates to the convention. We
truly owe thanks to the untiring publishers for their
careful work, to our recording secretary for her accu-
rate minutes, and to each of you who shall read these
minutes and shall use them as a means of growth.

The other packages contained the envelopes and
programs for the January week of prayer. Our sup-
ply of envelopes was not quite sufficient, so we used
some that were left over from last year. If those
societies which received these 1910 envelopes will
mark them 1911 before distributing them surely the
results will be better. We have ordered more en-
velopes and programs, and can supply you if you write
to the mission room for them. From now on the
"Thought for the Week" and the "Scripture Thought"
will be one of the songs and Bible readings for that
week. The hope is that every one who reads the
page will look up the scripture, and that the musical
leader will see to it that her society uses the songs
suggested in the programs from day to day. The
tune and the time for each song will be given, so
that if necessary you can adapt the song to the
music used in your church. Let us do all we can
to give of our best in preparation for this week of
prayer, that it may indeed be one of united worship.

USE MISSIONARY CALENDAR OF PRAYER FOR
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—1912.

For Service.

Prayer service, the beginning and end of all ef-
fectual work for the Master. He will be inquired of.

For Power.

That we may have the power of united petitions.
God answers prayer.

For Remembrance.

A call to prayer. Mark missionary engagements,

meetings, dates, etc., on its pages. It will remind
you.

For Blessing.

Love for humanity, unselfish ministry, a passion to
win others to Christ, and an increase of ability to do
it. A large reward.

The calendars may be ordered from the Montgom-
ery Mission Room. They cost only 15 cents and
make beautiful Christmas and New Year gifts.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE GADSDEN CON-
VENTION.

The Gadsden convention has passed into history,
and without doubt its influence will be felt in the
progress of the Master's kingdom. Those who were
present could not fail to be impressed by the atmos-
phere which pervaded the entire meeting. Many
prayers had been ascending to the throne of grace
during the weeks preceding the meeting, and the
spirit of humble devotion which characterized the
sessions was evidently the result of these petitions.
The motto which formed the keynote, "Serving to
Save," seemed to be in the hearts of the delegates, as
well as upon the wall over the platform.

Could the carping critic, who is always protesting
that "woman's place is in the home," have looked in
upon that band of earnest women and counted the
number of happy home-makers there he would have
learned the secret that no home is what it should be
until the Christ is enthroned and that loving service
for Him does not necessitate the neglect of any
womanly duty. That she serves her own home best
who, looking beyond it, recognizes the reflex influ-
ence of every other human being and realizes that
she cannot draw a circle of love around her own
home strong enough to keep out the evil that is about
it, but must help to make and keep pure and sweet
everything which touches that home even remotely.

The machinery of the convention was so excellent
and in such beautiful order that it seemed as though
there were none, and only those who have served in
the council chamber could realize how much thought,
care and work were necessary to procure such re-
sults. The splendid services of the young ladies who
acted as ushers promise great things for the future
of the work.

Probably no one thing contributed more to the suc-
cess of the convention than the noonday lunch served
in the Sunday school room. No time was lost from
the work, and the workers embraced the splendid
opportunity of meeting one another and exchanging
plans of work. It was a daily reception free from
all formality and constraint, and when the rain
poured steadily all day long the attendance was un-
diminished and the sun shone brightly within.

The most wonderful thing to me was the cheerfulness
and spontaneity with which contributions were
made to all the appeals for money. A modest woman
came forward and proposed the establishment of a
scholarship, and from all over the house came the
pledges, so fast in fact that it taxed the secretaries
to record them. Not a single time was it necessary
to plead for the cause or to use any pressure to se-
cure the necessary amount. If the Master had need
of anything would they not cheerfully lay it at His
feet? Two scholarships and an artesian well, in ad-
dition to a forward step all along the line in the
regular work, are certainly no mean accomplishment!
All hearts were touched when the Selma society pre-
sented the convention, not only with a scholarship in
our Louisville Training School, but with a splendid
young woman for this training for personal service
in the kingdom. What more beautiful memorial
could be conceived than that of continuing to live
through the life of a consecrated worker trained for
the highest service?

The thermometer, indicating the gifts during the
months of the year, could not fail to impress, and
gave food for thought. Of course we all knew it be-
fore, but it stared us in the face for three whole days
and burned itself into our consciences, and some of
us at least resolved to try to be more systematic in
our giving and in reporting our gifts. Have we any

right to withhold the Lord's money until the last
moment? Should we not be more thoughtful of the
Master and more considerate of those who are conduct-
ing His work for us? Think of the days and nights
of anxiety and of the grief it must be to them to pay
out in interest enough to keep several more workers
in the fields, where they are so sadly needed! Think
and then act!

No part of the work was neglected. The celebra-
tion of the silver jubilee of the Sunbeams will un-
doubtedly mean increased shining on their part, and
with the gifted new worker, Miss Laura Lee Patrick,
reinforced by the magnetic, cultured and beloved
Sunbeam mother, Mrs. Hamilton, we shall expect to
see new Sunbeams arising in many places now unil-
luminated. When the splendid artesian well shall
overflow at the orphanage it will be a constant re-
minder of the love of the Baptist women of Alabama
which continually goes out to those homeless little
ones.

If every woman in Alabama on her own birthday
will recall the tender ministrations and blessed con-
solation of some one of God's chosen ministers and
for his sake will make a birthday thank offering for
the aged ministers none of them need suffer for the
necessities of life in the days of patient waiting for
the call to "come up higher."

May the fires which were rekindled in the hearts of
the delegates continue to burn so brightly that they
may kindle many others, until our beloved state shall
be aglow with love and enthusiasm for this glorious
work. If mission study classes could be organized
by all those who enjoyed Mr. Hall's inspiring demon-
strations how easy it would be.

MRS. R. G. PATRICK.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY WEEK OF
PRAYER.

Sunday, December 31, 1911—Matt. 6:9; Isaiah 66:7;
Isaiah 32:17; Isaiah 2:4.

Monday, January 1, 1912—Topic: "Co-workers
with God." Isaiah 53:6; John 15:16; John 17:20;
John 10:16; Romans 10:14.

PRAYER THOUGHTS FOR JANUARY WEEK OF
PRAYER.

Sunday—Thanking God for promises of peace and
asking for their fulfillment.

Monday—Prayer with praise for this privilege of
being "co-workers with God."

"Here's to those who love us all,
Here's to those who don't,
A smile for those who're willing to,
And a tear for those who won't."

PARKER MEMORIAL.

On Sunday, November 26, it was my privilege to
be with Dr. Yarbrough at the Parker Memorial
church, Anniston, and it was a great privilege and
pleasure. That is a great church, and they have a
genial, capable and scholarly pastor. I spoke at the
morning service on "Denominational Education" to a
good congregation. Just what the offering for the
work of the commission will be I cannot now tell,
but I am persuaded that it will be what any one
would expect from that church. A number of the
members of the church signed cards becoming an-
nual contributors to our school work.

The church has only recently finished a splendid
new building for the primary department of the Sun-
day school. There is no better arranged building for
the work of the primary department anywhere in the
state. It is gratifying to know that more attention
is being given to the arrangement of buildings for
Sunday school purposes than ever before.

I left Anniston Sunday afternoon in order to
preach for the Southside church, Birmingham, at night.
Dr. Blake, the pastor, has had a long and serious
spell of illness, but is now convalescent, and hopes
soon to be with his people again. We are sure that
all who know Dr. Blake will rejoice to know of his
improvement.

W. J. E. COX.

WHAT SHALL IT BE—THE CHRIST CHILD OR SANTA CLAUS?

A year ago the Chicago Record-Herald published the answers of approximately 200 well-known Chicago people on the question: "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" The following are a few extracts from the answers, representing more conspicuously than any of the others the true sentiments of the answers:

"Ask me if I believe in the sun, moon and stars. Sooner let me doubt their existence than that of dear old Saint Njck, the guardian saint of the children from time immemorial."

And this came from the president of a Y. W. Christian Association. Who has ever heard that Santa Claus was a guardian saint?

"Any one who does not believe in Santa Claus, or the Santa Claus spirit, must be a poor father and a poorer mother."

According to this the millions of Christian fathers and mothers who still believe that it is the "Christ child" or the "Christian spirit," and not a "Santa Claus" or a "Santa Claus spirit," that inspires the hearts of the people to do good on Christ day, and who teach their children accordingly are poor fathers and mothers.

"I don't believe that Santa Claus is a myth; he may not be possessed of a material body, perhaps, but 'his spirit' is with us nevertheless."

If this, like many of the other answers, is not "replacing Christ, the one that brought this spirit into the world, by a Santa Claus," then I must confess that I can't read right.

"Would that we could have, not less of commerce, trade and business, but more of sympathy, charity, the fraternal spirit and a larger measure of 'Peace on earth and good will to men.' Give us that type of Santa Claus and give it to us in wholesome doses, and let us give likewise to the world, tune our hearts in joyful melody, with gratitude and praise to the Prince of Peace for the manifold blessings and comforts that are placed in our pathway."

Here that glorious message of the angels is ascribed to Santa Claus, and Santa Claus is made the "Prince of Peace."

"But really no one who declares that Santa Claus really exists is telling an untruth. Santa did live on this old earth, and his spirit haunts us yet when Christmas time rolls around."

Will the writer of this tell me where old Santa Claus did live on this old earth. I never heard anything else of him except that he was a myth, a nothingness. I, however, can tell him, if he does not know, where the originator of this so-called "Santa Claus" spirit lived. He lived in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem.

"To take Santa Claus out of the lives of children would be to deprive them of one of the greatest sources of joy known to history. But we are not going to do that, for who could go back on Santa Claus?"

If you must have a Santa Claus for your children, why not have a "Santa Claus" or a "Saint Nicholas" day, as in Germany? But do not dethrone the "Christ child," in whose honor we celebrate Christmas. Don't you think a little fairy girl, or a living angel at our Sunday school or church festivals, or a stable with the Christ child and Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, as they have it in the Catholic and in some Episcopal churches, even in some private homes, would make the children just as happy as a Santa Claus that often frightens little children? And would it not be more appropriate to "the day we celebrate?"

"There is certainly a Santa Claus spirit. It is the spirit of self-sacrifice, and is the finest thing in our modern civilization."

I have always heard, even learned it in school, that Christianity or the "Christian spirit" had played a great part in the civilization of the world. I never heard that a Santa Claus, a myth, a nothingness, had anything to do with it.

"Santa Claus is our pleasantest legend, and his day means more to girls and boys than any other festival we celebrate."

"We are all of us liable, I think, to lose our faith too soon in myths and fables, but it is good that the Santa Claus spirit lasts as it does."

These two represent the sentiments of the 200 an-

swers. Not a word about the hero of the day. All worship a myth—a pagan idea.

"This would be a great old world if Santa stayed out in the open, say twelve times a year, instead of only once. He's the champion peacemaker of the world."

To him Santa Claus is the "Prince of Peace." Yes, this will be not a "great old world," but a poor, miserable world, if the teachings of the real Prince of Peace were wiped out and replaced by some fairy tales, or a pagan idea.

"Yes, I think I believe in Santa Claus, for you know that Santa Claus is a German and his real name is 'Kris Kringle.' And I am strong for the Germans."

This is a mistake. Santa Claus' real name is not "Kris Kringle" for the Germans. The Germans have a "Saint Nicholas" day and a "Christmas" day. The name "Kris Kringle" is given by the Americans in place of the German "Christkindchen" (Christ child).

"Christmas day, with its Santa Claus—a North German legend—its snow and its sleighbells, was a good deal more than a religious festival. It stood for 'peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

This is another mistake. The writer was brought up in Germany, but he does not remember a single Christmas day where Santa Claus played a part or was even mentioned. It was always the "Christ child" that was honored, and the spirit that filled the hearts of old and young was a "Christian spirit" and not a "Santa Claus spirit." You say that is the same. I admit it looks like it; but this "Santa Claus spirit," as it is called, would never be in the world if Christ had not brought it down to us. Therefore, why not give the honor to whom the honor is due? Why replace him by a myth?

"Without the Santa Claus idea Christmas would be a cheerless day, for in that idea are embodied all those things that make for happiness of the right kind that springs from the heart, from the joy of giving."

This even comes from a minister of the gospel. He, too, puts the Santa Claus idea in place of the Christ spirit, and thereby betrays his Lord and Master.

If the above answers came from Jews and infidels, they must not be criticised; they have a right to their opinions; but if those answers came from so-called Christians, and if they represent the sentiments of the majority of our American Christians, then "Christmas" will soon be a thing of the past, a "Santa Claus Day" will have taken its place, and our Christian fathers, mothers, teachers and ministers will be responsible for it. They should write on their banner, "The World for Santa Claus," and not "The World for Christ."

Last year the editor of a prominent magazine had this to say:

"The first thing to do is to disentangle the sorry mess we have made of Christmas in its double meaning of the Holy Child and Santa Claus. We are perilously near the root of the whole present version of the modern Christmas at this very point, and it is a fact worthy of notice how much the modern Sunday school has done to emphasize this mix-up. Just consider for one moment the marvelous inconsistency of the average Sunday school in this respect. For an entire year our children are taught about Christ and what He has done for the world, and particularly is the childish mind told how Christ came into the world and what He came for. This goes on for a whole year, and then comes the season when the school celebrates what we accept as the time when He came into the world. And, would you not think that in any celebration of that time, the time of all times—Christ's own birthday—His birth would be emphasized? But no! Instead of the Holy Child we have substituted, in nine cases out of every ten, Sunday school celebrations, a pagan idea; a gnome or elf who comes down the chimney and gives gifts! In other words, instead of the holiest example that ever lived to teach our children, we have Santa Claus standing in the pulpit as the children's saint or preacher at Christmas! And then a Sunday school superintendent—with Santa Claus standing by his side, please bear in mind—was surprised last Christmas when he asked the question, 'Whose birthday is this, children?' And over 80 per cent of the scholars

answered 'Santa Claus!' And afterward this man deplored to me the hopelessness of bringing Christ to the mind of children."

CARL THEODORE WETTSTEIN.
Milwaukee, Wis.

WHAT WILL THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA DO ABOUT IT?

I have just received a communication from Brother A. W. Tate, principal of the Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton, a school owned by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which has deeply moved me. I do not believe there is a school in the South that has done better work and that more deserves the support of our Baptist people than the Newton school. God has given us a wonderful opportunity in this school, but we are not improving it as we should. A new building was planned several years ago, one wing of which has been erected, though not completed, and there is a debt of \$2,600 on what has been done. The rest of the building ought to be completed at once at a cost of about \$12,000. The teaching is now done in such a building as that described by Brother Tate. In addition to this there is a frame dormitory for girls and none for boys. The boys board with the people of the town.

In the communication above referred to, and which Brother Tate is sending out to his trustees, he says: "Let me ask a minute of your time that I may lay before you the condition of our school problem. It is briefly this: A large school, over 200 noble boys and girls, together with nine teachers, in an old smoky, cold wooden building, doing the best we can and trying to be loyal; with a senior class of 13 and a junior class of 28 or 30 and large classes on down the line—all looking forward to the day of graduation while the cold wind whistles through the old hull of a building and chills their bodies and benumbs their minds. Our school is 20 per cent less than last year because of these conditions."

"What shall we do? Shall we abandon and give up after 14 years of success? Shall we build? Shall we sell out and desert the field?"

The communication closes with the following: "Our board of trustees meets in Newton on Tuesday, December 5, at 10 o'clock a. m., Baptist church, to take under consideration plans to build, sell or abandon."

At the last meeting of the State Convention the special committee on Newton and Healing Springs schools reported in part as follows: "We recommend that the educational commission take charge of the Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton and as speedily as possible supply the necessary buildings for the successful operation of the school."

But what can the commission or the trustees do without the co-operation of the Baptists of the state in general? I do not think many of our pastors even realize the tremendous task assigned the educational commission, because they are not acquainted with all the conditions that confront us.

If all the brethren who have subscribed to the erection of the new building at Newton would pay their subscriptions the building would soon be erected. Is it not strange that so many Christian people will subscribe to benevolent causes and then utterly ignore their subscriptions? It is amazing how many will voluntarily subscribe certain amounts to these causes and then ignore all communications sent them when the subscriptions fall due. The secretary of the educational commission has had some experiences during his brief term of office. When brethren are written to about their subscriptions some sort of reply ought to be made.

What will the Baptists of Alabama do about the Newton school?
W. J. E. COX.

Birmingham, Nov. 30.

A warning has recently been issued by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters regarding the dangers from fires in churches, halls, schools and such buildings. In part, this says: "Defective heating and lighting devices, together with carelessness in the handling of motors, fuel, packing materials, paint and general refuse, have caused the majority of fires in churches. Systematic supervision of these features will therefore prevent many church fires."

RUHAMA'S SORROWS.

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

The hand of Providence has been laid heavily upon old Ruhama church. In less than a month nine of its members have been removed from our midst—three in search of health and six by death.

Our dear beloved pastor and family have gone west, hoping that his health will be restored. We are glad to say that he is improving. May God speedily give him back his health so that he may go forward in the work that he loves so much.

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power." 2 Thes. 1:11.

We need not be afraid of anything in this life when we live hour by hour and day by day under the guidance of our Lord. If He seek to bring you out of this world into close conformity to Himself do not shrink from it, but let the will of God be your will.

Another of our vallant workers, Mrs. Lula Hunt Baird, is in the Adirondack Mountains. We are so glad to know that she is improving. May God in His wise providence bring her back to us soon.

"We ourselves glory in you, in the church of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure."—2 Thes. 1:14.

On the 20th of October Mr. P. G. Hill, a good and faithful worker, was called home.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

On the morning of November 5 Mrs. R. S. Thompson passed into rest after being a sufferer for seven years. In all her suffering she was perfectly resigned to God's will. "Give her of the fruits of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates." "Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her."

On the evening of November 5 Mrs. Hope was called home. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens—a time to be born and a time to die. He hath made everything beautiful in his time." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

On Tuesday morning, November 7, the reaper with his shining sickle gathered for himself another sheaf, ripe unto the harvest—Miss Elizabeth Lofton, aged 87 years, an humble, faithful servant, always willing and ready to help some one. Oh, how the world needs people like that—some one to help people along life's rough way.

On Friday, November 10, God in His wisdom took from our midst one of the most faithful co-workers we have in our Bible school, Mr. T. V. B. Moor. There is no one whom the church will miss as they will miss him. He was always at his post of duty. "Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord. He shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord."

On the morning of November 17 Mrs. Hindman, a splendid member of the Philathea class, laid down her work here to do her Master's bidding in the beautiful home on high.

"This is the Lord's doings. It is marvelous in our eyes." (Ps. 118:23.) We do not question His wisdom. We often wonder why the reaper must come and why we must suffer this great loss, but—

"They shall bloom in fields of light,
Transplanted by God's care,
And saints upon their garments white
These sacred blossoms wear.

"Oh, not in cruelty, nor in wrath,
The reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the earth,
And took the flowers away."

HATTIE WILLIAMS,
MARY FARRAR BLAKE.

A delegation of Young Turks has been sent to interview King George, of Great Britain, and implore British intervention in the war in Tripoli.

Howard and Judson \$40,000 in Debt
and Newton Out in the Weather

To the Pastors of the State of Alabama:

Please read this letter from Brother A. W. Tate, of Newton. It explains itself. Will you not co-operate with Dr. Cox, in order that the educational commission may take care of the needs of our schools? Dr. Cox advises me that some of you will not even answer his letters. Do you want the schools abandoned and the Baptists to go out of the educational business? If so, continue your present policy; if not, act quickly. Judson and Howard are about \$40,000 in debt; Newton is out in the weather. The state is prosperous; the laymen are amply able and will contribute all of the money necessary to put these schools in good condition and start a forward movement if you will take hold of the matter and impress upon your congregations the importance of acting quickly. Sincerely,

J. C. WRIGHT.

Newton, Ala., Nov. 25, 1911.

Hon. J. C. Wright, Roanoke, Ala.:

Dear Brother—Let me ask a minute of your time that I may lay before you the condition of our school problem. It is briefly this: A large school, over 200 noble boys and girls, together with nine teachers, in an old smoky, cold, wooden building, doing the best we can and trying to be loyal; with a senior class of 13 and a junior class of 28 or 30 and large classes on down the line, all looking forward to the day of graduation, while the cold wind whistles through the old hull of a building and chills their bodies and benumbs their minds. Our school is 20 per cent less this year than last because of these conditions.

What shall we do? Shall we abandon and give up after 14 years of success? Shall we build? Shall we sell out and desert the field? No, no, no—a thousand times no; and yet we are standing on the brink—even the last year, and it is nearly half gone. We must do something next spring and summer, and we must determine within 60 days what we will do. My whole life is woven into the school, and I feel that it must not go down. All my small property is in the town; my aged parents live here, where I can take care of them, and in the cemetery rest three of my dear children and a sister. To break up and leave the school, my property, my parents and my deceased children grieves my very soul. To show my devotion to this cause I am willing to give of my salary liberally to erect the buildings if the denomination will take hold and do something. Our board of trustees meets in Newton on Tuesday, December 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Baptist church to take under consideration plans to build, sell or abandon.

Come, and be with us and help us. We need you. Sincerely,

A. W. TATE.

Thirteen ships of the Chinese navy have joined the revolutionists. Yuan Shi Kai, who was recalled from exile, was appointed premier and has named his cabinet, announcing his purpose to support the Manchu dynasty, which the revolutionists demand must abdicate. The United States has sent a regiment to China to keep the line open from Peking to the sea. Manchuria declares itself independent and neutral as between the Manchu and Chinese.

While C. P. Rodgers was breaking the Sabbath, in an attempt to complete his inter-ocean flight, he fell 100 feet in a plowed field half way between Los Angeles and the Pacific ocean. His machine was wrecked, and he sustained many bruises and was unconscious from a concussion of the brain.

On Wednesday, December 6, at the Baptist church in Andalusia, an interdenominational jubilee celebrating the fiftieth years of the Woman's Mission Union was held.

FROM BROTHER ADAMS.

I am in receipt of a letter asking me to contribute \$1 to the building of a Baptist church in a town in Alabama that has no Baptist church, and certainly the request is reasonable; and if there is no Baptist church there the cause is needy, and it would be a real pleasure to me to give the dollar, and more, to the building of a Baptist church in a town where there is no Baptist church, but I have observed that in some sections of this state there is so much unionism that it is difficult to distinguish between Baptist and non-Baptist. I do not know as to this particular locality. I hope that those people have truly been awakened and that they are desirous of building a church such as Paul described to Timothy (3:15): "The house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We have so many religious organizations called churches, and which some of our Baptist people recognize as churches, that I am beginning to halt and wonder where we are at; and you will permit me to say that I fear that right on this point is the cause largely of the indifference as to the spirit and practice in giving to missions, and this unionism will affect our churches on the question of giving to every good cause. I believe that this thing has made many churches cold toward the subject of educating our young preachers, and we all know that there is no more worthy cause than that of educating young men called of God to preach the gospel.

The people will give to that they love. Men have through the ages passed given even their lives to the country they loved, and I believe that men are as true to the cause they love now as they have ever been; but true men will not bow down to any golden god or that worship that is not in accord with God's word. I know a church that has been split wide open in the middle, and a thorough investigation revealed the fact that the discord had its beginning by placing a man at the head of the Sunday school who was willing to have his children sprinkled and who appointed Pedo-Baptist teachers in the Sunday school, and is now giving some of his best energies to the work of union Sunday schools. I say, in the fear of God, that if there is anything sacred in this world it is God's truth, and when we are influenced by anything or power to disregard what God's word authorizes us to teach, then we are unworthy servants, and should step down and out. If we have nothing but the figments of Rome, and are willing that that old hulk should be fed and nourished in the sacred name of Baptist, we should get out and let that old Pope put on the red cap and hide our faces in shame, and let it be known to the world that we have neither the courage nor the manhood to fight "the good fight of faith."

Yes, I want to give the dollar to that church, but I want to know that it is a Baptist church and that its purpose is to work for the spread of the truth as is revealed in God's word. If I can be convinced that this is true then the dollar goes free, and may the Lord bless the church.

Thorsby, Ala.

S. M. ADAMS.

BAPTIST POVERTY.

How dreadful it is!

"If we only had the money!" is the exclamation of every worker in our ranks.

Here is a fine illustration of it:

I wanted to get at least 100 copies of the proceedings of the session of the World's Baptist Alliance, held in Philadelphia in June. I felt sure I could dispose of that many; but the secretary writes: "Each book sold is sold at a loss to the convention committee. We have just about enough orders to fill the present order from the publishers, and at the present time it is not likely that another edition will be ordered."

No minister's library should be without the book. The greatest addresses ever delivered by Baptist and, in the writer's opinion, the greatest sermon on grace ever preached are in that book. Fortunate the man who has one. Possibly if you send \$1.25 right away to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, you may be in time.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

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Secretary Jones, of the Georgia State Sanitarium, at Milledgeville, Ga., says: "When I saw the work done by Miss Lillian McArthur, when she was sent to us from the Georgia-Alabama Business College, I could well understand why that institution finds such a great demand for its students. She is one of the most expert office women I have seen in a long time."

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Rev. A. J. Dickinson, Jr., of Birmingham, a representative of the Alabama Anti-Saloon League, delivered an address at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.—Monroe Journal.

(Alfred has not yet entered the ministry, but we are praying that he will be called and that he will heed it.)

Rev. L. D. Hand, from Newton, Ala., is our pastor at Bluff Springs. Although Sunday was the first time he has preached for us as pastor, we feel sure he will do a grand work here. Brother W. C. Strickland faithfully served our church for two years, doing much good for the Master's cause. In August he resigned and we accepted his resignation with deepest regret. It is a great pleasure for us to commend him to any church.—A Member.

I am now prepared to enter upon pastoral services, having spent four months in a hospital, where I received the best medical treatment for my nervous trouble, and being fully restored to health in every particular, I feel anxious to take up the pastoral work again. I am sure I can render acceptable services to any charge I may accept. I would be glad to correspond with any church or churches needing a pastor. I don't want to be idle when able to do good work. I am now stouter and fleshier than for several years in the past. I would be glad to visit and meet the members of any vacant field if desired. My present address is 1027 1-2 Twenty-fourth street, North, Birmingham, Ala.—L. M. Stone.

We had fine services at Cowarts both Saturday and Sunday and Sunday night November 24 and 25. Good congregations at every service. Fine interest manifested. I want to say just here that in some respects this is the best church that I ever preached to. It is composed of some of the best people I ever knew. They know just how to make their pastor feel good. I have been pastor of this church a little over a year, and it has never given me one moment's trouble. They are a ready and a willing people. They are a people that mean to do things, and they do things. That grand old man of God, Rev. J. J. White, was pastor of this church about 18 or 20 years in succession, and it prospered under his leadership, and his influence is living today and having its effect. God bless his memory. His dear wife is still living and is a member of this church, and she is a bright light in this church and community. All of us love Sister White. There is Brother B. A. Forrester, a great and good man he is. The Lord has smiled upon him all the days of his life and has blest him in the accumulation of this world's goods, and now he is giving it back to Him for the purpose of advancing His cause and kingdom in the world. Brother Forrester is one of the most consecrated men I ever knew. I shall have more to say about this church from time to time.—J. H. Gunter.

I am just from Cordova, where I aided Pastor Browning in a series of interesting meetings. The congregations were small, but the church was much revived, and a number were added to the membership. That is a delightful people.—John W. Stewart.

Mrs. A. K. Wright, of Ensley, entertained the ladies of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society Monday afternoon, November 20, with a Chinese tea at the parsonage. Mrs. Roach, a returned missionary, gave an excellent address on the conditions in China. A musical program was also given, and refreshments were served.

We had a very pretty church wedding at our church last night (22nd instant). The church was beautifully decorated with palms. The contracting parties were Rev. S. G. Andrew, a splendid young business man of Birmingham, and Miss Leila Edwards, one of our choicest young ladies and a faithful teacher in our Sunday school. After a two weeks' visit to his relatives in Michigan they will return to the city and live at West End. The writer officiated.—J. E. Barnes, Pratt City.

Had fine services at Ashford Sunday, November 19, morning and night. Congregation a little off at 11 service, but made it up at night by giving us a packed house. Sunday school fine. The Sunday school at Ashford gives one contribution each month to the orphanage. They gave last Sunday \$1.61. The church gave for State Missions \$2.81. Ashford is a very important place, and I see bright prospects in the future for the cause there. I am giving half time to the church there, and I think it a matter of only a few years when they will employ a man for full time. We ask an interest in your prayers.—J. H. Gunter, Newton.

The Calvary Baptist church, on Fountain Heights, has taken on new life since the Flake-Strickland canvass, and extensive improvements are being planned. The new grading of the Sunday school, the new heaters, the nursery room for the benefit of visiting mothers, the new protection wall, all bespeak new interest and greater things for the future. Pastor J. D. Ray recently gave the men of his congregation a banquet, and the social feature of the church is being looked into as it has never been before. Watch Calvary grow. Pastor Ray knows how to bring things to pass. He is one of our most progressive and aggressive pastors.

When the new Chelsea Baptist church, a \$40,000 structure between Brighton and Morris avenue, is dedicated during the week of November 26, Rev. Robert M. Rabb, through whose efforts the edifice has been erected, will be slightly ahead of the stupendous schedule which he has mapped out for himself. This schedule calls for the erection of a house of worship each year, and impossible as the task may seem it has been accomplished by the clergyman. When he came to this city less than a year ago the Chelsea Baptists had the least pretentious structure in the city. Now they have one of the most beautiful places of worship on the island, and his work being finished, their pastor has tendered his resignation and will begin the erection of a new church in another field. He will be succeeded by Rev. Theodore J. Cross, of Worcester, Mass., who had charge of the First Baptist church in this city 13 years ago.—The Record, Atlantic City, N. J.

Suicide—Its Cause and Its Cure.
Statistics show that the number of suicides in the United States increases annually; whereas, in olden times, suicide was a rare thing. Men of authority claim that the majority of suicides are from madness, or insanity. Now, what causes this madness, and why is it so prevalent in this day and time? The first step towards suicide is a blue, depressed feeling, caused by an inactive liver or some minor stomach trouble probably. In ancient days men and women were strong, robust and healthy; they considered their physical condition first of all, and as a consequence, they had no blues, no depressed feeling and few suicides. It is the same with the present day generation: if a body is in good physical condition it never sees the gloomy side of life, but rises superior to the largest obstacles and fights the battle of life bravely and successfully to its natural end. Therefore, look to your health. See to it that your body is as sound as a dollar, that your physical condition is nothing short of perfect, and the best, quickest and most satisfactory way to accomplish this end is by drinking Harris Lithia Water. It puts the liver and kidneys in the proper condition to perform their important duties accurately: cures indigestion, constipation and all other stomach disorders and keeps you well and happy. If your druggist can't supply you, write the Harris Lithia Springs Co., Harris Springs, S. C., and be sure to ask for free booklet of testimonials and descriptive literature of Harris Lithia Water—"Nature's Sovereign Remedy." Hotel open from June 15th to September 15th.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 1st Day of December, 1911.

Estate of Callie Louise Evans, Minor. This day came C. H. Colvin, guardian of the estate of Callie Louise Evans, minor, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 28th day of December, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County.

Doulass, Allen, Deceased—Estate of.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of July, 1911, by the Hon. J. P. Stiles, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time required by law, or that the same will be barred.

ELIZABETH ALLEN,
Administratrix.

BIBLES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Can you think of any article so appropriate for Christmas presentation as a beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures? A beautiful gift and an eternal blessing to the recipient. Before deciding on the presents you will give this year read the announcement of the Pentecostal Publishing Company, which appears on another page of this issue, offering most attractive prices on Bibles of various styles and sizes.

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Mr. Percy W. Moore lectured to the Baraca class of the Lineville Baptist church last Sunday morning.

"The Red Book Magazine."

The leading story in "The Red Book Magazine" for December is "Bondage," by Beatrice Harraden, who will be recalled as the author of "Ships That Pass in the Night." Miss Harraden's latest story is concerned with the matrimonial ship of an artist which all but goes upon the rocks. "The Grater" is the title of a singularly human and moving story by Ethel Train in "The Red Book Magazine" for December. It is concerned with an old Irish boss in the department of public works, and in its Mrs. Train fully sustains the reputation she has won by her earlier stories. This is one of the \$1.50 magazines, and is published in Chicago.

"Expositor and Current Anecdotes."

This is the great magazine for preachers. It contains each month a world of illustrated material and a number of choice sermons by the leading living preachers. Its department of methods embraces the latest thing in church work. This is really a valuable help for any busy pastor.

F. M. Barton, publisher, Cleveland, O. \$1.50 a year.

"The North American Review."

The most timely and important exposition of the so-called Sherman anti-trust act which has yet reached the public appears in "The North American Review" for December. It was written by the real author of the bill, the venerable ex-senator from Vermont, George F. Edmunds. In a foreword the editor traces the history of the measure, showing that Senator Sherman took no part in framing it, but merely held a place for it on the calendar. The act as it stands was drafted by the committee on judiciary, of which Senator Edmunds was chairman, and three-fourths or more of the phrasing was his own. The suggestors of the remaining words are indicated in the foreword. This is one of the magazines which deals with great questions in an authoritative way, as it gets experts to write its leading articles. New York. \$1.00 a year.

"The Strand Magazine"

Has a distinct individuality. In fiction it is always first. The articles are unique, brilliant and full of human interest. 144 pages, fully illustrated. Conan Doyle, W. W. Jacobs, E. Phillips Oppenheim, Arthur Morrison, Richard Marsh and Randolph Bedford are regular contributors. Ex-President Roosevelt says: "I am a steady reader of 'The Strand Magazine.'" New York. \$1.50 a year.

"Suburban Life"

Is a complete and dependable monthly guide which helps to plan all the activities of the suburban home. It is especially useful for persons planning to build or remodel, and for those who grow flowers, fruits or vegetables. "Suburban Life" is also good literature and good reading. There are many articles of interest to the suburban dweller, besides four full page pictures, each of which tells its own story. Brimming over with good will and Christmas cheer. "Suburban Life" for December was a welcome visitor in our home.

\$3.00 a year. New York.

"The Metropolitan."

For 16 years a standard-size magazine (like Everybody's, Munsey's, etc.) beginning with the November, will be issued in a new popular size, 10 3/4 by 14 inches. The newest "Metropolitan" has set itself to restore the appeal to good taste. It sets out, first of all, to supply literature; in the second place, humor; in the third place, human feeling. Every month, beginning with the November number, Finley Peter Dunne, creator of Mr. Dooley, will write his observations of men and affairs under the departmental heading, "From the Bleachers." Witty and wise, it will be Mr. Dunne at his best. The hundreds of thousands who enjoyed "Mr. Dooley" will welcome the creator of the Irish philosopher in a new role.

New York. \$1.50 a year.

"Uncle Remus."

Many magazines have been started in the south, but few have lived. The late Joel Chandler Harris in establishing "Uncle Remus" laid broad plans for its future, and his talented son, Julian, has made good following out his gifted father's policy. Today the magazine not only has a warm place in the hearts of southerners, but has attained a nation-wide clientele. Its stories and departments keep abreast with the best.

Sunny South Publishing Company, Atlanta. \$1.00 a year.

"Ladies' World."

This publication, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, is a marvel among publications, for it is a constant source of wonder how the publishers can issue such a magazine at 50 cents per year. It has many helpful departments, and its stories are good. The Christmas number of the World celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of that very popular magazine, and does it very handsomely. In addition to the good things always found, there are a number of special features that are of more than ordinary interest, including a brief history of the publication by its founder.

New York. 50 cents a year.

Tips to Magazine Buyers

"Child Lore."

A child's magazine that stands in a class by itself. It makes a strong appeal to every mother because it contains genuine child literature; to every minister of the gospel, because it is a magazine of ideals and high moral purpose; to every kindergarten and primary teacher, because it contains the sort of stories that she can use in her daily work; to every superintendent and principal, because it is a magazine of genuine educational value; to every lover of children, because, on account of its beautiful stories and dainty illustrations, it makes an ideal Christmas present.

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Salem, Mass. \$1.00 a year.

"The Bookman."

Its articles on the world's progress in letters, art and drama are in themselves literature, and through them "The Bookman" has become the American standard of taste and judgment in these matters. "The Bookman" is a guide to book-lovers, and an inspiration and delight to the general reader. No person who lays claim to culture and wide reading can afford to be without it. When you want something to read you can refer to "The Bookman." It gives the titles of the best selling books each month.

Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. \$2.50 a year.

"Century Magazine."

The "Century" will publish during 1912 such an array of "art and letters"—pictures and stories—that no one who wishes to keep abreast with the thought and taste of the times can afford to be without this magazine. No other magazine has published so many works of really great writers. No other magazine has done so much in this country for the graphic arts and for the reproduction of paintings and pictures by various processes as has the "Century." The "Century" is found in every home where art and literature are really prized, and it is the necessary magazine to all people of cultivation and taste. The "Century" begins its 83d volume with the November number.

New York. \$4.00 a year.

"World Today"

Is pre-eminently the best among the review magazines, just as "Cosmopolitan," its sister publication, is admittedly the best general magazine. All the news—here, in Europe and in the Far East—of politics, science, religion and art will be told each month, a little more completely, a little more clearly, a little better than in any other publication. The illustrations will be superb. No matter what other magazines you read, you cannot afford to be without "The World Today." It stands alone as America's great review publication.

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"Leslie's Weekly."

All the news in pictures. You not only read what is going on all over the world, but you see it in "Leslie's." It is a weekly newspaper which should be in every home. It is an educational medium for every one, no matter what his walk in life. Its articles are by contributors who know of what they write from actual experience. With the continuance of "Jasper's" financial column, "Hints to Money Makers" (the leading financial department in the newspaper and magazine field), "Leslie's" promises for the coming year a greater paper than ever before.

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"McClure's Magazine."

This is one of the very best magazines published at any price. It treats public question in a virile way. Its stories are well selected, and during the year one has an opportunity to read after some of the world's greatest masters of fiction. Its departments are thoroughly up to date, and its illustrations are always in keeping with the text. This is a magazine of character and is worth while. \$1.50 a year. New York.

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Boston, Mass. \$2.00 a year.

Woman's Home Companion."

It is unnecessary to tell any woman who has ever seen a copy of this great woman's magazine about its worth and charm, for it occupies a unique and commanding place among the monthlies. Its stories, its departments, its illustrations, are all of the highest order, and each number is a work of art. It has many valuable helps for busy women, and yet it is not dull, but full of life stories.

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Address Edgar Phillips, circulation manager "The Craftsman," rooms 130-41 West Thirty-fourth street, New York.

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One Hundred Bible Stories for Children.

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Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50.

"Happy Children."

At this season we wish for every child in the world happiness, and we feel sure that every child into whose hand this volume falls will be happy. It is a collection of jolly tales for very little girls, found in the book of bed-time stories, by Ella Farman Pratt, which she calls "Happy Children." It has attractive pictures in tint, and has to do with pleasant experiences of American children in town and country. The spirit in which the book is written is all that the parent should desire. The full page drawings in color by Laetitia Hare add much to the pleasure of the book.

Thos. Y. Crowell Company, New York. \$1.00.

"The Christ of the Children."

By J. G. Stevenson.

Of all the books bringing to the child mind the story of Jesus this should take front rank. The author writes in that charming style so dear to the child as he sets forth the incidents of the human life of our Lord in a manner to be understood and appreciated by them. The text is interspersed by a dozen reproductions of classic pictures. Size, 12mo (5 1-4x 7 3-8 inches). Binding, cloth back, board sides. Price, \$1.00 net.

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George W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia.

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All the funny things that could happen to young farmers happen to the Hermit's young friends when they set out to run Pete Spratt's abandoned farm. As delicious a narrative of boy life as any of the previous "Bob Knight" books. The illustrations by "Bob" are mighty funny. Here is a rattling good book if you enjoy fun.

E. P. Dutton & Co., 31 West Twenty-third street, New York. \$1.50.



From "THE CIRCLE K"

By Edwin L. Sabin

Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York

"Circle K."

Or "Fighting for the Flock," by Edwin L. Sabin, is a story which will thrill any red-blooded boy. There is a lot of real information about the great sheep industry in the west and the trials of the herders. Backwoodsman, ranchers, Mexicans, Indians and college graduates make up the human flock. Of course there are girls. There is plenty of movement, fights with men and beasts. Kitty, the dog, gets a chapter. Coyotes and outlaws lend excitement to the day's work, while the professor as he pokes about with microscope and hammer adds to our knowledge of archaeology. Here is the song of the sheepman:

"Oh, I want to be a sheepman,
An' run a woolly band;
Some wool upon my whiskers,
A sheep-hook in my hand."

The book is well illustrated and the print is good. T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York. \$1.50.

A Sophomore Co-ed.

Alice Louise Lee in this volume gives us a splendid story for girls from 13 to 18. The "Co-eds" of Huntingdon University undertake a "Girls Edition" of one of the city papers. Winifred Lowe manages the enterprise, and wins over to the university a wealthy man who has always opposed co-education. Winifred has a very busy but happy year, and finds herself the most popular sophomore in college. Any healthy girl with a love of life will joy in Winifred Lowe the leader, but she is just one of the interesting characters in this very readable book. The volume is well printed and illustrated and the picture in colors of Winifred on the front cover is alluring.

Penn Publishing Company, 923 Arch Street Philadelphia, \$1.20 net.

"Track's End."

By Haden Carruth.

The story is told in the words of Judson Pitcher, the boy whose strange adventures are recounted. As a result of a blizzard the railroad will run no more trains to the village, and every one but Judson leaves the country. Judson is snowed in. He digs tunnels through the snow, is attacked by desperadoes, and goes from one house to the other, firing, keeping up the illusion of a large number of defenders. He has encounters with wolves, buffaloes and Indians. It is the story of a boy who saved a town.

Harper & Brothers, New York. \$1.00.

The Bible Zoo.

By Albert C. MacKinnon.

Those who teach children will find Dr. MacKinnon's book full of original, fresh and entertaining material. The wonders of animal life are presented in a way to fascinate and instruct and impress the child mind with reverence for the Creator.

The author says in his foreword, "Come with me, children, for a stroll through the zoological gardens of the Scripture. . . . As we take our walk through these Bible grounds I want you to listen to all the sermons preached to us by the inhabitants of this zoo." The "Zoo" contains "the Bird House," "the Insect House," "the Lion House" and "the Outside Paddock," through which the child and his teacher may stroll.

Fleming H. Revell Company, 153 Fifth avenue, New York. 1.00 net.

Victorine's Book.

By Nina Rhoades. Illustrated by Elizabeth Withington. 12mo, cloth, \$1.25.

Fourteen-year-old Victorine is an American girl who has lived for ten years with an aunt in France. She has read "The Story of Colette," and is inspired to begin a book telling her own daily experiences, although convinced that nothing interesting will ever happen to her. In this she is greatly mistaken, for things begin to happen at once. For family reasons she is suddenly brought back to America, and gives an amusing account of the voyage. Later come interesting experiences in this country for the girl who is naturally more French than American in speech and ways, and an exciting adventure as a climax, which leads to surprises and a very happy conclusion. The narration in the first person—an "I" book, as children call it—gives an unusual charm, and, in order to give entire naturalness to her story, Miss Rhoades actually wrote it in French and then translated it. All readers will say that the result is worth the uncommon pains taken by the author.

Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, Boston.

"Four Gordons."

By Edna A. Brown. Illustrated by Norman Irving Black. Large 12mo, cloth, decorated cover, \$1.50.

A book for girls, and boys as well, from 13 to 16. Louise and her three brothers are the "Four Gordons," and the story relates their experiences at home and school during the absence of their parents. The interest centers in certain school episodes bearing upon problems of student government. There is plenty of fun and frolic, with skating, coasting, dancing, and a jolly Christmas visit. The conversation is bright and natural; the book presents no improbable situations; its atmosphere is one of refinement, and it has the merit of depicting simple and wholesome comradeship between boys and girls. This story won on its merits the following opinion from a librarian, who read it before publication:

"The reading of 'Four Gordons' has been a distinct pleasure. It is decidedly a wholesome, pleasing story of some very natural girls and boys. A book for girls, free from sensationalism and over-sentimentality and written by an author who is skillful in her use of English, is too seldom seen today."

Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, Boston.

High School and Collegiate Edition Laird & Lee's Webster's New Standard Dictionary.

1,056 pages, 1,500 illustrations. Vocabulary contains all the words in common use, including scientific and technical terms of recent origin; past tense and present and past participles of verbs; degrees of adjectives; irregular plurals of nouns; etymologies, synonyms and antonyms. Colored world map of English language and of the Panama canal; seals of states and territories; color scale and sun spectrum, with primary colors. Abridged from Encyclopedic edition. Size, 6x8 1-4 inches. A distinctive feature of this edition is the different forms of English chirography and typography, both ancient and modern, shown at the beginning of each letter. Half leather, marbled edges, patent thumb index, 1.75; half leather, sprinkled edges, not indexed, \$1.50.

Laird & Lee, publishers, Chicago.

"The Hero of Heroes."

By Robert F. Horton, D. D. A life of Christ for the young. Illustrated 12mo, cloth, net \$1.25. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

Dr. Horton's Life of Christ for Children is quite distinct from other lives of Christ for young folks. The child mind will be captivated by the sweet, simple language, and his eye will be delighted with the full page pictures in colors by the eminent artist, James. In his introduction he tells of a home in which there was a print of Leonardo da Vinci's famous picture of the Last Supper, and of a four-year-old child's gazing at it and saying to his mother, "There is King in that picture." This book is written that children who read it may know more of the Hero of Heroes, the King of Kings.

"The Young Alaskans on the Trail."

By Emerson Hough.

In his first book, "The Young Alaskans," three Alaskan boys go to Kadiak Island on a hunting and fishing trip, and are cast away in a dory at Kadiak Bay, one of the wildest spots in Alaska.

This is the second book in the series. Rob McIntyre, Jesse Wilcox and Jim Hardy, a year older now, are sent by their Uncle Dick on their summer vacation to cross the Rocky Mountain Divide by the old route taken by the first transcontinental explorers. It tells of a trip in British Columbia made by the boys and two guides from the crest of the Rocky Mountains eastward, down the Peace river, over the route of McKenzie and Frazer; whose maps and records are often referred to. It was a perilous trip full of adventures—hunting grizzlies and caribou, and canoeing down perilous rivers.

Harper & Brothers, publishers, New York. Illustrated. \$1.25.

ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

USE RED CROSS SEALS.

With the sale of Red Cross Seals in progress in almost every state and city of the United States, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is issuing the following instructions to its 50,000 paid and volunteer workers engaged in selling the seals and to the millions who will buy these holiday stickers for use on their Christmas mail:

The postoffice department has approved of the Red Cross Seal design, and they may, therefore, in accordance with order No. 5020 of the postoffice department, "be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter." Red Cross Seals must be placed only on the back of letters and not on the address side of any packages that are going through the mail. They may be placed anywhere on matter going by express. As many seals may be used on the back of a letter or package as may be desired. Every one is urged to use them liberally, since every seal is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

Care should be exercised in sending merchandise through the mails not to place seals over the string with which the package is tied, since this seals the package against inspection and subjects it to first-class postage rates.

Red Cross Seals may be used on the face of checks, on bills, on legal documents and on any commercial paper.

These Christmas seals are not good for postage. They will not carry any mail matter, but any kind of mail matter will carry them. The slogan of the campaign this year is "A million for tuberculosis from Red Cross Seals." Every letter or parcel sent out during the holiday season should bear one or more seals.

BRING IN THE CHILDREN.

Last week we had something to say about the "Childless Church," and recently in our reading we came across the following, which is well worth heeding. We do not know who wrote the warning:

"Our great need today is a mighty impulse of the Holy Spirit to thrust out the laborers to gather in the unreached children and youth. Woe will be unto us should we permit our churches to become merely pleasant meeting places for the well-to-do, the well-dressed, the well-instructed, heedless of the exceeding bitter cry of the 'Young children that faint for hunger in the top of every street!'"

"Let the church have or not have ample and well arranged buildings, but let it bring in the children.

"Let the church be in crowded city, elegant suburb, pleasant town, village or in the country, but let it bring in the children.

"Let the Sunday school be or not be furnished with trained teachers, and equipped with charts, blackboards, maps, library and all educational appliances, but let it bring in the children.

"Let it be criticised as behind the times or praised as up-to-date, but let it bring in the children.

"Let it have or not have normal class and graded system, but let it bring in the children.

"Let it have its membership of thousands, its membership of hundreds, or only of scores, but let it bring in and keep in the children.

"Let it have or fail to have the finest music, a competent choir or chorister, but let it not fail to bring in the children into its fold.

"If it fall in this, the Judge will say, 'Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least (the youngest and poorest) of these, ye did it not to me.'"

The complete text of Joseph Pulitzer's will, which was filed for probate on November 14, revealed a provision for the payment of \$100,000 to Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the supreme court of the United States, if he accepted service as one of the trustees and executors of the estate. This sum to be given in lieu of commissions, Justice Hughes renounced on the ground that public duties would prevent him from qualifying as a trustee or executor.

We offer our sympathies to William D. Upshaw, editor of the Golden Age, and his brothers and sister in the loss of their dear mother on Friday, November 24. Editor Upshaw, in the midst of his sorrow, is making a gallant fight in Georgia for prohibition.

HOW ALABAMA STANDS.

Seven months of the Southern Baptist Convention year have passed and we have given:

To Home Missions to December 2... \$6,054.69

To Foreign Missions to December 2... 9,805.73

We are asked to give for the year:

To Home Missions \$25,000.00

To Home Missions (Chapel building) 3,000.00

To Foreign Missions 36,000.00

To Foreign Missions (debt) 4,000.00

Five months of the State Convention year have passed and we have given to December 2:

To State Missions \$ 6,255.42

We are asked to give for the year... 32,000.00

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was the gathering place Thursday evening, November 30, of one of the most representative groups of Christian leaders ever assembled under the auspices of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America. Over 500 were seated at the tables, while possibly 300 ladies were seated in the boxes in the galleries, conspicuous among whom was Miss Helen Gould, whose name was cheered several times as her life and generosity were referred to by the speakers. A reporter says: "One of the finest features of the anniversary banquet was the fact that the ladies in the boxes were not compelled to look down upon the speakers through a cloud of smoke, which generally mars their pleasure in most Waldorf-Astoria banquets."

At the recent session of the British Wesleyan Conference 55 ministers, many of them men of ability and learning, were retired from active work. The London Methodist Recorder says: "It is one of the grim ironies of our itinerant system that at a period when other skilled workers are in the prime of power these spiritual laborers should be seeking the shades. At 60 a cabinet minister would be thought to have his most distinguished years ahead, and ministers of other churches are steadily advancing to widest influence."

It seems that Dr. Jowett, the great English preacher, who is now pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, has no difficulty with his prayer meeting service. A visitor writes: "The meetings continue to be seasons of real aspiration. Somewhat larger, but that may be accounted for by the number of out-of-town visitors who want to hear this gifted preacher. But the warmth and democracy are still there."



MISS VIRGINIA H. BOWCOCK,

Who Will Have Charge of Elementary Sunday School Work.

MISSIONARIES AND PEACE.

The Peace Society of Japan at Tokyo, the Oriental Peace Society at Kyoto and the more recent American Peace Society of Japan, all of which have been powerful in winning leading Japanese, both in public and private life, to the peace movement, were almost wholly the work of the missionaries.

At a public dinner of welcome given recently to two distinguished Americans at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Prince Tokugara, president of the Japanese upper house of peers, who presided, uttered the following weighty words:

"Gentlemen: It is my pleasant duty tonight to propose the health of our guests from America, whom we all honor, love and esteem. No Japanese can visit their great country without being overwhelmed with hospitality and all forms of attention and courtesy, and we all feel happy whenever we are given the opportunity to reciprocate, though the resources for entertainment are lamentably inadequate in this country. But to the gentlemen whom we are so proud to have as our guests tonight we owe gratitude not only for their hospitality to us while in their country, but for their noble efforts in the cause of peace and amity between the two great nations. Nobody who really knows the American people can ever doubt that their sentiments are thoroughly friendly to us. As for ourselves, we all know that we are in no less degree friendly to the Americans."

We hope the sensational press of both countries will cease to try and cause Americans and Japanese to regard one another with suspicion and distrust.

The State Mission Board has authorized an enlargement of the Sunday school department of its work. The writer was very much pleased to note the apparent unanimity of thought in the minds of the members of the State Board as to the paramount importance of this work.

Now to business. With three men and one woman giving full time to the work we ought to be able to give at least two weeks to every association in the state. The plans under consideration contemplate a Bible institute of one week, followed by a campaign of, say 10 days, with engagements at the strategic points in the association.

This work will not only be for a discussion of Sunday school work, but also to help our churches to plan for more systematic effort along all lines, and also to help those of our preachers who perhaps have not had the advantages of the college or seminary work that they may have hoped for.

For instance, we hope to arrange with the executive committee of associations to hold a week's Bible institute at some central point, where all the pastors and as many Sunday school workers as possible may be congregated to study together the Bible and how to teach it, the organizations within the churches and how to use them. At the same time we would make eight or ten engagements at different parts of the association to follow immediately after this week of work.

A year of this sort of work, with the proper co-operation, will revolutionize our work. The first institute under this plan will be held at Monroeville, Bethlehem Association, where Moderator J. M. Gilmore has all arrangements made. The dates are December 10-15, inclusive.

Brother J. T. Johnson, at Haleyville, is planning for Clear Creek and Shady Grove in January. Other associations are planning and have indicated a desire for an institute with follow up work.

The names of the additional field workers will be announced in due time. In the meantime, brethren, let us hear through the columns of the Baptist what you think of this plan, and communicate with the writer about dates. All we ask is that the churches co-operate with us and see that their Sunday schools contribute one collection per quarter to this department of the work.

HARRY L. STRICKLAND,
Baptist Sunday School Secretary,
216 First Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

The United States department of justice presses forward criminal prosecution of officers of packing companies at Chicago for alleged violation of anti-trust law. The court rules against the packers in habeas corpus proceedings.

STARTLING CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

Not a community in America but there is in it some particular friend of Christian missionary work in China. Few communities there are that have not furnished one or more of the almost 5,000 missionaries now in that country. The missionary societies report that nothing in the present uprising in China seems aimed at foreigners, while there are many reasons why rebels and loyalists alike will protect them, if for no other one than to prevent intervention by American or European powers and possible division of their empire.

The committee of reference and counsel of all foreign missionary societies of the United States and Canada, the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Presbyterian board, chairman, has just sent to churches in both countries requests for intercessory prayer by Christian people, giving as reasons many startling facts. These facts are under three heads:

1. For the people of China, a great and virile nation which, awakened from the torpor of ages by the quickening forces of the modern world, is convulsed by civil war at a time when all its energies are needed for the legislative, economic, educational and moral readjustments which the new era involves. Flood, famine and pestilence are intensifying the tragedy of internal strife. Vast areas have been inundated in the provinces of Nganhwei, Kiangsu and Hu-nan, the two former facing desolation and famine for the third time in five years. The Yangtze river is 45 miles wide 250 miles from the sea, and thousands of villages have been submerged. Five hundred thousand families must be aided through the winter at an average cost of \$15 per family, or ten times more people will die of starvation than of wounds in battle.

2. For the Chinese Christians, who share in full measure the privations and sorrows that are the common lot of their countrymen, and often the despairing reproaches of their non-Christian neighbors, who imagine that these multiplied calamities are due to the wrath of the spirits against those who have abandoned the ancestral faith. Hundreds of Chinese pastors, teachers and evangelists, who have been supported wholly or in part by the Christians on the field, cannot now be maintained by their impoverished people. Churches and schools have been swept away by floods, families have been scattered by war, and multitudes of Christians are without food and shelter for the winter.

3. For the missionaries, who are in positions of extraordinary difficulty. With myriads of ruined and starving Chinese looking to them for provisions and employment, with throngs of the sick and injured daily brought for treatment, with Chinese, and foreigners alike expecting them to perform the herculean task of purchasing and distributing food, they must incessantly toil in circumstances of almost unbearable physical and mental strain.

In addition to the special burdens which revolution and famine entail, there are increased responsibilities for the great and varied missionary work under their care, a work which is now represented by 4,299 foreign missionaries, 11,611 Chinese ministers, teachers and evangelists, 3,85 stations and out-stations, 2,029 primary schools, 1,116 academies, colleges, industrial, medical, nurses' and normal schools, 170 hospitals, 14 orphanages, 16 leper asylums, 3 homes for untrained children of lepers, 11 institutions for the blind and for deaf mutes, 5 rescue homes for fallen women, 100 opium refuges, 2 industrial homes, one asylum for the insane, 2,341 churches with 278,628 members, a Christian community of 750,000, and property valued at millions of dollars—all this not including the missions of the Roman Catholic church.

"Christian work," says the committee, "has been greatly prospered, the growth in a decade having been 15 per cent. The missionaries are in immediate charge of this extensive enterprise. The American minister at Peking has ordered women and children out of the zones of hostilities, but as a rule the men heroically remain at their posts. They feel that they can no more leave at such a time than a physician could leave his patients when contagious disease is epidemic, or a chaplain his regiment in time of war. This is the day when the faithful missionary of Christ is most needed, not only to care for the mission prop-

erty and work, but to comfort and serve the excited and distressed people and to aid in caring for the sick and wounded."

Speaking for the American and Canadian missionary societies themselves the committee refuses to emphasize their needs, but reminds Christian people of both countries that societies must stand by their workers, and that famine and other special funds ought not to act to decrease regular gifts, for regular expenditures are being increased as a necessary part of the present situation.

FROM SOUTH ALABAMA.

Thinking that I might have a friend or two somewhere who would be interested in me and my work, I have decided to give an account of myself. I have never sent to any paper any facts about the date and place of my birth nor of my rearing or education. My picture has never been printed in any paper by request of myself or any one else. When I left the state some few years ago nobody grieved so far as I know; neither did I hear of any rejoicing when I returned. I have been here at Hartford now 18 months. In less time than two years this church has called me three times. Just before making the last call I suggested to the brethren that they do away with the old custom and make the call an unlimited one. So we have no more annual calling at this church.

Mrs. Fleming and I both have splendid health here, so you see we are not planning to change climates. To be sure, if our health should become impaired here we will seek a different climate.

Since I have been here nothing sensational has been done. Pounding and "compounding," big dinners and social functions have not taken up much of our time. I have not preached any series of sermons on "The Church" nor on "Fools," nor on any other like subject. However, we have two special services every Sunday—one in the morning for saints and sinners and one in the evening for sinners and saints. Quite a large number have been added to the church during my pastorate here, yet we have not boasted about it. It's no more than we expected, for the Lord promised it. This has been the best year in the history of the church. Our report at the association a few weeks ago was the best the church ever made and the best in the association. But after all we have not done what we might have done.

I also preach at Samson. Our church there has in the past been neglected and abused in first one way or in another. It is in Slocomb, just seven miles away. It would had the faith to believe it as bright as the promises of God. All things considered, we have had a very great year's work, but the brethren are already saying, "We will do better this new year," and by the grace of God we will.

I wish I could write of this section of our state and all the churches and their pastors. Hartford is the geographical center, and Samson is the railroad center. Dothan is 22 miles east of Hartford. There Rev. Mr. Jennings is pastor of the First church, and J. W. Patridge is the new pastor of Headland Avenue. That good old Dutchman, Rev. A. T. Sims, is still doing a splendid work at Geneva. Over a few miles west of Samson is Florida, where Rev. J. N. Vandiver is the new pastor. We expect to hear good things of him. North of us some 23 miles is Enterprise, and there the courageous O. P. Bentley is the popular pastor. All who know Bentley know that he does things. He and his people must be in their handsome new church house by this time. Our good friend, R. M. Hunter, has gone to Flomaton from Newton. He has a splendid church at Flomaton. The writer was once pastor there. We wish them great success. If Newton has a pastor since Hunter resigned we have not heard of it. Our nearest neighbor is Slocomb, just seven miles away. It would be a suburb of Hartford if Hartford were large enough. The well beloved leader at Slocomb is the immortal P. L. Moseley. To know him is to love him, and to hear him preach is to be ashamed of yourself or of your poor preaching.

FRANK J. FLEMING.

Hartford, Ala., Nov. 29, 1911.

Not long ago a deaf and dumb man in Illinois was fined for swearing and using indecent language with his finger expression.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 30, 1911.

My Dear Brother Barnett:

The annual meeting of the State Board of Missions was held Tuesday, November 28, in the offices of the secretary, Dr. W. B. Crumpton. Many of those who have been attending the meetings for many years say it was one of the best meetings the board has ever held. Only five members of the board were absent. The fellowship was beautiful, and the work was attended to promptly.

Dr. Crumpton had made careful preparation for the meeting notwithstanding his recent illness. The general feeling of the board that our secretary has been overworked and that he should have assistance crystallized in the selection of the popular young pastor of the Tusculumbia church, Rev. James H. Chapman, to fill the place. Brother Chapman has not as yet indicated his acceptance. His selection was unanimous and hearty.

Brother W. B. Davidson, of Montgomery, was elected for the twentieth time recording secretary.

The following local brethren were elected as the auditing committee: Charles D. Tallman, W. L. Chandler and Jephtha C. Williams.

Of course Brother Crumpton was re-elected corresponding secretary.

Curtis S. Shugart and P. M. Jones were elected state evangelists.

Perhaps the most significant single feature of the meeting was the action giving instruction to Sunday School Secretary Harry L. Strickland to employ three field helpers—one young woman and two men. An appropriation was made that these helpers might be employed. This is but an evidence of the faith of the board in Brother Strickland as a leader in the development of the Baptist Sunday schools of the state.

I have neglected to say that Brother George G. Miles was again elected president of the board after one year of service in this place by Brother George W. Ellis. On account of his removal from the city Brother Ellis declined re-election.

Dr. J. W. Phillips, of Mobile; Rev. Richard Hall, of Evergreen, and Rev. E. H. Jennings, of Dothan, were new members present, having been elected by the convention at Greenville.

There was a general feeling of regret that the debt of the board has not been materially decreased. Some scaling of appropriations was made necessary by reason of the debt. Surely if the pastors and brethren of the state could see the work as the members of the board see it the debt would soon be cleared away and the board would have money to help others who are calling upon them and whom the board would rejoice to help.

S. A. COWAN.

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Some of Alabama's greatest sons are in Texas. Do you wonder at such exploit? I was certainly glad to be with them at the convention. These noble men may be almost forgotten in Alabama, but if you could see as the writer sees you would see that they are not forgotten in Texas by any means.

Howard must be freed. The only regret should be that we did not undertake enough. We have the school. We have the faculty. We have the education board. We have yet the Baptist men. The Alabama Baptists can do it. Why not?

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We have all noticed that a cold, once started, runs through the entire family. How much wiser it would be, and how much it would save in work and comfort, to say nothing of absolute danger at times, were the afflicted one relegated to his own room for a day or two, until the danger of contagion was past.

Every mother knows how wearing it is to have the entire household, one after another, herself included, succumb to this distressing complaint; particularly if, as in many cases, it means days and nights of tiresome coughing for weeks.

We have grown used to thinking too lightly of colds. Dr. Richard C. Cabot, in a recent article, says:

"It is the starting point of many cases of pneumonia. It spreads to the bony cavities of the cheek and forehead and sets up stubborn, painful inflammation of these cavities. It involves the passages leading from the throat to the ear, and may thus start serious disease within the hearing apparatus. . . . The disease is certainly as contagious as measles or chicken pox, and more dangerous to public health."

Of course a child will not want to be confined to one room, but such a course is infinitely better than to allow the disease to spread from one to another. You would never allow a child with measles or chicken pox to have the run of the house.

Plenty of out-of-door air and water in abundance is the very best medicine. Do not think the room must be kept hot and close. Nature has provided the best, as well as the cheapest medicines, if we will learn to take advantage of them. A good hot bath and a brisk rub at the first intimation of its approach, a bowl of as hot water as can be sipped, and a few hours in bed, in a well-ventilated room, will go far toward breaking it up at the very outset.

Eat as little as possible, for a day at least, see that the nose and mouth are covered during every cough or sneeze, and that every handkerchief, as soon as it becomes wet, is dropped into a pail of water, and you will find that the cold will generally give way very quickly.

One of the most prolific sources of contagion is the allowing of handkerchiefs saturated with the poisonous discharge from nose and throat to lie about waiting for a convenient time for washing, and a child should be warned at the outset against drying and re-using.

I know of a physician who claims that a couple of days of fasting and drinking much water will cure the most stubborn cold. I have found from experience that by eating as little as possible, and by being comfortable, I can get rid of the distemper in a day or two, whereas formerly one would hang on for weeks.—Everyday Housekeeping.

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Please change my Baptist from Aniston, Ala., to Wilsonville, Ala. I have accepted the field, comprising Wilsonville, Vincent, Harpersville and Bethel. I have been with the Wilsonville church for more than a year, and I have found them to be true to the work. The work at the other churches is new, but I am expecting great things for God from them. I succeeded Brethren Swindall and Byrd at Vincent and Maplesville, and I know that I shall add these churches in line. I am concentrating my work in accordance with and after prayerful consideration of the speech made by Dr. Dickinson at the Coosa River Association on "The Country Church and Its Problems." And one of my first efforts along this line will be an earnest endeavor to introduce the Baptist into homes where it is not now received. I am sure I shall have your co-operation in this, and I expect you to suggest a plan that will reach the larger number of people. We will move to Wilsonville this week. Come to see us. Yours fraternally—
Ira D. Harris, Wilsonville, Ala.

In the absence of a pastor the Baptist church at Newton called the following presbytery as an ordaining council to set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry our beloved brother, Rev. C. W. Monk, to-wit: J. L. Hand, J. H. Gunter, W. C. Kirkland and S. O. Y. Ray. Deacon R. L. Jones acted as spokesman for the church. After due examination we found Brother Monk to be firm in the doctrines and faith of the Bible, and he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. May God bless him in all his work. J. L. Hand conducted the services and examined the candidate. W. C. Kirkland examined the church. J. H. Gunter offered the ordination prayer, and S. O. Y. Ray delivered the charge and presented the Bible. J. E. Stokes, M. D., and also a deacon of said church, informed the candidate that when he fired his gun to take it down. Fraternally—J. L. Hand, Newton, Ala.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Centennial Baptist Association held a largely attended meeting. Hon. J. E. Jenkins was elected moderator, a place filled by Dr. Franklin for 14 years, but who could not be present. R. L. Prince again acted as clerk. The next meeting will be a three days' session at Inverness.—Bullock County Breeze.

Rev. A. R. Lofton leaves soon for his old home at Fall, in Choctaw county. His family have already gone, and as soon as his affairs are arranged he will follow them. This county hates to give up Mr. Lofton and family, and trusts that he will find the return to his old home pleasant.—Eutaw Whig and Observer.

I have been a subscriber to the paper for 20 years or longer. Am always glad when it comes. I read it every week. I had the privilege to worship with the Spring Hill saints Sunday, and had a large congregation. Brother Shirah, the pastor, has a good hold on them, and with their help will bring things to pass. Yours in love—
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BAPTIST AFFAIRS IN LAMAR COUNTY.

About nine years ago anti-boardism started in the Yellow Creek Association. I was at that time and for four years previous moderator and several times missionary for the association. Such men as Drs. Hall and Scarboro and others visited and preached some, and such papers as the Flag, Arkansas Baptist and Gospel Missionary were read. The Flag, having a large circulation before that movement took shape, led the way from the regular Baptist denomination and from the regular work of Baptists.

Brother Barnes, of Pratt City, and myself worked about four years, and found that it would require a long time and that sentiment was not ripe for this. We moved elsewhere, I remaining one year longer than Barnes.

I served as pastor in that country during the years of my stay the following churches: South Carblona, Prospect, Corinth, Friendship, Lebanon, in Mississippi; Blooming Grove, Mulberry Springs, Vernon and Sulligent. Besides I served four or five times as missionary and five years as moderator of the association, besides aiding in the constitution of Mt. Pisgah and Cadry churches.

Such men as W. C. Woods, S. M. Waldrop and Brother Clark were all the ministers left to represent our organized work. Thoses godly men, with a few laymen, have struggled along until this fall.

Feeling that the time had come to withdraw from the Yellow Creek and organize a regular Baptist association (about three years ago), they asked for letters, which were refused, and the anti withdrew fellowship from seven churches. These, with others, met in Vernon the 30th day of October and organized the Lamar County Baptist Association, electing my father-in-law, Rev. S. M. Waldrop, moderator, and my old friend and former teacher and church clerk, Walter Hill, clerk.

I desired very much to be present, but such were my affairs at the time I could not attend. I feel a keen interest in the welfare of the Baptist cause in Lamar and adjoining counties, as some of my best and happiest days have been spent in that section.

I was offered some work, with headquarters at Vernon, but I had previously accepted work in this county; but if the way opens and the Lord directs some time I may return and try it again.

I trust the brethren of Alabama in other sections that are more favored will aid this association by visiting and otherwise encourage the struggling and faithful few down in Lamar who are suffering "hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

T. W. SHELTON.

Haleyville, Ala.

Everything is moving on smoothly in this part of the country. The Fayette Baptist church is doing well under the leadership of Brother J. M. McCord, who is doing all within his power to bring things to pass. I enjoy reading the paper. "The Problem of the Country Church," in last week's issue, by John T. Christian, was simply fine. We have similar cases in Alabama, who need encouragement and financial aid. Yours—J. O. A. Pace, Fayette.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 27th Day of November, 1911.
Estate of Henry Coleman, Deceased.
This day came Joel F. Webb, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Henry Coleman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.
It is ordered that the 19th day of December, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 23rd Day of November, 1911.
Estate of Mary Hill, Deceased.
This day came Dave Hill, administrator of the estate of Mary Hill, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.
It is ordered that the 20th day of December, 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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The First Baptist church, Blocton, has recently bought and installed a No. 2 Monarch hot air furnace at a cost of about \$200. This church has spent more than \$1,000 on their building in the last 15 months. During the past associational year this church raised and paid out \$2,282.82.

Dr. A. J. Moncrief delighted his many friends in Union Springs by preaching at the Methodist church Wednesday night, November 29, the

occasion being a union service, designed to be a Thanksgiving observance. The Breeze says: "Dr. Moncrief spoke with all his old-time fire and eloquence, and his many friends were glad to hear him again. The church was well filled, although the service was held on a bitter cold night."

The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association has sustained a most severe loss in the resignation of the associate general secretary, Mr. Clarence J. Hicks, who goes to the International Harvester Company, with offices in Chicago. The duties of Mr. Hicks in his new position, it is understood, are to bring him in touch with 35,000 employes of that gigantic corporation, and this will enable him to exercise the gift with which he is so richly endowed for the leading of men nearer to God.

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Like many little babies have,
No soft cushion 'neath His head.

In a manger low He slept,
Placed there by a mother's hands;
She did not know that He would
One day judge all the lands.

Shepherds watching o'er their flock
On this very winter's night
Were frightened by seeing near them
An angel radiant, bright.

But the heavenly vision spoke,
And this is what they heard him say:

"Unto you in the city of David
A Savior is born today."

Wise men came from afar,
By a brilliant star safely led,
Until it rested just above
The lowly manger bed

In which lay the infant Jesus,
And its followers knew then
That they had found the Christ child,
God's sacrifice for sin.

They brought unto Him presents,
And above did angels sing,
As if to atone in some degree
For earth's reception of her King.

Yet He did not desire courtesies,
But the things that count for most.
He came into this world to seek
And save that which was lost.

Nor did he look for riches;
He knew what He must endure.
His whole life was a sacrifice.
He was the poorest of the poor.

Think of all He suffered—
Poverty, mockery, pain.
He did it because He loved you.
My friend, was it all in vain?
—Mamie Catherine Allen.

We have fine services at our church on the first Sabbath by our newly elected pastor, Brother Morgan J. Mills. Have a good prayer meeting, well attended; something the church never had before. I will do my best to get some new subscribers for your Thanksgiving. Fraternal yours—J. D. Manning, Hickory Grove.

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WARNING TO SUPERINTENDENTS AND PASTORS.

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A NEW ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.

According to previous arrangement the new Missionary Baptist association was organized on October 30. S. M. Waldrop was elected moderator and Walter Hill clerk. The business having been mainly finished, after an interesting sermon was reached the people were invited by the church and citizens of Vernon to dinner. The evening session closed by offering a resolution of thanks to the church and people of Vernon for their hospitality and to the Democrat for publishing the meeting. Then adjourned to meet with Shiloh church Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1912.

Mrs. Nora Claughton Dennis was born in 1872. On December 28, 1905, she was married to Dr. A. J. L. Dennis, of Verbena, Ala. She died November 4, 1911, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Verbena, Ala., amid a host of friends, who loved her from childhood. At 14 years of age she gave her heart to God under the ministry of Brother McCord.

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R. C. W.

Brother H. L. Strickland and Brother Flake have revolutionized our Sunday school at Avondale. During three days they held a teacher training institute and graded our school. We have \$160 subscribed for the erection of new rooms for the primary and junior departments. May the Lord bless these brethren in their good work.—W. E. Barnes, Superintendent Avondale First Baptist Sunday School.

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