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May God bless our readers during 1912 is the prayer of one who desires with his whole mind and heart to make the Alabama Baptist an inspiration to them and a power in promoting the Gospel of the Son of God at home and abroad.

Yours for service,

Frank Willis Barnett

EMPEROR WILLIAM ON THE DRINK PROBLEM.

In the early winter Emperor William of Germany made his remarkable address to the naval cadets in which he admonished them against the evils of drink. It has been translated as follows:

"I know very well that the pleasure to drink is an old heritage of the Germans. However, we must henceforth, in every connection through self discipline, free ourselves from this evil. I can assure you that I, in my 22-year reign, have made the observation that the greater number of criminal cases submitted to me for adjudication—up to nine-tenths—are traceable to the consequences of alcohol.

"In earlier times it passed for extraordinary smartness and cleverness in youth to imbibe a large quantity of alcohol—and to bear it. I, as a young officer, had occasion to see such examples, but not myself to participate. These are earlier views that suited the Thirty Years War, but now, no more.

"Entirely apart from the consequences, which I need not further portray, I desire to apprise you on one point for your future career. As you yourselves will observe, during the course of your term of service on board, the service in my navy has reached such a height of strenuousness as you can hardly surpass. To endure these enormous peace exertions without exhaustion in order to be fresh in the event of real seriousness depends upon you.

"The next war and the next sea battle demand sound nerves of you. Through nerves it will be decided. Alcohol, and from youth up by the use of alcohol are endangered. You will later have opportunity to see the target ships and the action of the modern projectiles upon the ships, and therefrom you can make a picture of the conditions during battle when you are upon these and various other pictures. Here it calls for 'Steady nerves and a cool head!'

"That nation which consumes the least amount of alcohol wins. And that should be, my gentlemen! And through you an example should be given the crews. That works most with mankind. And in consequence of this, I expect of you, that even now at the naval academy are on board ship, in all comradeship and friendliness, in no way disturbed, yet among yourselves you take heed hereto, and that provision be made that the indulgence in alcohol be not counted as belonging to your privileges.

"There are in my navy being organized, or are practically organized, Good Templar lodges and Blue Cross societies. Individual officers and several hundred men have joined. I hope you will do all you can in order to aid the crews to join. And I need merely refer to the typical example of the English navy, where 20,000 men and officers have already joined, to the great advantage of that navy. It is a question of the future for our navy and for our people. If you educate the people to abstain from alcohol, I shall gain healthy and sensible subjects. It is a great question of the future, because through the men who leave the service the idea will be brought upon the land. When you spread these principles, my people will be morally uplifted. That is a work in which I bid you do your share."—The American Issue.

CHANGING HIS COLORS.

Mr. Jacob A. Riis tells of a little boy who earned his living by blacking boots. Every Sunday he attended a mission school. The school, through its well-meaning teachers, decided to have a Christmas tree. The gifts for the pupils were provided for them by the teachers and some patrons of the school.

Jimmy, the bootblack, was there Christmas eve, but was much disappointed when his present proved to be a copy of Browning's poems. He folded it carefully in the paper in

which he received it, and took it home.

The next Sunday the superintendent of the mission school announced that any child who was disappointed with his or her gift could exchange it.

Jimmy marched boldly to the front with his.

"What have you there, Jimmy?" "Browning, sir."

"And what do you want in exchange?"

"Blacking, sir."—Exchange.

GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH.

General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, is now in his seventy-eight year, and, although possessed of unusual mental and physical vigor, the burden of his years is telling on him. He was seriously ill in Chicago, and had to cancel a number of his engagements on account of enfeebled strength. His indomitable will, however, knows no surrender. He contemplates a farewell tour through Germany, an extended trip into Africa, and a "return to this country within three years."

General Booth is undoubtedly the most conspicuous figure in the evangelical world to-day. He is not one of a class. He is the only one in his class. With his extraordinary gift as an organizer he combines in an unusual degree the qualities which make him celebrated as a preacher, an

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evangelist, a philanthropist, and a social reformer. Identified at first with the ministry of the Methodist church, he soon found himself consumed with a passion for men outside the church. He broke through all restraint and "became of no reputation" that he might make known the good news of the Gospel to the "submerged tenth" of Whitechapel. For twelve years he and his workers sought to rescue and save by kindly ministries the outcasts in the notorious East End of London. The "Christian Mission," as the simple organization was then known, grew into the Salvation Army, now numbering 18,000 commissioned officers, commanding more than 7,000 corps of soldiers, carrying on work in fifty countries and colonies. He humbled himself and he has become exalted. He is honored everywhere by Kings and Presidents, universities and learned societies.

General Booth is very unlike, in many essentials, any other religious leader or reformer. In some ways he may be compared to Wesley, but he is very dissimilar. In some particulars he suggests Savonarola. But to our mind he is most like St. Francis of Assisi. They both broke from the church with which in earlier life they had been identified. They gave up all that men count dear for the poor and destitute. They both were possessed with a passion for the souls of men. They emphasized the spiritual as against the material or formal. Out of their labors was established a new order or organization which has widened and strengthened their work. They attached supreme importance to the vow or pledge, giving it precedence to every other tie or relationship. Each possessed elements almost contradictory in his character. Notwithstanding his intense love for men and his professed submission to the will of his Lord, General Booth, like Bismack, is "a man of iron." He sacrificed his own son to what he holds to be essential to the discipline and perpetuity of the Army. Marvellous as it is the work he has accomplished, and esteemed as he is around the world, the luster of his fame is dimmed by the break between father and children. We trust he may be spared to visit our country again, and that during that visit, if not before, reconciliation will be effected between the founder of the Salvation Army and his children who labored so loyally and devotedly with him in its years of struggle and reproach for its growth and establishment, much of the fruits of which ministers to his fame to-day.

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W. M. U. Watchword: Our Sufficiency is from God.—II Cor. 3:5.

Send contributions for this page to the Mission Room.

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

Watchword for 1912: "Serving to Save."

GREETINGS FOR 1912.

Let me but live my life from year to year
 With forward face and unrepentant soul,
 Not hastening to or turning from the goal;
 Not mourning for the things that disappear
 In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
 From what the future veils; but with a whole
 And happy heart, that pays its toll
 To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

HENRY VAN DYKE.

DURING JANUARY.

We observe the week of prayer.
 We also study about the organization of our work.
 We gather in our Christmas offerings.
 We try to reach and enlist our part of the one million southern Baptist women.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the northern district.
 Our work in the Zion Association, where we have eleven societies, most of which are doing fine work. We have no associational superintendent however, and these societies as well as the twenty-eight un-reached churches need one.

Our missionary to Yang Chow, Central China, Mrs. A. Y. Napier.

Our students at the Louisville Training School. Misses Cox, Register and Keith.

Our new student at Newton Institute, Miss Serena Bottoms.

The week of prayer.
 The reaching of our year's apportionment.

THE NEED OF LATIN AMERICA.

The following, which is taken from the Missionary Review of the World for March, 1911, will be helpful to all readers, but especially to those taking part on the program for Friday of the week of prayer. These facts are given us by Mr. Robert E. Speer, who is a recognized authority on South America. It was Mr. Speer who told, at the World's Conference of Sunday school workers in Washington, the touching story of a voice crying in the night for help. It seemed that one night he was aboard a river boat in the heart of South America. Way in the still and the dark of the night, he heard a sudden splash, a cry "help brother," a gurgle, and then nothing more. The next morning, he inquired if any one had been hurt and was told that a man was sleeping too near the edge of the boat, had rolled into the water, and was drowned before help could be given him. Even so, dear friends, they are being swallowed up in the waters of sin and death in South America today and tonight!

Are our missions in Latin-American lands legitimate and necessary? We answer "yes", and for the following reasons:

1. The moral condition of the South American countries warrants and demands the presence of the force of the evangelical religion, which will war against sin, and bring men the power of the righteous life. It is the right and duty of evangelical Christianity to go in with morally cleansing power upon the moral need.

2. The Protestant missionary enterprise, with its stimulus to education and its appeal to the ra-

tional nature of man, is required by the intellectual needs of South America. There is a brilliant upper class, many of whom have been educated abroad, but the continent may justly be called an illiterate continent.

3. Protestant missions are justified in South America in order to give the Bible to the people. There are Roman Catholic translations, both in Spanish and Portuguese, but the church has discouraged or forbidden their use. It is safe to say that not one person out a hundred in South America would ever have seen a Bible but for the Protestant missionary movement.

4. Protestant missions are justified and demanded in South America by the character of the Roman Catholic priesthood. In South America, the stream of the church is polluted at its fountain.

5. Protestant missions in South America are justified because the Roman Catholic church has not given the people Christianity. There are some surely who find peace and comfort, and some who see Christ through all that hides Him and misrepresents Him, but the testimony of the most temperate and open-minded of the men and women who were once themselves earnest Roman Catholics, is that there are few in the Roman Catholic church who know the facts of Christ's life, and fewer still who know Christ.

OUR WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN ITALY.

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TRAINING AND THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

That the Woman's Missionary Union Training School offers opportunities to others besides those who are to go as missionaries under the Home and Foreign boards has perhaps not been sufficiently emphasized. It may be well to call the attention of churches, societies, and all interested individuals to the fact at this school in Louisville, training may be obtained for any form of Christian service.

This is the day of trained workers. The time has passed when just anybody generous enough to offer her services might be thankfully accepted as Sunday school teacher, or when the position of church visitor, or pastor's assistant would be given to some needy member solely for the reason that the few dollars the church might be willing to pay for such service would come in handy for the recipient. The time is passing even when the young woman who has given her heart to one whose life is dedicated to the ministry will go lightly to the altar without seriously wishing to gain some special

fitness for the responsible position she inevitably assumes as pastor's wife. We are waking up to the fact that of all occupations in the world there is none where skilled labor is more needed than in the vineyard of our Lord. The Training School at Louisville has been established to meet this need. Realizing that the field is the world, the course of instruction aims to take into consideration every small portion of that field, and to be helpful to the worker in her home church, Sunday school or community as well as to those who extend their work into city slums, among the foreign population, on the Frontier, and to others who may go to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A brief glance at the varied activities of the students who have gone out from this school during the four years of its existence will illustrate this point. Of course many of them, as is desirable, are at work under appointments of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards; some are doing acceptable service in their own state work; others are Sunday school teachers, pastors' assistants, sunbeam leaders, kindergartners, teachers in mountain schools and mill villages, and some as pastors' wives are efficient co-laborers with their husbands in manifold ways.

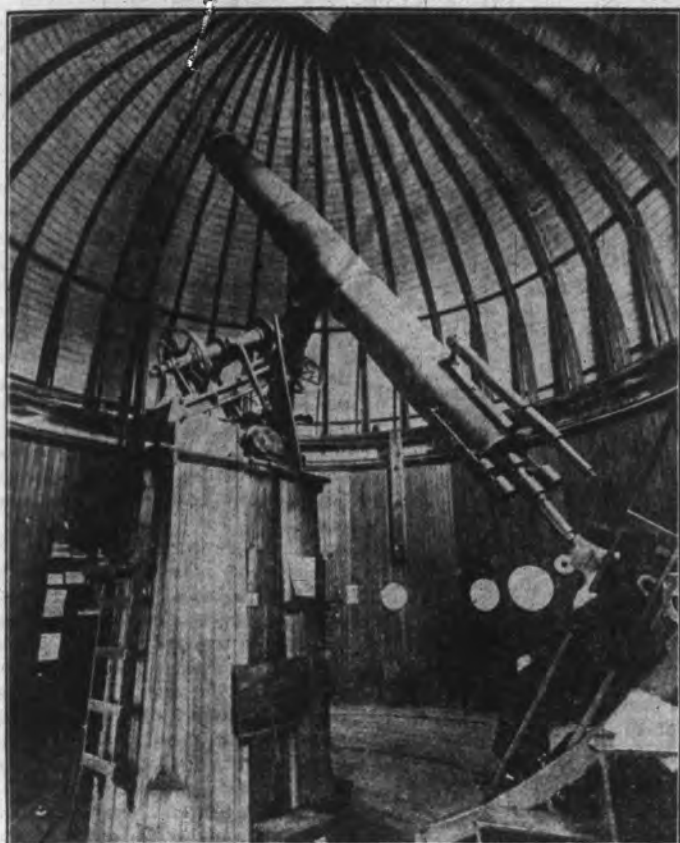
There are many young women sincerely desirous of doing Christian work who do not feel called to go as missionaries, and cannot take a two or three years course of training perhaps not even the whole of one year. It would be entirely practicable and very helpful for these to spend a few months, or even a shorter time at the school. A noble girl from a Christian family prominent in one of our southern churches was here last year for only six weeks, and she writes back that those weeks have been of incalculable value to her. She timed her brief stay to include the mid-winter lectures of the Seminary, which was a wise thing to do.

If one could spend the three months of December, January and February, a very helpful course indeed could be arranged for that time. Indeed there is no month of the whole term that could not be spent with advantage at the Training School by any intelligent girl really desirous of being better fitted for service. Of course, the longer the stay, the greater the advantage. If the time must necessarily be limited to a month or two, it might be well not to include the first of the last month.

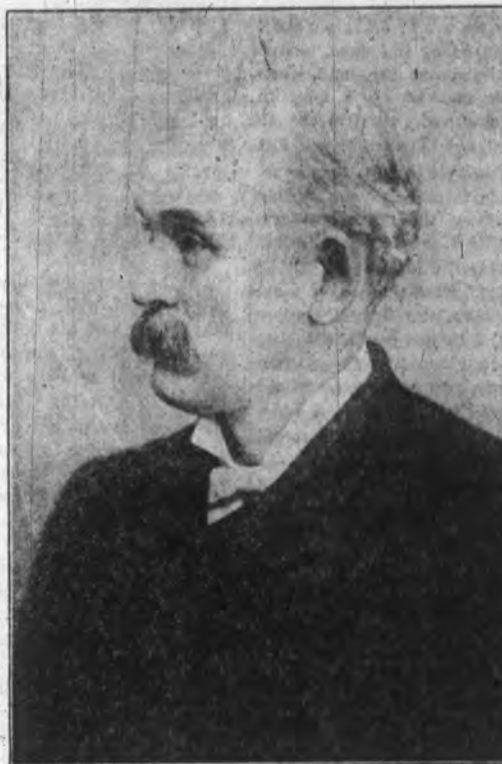
As I write this article, the Christmas spirit is abroad, for the season of gift is at hand. And I am wondering if the Baptist women of the south really know how great a gift they have made to the cause of Christianity throughout the world in the establishment and maintenance of this Training School. If we know, happy are we if we do the things needed to perfect the gift by making it increasingly useful in the work whereunto it has been called. I know of no greater service the churches and societies can render the school, and in so doing serve themselves, than by seeing to it that the very best material possible and plenty of it be given the school to work upon. In other words, send the young women, the bright, strong, capable, earnest girls that abound in our southern churches, to take advantage of the marvelous opportunities offered here. Whether they can come for the full course or only a limited time, let us have the students crowding our halls, forcing us to enlarge that we may in ever increasing measure be able to meet the demand for trained workers in the fields already white unto harvest.

MRS. C. S. GARDNER,
 Louisville, December 12, 1911.

AN INTERESTING STORY OF THE LOWE OBSERVATORY



THE GREAT TELESCOPE IN THE LOWE OBSERVATORY. Focal length, 22 feet. Diameter of object-glass 16 inches. The radiant splendors of Galaxy at the midnight hour, are beyond the powers of human speed in any attempted description.



EDGAR LUCIAN LARKIN
Director of the Lowe Observatory Mount Lowe, P. O. Calif.

By Edgar Lucien Larkin.
Director of the Lowe Observatory
Written for the Alabama Baptist:

Even those who scarcely look at the supernal beauties of the sky of night, cannot fail to observe two bright bodies in the east when twilight ends. The one nearest the Zenith is the magnificent planet Saturn, with its splendor of rings and moons. Saturn is 886,000,000 miles from the sun; and makes revolution around it in its mighty orbit, once in a little less than 30 years. Thus our little world the earth spins around the sun almost 30 times while Saturn is making one circuit. The diameter of Saturn is 71,000 miles, and that makes its volume 762 times greater than that of the earth. Saturn is surrounded by two brilliant rings and one dark gray ring. The diameter of the outside ring is 168,000 miles, and from the edge of the inner or dark ring to the surface of the planet, is 13,000 miles. This huge world turns on its axis in a little more than 10 hours, while our earth so small in comparison, requires 24. And then the distant world has 10 moons, and the scenery must be grand at night providing there are people to behold. They would have a difficult time in standing on the surface, since the density of the entire planet is only three-fourths that of water. Nearly that of ether in the drug stores. We humans could not live there because being 9 times farther from the sun than the earth, it receives only 1-81 part of the light and heat that we receive.

They, the people out there if there are people, see moons rising, passing the meridian and setting all the night time. But then about the time they are sound asleep they must arise since

days and nights are only 5 hours in length. Our eyes at the hour of noon on the far and away world would notice the weakness of the sunshine. Thus divide our sunlight by 81 and it would be dim, even in the blessed southland.

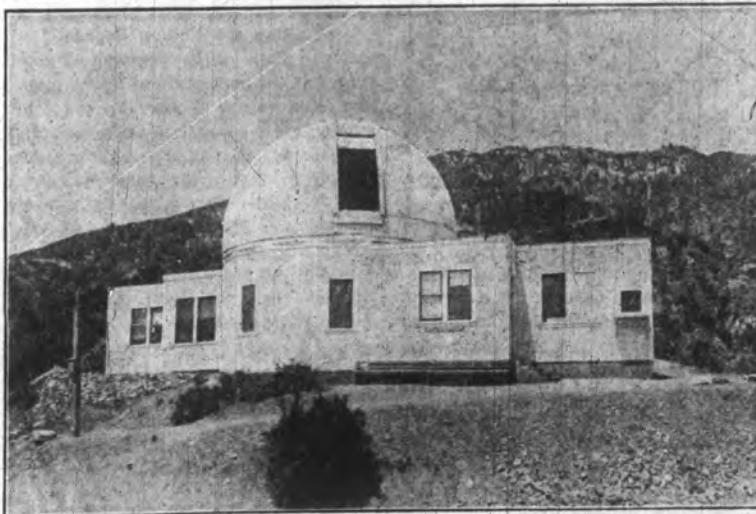
Mars.

The fiery red planet nearer the horizon, and close to the Pleiades in our neighboring exterior world Mars. It is 141,000,000 miles from the sun, while the earth is distant from the mighty sun, the center of the solar system 92,882,000 miles. The diameter of Mars is 4,200 miles, and its size is about 1-7th that of the earth. We can be filled with vanity now for our

house the earth, is not the smallest. Mars, Venus and Mercury being smaller. Mars turns on its axis in 24 hours 37 minutes, so they can sleep much longer than the good Saturnian folk. And then the seasons are longer out there, for Mars' year is 687 of our days. I have been watching Mars from up here, in the great telescope, since two months before its nearest approach to the earth which was on Nov. 11th 1911. The white cap on the south pole is supposed to be snow, this because it disappears when this pole is turned toward the sun. The Martians, provided there are inhabitants, have a remarkable experience with their moons. They have two, both very

small, but one of them travels in its orbit around Mars at a rate so rapid that it overtakes the rotation speed of the planet and therefore rises in the west and sets in the east. That is the month afforded by this satellite is shorter than the day.

More ridiculous errors creep into print regarding Mars than any other celestial body. There may be people there and they may have dug canals. But there is no trace of truth of either. True, the marks are visible, and outlines of chocolate colored masses on the surface, which may be continents. But the Italian astronomer Schiaparelli in giving an account of the lines was mistranslated canals in English, should have been channels, works of nature—not of engineering. We might live on Mars with plenty of stoves and coal. But then the air must be of the same density as that of the earth to sustain life. The force of gravity on Mars being only 2-5ths that on the earth, the pressure of air would fall far short of 15 lbs. to the square inch, that required by our lungs and bodies. And the heat and light received by Mars is only 2-5 that falling on the earth. Cold and gloom reign on Mars when compared with earthly conditions. And Mars is only 141,000,000 miles from the sun. What then are the conditions on Neptune whose distance is 2,780,000,000 miles? The Pleiades near the direction in space of Mars, during December in the great telescope, reveal more than 100 glittering stars each a gigantic sun. Let us all revere the Master Mind, the Creator of the Majestic Universe.



THE LOWE OBSERVATORY
On the Summit of Echo Mountain in the Sierra Madre Range, Southern California, U. S. A. Altitude 3,420 feet. A great inclined Electric Railroad Leads to the Observatory from the Plains Below.
Los Angeles County.

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A Journey Through Palestine During 1912, With Rev. Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, D. D.

There is no other experience in life like visiting for the first time the land of Palestine, and looking on the very places where, centuries ago, history was made that has transformed the world.

On the tour we are to make we shall visit one hundred of the most important places throughout the land, each one definitely marked on a map to show its location and (usually) the direction in which we are to face. For many it will be well to turn to a general map of Palestine and get clearly in mind a few of the main features. Two places will be visited each week. We are to enter the land at Jaffa, the ancient seaport. Find this on the map. Also Mt. Hermon, the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Carmel in the north, with the main mountain chain and the Jordan Valley leading down to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. Jaffa as will be seen, is on the coast, well down to the south, about forty miles from Jerusalem.

Now look at the special map, of Jaffa, given herewith, and note the encircled number 1 just west of Jaffa, and the two lines which branch east toward the shore. That means that we are to stand first at 1 (on a steamer's deck) and are to look east over the space included between those two spreading lines to the ancient town.

Position 1. Jaffa, the Joppa of the Bible times.

As we look off from the ship we can see just before us the waters of the Mediterranean rippling and sparkling in the sunshine as they stretch away towards the shore. We have anchored as far out because of dangerous rocks near the beach; passengers and baggage must be landed in row boats. But from here we can plainly see the low stone buildings of the old, old town rising in regular rows, like terraces, from the water's edge. No space can be seen between them for the narrow crooked streets. The house walls are white-washed, gray-washed, tinted with yellowish and pinkish and orange paints, making the hillside gay with faded color. That building to the right and near the water, looking like a fort, with its row of port-holes, is the Turkish Custom House, where our baggage must be examined, unless we drop a few plasters into the hands of the officer. That tower on the top of the hill belongs to a monastery of the Greek Catholic church. That tall slender tower far to the left is the minaret (prayer tower) of a mosque, reminding us that we enter a land where the Moslems are masters. Of the twenty-three thousand people in this town about half are Mohammedans, a quarter Christians and a quarter Jews.

But after all it is in the past of this ancient port that we are chiefly interested. Three thousand years ago rafts of timber from Mt. Lebanon floated in this very place, waiting to be taken to Jerusalem, forty miles away, for the building of Solomon's Temple (11 Chron. 2:16). Out from this same shore two hundred years later Jonah must have sailed when he started on his voyage to Tarshish (Jonah 1:3). In later times kindly Dorcas used to spin and weave and sew in the quiet shelter of some home on this same crowded hillside. Most significant to all of us who have no drop of Abraham's blood in our veins, it was on a



Joppa housetop, just like those we see now flooded with noon-day sunshine, that Peter had his epoch making vision (Acts 10) of the truth that Gentiles as well as Jews were to have a chance to hear the Gospel.

But we are impatient to go ashore. A street leading up toward the left from the Custom House takes us to the market place where we shall go next. The number 2 on our map shows where we are to stand and the direction of the spreading lines tell us that we shall look back toward the sea.

Position 2. The Bazaar of Jaffa.

Almost within reach of our hands we see some shabby timbers forming part of the building on whose low roof we stand, while thronging in the open space before us is a typical eastern market crowd. Some of the men are talking in groups; some are slowly walking about. Most of them are peasant farmers who have come from scattered hamlets on the Plain of Sharon. We see in the crowd but few women and those of the peasant class. Those home-made baskets contain potatoes, beans, peas, figs and plums. Six pounds of tomatoes can be bought for a cent. Food for a family of four prosperous people would cost about a dollar a week. As we should expect, donkeys and camels are the only beasts of burden to be seen. That donkey beyond the baskets is worth from four to six dollars. Notice that little shed in the middle of the throng. That is the office where every dealer



pays his tax on merchandise to a Turkish government official. Matthew in his own home town used to collect similar taxes for the Roman government. (Matt. 9:9).

A strange looking scene indeed is this oriental throng. Throughout the whole crowd with but one exception, we can see only loose robes, baggy trousers and white turbans. We could easily imagine we had been transported back two hundred years. That brown mantle with a wide stripe down the back is the universal overcoat of the east. Without doubt, the patriarch Abraham wore one just like

it, and it was such a cloak that Paul left at Troas with his friend Carpus (11 Tim. 4:12). This square and the buildings undoubtedly looked almost the same when Peter came here from Lydda almost nineteen hundred years ago. (Acts 8:9). Probably Peter walked more than once through this very square while Jaffa people were talking politics, religion, and business, just as they are doing today.

To see Joppa from the ship, and also the market place, with your own eyes, use the stereographs; 1, "Jaffa, the Joppa of Bible Times", and 2, "The Bazaar at Jaffa".

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Visiting the Lesson Scenes.

If you stand on the western slope of Olivet at the spot marked I (see map), and look westward over the space between those spreading lines, you find directly before you some little stone-fenced fields, sloping steeply down into Kidron Valley. The valley's opposite bank rises even more steeply. Along its crest you see part of the city wall of Jerusalem—a long barrier of stone masonry, thirty to fifty feet high. Within the wall an open space of nearly level ground is in plain sight, partly grass-grown, with the city houses massed beyond it. That open space is the old Temple area. Near the middle of it a large eight-sided building is conspicuous, crowned by a beautiful dome. It is not so old as Zacharias' time, but the foundation rock of the ancient altar for burnt-offerings, which Zacharias used to see in an open, roofless court, is today covered by that dome. Zacharias took live coals from the old altar with

which to burn his incense; then he entered the Holy Place, just beyond (west of) the domed structure. The court where worshippers were praying occupied ground at this side of the domed building, between it and the city wall.

The Temple.

The temple in which Zacharias officiated was not the temple of Solomon, nor was it the one built after the return from Babylon, but Herod's temple, which was far greater and grander than that which had been before it.

Though the temple in which Zacharias served was destroyed long ago, the place where it stood is definitely known.

To better see the place for yourself, use a stereograph entitled "Jerusalem, beautiful for situation, from the southeast".

John's Birth Foretold.

Years and years ago, when Herod was king in Judea, there lived a good priest named Zacharias. Before him his fathers had been priests, and he was early trained to all the services in the beautiful temple at Jerusalem. His good wife, Elizabeth, was descended from another priest, Aaron, who came out of Egypt, with the Jews when Moses was leader.

And they had no child, because that Elizabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course.

9. According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

11. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

18. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these tidings shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

A BLUNDER.

I am somewhat grieved at the communication from my good friend and brother, R. M. Hunter, on "A Puzzle Unraveled." I think he blundered in his solution of the "puzzle" and in the statement of "facts." Our good secretary, Brother Crumpton, and Brother Hunter are both old enough to know that there is no power on earth that can influence a Baptist church in Alabama to call a native Alabamian or a "furriner," when it does not want him. There are many, and sometimes singular, influences that have their effect on a church in calling a pastor. I believe that most of our Baptist churches are inclined to believe the Scripture statement that the "field is the world," and I am persuaded that most of our churches do not stop to consider whether the pastor they want are natives of this or of some other state.

A prophet, we are told is not without honor save among his own people and his own kin, and the same thing, I am quite certain, is true of many prophets in Alabama and other states even today. May not this fact explain some things?

Brother Hunter tells us that all but one of the grand old "first city churches" are occupied by those whom he is disposed to call "furriners." Well, who is responsible for that state of things? Should a "furriner" who has been taught that "the field is the world," say to a prominent Alabama church that wants him as pastor, that they ought not to call any who is not a native of the state? Or should the state convention demand of all our prominent churches that they call native Alabamians? I am quite certain that Brother Hunter will find that a similar state of things exists in other states. I am absolutely certain that putting the brethren on boards and committees will never get them called to Baptist churches unless the churches are persuaded that they have other qualifications. No, Brother Hunter, you are far from the facts when you claim that the reason more Alabama churches do not call natives of the state is due to the fact that they are not given the recognition you think they are entitled to. Furthermore, a vast majority of the churches in Alabama have natives of the state as pastors.

Brother Hunter says, "The D.D.'s and L.L.D.'s, born in Alabama are dubbed as a general thing in some other state." Is not this due, if a fact, to the further fact that these men have gone to other states and shown themselves worthy of such honor? But Brother Hunter is incorrect in the impression he would make by this statement. I have before me a copy of the "Howard College Bulletin, Spring issue, 1911." I came to the state in 1899. From 1899 to 1909, inclusive, Howard College conferred the degree of D.D. upon ten brethren and six of them were "Alabama-bred." During the same time the college conferred the degree of L.L.D. on five brethren and four of them are natives of the state.

All of the officers of the state convention are natives of the state, the preacher of the introductory sermon for 1912, unfortunately, is a "furriner," Dr. Preston Blake, the alternate being a native of the state.

All of the principles of our boards and schools are natives of the state except two and there are nine of these boards and schools.

The state board has twenty-one members, fifteen of them natives; The educational commission has fifteen members, thirteen of them natives; Howard College has twenty-seven trustees, twenty-three of whom are natives; all five of the trustees of the Howard endowment fund are natives; Judson has sixteen trustees, fifteen of them natives; Alabama Central Female College has thirteen trustees, twelve of them are natives; the board of ministerial education has twelve members, nine of them natives; the Orphan's Home has nine trustees, all of them are natives; the aged and infirm minister's fund has twelve trustees, ten of them natives; there are seven directors of the convention and all of them natives.

There are twelve standing committees appointed to report at the next meeting of the state convention and the chairman of eight of them are natives. These twelve committees have a total membership of sixty-five and fifty-two, of them are natives.

And yet Brother Hunter complains that the natives are not given places on committees etc. etc.

I happen to know that some prominent positions have been offered to native preachers of Alabama since I have been in the state and they have declined them.

Now, from the facts stated above it looks to me as if we "furriners" will have to get together and organize so as to get our share of the honors etc. Since examining into the figures given above I have been wondering if Brother Hunter or some one else has not already organized a movement against us "furriners" in the state.

Brother Hunter and I are good friends and I love him but he blundered in his communication referred to above and did himself great injustice in writing it. I remember that Brother Hunter complained that he did not get a chance to make a speech at Andalusia on temperance but he had exactly the same chance that the rest of us had. I made a talk of about three minutes on that occasion but it was not prearranged. I simply got the floor when the chance came.

Brother Hunter takes the pains to tell us that he is not a "sore-head". Knowing him as I do I am disposed to agree with him but some other brethren who do not know him quite so well will be inclined to believe he is and that is what grieves me.

W. J. E. COX, a "Furriner."

PUTTING ALL THE MONEY IN THE TOWNS AND CITIES.

This is a complaint very often made. After each board meeting, if an appeal from the country has been turned down. I am certain to hear it. Sometimes it comes from good men, who have been helped for several years.

In the first place, it is not true that "all the money" is given to the towns and cities. The men that make the charge know nothing about it but to jump to a conclusion. I am frank to admit, not as much is spent in the country as ought to be. I am just as frank to admit, that most of the money is spent in the towns and cities. Why should it not be? The towns and cities give most of the money. While they do not demand that it be paid back; if they put before the board conditions in the towns and cities, in a way to impress the board, of struggling churches oppressed by poverty, who will blame the board for giving them the preference?

We hope to be in condition to do more for the country. That time can be hastened by the country doing more to help the board. It is a notorious fact that very few of our country churches pay their pastors anything like a living salary and many of them refuse positively to give anything to benevolence.

Our statistical secretary on page 30 of the convention minutes makes this startling exhibit:

For the year 1910, as taken from the minutes of the Associations:

- 1103 gave nothing to State Missions.
- 964 gave nothing to Home Missions.
- 990 gave nothing to Foreign Missions.
- 1512 gave nothing to Education.
- 875 gave nothing to Orphanage.
- 1570 gave nothing to Aged and Infirm Ministers.

The great majority of these non-contributing churches are in the country. Many of them are poor of course, the same is true of many town and city churches. If we leave out a few churches in cities and towns which I could name, the country churches are richer than those in the cities and towns.

Many of our country brethren own hundreds of acres with stock and farm furnishings, worth thousands of dollars, who give little or nothing to the cause. A boy or girl in one of our town or city churches, with a salary of twenty-five dollars a month will some times give two and a half months to God's cause, or twenty-five a year; while a man owning a large farm in the country will be content to give two dollars a year.

I am a country man. I love the country as I can never love the city. I plead for the country work before the board every time we meet; but conditions are such and our income so small, not all the requests from either the country or city can be granted.

If God shall spare me five years longer and my brethren continue to honor me in my present work, I shall be awfully disappointed if the board is not

doing ten times more work everywhere and the country having a large share of the increase.

It will be brought about by the country brethren recognizing God's claim upon them and giving of their means accordingly.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

TRIP NOTES.

On Sunday, November 10th, I was with Dr. Richard Hall at Evergreen, morning and night. I spoke on "Education" in the morning and at night assisted in the ordination of two deacons. The meeting house at Evergreen is a most attractive one and well suited to the work of a modern up-to-date church and Sunday school. There is still some debt on the property but, I am sure, the brethren will soon rise up in their strength and remove it. The church has a good strong membership and no church in the state has a more genial or thoughtful preacher than the church at Evergreen, and he has a very strong hold on the church and community.

I expected to stop off at one or two places after leaving Evergreen before reaching Mobile where it was my purpose to spend several days, but Dr. Montague had preceded me at one place and Dr. Hale at another. I think it is unfortunate for our state work that the Seminary has been so long securing Alabama's portion of the endowment fund. There have been four different men in the state and they have been three or four years doing their work. It is all right theoretically to say that money secured for the seminary will help us to get more for our schools but it does not work out practically.

Sunday, November 17, I was at Thomasville. Here also there is a very handsome new house of worship, with some indebtedness, and a good strong congregation. This church is at present without a pastor but Brother A. L. Blizard, now at Ozark, has accepted their call and he will take charge the first of the new year. This is a good community and the church is worthy of the best preaching.

W. J. E. COX.

A GOOD DAY AT RUHAMA.

Sunday, December 24, 1911, was a day long to be remembered by old Ruhama church in Birmingham. The inclement day reduced the size of the congregation, which was comparatively small. Yet the faithful men and women there, true to the spirit and traditions of the noble old church, in a very short time gave in cash and its equivalent \$833 for church repairs and for payment on the pastor's home. This sum will be increased to \$1,200 or \$1,500 very soon.

After the collection, the church went into conference and by a unanimous vote elected as pastor Rev. J. R. Edwards of Sanford, N. C., a former student of Wake Forest University school of Colgate. Mr. Edwards preached in Ruhama church recently, and all present were attracted to him by reason of his pulpit power and gracious manner.

The pulpit committee headed by Prof. S. Dowell of the public schools of Birmingham, has done faithful work and it is believed that the brother whom the committee recommended and whom the church elected, will be a force in the spiritual life of this state.

I reckon that I will have to tell you that I am still living and that I love you and your work. You are doing us good through the paper. Well, the happiest incident in my work was a beautiful home marriage recently. The groom and the bride are both members of my church (Friendship). The groom, Mrs. G. C. Reynolds, is a bright Christian young gentleman, and his bride is his equal in all things. They move to their own home in the same community. God bless them.—W. A. Sharp, Cunningsham, Ala.

Brother S. R. Boykin and myself made a visit to River Road church, a young church in the Harris Association, last Sunday, and found a live little band of workers. They have about 18 members and on the roll 50 in the Sunday school. Who can beat that? They also have a weekly prayer meeting. They received two members last Sunday. Brother W. N. Reed is their pastor. Keep your eye on this young church. Fraternally—F. M. Flanigan, Smith's Station.

Please let me express my appreciation of the splendid paper you are giving us. I consider it an absolute necessity to every wide-awake, well informed Baptist in the state. The short items from all over the field cheer my heart. Our work here is improving at every service, under the leadership of our beloved pastor Brother Frank J. Fleming. We have half-time, and last Sunday was a good day with us, well attended services, both morning and evening.—H. W. McNair

Pastor Stuckey had an all day meeting at Central on Friday last for the setting apart of Brethren Turner and Gay to the deaconate. Several pastors were expected, but owing to unfavorable weather Tates and the writer were the only two present. Stuckey has a great way of having all day mid-week meetings for services of this kind.—A. G. M. Moseley.

Sunday was a good day with us at Bluff Springs. Congregations good. Special collection for the orphan home. Sunday night I preached for Pastor Gunter at Ashford and had a fine congregation. Brother Gunter has a fine church at Ashford. A special collection was taken for the orphan home—J. L. Hand.

Despite the inclement weather December 11th, our W. M. U. assembled for a missionary social at the home of Mrs. D. H. Carpenter. Mrs. Roach very clearly gave us some interesting ideas of the lives of Chinese women, and what Christianity means for them. I trust our Christmas offering will be a good one this year.—Mrs. M. E. Bell.

We congratulate Brother and Sister Napier, our beloved missionaries at Shanghai on having a son to arrive in their home on November 14, 1911. We wish Nathan Campbell Napier and his parents a happy New Year.

Married at the home of T. J. Jackson, Rembert, Ala., Dec. 23d, Mary Evelline Jackson and Clay Hammer Haron. Rev. Wm. F. Shute, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Haron will make their future home in Tennessee.—W. F. L.

I tried to get some new subscribers but failed. Our pastor Rev. E. B. Farrer preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. Eternity alone will reveal the good he has done here.—L. N. Hines.

The First church of Blocton has organized a Mission Study Class, with the pastor, Rev. L. Ray, as leader and teacher. The class is now studying the book on missions entitled "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Dr. T. B. Ray.

Mr. Cecil C. Rotenberry of Centreville and Miss Georgia Wamble of Blocton were married at the home of the bride Sunday morning December 24, 1911. Rev. John L. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Blocton, pronounced the impressive marriage ceremony which united the popular young couple as husband and wife.

Rev. P. G. Maness begins his twelfth year as pastor of Mt. Gilead church, Bibb county. The church has recently added Sunday school rooms and made other improvements. In the twelve years, it has expended for all purposes over \$5,000. It is a fine progressive church.

I send you \$1.00, move my subscription up to where it belongs. We have a new pastor Brother Hunter of Opelika. We are so much pleased with him, and everybody expresses so much admiration for him. Our little church is not very strong in numbers or wealth and I fear our spiritual life is not what it should be. I trust we will do better work the coming year than ever before. My Christmas wish for you is merry hearts, true happiness, and perfect peace and prosperity.—Mrs. J. T. Dickson.

Thursday night at the Baptist church here at Castleburg, three deacons were ordained. The names of which are: Brethren J. K. Hawthorn, A. E. Page, R. E. Warren; Brother W. M. Murray of Brewton, preached the sermon after which the above mentioned were set apart to their office.—Ira L. Jordan.

We are impatient. Waiting on our pews to arrive. When we install our lights and the pews get in we will set the day to enter our new church. At that time we hope to have the editor with us and quite a number of the other brethren. Our people here are of the heroic kind and are undaunted. They DO think. Just think of it—our ladies are already planning for the carpet and the pipe organ. As long as there is anything to be done to complete the church and fixtures they will never let up. The pastor and wife are rejoicing over a new preacher that came to our home last Monday. He is now preaching and keeping some of us shouting around occasionally.—O. P. Bentley.

I wish you could be in this section for a few hours. I think you would be astonished at our condition. I am truly anxious every week for the appri-



From the Post Card Brigade

val of the Alabama Baptist. It is so cheering to read of the great work of our noble people. The Baptist of this locality are having a hard struggle but we are gaining ground. Pray for us.—J. A. Owens.

Broke, broke, broke!
Not a single cent, oh gee!
And the dough that I spent for
the Christmas gifts
Will never come back to me.

—Judge.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the New River Association will convene with Concord church about ten miles south-east of Fayette on Saturday and Sunday December 30th and 31st. The program has been published in our county paper. These Fifth Sunday meetings are something new in this Association. The churches seem real anxious to have them. If the weather will permit, we look for a large crowd.—J. O. A. Pace.

We had a beautiful and impressive Christmas service at Town Creek church, the pastor selected this passage for his text: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." He dwelt tenderly on the matchless characteristics of the greatness and goodness of the Savior's love in giving up all the heavenly glories the Father had bestowed upon Him to become poor, that we might be made rich in Him. All seemed to be grateful and songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving were wafted above with unusual fervor.—Mattie W. Hardy.

I am now happily located in my new field, viz: Hopewell and Pine Flat churches. I find these brethren and sisters know how to treat a pastor so as to make him feel he is glad to be among them. We had scarcely gotten our household goods unpacked when the Pine Flat church sent in a wagon load of good things for the pastor's wife's pantry—too numerous to mention. Later the Hopewell church gave a "Can Party" at the residence of Mrs. Jno. T. Hogue that was quite unique. The admission fee to the entertainment was a can of fruit or something of like character for the pastor's family. So in this way quite another addition was made to the pastor's wife's pantry. Truly could the pastor and wife say with the Psalmist "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name."—W. N. Swain.

At Cedar Bluff in Cherokee county, we have in process of construction a parsonage of seven rooms. Never before this year have we had a resident pastor, or minister of any denomination, in our midst. If there ever was, the writer has never heard of it. We have a pastors' home almost completed now and hope it will always be occupied by a pastor whom our people will recognize and follow as their spiritual leader. Rev. A. B. Carnes will serve our church again next year.—Kate Sewell.

We have called Rev. W. B. Riddle for half time at Mt. Pleasant. This is his second year with us. Brother Riddle is doing a good work for us. The church ordained three young brothers for deacons last Saturday. We are expecting to accomplish much good this year with Brother Riddle for our leader.—J. R. Hamric.

Please change my paper from Montevallo, Ala to Brierfield, Ala. I like your paper ever so much. All Baptist ought to read it. We colored folks are moving along very nicely.—Rev. Will Laby, (col.)

My county has many anti-missionaries in our churches. They are hurtful to mission work, but I am more hopeful of late. A hardshell came in here last spring and has faith to constitute a church. This has waked up some mission interest and some of our preachers are advocating the mission work more than ever. I wish W. B. C. would try some plan to get our churches on higher plane of work.—J. R. Ramsey.

Mr. Frank Cates of Centreville and Miss Loufie Elder of Six Mile were married at Enon Baptist church at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 27, 1911. Rev. John L. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Blocton, pronounced the beauti-

ful and impressive ceremony which united the happy and popular young couple as husband and wife. The church was beautifully and uniquely decorated in harmony with the season.

Since our Sunday school at Avondale has been thoroughly graded under the able direction of Brethren Strickland and Flake, we have decided that we do not need any more S. S. rooms scattered around the lot. But we do need a new church. The church has accepted the recommendations of a committee appointed at conference, which provide for the raising of the church, brick veneering outside, remodeling and reconstructing roof and front and providing modern Sunday school rooms in basement, and installing furnace to cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. To all appearances, this will be a new 15 to 20 thousand dollar church when finished, as it will be thoroughly remodeled. We now have 26 teachers and 3 department superintendents. We extend you a cordial invitation to pay us a visit.—W. E. Barnes.

I received the "Memo. book" O. K. and will do all I can to help you make the Baptist a better paper. Hope I can secure a new subscriber to send you for a Xmas present. Winfield is well blessed with Baptist churches. We have five Baptist churches within a radius of three miles and a half, but it is alarming to see how few of the members of these churches take their denominational paper.—W. L. Brumbleboe.

I am just back from a four years stay in north Louisiana where I served 3 years as superintendent of Sabbath school at Old Saline church, Brown, La. This church house is quite a novelty, because the timber was cut with an upright or sash saw. Built in style of the times. It is well preserved, but has never been painted and has never had a heater in it and had never had an organ till last July. They have a membership of 220 and a fine Sunday school. Brother Huntsberry of Alexandria, La., is pastor and he is preparing to cross the waters as a missionary. He is loved by all that know him. I think the work is progressing fine here. I was here only one month when they elected me superintendent of the Sunday school and God being my helper am doing the best I can with His work. We have what is called a cottage prayer meeting every Sunday night. This meeting was organized about six years ago, and has been kept up ever since when circumstances would permit. We have some very faithful soldiers in the work at this place (Good Hope) and would be glad to give names if space would permit.—J. W. Carpenter.

I will give you a few items from Gilliam Association. We are doing a little for the Master, but not as much as I would like. I have said everything I could to brethren to get them to subscribe for the Alabama Baptist but have failed to get any of them to take the paper. I will keep trying.—Samuel Ditto.

On yesterday at Mt. Olive Brother S. H. Bennett preached an able sermon on "The Open Door" — Rev. 3:8, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$34.34 for Foreign missions. \$30.00 being the apportionment for the church at Mt. Olive by the Central Association committee. The Lord's cause is moving along nicely here.—W. I. Newman.

Our first marriage ceremony was performed in the pastor's study Thursday evening November 23, at seven-thirty when Miss Minnie Lee Crosswaite and Mr. Luns Carpenter were united in the happy bonds of wedlock. This came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends and we wish for them a happy and prosperous future.—Z. W. McNeal.

We had a very pleasant Union Thanksgiving service meeting in the Methodist church and the Baptist pastor preaching. Special music was rendered by the choir, with a lovely solo from Mrs. Richardson. In the evening a box supper, preceded by an interesting programme from the children was held at, and for the benefit of the Baptist church. About \$21.00 was realized from the entertainment and \$10.00 donated. Mrs. J. E. Riley giving \$5.00.—Rev. Z. W. McNeal.

We had a very fine service at Shorter yesterday, preceded by a good Sunday school. Collection for Foreign missions better than usual. Last Association year the best contributions in the churches history, yet we have some members who are able, that do not add us much in our contributions. Some of them retain membership with us, but reside elsewhere, and utterly neglect us. Do you know of any other places where they do that way.—Geo. T. Brewer.

Rev. W. M. Wear was recently called to be pastor of this church and of the church at Brownsboro. He and his most estimable family are finding a warm welcome in the hearts of our people. Two scriptural sermons full of the Holy Ghost were preached by Brother Wear today. Our Sunday school is also picking up.—A. S. Hodges.

We always look with pleasure to the coming of our paper, and our prayer is that the Lord will bless you in your good work.—Laura Bishop.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was all O. K. We made \$15.20 Will have a Xmas tree at the school house on 25th. Will try to have a Union meeting Xmas week so the young people will have a good place to go Xmas.—Mrs. Wm. F. Jones.

We are about to get settled in the field here. The good people have treated us royally and we feel at home. I have had large crowds at all services since our arrival. All departments of the churches work seems to be in splendid shape. The former pastor Rev. R. A. J. Cumble has done a good work and the people all appreciate him and his good wife. Thanks for your Xmas remembrance.—T. M. Thomas.

Hello Proctor: I am the grand-son of Rev. W. F. Martin, but a small tot. Come to Andalusia and we will get some subscribers to help you and your "Dad" along. We are living in Andalusia and grand-papa preaches in Sanford two Sundays and at Lockhart. Come to see us.—J. M. Martin, Jr.

To Little Frank: You must come to see me this spring and we will get several subscribers among the Sunday school boys and girls. Say Frank come to Sanford, Saturday night before Xmas, we are to have a good time. Some fine little boys and girls over there.—W. F. Martin, pastor Sanford Baptist church.

I am now settled down in my new home and have gone to work. So glad to have met Rev. Geo. W. Klerce, he too is living in Andalusia. Brother J. J. Haygood and I spent an hour with this old veteran, and it was a treat to hear him tell the things that he experienced in days gone by. He stated that for 40 years work in the ministry he had received not more than four hundred dollars. Brother Klerce said the words that made Mrs. M. and I one.—W. F. Martin.

On the night of December 10, 1911 at the home of the brides aunt Mrs. Ella Horton, a quiet wedding took place. The contracting parties were Miss Maude Paul of Sulligent, Ala., and Mr. Joe G. Johnson of Dora, Ala. They are both very highly respected and staunch Baptists. Their many friends wish them the greatest success in their new lives. The ceremony was performed by the writer.—R. W. Clark.

The Tennessee River Association gave the Baptist Orphanage 1,000 bushels of corn, it was sent in on the 12th. 80 bbls of syrup has been pledged for the support of the Orphanage. The brethren are urged to send it in at once. This will make things mighty sweet down there. The prospects for building the B. C. I. school building is growing exceedingly bright, the trustees are at the place they are getting sure enough busy.—S. O. Ray.

The work at the Second Baptist church is in a hopeful condition. We have had about 60 additions during the three months of the present pastorate. The Sunday school is growing in an encouraging way. The prayer meeting attendance is unusually fine. Dr. J. R. Nowlin, senior deacon of the First Baptist church died the 11th inst. The funeral service at the First church by pastor Dickinson was very impressive.—E. B. Moore.

Our work last Sunday was very interesting with the exception of the funeral of Brother G. W. Riley's little boy, Loyce. We had a good Sunday school, good morning service, with an able sermon by our pastor B. C. Hughes. During the afternoon our pastor baptized five candidates. The funeral service of Brother Riley's little boy was held at the Brookwood cemetery following the baptizing at the church. May God comfort Brother Riley and family in their sadness is our prayer.—L. M. Jordan.

Rev. R. L. Moseley of Slocomb will be with us in a meeting at Samson, beginning Jan. 24, 1912. Brother Moseley is one of the best revival preachers in the state, so we feel that we are very fortunate in securing him.—Frank J. Fleming.

As I have seen no report of the Gilliam Springs Association I will give some items. We had a very good session and good collections. We elected Brother W. K. Taylor moderator and Brother J. J. Hooten clerk and treasurer. We had Brother A. G. Johnson to represent state missions and had good talks on missions and temperance and Sunday schools. I would like to have you with us next year.—S. Ditto.

I want to send you this card to express my thanks and approbation of that splendid article "What Shall It Be—The Christ Child or Santa Claus?" in the Baptist of Dec. 6th, by C. T. Wettstein. I have been fighting this Santa Claus idea for years as best I could by voice and pen. For I realize the untold harm that it is doing the cause of Christ and that it is a devise of the adversary to prevent the little ones from coming to Jesus. How can they come except through a knowledge of Him and how can they learn of Him when Santa Claus is in his place.—Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

I have written two sketches to your most valuable paper and after reading over the paper again this morning hoping to see something from Brother H. S. Curtis, Howard College, and could not see anything.

We couldn't get in all the Post Cards this week but will clean them up next issue

I will take this method and if he sees this I hope he will write a piece for the paper, also a letter to me.—S. D. Kennedy.

After this week send my paper to Rising Star, Texas, instead of Cisco, Texas. I have accepted the church at the former place. The church has a membership of 250. The call was the most enthusiastic I ever received. I wish you a merry Christmas and I will send you a renewal perhaps for new year's present.—A. A. Hutto.

We had a good sermon last Sunday, preached by our pastor, R. S. Guign at Enon church. We are getting along very well. Enclosed find \$2.00 on our paper as my time expires Jan. 1st, 1912.—L. W. McMillan.

Sunday was a good day for Fayette, the weather was beautifully fair and pleasant and congregation good. Received two members by letters. Brother Shropshire and wife, a minister of the gospel from Mississippi. The Baptist Sunday school will have a Xmas tree and entertainment next Friday night, everybody is expected to bring an offering for the orphans of Evergreen. The pastor had envelopes handed out at the door Sunday, for the purpose. Our pastor is ideal.—Mrs. Viola C. Norris.

I am happy to say that things are starting off very nicely indeed at Florence. I have never received such a cordial welcome anywhere as I have here, and while there are some problems to face, yet everything seems bright and hopeful. I feel safe in saying that the Baptists of the state are going to hear from the First church of Florence.—B. H. Lovelace.

The Baptist church at Bellwood decided that they would make a special Christmas offering to the Orphanage, and the movement was started last Sunday night. I am in receipt of a card from Deacon Brackin at Bellwood stating that he had already sent a check for \$12.32 as a result of this special offering, and more to follow. The Bellwood Saints are a willing people, and full of enthusiasm. Bright prospects are presenting themselves all the while at Bellwood. As pastor I am enjoying my work there fine. We are undertaking great things for God, and expect great things of Him. Pray for us.—J. H. Gunter.

Please change my paper to Altoona, Ala. I am in a new field. I have four churches in Blount county, over four hundred in membership. I hope I will soon catch you on the corner and pay you another \$5.00. You are giving us a good paper and I mean to do some work for it, it is a strength to the Baptists all ought to take it. This is from one who loves you and yours.—J. C. Hyntinstall.

Please find enclosed \$1.00 which pays my subscription to Jan. 1912. We don't want to do without the Baptist, for through it we hear from a great many of God's people at work for the advancement of God's cause in the world. May God bless you and the boys. We have 5 boys and 2 girls the oldest 16 and youngest 1 year old and I hope some day will be a Christian and reader of the Alabama Baptist.—J. W. Jones.

We the 5th Baptist of Huntsville are moving along nicely. It was organized three years ago the 4th Sunday in October with 13 members and had no house of worship but held meetings in private homes. Brother Yager from Tennessee served us as pastor for about 18 months and during that time our membership was increased \$6 and we built a \$1000 house and paid all but \$150.00. Then called Rev. Brasher and are moving nicely. We have good preaching, good congregations and number one Sunday school. Present membership nearly 150, good prayer meeting and receive members every month. We are expecting great things of the Lord and aim to do great things for Him. God bless the good old paper. It is a welcome visitor.

Please find check for \$2.00 for the grand old Alabama Baptist. It is a welcome visitor and I am glad to get home and meet it Saturday night, as I am only home on Sunday. Our Sunday school is doing fine for a small place. Sent the Orphanage a Xmas offering in cash \$5.00. Our church sent corn for the Orphanage last week. We are getting along slow on commencing on our new church building, but hope we will have it ready for the meeting of the Tennessee River Association which meets with Friendship church in Sept. 1912.—J. B. Campbell.

Enclosed please find check for \$1.00, that will move me ahead. Old Hepstak has gotten out of the old rut, called me independent for two Sundays, 1st and 3rd. The Coosa River Association will convene with us next year. Come over!—F. G. Mullen.

As I have done nothing to help advance the paper I feel a timidly in renewing my subscription, but I know you want the dollar and I want the paper, so here is P.O. Money Order for one dollar, continue paper as long as it pays for.—G. W. Freeman.

Please change the address of my paper from Ozark to Thomasville, Ala., I go there to take charge of the work Jan. 1st 1912. Please give notice of change of address. Will write you when I get there.—A. L. Bilzard.

The evangelistic force of the Home Mission Board has just closed a most successful campaign in our three cities. In every way the campaign was a great success and the three cities on the Chattahoochee knew that Baptists were in their midst and bringing things to pass. The force as a whole is very strong. Dr. Weston Bruner, the dean has gathered a splendid corps of preachers. Every church is enthusiastic over the meetings.

During the campaign three hundred and fifty-one members were received into the eight Baptist churches of the cities. All of the churches have not only been greatly revived from a numerical standpoint, but the membership has been greatly revived as a result of the meetings.—Robert C. Granberry.

You will please find enclosed \$1.00 for my subscription to be moved up to Jan. 1912, as I am a poor crippled man and can't work my friends are keeping me with the dollar so I can keep reading the good old Baptist.—L. W. Patrick.

This is to wish for you and yours during 1912 peace, plenty and pleasure. To prove the truth of my words I enclose money order for two dollars which will insure a pleasant weekly visit to our home, through the coming year of the Alabama Baptist. I am hoping and praying for the time to soon come when the Alabama Baptist will be in every Baptist home in Alabama. We need it to encourage us in our efforts to work for the Master. The majority of our church members are so indifferent when it comes to religious literature, I enjoy its perusal each week and "pass it on."

Our Christmas offering for the Orphanage was small on account of rain last Sunday. Will not send off until after next Sunday when perhaps more of the envelopes will be sent in.—Mrs. Lillie Stephens.

Here are some items from the church calendar of the First Baptist church, Decatur:

"The report of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society shows \$925.79 given to home expenses and missions the past year. We are all proud of this splendid report."

What religious paper do you read? Why not take the Alabama Baptist? The pastor would be glad to see one in every home. You owe this to yourself, to your home, to your church, and to the denomination."

Thanks Brother Hudson.

I inclose \$1.00 for which please continue my paper I like to read your good paper, very much. Hope the coming year will be a greater year for Christ than ever before.—G. V. Lee.

One hundred and twenty-eight present in our village school last Sunday. This is the first school I have tried to superintend since leaving the Seminary in Louisville. Since the item in the Bulletin several have joined. We began with nothing. Since the last Sunday in May 1911 we had no school there, so nothing. I got two good teachers and went to the village and began with what we could get together. That is beginning with nothing. We now have a school I am proud of, we will have a 100 percent school after first of year. We wish you a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.—J. W. Long.

The Founders Day exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will take place on Jan. 11, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. in the chapel of Norton Hall. The speakers for the occasion are Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D.D. of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Rev. Henry W. Battle, D.D. of Charlottesville, Va. Dr. Jones will speak on "The Seminary and Culture", and Dr. Battle on "The Seminary and Leadership."—E. Y. Mullens, President.

Wishing you and yours the compliments of the season with a prosperous and happy New Year.—W. A. Alexander, Mobile Ala.

I enjoy reading your most excellent paper so much, I do not want to miss a single copy. I tried several times to get you some new subscribers from our church, but failed, some claiming the paper is too high, I think if they would take it for a year, and read it, they would not be willing to do without.

I wish you and the young editors, a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.—Mrs. E. B. Jenkins.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following announcement and hope we will some day receive one announcing their golden wedding:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waverly Palmer, Announcement, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, December twenty-second, Nineteen hundred eleven, Montevallo, Ala.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

EDITORIAL

THE VALUE OF GOOD BOOKS.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell in a strong article in the Baptist Standard concerning the value of Good Reading in the Home has the following paragraph that is well worth thinking about.

"I raise the question with sensible people whether in making out a scheme of expenses for the year, for instance, there ought not to be a distinct allowance made in the plan of the home for good literature, papers and books. It is vastly more important to the family life than sugar or coffee, to say nothing of other things—detestable tobacco, for instance. Such a provision as I am recommending now would give to every home its finest adornment. It looks all wrong to the right kind of an eye that there should be carpets and elegant furniture, but no books."

Our dear father was never rich, but he supplied the family liberally with papers, magazines and books. Father was sensible, and we owe him a debt of love because from our boyhood up, we had a chance to read good literature.

Dr. Gambrell has this other paragraph in his article:

"I am thinking now of a home that I visited many years ago, far back from the railroad in the dense pine forests of another state. The family was a well-to-do family, though not rich. The father was sensible. I would say in that country home there were five hundred books. It has been interesting to note the course of that family. One of the boys that stood around to hear the passing stranger talk is now a professor in one of the noblest universities of the country; and all the children live at a good altitude in life."

Fathers see to it that your children are supplied with the right kind of literature.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The following is the list of topics for the coming Week of Prayer, suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the United States:

Sunday, January 7, 1912: Sermons, "The Kingdom's Ceaseless Advance." Mark 4:26-28.

Monday, January 8: "Personal Faithfulness."

Tuesday, January 9: "The Church of Christ."

Wednesday, January 10: "Foreign Missions."

Thursday, January 11: "Home Missions."

Friday, January 12: "Interests Domestic and Educational." (The Home—The School.)

Saturday, January 13: "Interests National and International."

Sunday, January 14: "Sermons, 'The Supreme Desirableness of the Kingdom's Triumph.' Isa 54:13; Matt. 6:10.

The National Child Labor committee at its annual meeting just held in New York City issued a call to the churches of America inviting them to observe Sunday, January 28th, or Saturday January 27th, 1912, as Child's Labor Day. The committee report shows that during the year just closed better child labor laws have been passed in thirty states, and that the committee on Uniform Laws of the American Bar Association has prepared and sent out to the public a model child labor law to be used as a standard of uniformity in all states.

These notable gains in the development of child labor reform in America indicate the wide-spread public interest and the timeliness of such observance of the day as the committee invites.

Although these gratifying results have been secured, the report of the committee also calls attention to conditions against which every church ought to issue its protest, especially against the abuse of young children in coal mines, glass factories, cotton mills, cigar and cigarette factories, oyster and shrimp canneries, and in the shops of many large cities.

Last year the committee announced that child labor in the night messenger service had been abolished in but two states. Through the continued activity of the committee nine other states have been added to the list this year, and the morals and health of these children thus safeguarded. But in a majority of states it is still possible for young boys to be subjected to all the moral hazard involved in this service, and vigorous measures are demanded to correct the abuse.

HOW ALABAMA STANDS.

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

To Home Missions, to Dec. 30.....\$ 6,744.39
To Foreign Missions, to Dec. 30.....\$10,628.03

We are asked to give for the year:

To Home Missions.....\$28,000.00
To Foreign Missions..... 40,000.00

Six months of the State Convention year have passed and we have given for State Missions, to Dec. 30 \$7,669.39.

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

W. B. CRUMPTON.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

Money to the amount of over \$14,500,000 was spent in anti-tuberculosis work during the year 1911, according to the third annual statement of expenditures in the war against consumption issued by the National Association for the study and prevention of Tuberculosis to-day. The statement is based largely on reports received from anti-tuberculosis agencies in all parts of the United States. Where actual reports were not available, the figures were necessarily estimated.

By far the largest item of expense was that for treatment in sanatoria and hospitals, and for the erection of institutions of this kind, over \$11,800,000 being spent for this purpose alone. Dispensaries for the examination and treatment of tuberculosis spent \$850,000, and associations and committees in their educational campaign against tuberculosis spent \$500,000. The remaining \$1,300,000 was spent for treatment in open air schools, prisons and hospitals for the insane, and also for the work of state and local boards of health against tuberculosis.

We have not received any data as to the amount received from the sale of the Red Cross seals but we hope it will reach the million mark.

Everything the Baptists of Alabama have been fostering is imperiled at this moment. It is a time when our pastors need to do some heroic work. They hold the key to the situation. The laymen are not going to move in advance of them. They are the God-appointed leaders of the churches. A time like this calls mightily on them to do some heroic work and to keep at it until the situation is relieved.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION:

According to the schedule followed by most of our churches January is the month for denominational education in Mobile, Washington, Clarke, Marengo and Perry counties. It has not been possible for me to communicate with the pastors in all these counties because I have been unable to secure their addresses, though I have made an effort to do so. If brethren would furnish me this information when I ask for it they would render our cause a small service for which I would be grateful.

I earnestly hope that the pastors in the counties mentioned will present this worthy cause to their churches and take up a collection for our schools. I am persuaded that our people would give more liberally to our schools if they are given such information as our pastors only can give them.

Since our last state convention one hundred and fifty churches have contributed something to denominational education. This means that more and more our churches are becoming interested in our work. It would mean much for Christian education if we could get five hundred of our churches to give something to this cause before our next state convention. I am doing the best I can, but it is impossible for me to reach more than a small per cent of our churches. We are dependent upon the co-operation of the pastors.

W. J. E. COX.

THE MEN AND RELIGION FORWARD MOVEMENT AND THE LOCAL CHURCH.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement is not a new organization to take the place of existing activities—it is not an organization at all—it is a movement—a movement to supplement and vitalize all Christian organizations—to bring the men of America into active participation in the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

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A POINT OF ECONOMY IN DENOMINATIONAL ETHICS.

A recent offer from a sister state to one of our prominent Baptist workers in Alabama has emphasized in my judgment the advisability of careful study at both ends of the line when, in our churches or denominational work, we are considering the calling of a pastor or denominational helper.

In the case to which I refer repeated letters and telegrams have been sent urging the brother in question to lay down the work in which he is engaged and come to another of the same nature in another state. To make doubly sure they will move him, they offer a salary of several hundred dollars more than that which he is now receiving. This all in the face of the fact that the work in which he is now engaged is just fairly begun and the work to which they would have him go is to be organized from the first. The communications to him also intimate that the work which he is now doing cannot compare in magnitude and opportunity with the work they would have him take up.

I submit the proposition that our denomination in the south is in one great work and that it is poor economy to induce a man to leave one field for another when the former field is just beginning to yield returns for his few months of service in it. It seems to me the part of denominational ethics and wholesome economy to allow a man to at least get fairly under way the work in which he is engaged before bringing pressure to bear to move him to another.

I cannot take your time to argue the question at length. This incident has simply brought afresh to my mind a thing I have often thought upon. If a man is called to a pastorate and "makes good" he is at once set upon to give it up and go to some "larger field." If he shows some ability in organizing a Sunday school he is pounced upon for "Field Work."

If he seems to have some talent at teaching some college wants him. If he can raise money he must be chosen as financial agent for something.

I understand full well that I lay myself liable to the criticism that my article reveals selfishness. That if a man shows ability it is right that he should be chosen for some larger field. I grant all this and admit that the point is well taken for it is in this revelation of ability that we know to select certain men. The only point of the argument here is that we give some consideration to the field FROM WHICH we are trying to take the man. Has he finished his work there? Is it time for him to go to another? Often times we see churches and denominational enterprises hindered in their progress because they cannot keep a man long enough to finish what he is called to accomplish.

I look upon such conditions as carrying with them a matter denominational ethics as well as denominational economy. Would it not be wiser when a man is doing a good work to let him finish it or at least get it to the point of development at which some one else may take it up and go right on to successful conclusion?

Sincerely,

SAMUEL A. COWAN.

Montgomery, Dec., 20, '11.

JASPER NOTES.

Last year the Ladies Aid Society bestirred itself and renovated our church building inside. They made it a thing of beauty before they quit; repapering the walls, polishing the floors and putting down new carpet. This got a move on the Baracas so they started out to repair the building. They have succeeded also, and now we have comparatively a new building. We expect to have all the finishing touches on by the time the Baptist clans gather next summer for the state convention.

And this is not all, our church has doubled its subscription to Foreign Missions this year and expect to come up along all other lines.

Our pastor and people hope to make this one of the greatest churches in the state, just what it ought to be. Look out for us Brother Crumpton, we are now pulling the grade but hope to be on top some day. Our pastor does more than any other preacher we chance to know, outside of his own field and then works at home some.

We have the liveliest B. Y. P. U. I know of any where. Our young ministerial student Frank Atkins is president and is making a good one too.

On last Friday evening the Union enjoyed one of the prettiest social events of the season, given by Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Longrier at their home. We don't know of any one who can make young people have any better time than Mr. and Mrs. Longrier.

The music rendered on the piano that evening by Miss Mooring, Miss Maude Looney and Miss Mamie Milligan was enjoyed immensely and the trio of charming girls received much applause at the termination of each piece.

Misses Mabel O'Rear and Leona Settles assisted in the entertaining, receiving and serving the delicious refreshments which consisted of cream, cake and coffee, after which Mrs. Longrier made a very able and appropriate talk for the occasion.

Respectfully,
D. J. WILLIAMS.

GAYLESVILLE ACADEMY.

Gaylesville Academy is located in the quiet little town of Gaylesville, situated on the Chattanooga mmmmm miles from Lawrence, the nearest railroad station. Gaylesville has been the religious and educational center of this section for more than twenty years.

The Academy building has four recitation rooms, auditorium, music and library rooms. The girl's dormitory is a nice new building which will accommodate about thirty girls. We hope to be able to build a boy's dormitory in the near future.

The school is owned by the Baptists composing the Cedar Bluff association and the Cherokee association, and the Home Board of Southern Baptist convention. The purpose of the school is to furnish Christian education under Baptist influences. This purpose is worked out on the general plan for the mountain mission schools.

There was no Baptist church in Gaylesville until about the time the Academy was opened by the Baptists five years ago. Then under the leadership of Rev. J. N. Webb, the pioneer preacher of this section, a little band

was organized. The church was wisely directed by him until about a year and a half ago he resigned and Rev. S. L. Williams was called to the care of the church. Under the leadership of Brother Williams, who is also a teacher in the Academy, the affairs of the church are moving on nicely.

The course of study is arranged to prepare the student for college. The Bible school under Brother Williams is an important part of the school work. Daily recitations are had, and the Bible is studied systematically. Our Music and Expression Department is without a teacher at present, the teacher having recently resigned. We hope, however, to secure a teacher for this department soon.

The enrollment for the fall session did not reach the mark expected, yet we have had a good attendance and the progress of the pupils has been above an average. They have been very loyal to the school and faithful in their work. We are expecting several new students during the spring term, which opens Jan. 2, 1912.

We are planning to have a series of lectures by different individuals some time in the near future. These lectures will be on subjects of vital interest to Baptists and those interested in Christian education. We will furnish a program as soon as our plans are perfected.

We are trying to do our work faithfully and need the prayers and cooperation of our Baptist brotherhood. The scholarships given by the W. M. U. at Gadsden were wisely placed and greatly appreciated. Others could be used to the Glory of God.

And inquiries about the school will be gladly answered by
S. D. McCORMICK, Principal.
Gaylesville, Ala.

FROM BON SECOUR, ALA.

Through the Alabama Baptist I wish to thank all who took part in the founding given us on Thanksgiving. My husband held services at the Shell Banks church. After services he was invited to the home of one of the members and a grand surprise awaited him in the way of sugar, rice, coffee, macaroni, potatoes, baking powder, many different kinds of canned goods, soap both for the toilet and laundry, medicines for almost every purpose, dry goods for each of the family, both made and unmade, hosiery, handkerchiefs, in fact almost everything that is needed in a preacher's home. To say that we appreciated each article would be expressing it mildly. Bro. Barnett, I am sure you will agree with me when I say we have as good (I've a mind to say the best) people in the state, and we shall never cease to be grateful to them for their kindness and shall always pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Respectfully,
MRS. J. D. WILKES.

NIGHT LETTER

Two rainy Sundays in December have cost the Mission Boards thousands of dollars in the South because the pastors put off collections to the last Sunday. Will we continue this folly through the winter months and risk the knock out caused by rain?

W. B. CRUMPTON,
Samson, Ala., Dec. 31, 1911.



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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 1st Day of January, 1912.

Estate of H. M. Baker, Deceased.
This day came J. L. Baker, administrator of the estate of H. M. Baker, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 25th day of January, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
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The Author Writes.

I want you to review my book editorially for this reason:

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Very truly your friend, EDGAR LUCIEN LARKIN.

We wish we could give a critical review but being pressed for time and space and not capable to pass on much of the scientific facts set forth we set forth the announcement. We are unable to follow the author all the way, but we find enough to convince us that he is a genuine seeker after truth and our prayer is that in his

scientific search for the Creator that it may please God to reveal in him his blessed son.

FROM MONROEVILLE.

We have just closed a Sunday school and Bible Institute at the Baptist church of Monroeville. We began Sunday December 10 and closed Friday A. M. December 15.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson and Mr. Harry L. Strickland were in charge and the following program was carried out in the main:

Brother Strickland lecturing at 9 a. m. and 2 p.m. each day on some phase of the Sunday School work.

Dr. Dickinson lecturing at 10:30 a. m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day on "Religious and Bible History."

These lectures were very interesting and instructive. And we feel that our church and community was greatly blessed.

The Institute was for the Preachers Sunday School teachers, and Superintendents of the Bethlehem Association and contiguous country. So we had with us five of the pastors of this section and several of the workers. All who came expressed themselves as having received great good.

We made a house to house canvass and found that we were not reaching half of our constituency. So we reorganized and graded our school and in the place of six teachers we will have ten, and our church will be curtailed off so that each class will have its separate room.

This was just a little more of this kind of work than we have been accustomed to in this locality, but we are convinced that this is what we need and that the State Missionary Board did not make any mistake when it agreed to give Brother Strickland more workers in this department of work.

The great trouble with our churches is, we have no leaders. The people are willing but not developed and it is hard for the pastor, with from four to six churches and these churches anywhere from 5 to 25 miles from him, to develop leaders. Many of these noble men have not had the school advantages that they need and also their salaries are small and they have to plan as well as preach. They have but few books and few hours to read and study these. So these Institutes are the blessings we crave and need. I hope Brother Strickland will be able to get into every Association in the state within the next year and if he cannot get Dr. Dickinson with him he may succeed in getting some man of his ability who can help us preachers.

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Dear Brother Barnett, this makes me think of what has been in my mind for some time. I know two sweet and consecrated old ladies who live all alone. Live by toiling with their dear, old and feeble hands, anything they can get to do. They are members of the Fayette Baptist church, and I doubt if there is one other member that gives more to the cause of missions than they do. I have been reliably informed that they pick cotton every fall and give \$5.00 for missions and they must be between 60 and 70 years old. Now I am nearing my point, I want to ask you if you will send them the paper for one dollar a year, if you will, I want to test my sacrifice by paying for them for six months, (I will send you the address so you can send the paper without delay and charge it to me.

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(Her paper was not stopped and it goes to the dear old ladies during 1912.)

A SAD DEATH.

On Monday morning December 12th just as the new day was dawning, the soul of Brother Thomas Cobb passed to the great beyond.

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HOLT BAPTISTS LOSE.

Having severed his connection with the Central Coal and Iron Company, Dr. A. D. Killian, of Holt, moves with his family to his new and beautiful residence in Tuscaloosa. For many years he has been a power in the Baptist church as chairman of the board of deacons, to say nothing of his faithfulness to the Sunday school and other church duties. He is a man whose spirit of liberty towards Christian missions and the needs of humanity knows no limit. His soul is always responsive to the cry of the needy. He is broad and sympathetic and longs for a universal brotherhood of man. He is an advocate and friend of the world's Y. M. C. A. work and the Men's Religion Forward Movement. He was the chief factor in the organization of the Baraca class of about thirty-six men and has done an excellent work in both teaching and maintaining them as an organized unit.

Mrs. Killian also has been energetic in the organization and maintenance of a large class of Philatheas. She has done a noble work in the Ladies' Aid and W. M. U.

We will greatly miss them and hate very much to give them up, but congratulate Dr. Barber, of the Monish Memorial, on having them, and any home that may call him in the work of his profession, and pray God's blessings upon them and their efforts.

W. R. RIGELL, Pastor.

As the year 1911 draws to a close I feel that I would like to tell you and our host of readers something of our quiet Christmas in this part of our Lord's vineyard. Our people strictly observed the Christmas holidays in a manner well becoming a Christian, moral and civil people. I did not see a drunk man or one who might have been suspected of drinking during the entire Christmas season. We have a splendid church here with 135 members, all of whom seem anxious and willing to put forth every effort for the promotion of Christ's kingdom. We have also many good men and women who do not belong to the church whose moral character are entirely above reproach. With such material at hand we hope to accomplish much in the name of our Master. On Sunday last we held a real good service, the pastor preaching a special sermon for the occasion from Matthew 2:2. Subject, "The Thorn-crowned Jesus". All present seemed to greatly enjoy the service and we had our reward in seeing all things done in decency and in order in our town. All should rise up to call him blessed for thus having delivered us from the wickedness of vile men.

On Saturday, December 23d, I attended the family reunion of Brother and Sister N. D. Peacock at their home near Cobb. After having talked of good old times for more than an hour, the company assembled in the waiting room of this splendid and hospitable home and the writer conducted a special service, using John 17:7, and then, well, Brother Editor, you should have been with us in that dining room to have tickled your palate with everything good. Brother and Sister Peacock have two sons, two daughters and fifteen grandchildren, all of whom were present with their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, one son-in-law having passed to his reward.

At about 3 o'clock this writer and

family bid adieu to the kind host and hostess and went their way rejoicing. We pray God's blessings upon this entire family connection and grant to bring them at last to that Great Reunion above.

Wishing you much success in your work and hoping that you will continue to let the dear old Baptist come to me and that you will remind me of my dues, I am yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 A. W. LANGLEY.

The Sunbeams of the Highland Avenue Baptist church was organized November 5, 1911, at the church. Four members were present. Officers were elected from these. At the second meeting nine were present. At the third twenty-four were present, and now we have a total enrollment of forty-four bright and happy little Sunbeams. Each and every one takes part in each meeting. If they are not given something to do they will ask for a part in the program. At the last meeting a very interesting Christmas program was rendered. By the last of December, 1912, we hope to have at least one hundred and forty-four little Sunbeams enrolled, and to accomplish much for Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

In connection with this I would like to say a word for the Y. W. A. The Y. W. A. of the Highland Avenue Baptist church was organized Monday night, July 7, 1910. Three were present. Officers were elected from these three. Each meeting brought several members until a total of twenty were enrolled. During the vacation we had a large crowd every Monday night. When school started our Y. W. A. stopped. Sometimes one or two or maybe three would come. Then on October 22, 1911, we decided to change the time from Monday night to Sunday afternoon and now we have started to work again. Sunday afternoon we had with us our beloved organizer, Miss Alma McGough. The Y. W. A. has appointed four girls to take charge of the meetings three months. This leader is to lead herself or elect some one to lead for her. We hope to do

a great work during the year 1912, and some day we hope to see some of "our" girls obeying our blessed Lord's command when He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations".

Sincerely,
 MAMIE ETHERIDGE,
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There are many excellences in this work. I wish to name four. First, its conciseness and pointedness and brevity of statement. 398 pages of text condense admirably the account of American Literature. Second, the evident fullness of information possessed by the author and his mastery of the subject. Third, the ethical point of view adapted and maintained throughout the interpretation of American writers. In a very special sense American writers have been dominated by the moral ideal, and this book finely interprets the fact. In the fourth place, Prof. Halleck's style in its lightness of touch and vividness and pictorialness combined with strength. Young people will read this book with eagerness, and teachers will rejoice over it. Every Sunday school library should possess a copy, because of its morally uplifting power.

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Dear Brethren,
Your committee appointed to draft a memorial on the death of our sister, Miss Mary Bagby, would submit the following:

At a ripe old age, having served her day and generation, Miss Mary Bagby, daughter of ex-Governor A. P. Bagby, and Minister, Plenipotentiary, to the Court at St. Petersburg, died at Hattiesburg, Miss at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. T. Beardslee, on November 21st, 1911.

She gave herself early in life to her Saviour, and was in all her long life, of over sixty years, a faithful and consistent member of the church of God, the house of her abode.

Until overtaken by the infirmities of declining years, she could always be found in her accustomed place in the Sanctuary, and with listening ear and attentive mind, she would take in the discourse, as it was delivered by the pastor.

In early womanhood she chose for her life vocation, the teaching and training of young ladies, in directing their minds along secular lines. She was careful not to overlook the moral and spiritual side of their nature, to which fact, many of her pupils, now living can bear testimony.

"She being dead yet speaketh." Therefore be it Resolved, that this church extend to the surviving loved ones, its sympathy in their bereavement, and reminding them that "what is their loss, is her gain."

We would recommend that a copy of this memorial be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Locke,
A. B. Theilgaard
E. B. Denison,
Committee.

Mobile, Ala. December 20th, 1911

OBITUARY.

The Almighty God in His wise providence has seen fit to take to his eternal home our beloved brother, Dr. W. M. Cole. He was born Aug. 30 1846; married to Miss Carrie Ann Deaver on Sept. 27, 1866; converted in 1868; baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist church in 1869; ordained and set apart to the full work of the ministry on Nov. 18, 1882, and served a number of churches as pastor. He was graduated at the southern Medical College, Atlanta, Ga. March the 1st 1886, and was a practicing physician for many years. He died at his home in Blountsville, Ala. on Sunday morning December 3d 1911, and left a faithful and devoted companion and five children, one son and four daughters, to mourn his absence. He had lived a useful life.

As a minister of the Gospel, he was brave and fearless, and was held in high esteem by his denomination. He served a number of years as Moderator of the Blount county association. As a physician, he stood well and was esteemed by all the people, and served for many years as health officer for Blount county.

He was a Mason and stood high in the order and was given a Masonic burial.

Though we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we realize that in his death, the Blount county association has lost one of its great pillars, his yoke fellows in the ministry have lost one of their truest friends, the community has lost a good citizen, the church to which he belonged a true and faithful worker, and his loved ones have lost a devoted husband and a loving father.

We extend to the bereaved wife and children our deepest sympathy. "The Lord Giveth and the Lord taketh away", and may you, through His all sufficient grace, be enabled to say "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. Y. Adams and his pastor, D. D. Head, and he was laid to rest in Mt. Tabor cemetery.

"Servant of God, well done,
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Enter thy Master's joy."

Dr. W. T. Bains,
A. S. T. Graves,
J. W. Pate,
And the Pastor,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

A blessed life:—Born January 31, 1882, departed this life Aug. 28, 1911.

Between these dates the life of Rev. W. W. Smith was spent on earth.

Truly his existence was a benediction to those among whom he lived and is a treasure of precious memories to those who surveyed him. As an infant he was the joy of the parents. As a boy he was a bright companion and brought cheer and hope to the mates that gathered about him. As a young man, he was an example of modesty and godliness. In mature manhood he demonstrated all these virtues of industry, economy and kindness, which made life beautiful and helpful.

He will never be forgotten by his neighbors who participated in the pleasure of his company.

And he will ever be remembered by the unfortunate who shared in the helpful ministries of his willing charities.

In his religious life he exemplified all those graces of character that commend the teachings of Jesus to the acceptance of human hearts.

He was a wise guide to the wayward, and a gracious benefactor to the distressed and needy. His presence always brought sunshine of smiles and gladness, and his words of sympathy were full of song and cheerfulness.

The shadows which fell upon the bereaved are driven away by the memories of one whose life was so unselfish, and whose service to others brought him into close companionship with him who at evening time said, "Call the laborers and give them their

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Christmas is over, but sadness was ours on Christmas day. We laid to rest our friend and brother, James Campbell, who was shot and instantly killed at Leighton the 23d inst. by a drunken negro, who walked up to him and shot him for another man. This is three men in one week—three homes robbed of a father, three wives made widows and three men guilty of the blood of their fellow men, all in this community for the sake of an open saloon in the town of Leighton; and because the voters said sell whiskey in Colbert county. Oh, holy spirit, move in the hearts of the people that this monster evil be put down. So teach us to remember our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps. 90:12.
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Dear Brother Barnett:

Your postals to hand but I have too many things to say to use a postal. In the first place will say that we have just closed a six days meeting with Pleasant Hill church, out six miles from Camden. There are not a great many white people in the neighborhood but we had a good meeting. Some 4 or 5 claimed a new hope and many Christians were helped to a higher religious plane of living. In the second place will say that after a long struggle and many failures the Camden people have bought and have enough money pledged to pay for a nice preachers' home in their town. They have bought one of the best pieces of property in the town. Now that they have a home for a preacher and need a man on the field I have offered my resignation to take effect Jan. 1st. They are on the look out for the right man for the work there. On last Sunday a brother from Kentucky preached acceptably for them and they may call him.

After January 1st I go to the Jones mill people for the time I have been giving to Camden. They have neither church or church building, but since our tent meeting there last summer they have been clamoring for the writer to come and organize a Baptist church. The yet unborn baby church is offering \$50 per month for half time preaching. What will such a body do with feeding and nursing. We are planning to begin the new church on a basis of every member who joins helping some with the expense each month.

After spending nearly two years among these good people I can't help wondering why more white people don't move into this county. Surely they don't know its advantages. Only a few weeks back I was asked to perform the marriage ceremony of one of these large plantation owners. Through talking to him I learned his plantation of 3000 acres with the one adjoining of 2000 acres was for sale. He took me over part of his place and showed me acre after acre where he had grown this year a bale of cotton to the acre without fertilizer and on parts he had grown 65 bushels of corn to the acre. Now both of these places can be bought for \$12 per acre on long time. The R. R. goes right through both places. Here is a golden opportunity for some one to organize a company buy these lands, cut up into small farms and sell to good white people. Their coming will help our churches and schools. I will gladly get the land for such a man, aid him all I can and go into such a company with him. Now where is the man? Happy Christmas to you and the boys.

E. B. FARRAR.

Pine Hill, Ala., December 14, 1911.

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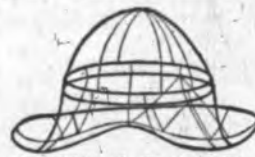
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In moving back to this country a distance of 80 miles, we hauled our goods to Verbena and shipped them to Abanda. My wife, 17 children and myself came through in a wagon and buggy. We had an old fashion bow frame and sheet. We left Verbena on December 12th and arrived here the 14th. Had beautiful weather and a good time.

We attended services at Mt. Zion, where we were baptized some thirty years ago. We brought our letters with us from Verbena Baptist church. Just here we want to say that the church at Verbena will always occupy a warm place in our hearts. Our three years stay with the people at Verbena was very pleasant.

My wife and 17 children join me in love to you and yours.

A. F. DUFFY.

Since it was the will of our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Hilyar.

Therefore be it resolved, first, That the missionary society of the Eclectic Baptist church feel the loss of one who had been with us for several years. She was a member of our society for six years. Also a member of our church.

One by one our ties are torn,
One by one we are gathered home
Soon, yes soon, we all shall meet
At our Blessed Savior's feet.

Therefore we bow in humble submission to an alwise God who doeth all things well.

Second, we extend our heart felt sympathy to her bereaved companion and other loved ones, and commend them to the love of a sympathizing Saviour.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist.

MRS. W. V. THOMPSON,
MRS. J. T. BUTLER,
MRS. R. F. STUCKEY,
Committee.

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Rev. T. P. Pierce, a Minister and Merchant of Vinemont, Ala., Has a Close Call.



Rev. T. P. PIERCE

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OBITUARY.

A. B. Fowler, Columbus, Ala. Mr. A. B. Fowler, the subject of this sketch, was one of the pioneer citizens of Columbia and of this section of Alabama. He was born in Lynchburg, Va., July 31, 1826, and died Nov. 20 1911. Mr. Fowler served through the Civil war in the army of Virginia serving throughout as commissary sergeant.

Mr. Fowler moved to Henry county, Alabama, in 1869 and has been a resident of Columbia ever since.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Purcell of this city, he leaves other relatives to mourn his death. Dr. Pat Fowler, prison inspector of Alabama, is a nephew.

He had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for long years, and his pastor appropriately officiated at the burial services, where a large number of sympathizing friends gathered to pay the last honors to the dead.

To The Baptist:

In memory of Sister Jones, wife of Brother John Jones, who died at Kent, Ala., November 25th, 1911.

She was born in Lee county 12 miles from Columbus, Ga. She was 66 years old and had been a Baptist 49 years. She was a faithful member and a devoted Christian mother. She was the mother of 7 children, five of whom now live to weep with father at her death. She had been confined to her room 12 months with consumption. She bore her afflictions with patience. She was layed to rest in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church. Her pastor, Rev. R. L. Estes conducted the services. Rev. R. F. Stuckey said a few words to the bereaved family and Rev. Chas. Gorman closed with prayer.

Union Springs church, Coosa county, met in an ordination service December 17th 1911. To set apart Brother John H. Darden to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. Members of Presbytery were as follows:

Rev. W. C. Cooper, W. H. Mitchell, Deacon of Talladega Springs church, J. B. Warwick, Deacon of Hatehet Creek church, W. F. Webb, Deacon of Union Springs church, and the pastor J. B. Byrd and W. J. Watkins, clerk.

Examination conducted by W. C. Cooper and pastor.

Sermon preached by pastor and ordination prayer and charge delivered by W. C. Cooper.

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