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There was an all-day missionary meeting at Hollywood on January 17, 1912. A splendid program was carried out.

The fourth quarterly review of the Prattville Sunday school makes a fine showing. The average attendance for 1911 was 302, for 1910, 262, and for 1909, 234.

I have recently come to Dora from Hickman, Ky. I am pastor of the First Baptist church here. There is another one in Dora, the Providence Baptist church. Fraternally yours—Spurgeon Wingo.

As long as I live and can get \$2 I must have my paper, for it is one of the greatest comforts I have. I would know nothing of my denomination or leading brethren only for your excellent paper. May God bless you and prosper you and yours is my earnest prayer. Most gratefully—Mrs. ———.

The Campbell's Chapel church, near Scottsboro, met Saturday night and Sunday, January 6 and 7. The congregations were rather small on account of the cold, snowy weather. This is a small church in membership, but as pastor we hope to do much good.—A. L. Stiner, Kyles.

I am a shut-in, as you well know. I haven't been able to go to preaching in several years, and all I learn of our Baptists is what I get in my dear paper. So you see I can't tell what the Baptists are doing in this community except through it. Blessings on the precious boys.—M. A. Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Reeves spent the holidays in Alabama with their parents. He has returned to Hylas, Va., where his time is filled among two good country churches. Mrs. Reeves is spending some time with her father, Mr. John S. Webb, of Tuskegee, and will remain there and with Mr. R. T. Reeves' family until the latter part of February.

We are here on our new field—Mountain Creek and Marbury, Ala. We reached our new home this week, and the good women of our two churches had our pantry filled, to the delight of the two old Glasses, also to the delight of the half dozen young Glasses. We are pleased with our new work. Ye editor, come down and see us and our people. You can do us good. I am yours to serve—A. D. Glass.

Hello Proctor! Did Santa Claus come to see you Christmas? He sure is a good old fellow. Come to see me and help me enjoy what he brought me. I am four years old and the only child of J. Oscar and Florence Smith. Mamma says she will renew her subscription for the Baptist as soon as possible. She enjoys the paper so much, and has been trying to get some new subscribers to help you and your dad along. With best wishes for the new year—William Mood Smith.



REV. J. H. CHAPMAN.

We pray God's blessings upon this consecrated pastor, who resigns at Tusculumbia to become Brother Crumpton's assistant.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Newville, Ala., Sunday, January 7, 1912, Mr. Guy McClenney to Miss Essie Palmer, Rev. J. L. Hand officiating. We wish them a happy voyage through life.

Evangelist Walker is meeting with marked success in placing men in the mission districts of our city, and this year promises to be one of the most profitable since our State Board undertook this line of work. By "profitable" we mean not in a financial way and in what is most important of all, "soul-winning" as well.

A good sister writes: "I can't do without the good old paper, the Alabama Baptist. I am 66 years old and belong to a so-called Baptist church with something over 200 members, the third largest church in the Marshall Association, and one member besides myself takes the Alabama Baptist. It is never preached to us as our duty. In fact, we don't have any mission doctrines preached to us unless some missionary preacher comes in. I am sorry to say so. Some of us are starry in the death for sound doctrine. Pray that the Lord will send us a missionary to preach to us."

Enclosed find \$2, which places me to January, 1913. I want to offer congratulations and good wishes for you and your good work. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am respectfully—Mrs. A. J. Varner.

The Alabama Baptist has been in our home since the beginning of the new year, and I certainly enjoy reading it. Our little Flatwood church is getting along nicely under the leadership of our consecrated pastor, Rev. C. H. Morgan. May we prosper in our work in the future.—Ida Rush.

The fourth annual medical missionary conference, held at the sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich., during the early part of January, attracted a large body of missionaries of all denominations now at home on furlough. The conference proved to be attractive and profitable. The presiding officer was Rev. Lemuel C. Barnes, D. D., field secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board. The program embraced nearly 50 speakers, including many missionaries of prominence, and the meetings were very largely attended. These conferences seem to be an increasingly strong auxiliary of the cause of Christian missions.—Geo. C. Tenney.

We heartily thank our friends who are paying in advance, as it helps us carry a number of subscribers who will pay as soon as they sell their cotton. We do not wish to press any one. We only ask those who are able to pay now to do so. Some can easily do it without inconveniencing themselves. We willingly wait on those who will pay later.

I enjoy the paper so much. The trip through Palestine is grand.—Nora Ingle.

We wish to thank the brethren who have been kind enough to send us copies of associational minutes.

I wish you a happy New Year, with the greatest number of new subscribers you have ever secured in any one year. Yours sincerely—W. H. Harwell.

Things are going nicely at Headland Avenue Baptist church. Have had additions each Sunday for the past four. Two for baptism last Sunday and two by letter. Yours for service—J. W. Partridge, Dothan.

The Home Coming Day at the First Baptist church on Sunday, January 14, was a great success. The morning and evening services were well attended.

Enclosed find postoffice money order for \$2, for which please move my subscription up one year. We enjoy reading your paper very much, and wish you many blessings for the new year. Yours truly—W. W. Lankford.

Enclosed please find check for \$1 for your excellent paper. Please move me up for 12 months. Please change my address for the present from Louisville to Brundidge, Ala., and oblige—R. A. J. Cumble.

The meeting at the Central Baptist church, New Orleans, Rev. F. C. Flowers, pastor, is growing in interest. He is being assisted by Evangelist T. O. Reese, of the Home Board, and Singer C. H. Mount. Up to date there have been 24 accessions—22 by baptism.

My wife and myself are very lonely now on account of the loss of our only single daughter, Nora. She departed this life a little over four weeks ago, but we have no doubt but that she is now enjoying a great deal happier home than we were able to furnish her. She was a great lover of the church and its workings, and also of the Alabama Baptist, but the Lord's will be done. Yours fraternally—G. W. Ingram.

When Evangelist Walker closed his address on "The Divine X-Rays" at the Princess theatre last Sunday a man came forward and announced to the evangelist his decision for Christ; and it was learned that he had served three terms in the penitentiary and had been what is commonly known as a "crook." He was a man of good address, a graduate from one of our best colleges; had at one time been private secretary for one of our best known evangelists. The piercing, all-seeing eye of God was too much for him and he could not afford to meet God in judgment without a Savior. There's nothing so pungent as the gospel story.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

Love is not getting, but giving; not a wild dream of pleasure and a madness of desire. Oh, no, love is not that—it is goodness and honor, and peace and pure living. Yes, love is that, and is the best thing in the world, and the thing that lives longest.—Henry Van Dyke.

DURING JANUARY.

We study about organization and enlistment.

We send in our Christmas offerings.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Southern District.

Our work in the Bethel Association. In this association of some 25 churches we have 21 organizations, but the superintendent, Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly, of Thomaston, is working towards one in every church.

Our missionary to Hwangheln, North China—Mrs T. W. Ayers.

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

Our student at Newton Institute—Miss Serena Bottoms.

The coming of the March Week of Prayer.

The reaching of our year's apportionment.

MEETING AT FAYETTE.

The first all-day meeting of the W. M. U. in the New River Association was held in Fayette, Tuesday, January 9, 1912.

On account of bad roads the different churches of the association could not send representatives, but a good number of the Fayette ladies and young girls were present. Mrs. Kate Harton, the superintendent of the association, presided over the meeting.

A program had been arranged and was carried out, every one doing her best toward making the meeting a success.

We were so fortunate to have Miss Mallory, our state secretary-treasurer, with us. Many for the first time had an opportunity to look into her face and hear her talk as she alone can talk. She told us so much of our great work that the W. M. U. is doing, which was new to many. Her last talk, "The Cry of the Children," was indeed impressive. At her request we are going to observe these all-day meetings quarterly.

We feel that our W. M. U. here in Fayette has at last begun to awake and will begin in earnest the work of our Master and then reach out to other churches in the New River Association.

MRS. KATE HARTON,

Associational Superintendent.

VERA JONES, Secretary.

A HELP TO EACH OF US.

Those who were at the Gadsden convention recall with gratitude the very helpful Mission Study class conducted there by Dr. Richard Hall. Many resolutions were made there looking to the organization of a number of classes over the state. As a help to those of us who made such resolutions and also to those who were not at the convention we want to publish this thoroughly comprehensive paper, which

was given this past week at the Huntsville all-day meeting by Mrs. R. S. Gavin:

Why My Society Can and Should Have a Mission Study Class.

I. Why it can.

1. Because others have.

What other societies have done successfully, ours can do. All over the country there are other societies which have conducted Mission Study classes so successfully as to make us sure of our position when we assert that any society can have a successful class.

2. Because we have the material.

A Mission Study class, in its most approved and usual form, has been defined as "a group of six to twelve persons who meet weekly for from eight to ten sessions of an hour to an hour and a half each to study under a leader a text-book relating to missions, home or foreign." It can readily be seen that the object of a Mission Study class is not directly to enlist the entire membership of a society or church. Certainly in our society there are six ladies who are willing to undertake, and who will prosecute to the finish, such a course as the Mission Study class idea suggests.

3. Because we have the time.

By this I do not mean that we are among those upon whose hands time lies heavily, for we are all busy folks. A Mission Study class is not meant to be a permanent organization. It lasts for a brief time only—usually about eight weeks. All the text-books and helps are prepared with the view of covering the course in approximately two months' time. Then, when it is remembered that the class meets weekly, and that each session lasts but one hour, certainly none will say they haven't the time to give to this important work. To be sure it requires some work and study between weekly sessions; but all this comes in more as a pleasant diversion than an unpleasant work.

4. Because we have the talent for leadership.

A Mission Study class to do its best work must be properly officered. Among the officers of the class the first, in point of necessity, is the class leader. A Mission Study class usually goes as it is led. Consequently, if the leader does not lead, the class does not go. Besides the leader there should be an efficient secretary, in close touch with the leader, to notify absentees, send them their assignments of work or study, keep all necessary records, etc. There should also be a librarian, to have direct charge of whatever books, maps, charts, etc., the class may be accessible to. These three officers constitute the force of leaders in a wide-awake, up-to-date Mission Study class. What society is there, even though it may have but few in its membership, that has not the talent and experience necessary for such leadership? Certainly ours has. And I think all the others have also.

5. Because we have the necessary accessories.

By "accessories" I mean the helps outside of the text-book being studied necessary to the successful prosecution of the work of the class. It does not require an exhaustive library now in order to get all the outside information one wants concerning any mission field on the face of the earth. A carefully selected reference library, costing only \$5, is issued by our foreign board to accompany the text-book. Besides, maps, charts, curios, pictures, newspapers, current magazines, religious papers, mission journals,

etc., are all at the command of every one of us. In this age of rapid change and new adjustments of life the printed page of all first-class literature, religious or secular, is an everyday commentary upon the great and all-important subject of world-wide missions. Every member of every society can, if she will watch the literature that passes through her own home and cull therefrom the information bearing on the subject of missions, have within a very short time an excellent library of missionary knowledge.

Certainly then my society can have a Mission Study class!

II. Why it should:

1. Because others have.

If others have found successful Mission Study classes to be helpful, then we ought to profit by their experience and have one also. And especially since it is true that all the societies prosecuting these studies are as one in their affirmation that the more they study mission text-books the more they find such work to be helpful to them in every phase of their church life.

2. Because our Foreign Mission Board desires it.

After much prayer our Foreign Mission Board created a department of education, with Dr. T. B. Ray in charge, through which department it proposed to instruct Baptists concerning the great subject and fact of missions. It is the wish of the board to have as many Mission Study classes as possible in every Missionary Baptist church within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. At the annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist ladies in Gadsden it was decided to seek in every way possible to organize a Mission Study class in every society in the state. Certainly, then, loyalty, both to our foreign board and also to the organized work of our own ladies, makes it obligatory upon our society to have such a class.

3. Because it is a study of that for which the Great Commission stands.

The Great Commission stands for world-wide missions, and every one of us a missionary. But as missionaries how can we know much of world-wide missions if we do not study missions? Paul was a success as a missionary to the Gentile world because he was a student of the world and its conditions and people, as well as a preacher of the good news of the gospel.

And when Andrew Fuller stepped into William Carey's shoe shop at Moulton, England, to have his shoes mended he saw hanging up against the wall of Carey's shop a very large map, of primitive make, consisting of several sheets of paper, which Carey had pasted together, and on which he had traced with a pen the boundaries of all the nations of the known world, and had also entered on the vacant spaces such items as he had found in his reading relative to their religion and their population. And as Fuller entered the shop there sat young Carey, on his bench at work, with a book placed before him. And if you want to know why he afterward became the originator of the modern foreign missionary movement you can find your answer in this: He studied the world, its conditions, its peoples, its religions, its possibilities, in the light of the Great Commission.

And it is still true that a study of world-wide missions is a study of that for which the Great Commission stands. I think this of itself is reason sufficient

why every W. M. U. in our Southern Zion should have a Mission Study class. In its last analysis a missionary society without a study course in world-wide missions is a misnomer.

4. Because we need it.

Our society needs it. Said one writing to Dr. Ray: "Our last Mission Study class was the best of all. Mrs. _____ was our leader, and she says it has richly blessed and deepened her spiritual life. She will lead another class, beginning soon, in 'Southern Baptist Foreign Missions.'" Another writes: "Our Mission Study class has completed the book, 'Southern Baptist Foreign Missions.'" All the members agree that we have had an interesting time studying together. We met Wednesday at 6 p. m., when most of the girls came from work in office or store. We had a simple lunch at my house, studied for an hour, and then all went to prayer meeting. It was gratifying to see the interest throughout. Several good papers were written, and one of them was read at our church rally. The girls say they have come in closer touch with our missionaries and their fields because of this study. We have realized more than ever the difficulties to be encountered and the wonderful faith and courage of our noble missionaries. The class proposes after Christmas to take up 'Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom.'"

And thus quotations might be multiplied, and all of them to the effect that blessings, large and lasting, come to the members of Mission Study classes, and through them to the entire membership of the society.

5. The church of our membership needs it.

Every Missionary Baptist church should have a Mission Study class—yes, several of them. One pastor says that after three classes had been held in his church the members of these classes were his best workers. It is usually that way. Then these members go from their classes to put new life into all the other phases of the church's work. Out of these Mission Study classes have come a missionary spirit so intense as to change the whole atmosphere of the local church; larger giving has followed, and from larger numbers; volunteers for service in the home and foreign fields are quite common, and the spirit of Christian giving has been changed from an unpleasant duty to a delightful privilege.

6. The missionaries need it.

"It has been stated that the chief reason for the failure of the church to properly do the work committed to it is ignorance. By removing this the Mission Study class must of necessity do much to bring about success. Already men and women are in the field, money is being spent and prayer is being offered for missions, which are due directly to Mission Study class work. Yet not until another generation has grown up in the missionary atmosphere now being created can any adequate estimate of the results be made."

7. Our Lord needs it.

He can reach the wide, wide world in the salvation of the lost only as He goes to it by us. We are His co-workers. "How can they hear without a preacher? And how can he preach except he be sent?" These two questions of Paul's are as timely today as when first asked. The Mission Study class is no new piece of machinery being thrust upon us. It is only a systematic way of dispelling our ignorance about missions and mission fields and their people, so that we may intelligently serve our King as His message bearers, directly or otherwise, to those who sit in the darkness and desolation of heathendom and sin.

Let me tell you a story. It is the story of a poor Peasant, a member of a despised and subjected race, Himself despised, and even the place of His birth despised by His own countrymen. In a little while He dies a felon's death, and soon all above Him forgot He ever lived. Yet, somehow, His words lived on. Philosophy, with all its wisdom; priestcraft, with all its terrors; kings, wielding the power of all the world, were unable to destroy the principles He taught the people. Over armies, over dying dynasties and crumbling thrones, through rivers of blood and seas of fire, His matchless power swept on and on until it has made conquest of the whole world, until every king on every throne bows down in adoration to the dead Peasant of Galilee, while the very instrument of His felon's death has become the symbol of His great salvation.

Do you believe the story? If you do, certainly it makes demands upon you that you cannot disregard. The kingdoms of this world are fast becoming the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; and our Mission Study, when done in the spirit of obedience and faith, is but doing what He commanded while yet He walked among men: "Life up your eyes and behold the fields white already unto harvest."

OUR WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO.

Miss Addie Barton, Miss Ida Hayes, Mrs. J. S. Cheavens, Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mrs. G. H. Lacy, Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mrs. W. F. Hatchell, Mrs. J. W. Newbrough, Mrs. Frank Marrs, Miss Laura V. Cox, Miss Beulah Bowden, Mrs. R. W. Hooker, Mrs. F. N. Sanders, Mrs. J. G. Chastain, Mrs. R. P. Mahon, Miss S. E. Jones, Mrs. A. N. Porter, Mrs. Chas. Neal, Mrs. J. E. Davis.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 18:19.

THAT "BAD MARKSMANSHIP."

Brother R. M. Hunter thinks that I am guilty of bad marksmanship, though the only evidence he furnishes to sustain his charge is his statement that my "ipse dixit" does not settle anything. I was not aware that I had been guilty of an "ipse dixit." Brother Hunter's subject and article remind me of a sermon that never gets within a thousand miles of its text.

I like to shoot, but always try to have my gun loaded with facts and fairness, and I keep at least one eye open when I am shooting. Brother Hunter loads his gun with mixed ammunition, shuts both eyes when he shoots, and lets his gun go off half-cocked.

Brother Hunter makes some personal allusions to me which, no doubt, were intended in the best of spirits, but I am certain that some of the brethren whom he quotes in his reply will see in them a meaning which does not appear on the surface. Alabama Baptists have honored me, and I have appreciated it, but I have never in the smallest way sought the least honor from them, but only their confidence and respect. Whenever I have been asked to serve them I have always tried to do so faithfully and conscientiously, and I have served them more than once at no little sacrifice, financially and otherwise. Two natives of Alabama had a chance to accept the position I now occupy, and they are both in other states. They were not so anxious to come back to their native state as to undertake the work I am trying to do. Furthermore, I accepted the position at a sacrifice in more than one particular.

Brother Hunter quotes an old dame as saying, "Hit makes a powerful satisfying feeling to know that you are a-gittin' there." The aforesaid dame is correct and I wish to remark that all through life I have observed that the "fellow who ain't a-gittin' there" is "mighty apt" to criticize "the fellow who is a-gittin' there," and also to blame the "fellow who is a-gittin' there" because he "ain't a-gittin' there." And I am fully persuaded that the pastor who "is a-gittin' there" is the sort of pastor the Baptist churches of Alabama and other states want. That sort of a man does not have to look long for a pastorate.

Brother Hunter makes the sage remark that I have not learned it all yet, even if I have delved into the minutes of the last 20 years for data. The only minutes I mentioned or consulted were the minutes of the State Convention of 1911. Brother Hunter was wearing very strong magnifying glasses when he read my reply. He tells us that he, too, has a copy of the minutes. How long has he had it? I learned incidentally that he had to write to Montgomery for a copy before writing his reply to me, and he a native of the state. I think so much of the history Alabama Baptists are making that I have a file of the minutes for every year I have been in the state, and have had them bound.

Brother Hunter had charged that D. D.'s and LL. D.'s born in Alabama were dubbed as a general thing in some other states. I felt that this was meant as a reflection on the trustees of Howard Col-

lege, and consulted a bulletin of the college which I had at hand to see if he were correct in his reflection on the trustees, and found that he was not. To this he makes no further reference nor does he recall his statement.

Brother Hunter accuses me of muddying the waters simply because I gave the facts about committees, etc., appointed by the last State Convention. When I find it necessary to muddy the waters, distort the facts or treat an opponent unfairly in the smallest degree I will not be found in any sort of a contest or controversy. I gave facts without reference to preachers or laymen. I have not again examined the facts, and Brother Hunter has told us nothing that in the least affects the facts given by me. Why did he not examine more closely and give the facts about the preachers on the committees? To charge that committees or boards are appointed with reference to the place of nativity of the men appointed is to reflect on the intelligence and fairness of the president of the convention and the whole convention.

Brother Hunter gives us some quotations from certain brethren, whose names are not mentioned, which do not reflect credit on those brethren. Every one who knows anything about the Alabama Baptist State Convention knows that the sweeping statements made by those brethren are absurdly untrue. They spoke without thinking of the meaning of their words. When I can get the consent of my mind to refuse to attend the meetings of my denomination or to help further the interests of the kingdom of our Lord on earth because I think my brethren do not recognize my ability, I shall quit the ministry, for I could have no respect for myself in such circumstances.

Brother Hunter quotes me as saying that "there is no power on earth that can influence a Baptist church in Alabama to call an Alabamian when it does not want him." Accuracy in quoting another is essential to fairness. What I said was or ought to have been in print before his eyes, and yet he leaves out several words of the sentence. This is another instance of carelessness on the part of Brother Hunter in loading his gun. What I said was that "there is no power on earth that can influence a Baptist church in Alabama to call a native Alabamian or a 'furrinner' when it does not want him." Brother Hunter quotes me in such a manner as to make it appear that I was reflecting on native Alabamians, when such a thing was far from my thoughts and words. I have served my brethren of the ministry who are natives of the state whenever I could, and it has been a pleasure to me to do so. I have, without his request or knowledge, tried to serve Brother Hunter.

W. J. E. COX.

THE NEWTON SITUATION.

The educational commission unanimously decided to comply with the request of the trustees of the Newton school and lend their assistance in putting up a new building for the school. This was with the understanding that the commission was to pass on the character of building to be erected. A committee appointed by the commission met with the local board at Newton last Wednesday, and it was decided that the people of Dale county should furnish \$1 for every \$2 furnished by the people of the rest of the state. The Newton people readily agreed to this proposition, and have in bank now in cash and notes more than \$3,000. This is an evidence of the faith of the Newton people in the school. They have guaranteed through their representatives to furnish at least \$4,000, and are to raise \$5,000, if possible, but \$4,000 is the minimum amount to be raised by them. Now, let the rest of the state meet this generous offer on the part of the Newton people, for it is a generous offer. When it is remembered what this school has done in the past and what it will be able to do in the days to come with proper equipment there ought to be no trouble in raising a sufficient amount to meet the present needs. The secretary of the commission is leaving home for an indefinite time to talk with the brethren privately and publicly about this matter. He will be glad to receive any aid any brother may be disposed to give him. Let us all pull together in this enterprise and put Newton on its feet.

W. J. E. COX.

Birmingham, Jan. 19, 1912.

BAPTIST CHURCH IN WOODLAWN
READY.

Handsome New \$65,000 Structure Will Be Occupied in Next Few Weeks.

The new \$65,000 Baptist church at Woodlawn will be occupied Sunday, February 4, by its congregation of 850. While the new place of worship has not been completed in detail, it has been finished to the extent that it can be used conveniently and without interference to its completion.

The building has been erected under the most trying conditions. Just prior to the panic of 1907 the contract was awarded. The foundation was laid and it looked as though the work would progress rapidly. The contract was withdrawn on account of the panic. A new contract was awarded a few months ago, and work has gone forward steadily.

Besides the auditorium, there are 36 rooms in the building. Three have been completed for use, one of which has been furnished at a cost of \$750 by the Baraca class. This room is used as a meeting place for the various societies of the church. The base of the building is of heavy iron stone, and the body is of brick, while the stone front presents a Roman effect with six huge columns leading up from a half dozen steps that stretch across the front of the church.

The church is divided into three departments, the auditorium, basement and Sunday school department, which is most conveniently arranged. The auditorium is of Greek design, with a seating capacity of 1,200. The pews, which are being installed this week, are of a mahogany birch. The interior is decorated in cream color, tinted with green.

The baptistry is perhaps the most unique feature of the church. It is just under the choir, in the rear of the pulpit, and during its use a solid sheet of water flows into the basin from a high elevation in the rear, over a glass that protects a dozen vari-colored lights, while a similar arrangement is in front of the basin.

The choir is erected on an elevated plane with th balcony, directly in the rear of the pulpit and over the baptistry. Arrangements have been made for the installation of a \$10,000 pipe organ in the near future.

The corner-stone bears the following inscription: "1907. A. D. 1912. Fifty-sixth Street Baptist Church. Building committee: J. H. Gibson, chairman; J. B. Burris, E. Brewer, W. E. Perryman, W. L. Robertson, Jesse L. Burns, superintendent; P. J. LaBell, architect."

Dr. W. M. Anderson has been pastor of the Woodlawn church for the past two years and has been untiring in his efforts for the completion of the new building.—News.

In site of the bad weather we had fine services at Newville Sunday. This is a fine church to preach to, in a growing town of 500 or 600 people. It is in the midst of the best farming section I have ever seen. The farmers live at home in this section. The church last month sent \$7.50 to the Orphans' Home. We take regular collections for missions in all of my churches. God bless the Alabama Baptist and its editor.—J. L. Hand, New-
ton

FROM RISING STAR, TEXAS.

You are giving us a good paper, and it is especially interesting to us in our far-away home.

It rejoices my heart to see about all of the stronger churches in Alabama supplied again with pastors. Above all I am delighted to know that East Lake has a successor to Brother Lee. Of course many will not agree with me, but I believe East Lake church is the most important church in the state. This is because the ministry and many of the laymen of the future are brought under its influence while attending the college.

It was with deep sorrow that I read of the burning of the buildings of our Newton Baptist school. The school has had a hard struggle, yet has done a phenomenal work. It may be that the seeming disaster may prove a blessing. The attention of the denomination may be called to the need and work, and better buildings may be erected and better co-operation given. No doubt under the new system of our denominational educational work, with the courtly and tireless Dr. Cox at the head of it, our schools will all take on new life.

It is a peculiar joy to me to see how the churches, slowly enough, yet surely, are becoming more systematic in caring for all phases of denominational work. In Alabama it is due to the calendar system invented and pressed by the indomitable Crumpton.

I am upon my new field, Rising Star, Tex. We have had much cold weather, a good pounding from the church, received 10 members and feel encouraged. We expect a good year.

Yours, A. A. HUTTO.

EVELYN AUTRY.

On December 26, 1911, God found that he needed another bud to complete His heavenly bouquet, so He sent His angels and plucked from our midst little Evelyn. She was two year five months old, and such a bright, sweet child. It seems hard to give Her up just when she was able to begin her childish prattle, and yet "all the way my Savior leads me." He does what is best.

To her loved ones I would say, "Don't grieve, for some day you'll understand." In Matt. 6:21 we find "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." God saw fit to transplant your treasure in His garden. He has given you a higher motive for living, as well as taught you how to bow in humble submission to His will.

"Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown."

Always remember "Little Evelyn" as one of these jewels. Died at the home of her aunt in Pine Hill.

A FRIEND.

Brother Barnett: My time for the Baptist expired three days ago. I hope this will reach you all right, which pays up to January 12, 1913. I will continue to work for the Baptist, and wish I could get every Baptist in this country to read it. One of the troubles with us is our people will not read. Tell the little Barnetts that I am going to do, all I can for daddy.—J. E. Smyly.

WHY HAVE ASSOCIATIONAL MIS-
SIONS?

A few years ago I was strongly opposed to associational missions, and I am yet under normal conditions. Where the relation between the churches and the state board is what it ought to be there is no need of associational missions. But in some associations it serves as a connecting link between the churches and the board. Every association ought to have an executive committee, whose duty should be to look over the field and make representations to the state board of the needs of the association for missionary work. This committee may or may not recommend the man, but its recommendation should go far with the state board in making the appointment and the appropriation. Thus a spirit of co-operation is begotten between the churches and the state board that will continue long after the need for an associational missionary passes away.

But as to the association doing its own work independent of the state board if it were financially able, it would be an unwise move, to which I could never give consent. I believe in co-operation with the state board in doing all our denominational work as the only safe and sane way. It is the plan that will produce the best results in the end. Having served both as a board missionary and as an associational missionary co-operating with the board I have learned some things.

L. N. BROCK.

P. S.—I also served a short term as associational missionary independent of the state board, but never did feel right in that sort of harness. B.

TEMPERANCE DAY.

To Teachers and School Officers:

An act of the legislature approved August 19, 1909, requires that "one day in each scholastic term of the public schools shall be set apart to be known as Temperance Day, when a suitable program shall be prepared, to the end that the children of Alabama may be taught the evils of intemperance."

In compliance with that statute I suggest that Friday, February 16, 1912, be recognized in the public schools as Temperance Day. Let all the teachers by some program of their own making observe the spirit and the letter of this law.

While children should be taught to be temperate in all things, emphasis should be placed in this program on the evils of strong drink. There might be recitations by some of the pupils, and address by some local speaker, or such other exercises as would meet the approval of the county board of education in the rural districts and the city or town board of education in city or incorporated town.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY J. WILLINGHAM,
Superintendent of Education.

Things are getting back to normal. Our people have been good to the orphanage, and we are grateful. We want to thank you for your uniform courtesy and helpfulness. We wish for you a year of just enough prosperity to keep you good, and lots of usefulness in your chosen work. Yours fraternally—M. C. Reynolds, Superintendent.

A GOOD MAN GONE TO REST.

On the 27th of December, at his home at Vincent, God called N. W. Wood (known by his friends at Uncle Nat) to his reward. He was born in Cleburne county, Georgia, now Alabama, on December 30, 1839. He was married to his first wife, Elizabeth Coleman, in 1860. He enlisted in the Confederate army, Company A, Thirtieth Alabama regiment, in 1862. To this union three children were given them—two boys and one girl. His first wife having died, he married Mattie Steely in the year 1878. At the age of 12 years he united with the Methodist church. His company engaged in many of the prominent battles. He was always at his post, ready to give his life for his country. In one of the battles his company had he was absent in body, but there in spirit. He was enthusiastic for his country, and no less for his Lord. His happiest moments were when he was doing something for his fellow man. He was a valiant soldier both for God and his country. He was loved by all for his Christian fortitude and the earnest effort he made to be of benefit to his fellow man.

His friend,

E. P. CHANDLER, M. D.

On January 13, 1912, at 5:30 p. m., in Anniston, Ala., a beautiful Christian life was drawn from the field in which it had grown for nearly 44 years and transplanted in the garden of our Lord. It was Sister Sarah Reeder-Bowles, wife of Brother John H. Bowles, master mechanic for the Anniston Electric and Gas Company. For more than a year Sister Bowles had been a great sufferer, but had borne it all with marked Christian courage and patience.

She was born on May 9, 1868 at Pulaski, Tenn.; became a Christian at the age of 15 years, and for 26 years had been companion, faithful and true, to Brother Bowles, becoming the mother of eight children, four of which were transplanted in "The garden of our Lord" in infancy, and four remain in the field which is the world.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother J. M. Solley, of Gadsden, a former pastor of Sister Bowles, assisted by the writer. Brother Solley in his own sweet-spirited way paid a beautiful tribute to her memory in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased and her family, after which her remains were laid to rest in Hillside cemetery.

Bereaved husband and children, wife and mother is not dead, but sleeping. You shall see her again, not racked with pain and suffering, but forever free from pain and care. "So shall we ever be with the Lord."

A. C. YEARGAN,
Her Pastor.

I thought it might be of some interest to the brethren, especially my classmates, who were instrumental in bringing me here, to announce through your paper that things are going well at Florence. Our Sunday school showed an increase of nearly 50 per cent yesterday, and our B. Y. P. U. has about doubled itself during our six weeks' work together. And last, but not least, yesterday we raised a cash collection of \$1,450 on our indebtedness. The people are enthusiastic, and the pastor is happy and hopeful. Your brother and friend—B. H. Lovelace.

A BRACELET FOR A WORTHY ORGANIST

At the close of the services Sunday Morning, January 7, at the First Baptist church at Roanoke the pastor, Rev. F. H. Farrington, in behalf of the congregation, presented Mrs. M. W. Carlisle, the efficient organist, with a solid gold bracelet, beautifully engraved. In the presentation speech Brother Farrington said:

"For a long number of years this church has enjoyed unusual blessings. In one particular department especially has this been true. I refer more especially to the official conduct of this department. It was apparent at once upon my casual observance of the working of the polity of this church. Upon a more thorough investigation my first impressions were confirmed. It is a department, too, in which there has been more 'bones of contention' to arise than in any other, and often more than all others put together. And this church has not been exempt. So to say that such a task has been done, and done successfully for a long number of years, scarcely more can be said in expressing true merit.

"Strange to say, too, this church has never expressed its appreciation and gratitude by any tangible token or memorial. However, I am glad to say it was not because there has not been real, genuine, whole-hearted appreciation. But 1912 is to be the exception at Roanoke. And today we want to pin our flowers on our living and not on the dead.

"And now to let there be before the eyes a constant reminder of our gratitude, well wishes, prayers and love, we want to ask Brother Nichols, the mayor of our city, to please conduct to the rostrum Mrs. Ida L. Carlisle.

Under suppressed excitement, both by the congregation as well as herself, Mrs. Carlisle was conducted forward, when the pastor, Rev. F. H. Farrington, addressed her as follows:

"Mrs. Carlisle, you are my prisoner. You have been found guilty of a long string of offenses, and you are surrounded by a 'cloud of witnesses.' You have been found guilty of coming to this church through heat and cold, through rain and shine, for a long number of years, taking charge of the most difficult department and conducting it successfully through and evil report, uncomplainingly, and until now without any material expression from the church. I would suggest that you make no defense, but throw yourself on the mercy of the court, confessing guilt, for I am here by the indictment of this church to put you in irons. As the case is unusual, an ordinary pair of handcuffs would not suffice, so we had one made for the occasion." Here Mr. Farrington produced a solid gold bracelet, hand carved in an exquisitely beautiful floral design, and placed it upon her left arm.

Mr. Farrington continued: "And as you went away during the holidays, forsaking your post, for this and your many other offenses, we are going to lock you 'in the corner of our hearts.' Consider yourself our prisoner for life. On the way to prison the people can see the prisoner in front of the stand."

Mrs. Carlisle's reply: "Brother Farrington, I know it is not the custom for women to speak in church, but allow me a word. This is such a surprise to me I scarcely know what to say. But I am so unworthy, and I thank you so

much." She could not say more. While she was being placed under arrest and during her talk tears were streaming down her face, and this was true of the people of the congregation also.

Then, while the good old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung the whole audience flocked to the front to grasp her hand and say, "We love you."

This surprise was gotten up in the absence of Mrs. Carlisle during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Carlisle has been organist of this church about 18 years. This was a fitting expression of appreciation for long years of faithful service. It is almost useless to say the church is united, at work and happy.

I am enclosing check for another 12 months of Alabama Baptist. It is the tangible nucleus about which Alabama Baptists must rally. It is the informer that makes possible the reformer. We must give you our loyal support, and thus help you, help us. Rev. W. L. Richards, our new pastor, is no longer a stranger among us, but still new. We have to shake hands with a team of brand new thoughts every time he preaches. He is serving us nobly, and we love him and appreciate him. Please correct the statement that little Willella Gholston gave the largest individual gift from the Union Springs Baptist Sunday school to the orphanage Christmas. The prize was offered to the one giving the most of the young folks up to 16 years old. Several of the older ones gave \$25 each. With kindest regards, I am fraternally yours—S. V. T. Chamblee, Superintendent Union Springs Baptist Sunday School.

Dear Brother Barnett: On account of my migratory life I cannot take the Baptist, but I read it regularly, as I find it in the homes of the brethren. I enjoy the reports from the field by many that I know and with whom I had the pleasure of working in days past. As I read of them a God bless you arises from my heart. As the old hound at home howls as he hears the pack in the chase, so do I. Being superannuated I am deprived the privilege of active service, but I enjoy visiting my brethren and holding family service in the homes. Hope I may be able to sow seed that will germinate and bring forth fruit to the glory of God in the salvation of souls. Sometimes I sit and talk for the people when there is no preacher present. Sometimes I have the privilege of preaching to some one on the streets. In my travels I often meet those I taught in school or baptized 30 or 40 years ago. This is very pleasant. They feel like my children. I herewith hand you check for \$4 for renewals for the Baptist. Love to all the brethren.—C. W. O'Hara, Columbiana. (he sent in three renewals.)

In Lauderdale intensely cold weather and frozen and muddy roads alternately have hindered the preachers and the gathering of the churches for a month. We have arranged for Sunday School Field Worker Strickland to hold an institute in March and follow up the institute with rallies at several points. The success of Sunday school work means success all along the line.—L. N. Brock, Cloverdale.

HUNTER STREET BIBLE SCHOOL ON THE HONOR ROLL.

The following letter explains itself, and is printed here to encourage other small schools, as well as the larger ones:

"Mr. S. D. Monroe, Birmingham, Ala.: "Dear Brother Monroe—The showing made by your school, as set forth in the application for award, is altogether satisfactory. I have pleasure in entering the name of your school upon the Southern Baptist Convention 'Honor Roll.' You are henceforth A-1. This means, as you doubtless know, that you measure up to the highest standard ever erected as a test for Sunday schools. I congratulate you and your heroic forces upon this fine achievement. If Alabama Baptists are to secure your services I rejoice for them and wish you every blessing in the new work. Fraternally,

"P. E. BURROUGHS, Superintendent Teacher Training Department Southern Baptist Convention.

"Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4, 1912."

It was arranged some time ago for Brother Monroe to give his full time to Sunday school work on the field with Brother Strickland, beginning January 1, but the falling off in the state board's collections in December made it necessary to postpone indefinitely the date for his beginning.

In a personal letter from Rev. Caleb A. Ridley, of Beaumont, Tex., we have the following: "After more than four years' service I have resigned the pastorate of the old First church, Beaumont, to take effect June 1. After that time I am going to do the work of an evangelist, and am already making my dates. I will have with me the best gospel singer available, and shall try to deal fairly with the brethren and churches desiring my services in that I shall not decline invitations from small churches in order that I may go to larger ones. In other words, 'the first come is the first served.' Am now in a meeting with the great First church, Columbus, Miss., in their new \$60,000 home. May God give us the victory for His own glory. All letters of inquiry regarding dates should be sent to me at Beaumont, Tex."

Our church is doing very nicely, I think. We have organized a Sunbeam. I hope the children will take a great interest in it. Also the young ladies and men would do well to take a part sometimes. Our Sunday school was visited in November by Brother Scott and Miss Batchelder, worker for Sunday schools, which was enjoyed very much by old and young. We had an all-day service and a nice dinner on that day. Had three lectures by each—morning, noon and night. I think the young lady made a lasting impression on the little folks. We are looking to have the association at our church this year. So we will soon have to begin to work for it. Brother Barnett, I would be glad to have you come. Sorry to say I have not succeeded in getting any more subscribers to your paper, but have tried. Hoping you and yours a prosperous new year, I wish the dear old Baptist much success.—Mrs. C. C. Westbrook.

Mexia Baptist church decided Sunday night by a unanimous vote to build at once. Pray for us.—A. L. Stephens.

LIFE IN THE CANAL ZONE.

Life in the canal zone is very much like that at home. Though it is summer all the year round, the temperature seldom rises above 86 degrees, and it is always cool and pleasant at night. The houses are built with wide porches, screened to keep out flying insects, and the department of agriculture supplies you with plants and flowers for your garden. There are band concerts, and firemen's tournaments, and women's clubs, and church societies, and a Panama Canal Baseball League.

Hundreds of sturdy, sunburned American children (for though the English cannot raise healthy white children in India, we can in Panama) go galloping about on Peruvian ponies or study in the canal zone public schools.—From Farnham Bishop's "The Story of Panama" in February St. Nicholas.

Enclosed find \$1, which pays my subscription up to January 1, 1913. I am more than glad of the Alabama Baptist, and hope that we all will take more interest in reading every issue and write more news to it. We can help to make it better if we will. We pastors ought to write up more of the events which occur in our work. Our noble editor asks us to do so, and why not help him? Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ—Galatians 6:2. It is a fact that when an editor has to search through all the different papers of the state to get the news it is a burden to him. We can help to bear this burden by writing the news direct to him. Yours truly—A. L. Stiner.

Please don't think I haven't tried to get subscribers for our paper. Why our people won't get interested in it I can't tell. They give so many excuses, mostly the price. But I fear with many 'tis a lack of interest in the work. I love to keep with it, and enjoy, too, hearing from other churches. Our church has fallen off one-third in numbers in the past few years, but I am glad to say we have increased in our finances. We take regular collections in all the work; get more in that way. We have a banner Sunday school for regular attendance, but few in numbers. The weather never keeps them away. They, too, are regular in contributions. I am sorry to say I haven't been in Sunday school this year; longest period I have missed in many years; but at 65 I have to be a little careful. Thank God there are those who can and do go. I hope yet to help you with new subscribers. May you have a prosperous and happy year. Yours truly—Mrs. J. L. Yarbrough, Cusseta, Ala.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, January 12, 1912.

Estate of Reuben W. McFarlin, Deceased.

This day came Alice McFarlin, Administratrix of the estate of Reuben W. McFarlin, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 24th day of February, 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, Judge of Probate.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES ON SAYINGS OF HIS CORRESPONDENTS.

Alabama Boys at Seminary:

"You will find enclosed check for \$6 from the 'Alabama Boys' at the seminary as a gentle reminder that we haven't forgotten you and your work in the old state we have left behind. As we understand there is great need for State Missions, we want this appropriated to that fund.

"Wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year in your work."

Did anybody ever read a better letter than that? Our boys read the paper and keep up with what we are doing in Alabama, and out of their meagre purses they want to help. What a commentary on those at home with good bank accounts who let the appeals pass unheeded! Blessings on our boys! God bless each one of them and bring them back to us to help build up the kingdom in the dear old state!

G. W. Gibson, Arley:

"Please find check for \$5 for the Orphans' Home. It comes from Arley Baptist church. I would have sent it direct, but don't know who the secretary is. He fails to say anything through the Alabama Baptist. You may expect my churches to send something every month. It won't be much. We have adopted the calendar system, which is good. God bless you."

Another precinct heard from! This pastor lives in Winston, takes the Alabama Baptist, and is bringing his churches into co-operation with the plans of the convention. The board voted \$50 to the church at Arley while they were building. It was good seed. God blessed it, and now the fruit comes back to the great work. When all the Winston county brethren know us they will like us better. God bless Brother Gibson and his work.

L. M. Clinkscales, Odenville:

"Please find enclosed \$1.55 for missions from Moody Baptist church. Please send us a mission schedule, as we have never had one and have collected mission money only at the end of the year until this fall, when we passed resolutions to take monthly collections, and we want the schedule to go by. We hope to do greater things this year in the St. Clair Association than ever before."

Thus the schedule slowly works its way. The Moody church is one of the best in the St. Clair Association. If they faithfully work the schedule they will be surprised and delighted at the showing they will make at the association. SOMETHING FOR EVERY CAUSE, EVERY MONTH IN THE YEAR, BY EVERY MEMBER! Wouldn't that be glorious? We are moving in that direction.

"A PUZZLE UNRAVELED."

Isaac D'Israeli once issued several volumes, entitled "The Curiosities of Literature," and therein are many things curious both in thought and in expression. If the author had been making his collection in this day surely he would have been justified in including the article in the Alabama Baptist of December 20, 1911, with the above title. That article almost makes one believe there are some things new under the sun; for if the allegations therein are true we must acknowledge them as new—a fungus growth on the body religious in these latter days. If I were Brother Crumpton I would not accept the solution offered as the proper one. I would ask another, or take the "puzzle" out of the ring. With the body of that article I do not wish to deal, but with only one aspect of the situation presented.

The writer says there are Alabama boys who "have quit going to the convention" because they will be "compelled to occupy a back seat in the synagogue." Perhaps that is so, but really I have been persuaded better things of the Alabama boys and all other genuine Christian "boys." It is answer enough to say that any man who stays from the convention because he has not been honored by that body ought to stay at home. He thereby disqualifies himself spiritually for attendance. If honor sought, and not blessings received and service rendered, is the motive, he ought to remain away. On the other hand, the brother who goes because the convention has hon-

ored him equally disqualifies himself for going, and should likewise remain at his regular business till he is of another spirit. Either attitude is diametrically opposed to the principles on which the Kingdom is founded. Either type will lower the spiritual temperature by his presence.

When the Master was here on earth there were two brothers who asked for the places of honor in His kingdom about-to-be, the one on His right and the other on His left. I thought His stinging rebuke of that ambitious request was so crushing that no one had been bold enough to confess such an attitude since. Certainly those who are of that spirit should re-read that account and prayerfully ponder its contents, and they will hear again a living voice saying, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

I had not before thought of positions on boards and committees in the light of "honors," but of service. Men hold these positions because the united wisdom of their brethren saw them as the ones most fit to help on the work of Baptists in this state, and not with a desire to "honor" them. But in view of the real facts between "natives" and "furriners" I agree with Brother Cox that the "furriners" will have to get together and organize at once "The Furriners' Protective Society!"

Selma, Ala.

J. L. ROSSER,
Another "Furriner."

DOTHAN FIRST CHURCH.

Sunday, January 14, was a good day with the First Baptist church of Dothan. The annual business meeting of the church was held. The treasurer's report showed the church out of debt. The superintendent of the Sunday school, Prof. J. V. Brown, who is also superintendent of the public schools of Dothan, made his report, showing the Sunday school in a most flourishing condition. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Jennings, who came to this church April 1, 1911, made a report covering the work of the church for the nine months from April 1 to January 1. During this period the sum of \$5,435.81 was raised through all channels for all objects of the church. One thousand and eighty-two dollars and 60 cents of this was given for missions and benevolence; \$1,549.30 was raised to liquidate a church debt, part of which had been given to help build the Headland Avenue church.

Ninety additions were made to the church's membership for the nine months, an average of 10 a month, and the net increase was 48. There were 34 baptisms.

The church voted to raise the pastor's salary \$300, making it \$2,100, and to employ a city missionary and pastor's assistant in the person of Mrs. G. B. Adair.

Pastor's Report First Baptist Church of Dothan From April 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

1. Finances.	
Raised for church support.....	\$1,802.76
For the poor	91.55
Missions and benevolence.....	1,082.60
Sunday school support	137.01
Church debt	1,549.30
Miscellaneous	772.59
Total	\$5,435.81
2. Membership.	
Members received by baptism	34
Members received by letter	55
Members received by restoration	1
Total	90
Members dismissed by letter.....	38
Members dismissed by exclusion	4
Total	42
Net gain in membership	48
3. Miscellaneous.	
Pastoral visits made	540
Prayer meetings conducted	23
Sermons and addresses	134
Revival meetings conducted from home.....	3
Members received in revivals.....	28

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. JENNINGS, Pastor.

GETTING A LARGER VISION.

"My! those hills look higher to me every time I see 'em," said a fellow traveler in a small company as we got off the train at a wayside station and walked toward the country village nestled away in the hilltops before us. The stranger spoke as though it were a mighty task to trudge up the winding road to the top of the hill. As I turned around to see who spoke I thought of some majestic mountain or some giant peak towering in solemn grandeur, whose snow-capped summit lights up the vales for miles around, bathing in mystic beauties the low lying foot hills stretching in the distance beyond.

I said to the traveler who looked at the little hill as a great mountain, "You live where the country is all level, I presume." "Yes," he said; "I live where the folks never saw a hill."

To any traveler who had climbed mountains and revelled in the sublime glories of the ever enlarging vision there would not be the least suggestion of weariness or difficulty in reaching the hill top. Indeed the walk up the little incline would not be sufficient to make it interesting or to develop even a bit of energy.

Just so it is with us as individual Christians, or churches, or as a denomination. If we set ourselves to some mighty task worthy the name our little difficulties will vanish. Indeed unless we are overmastered by the yearning for some great end or to have a part in some glorious undertaking for our Master we will never amount to much as disciples of Jesus. Surely the mighty task Jesus has set out for His people, to conquer this whole world for Him, is sufficient to call forth our best endeavors, to develop our greatest energies. Such a task calls for ever enlarging plans, more heroic endeavor, as the passing days advance upon us. Let all of us set a new pace for the coming year in all our work everywhere. The hosts of sin are pressing hard all along the line; rank indifference stalks abroad.

Then let's catch the vision of our conquering Lord going forth to the battle leading His armies, victorious over every foe.

And there will come a tense energy within our souls and a passion of fire within our breasts that will not let us go till we see the King in His beauty and the earth filled with the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea.

"He is sounding forth the trumpet that never calls retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before the judgment seat.
Oh, then be dutiful, my soul; to follow Him be swift
my feet,
For God is marching on."

WORLD'S PURITY SUNDAY

A call is made to all Christian churches (Catholic, Protestant and Greek) to observe the last Sunday in January of each year, and to the Jewish churches, the observance of such Sabbath near the same date as may be best suited to them, for appeal and prayer on behalf of purity of thought, speech and life.

The call is issued by the International Purity Association, incorporated in Illinois, U. S. A., whose office is at 127 North Fifth Avenue, Chicago. The association seeks to promote purity, especially through the pulpit, the press and other existing institutions, in all parts of the world, and it invites the heads of churches everywhere to cooperate in the spread of suitable teaching by means of literature, as well as by voice and by prayer.

Some Baptists will send their children to Catholic schools and then wonder that they become Catholics. W. J. Bryan was of a Baptist family and was sent to a Presbyterian school and became a Presbyterian. It is impossible to estimate the losses sustained by Baptists in this manner. We fail to keep our own because we do not exercise common sense.—Baptist Commonwealth.

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

Five or six miles beyond Lydda the road to Jerusalem reaches the Shephelah, a region of low hills; all the rest of the way there are more hills, with crooked valleys between. Through these valleys and around those hills one gradually climbs up into the Judean highlands, leaving the low green plain of Sharon behind him. We will make our next halt at a spot about ten miles above Lydda, where the map shows the number 7. We shall look south as those branching lines indicate.

Position 7. The Village of Anwas (Emmaus).

Those are the village homes that we see a few rods ahead—little flat-roofed houses of grayish stone, huddled together on a hillside, with an olive orchard beyond the houses, and a higher slope of the hill reaching off, rather bare and stony, beyond the trees. That open ground between us and the village, covered with grass and weeds, is good enough for a goat pasture, but not much more. Some women have come here from the village to fill their water jars at a public spring; we see the walled mouth of the spring only a few feet away. Notice how careful the women are to draw those veils of cotton cloth over their faces; every self-respecting Moslem girl is taught to do that in the presence of a man. And notice, too, how easily these housewives carry on their heads the big brownish jars holding a gallon or more. Those jars are of local manufacture, and it costs only two or three cents to replace one, but they are seldom broken. Every drop of water used for cooking and cleaning is carried home in this way; such daily practice soon makes even a young girl expert, and it keeps middle-aged matrons strikingly erect and dignified in carriage.

There is an old tradition that this modern Arab village of Anwas is the same place which Luke called "Emmaus" when he told (Luke 24:13-32) how two of the disciples, sadly talking over the crucifixion of the Master, was overtaken on the Jerusalem road by a stranger, who talked with them. Nobody can be quite sure that it actually is the same village, but the bare possibility makes one look upon it with a different feeling.

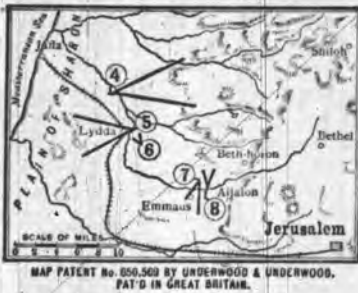
It may be that it was in some little home on this same hillside the risen Lord sat with those two disciples at their evening meal, and was recognized with breathless awe only when He blessed the bread and gave it to them.

A couple of miles beyond Anwas, where an especially broad, open valley lies between the hills, our Jerusalem road passes ground that is thick with thrilling stories, though the peasant farmers who today get their living out of the land have little idea that they are cultivating historic soil. We will stand for a moment where the number 8 is marked on the map, and face north.

Position 8. Plowing in the Valley of Ajalon.

The ground at our feet slopes upwards ahead of us to a dilapidated old stone watch tower—one of a number that used to guard the highway half a century ago. The route is safe enough today. The only people in sight just now are some peasants in cotton frocks and turbans, who are plowing the field with their clumsily yoked oxen. One could hardly imagine a greater contrast to the up-to-date equipment of a good American farm. Just look at those plows—mere crooked sticks for beams, fastened to a heavy pole across the necks of the oxen! And be sure to notice, too, that there is a place for only one hand to guide the dragging beam—not for both hands. The words of Jesus about a man's "having put his hand to the plow" (Luke 9:62) were exact in their allusion to the way He had always seen plowing done. Without much doubt the same primitive sort of tool was used even away back in Elijah's time, when young Elisha was called to be a prophet (I Kings 19:19).

It would be hardly practicable for these twentieth century Syrians to use modern machinery even if they were awake to its greater effectiveness. Turkish taxes eat up at least a tenth of every crop; no peasant ever gets enough money ahead to make improvements. The most they can do is to work in this orientally slow way from sunrise to sunset, knocking off at noon for a luncheon of barley bread



and goat's milk cheese. A man who is not a proprietor, but merely a hired laborer, gets only about 10 cents for such a day's work.

There have been times when men moved across these slopes, not sleepily scratching the soil with a crooked stick, but pursuing enemies with all the combined energy of desperate patriotism and religious ardor. It was across this very ground of Ajalon that Joshua and his men chased the fleeing Amorites after the battle of Beth-horon (Josh. 10:11-14); "there was no day like that before it or after it," so ran the old song, "for the Lord fought for Israel."

In the times of the Crusades, less than a thousand years ago, there was more fighting here. King Richard, of England, the "Lion Heart," as they called him, led his men up over this very ground in one of his valliant campaigns for the rescue of Jerusalem, but he had to retreat before the powerful Moslem troops of Saladin. When one merely reads about those fierce encounters, either in Bible times or during mediaeval centuries, the stories sometimes sound like far away romance. But here is the very ground, sold, real, over which men of valor did fight; on which their warm blood was shed.

To see the places with your own eyes use stereographs entitled (7) "The Village of Anwas" and (8) "Plowing in the Valley of Ajalon."

Editorial Note.—In this department Dr. Hurlbut will take his readers to one hundred places in Palestine, two each week. By means of remarkable stereoscopic photographs you can not only see for yourself each of these one hundred places in life-size proportions, but you can get distinct, conscious experiences of being in these places. Six stereographs \$1.00; Less than six stereographs in one order, 20 cents each. The twenty-six stereographs for three months are \$4.33. The hundred stereographs for the year, in a cloth-bound, gold-lettered case, with a guide book by Dr. Hurlbut, of 220 pages (containing full descriptions of each place), and a series of seven patent locating maps are \$18.75, scarcely more than an economical tourist spends for two days on an actual trip. Mahogany-aluminum stereoscope, \$1.15. Express charges will be prepaid. Send orders to Underwood & Underwood, Dept. Z, 12 W. 37th street, New York.

Walter L. Hervey, Ph. D., Board of School Examiners, New York City: "But there is something about seeing these stereographs through the stereoscope that greatly enhances their interest and their value. When one looks at an ordinary picture of Palestine with the naked eye one feels himself to be still in America, or wherever he may be at the time. Through the stereoscope, with the outer world shut off by the hood, one feels himself to be looking right at the scene itself. Those two pieces of glass, set at an angle, transport you several thousand miles from the place where you are to the place you are looking at."

NOTES FROM CHINA.

A few words concerning the recent meeting of the Shantung Baptist Association:

The regular time for this meeting is in April, but owing to the plague it was postponed until autumn. The meeting was held with the church in Tengchowfu, the first church of North China. It is the mother church of all our North China mission, but the growth there for some years has not been so rapid as in some of the newer fields further west.

There was great joy in all hearts at the opening meeting on Wednesday night, November 1. As the letters from the churches were being read Missionary Sears, of Pingtu, was busy with pencil, and when the last letter was finished he stepped to the blackboard and wrote in large figures, 1074. What did it mean? At the last meeting, 18 months before, a solemn covenant was entered into to pray and work for 1,000 baptisms by the next meeting of the association. The joy of the Chinese evangelists and pastors was overflowing. I am sure if those churches and individuals that are giving \$100 a year to support a native preacher could have seen their glowing faces and heard their prayers of thanksgiving they, too, would have praised God for the privilege of having a part in such gracious soul-saving work.

The thing that caused the greatest joy, perhaps, was the report of our own native mission board, which is doing work several hundred miles west of our present mission field. This work has been done entirely by the natives. Pastor Li, of Pingtu, makes occasional visits and baptizes the inquirers. The year's work on that field showed 106 baptisms. Pastor Li's work in Pingtu and in this west country has been greatly blessed. He is one of God's great men. As simple as a child, yet marvelously wise in directing the affairs of the kingdom. His heart is as tender as a young mother's, and in it he carries all the joys and sorrows of the 1,500 people who look to him for spiritual leading. I cannot verify it, but I am of the opinion that he has immersed more people than any other living Chinese. The total number that he has buried with Christ in the liquid grave is now past 2,000.

There are now 24 churches, with a membership of 3,712. During the year 66 have transferred their membership to the church invisible.

With joy there was mingled much genuine sorrow. The rains during the past summer have been extraordinary. In all this part of China not more than half a crop has been harvested. But in the low region southwest of Pingtu, where we have had two flourishing churches, the ruin has been complete. Houses, crops, everything, are gone. The churches and schools are temporarily disbanded and the members are scattered in every direction begging food. Pastor Li, with some of the brethren, made a trip through the region just before coming to the association, and their reports, vouched for by Missionary Sears, is enough to melt the coldest heart. Many who were in good circumstances are left absolutely destitute. Of the Christians alone Missionary Sears says they will have to feed 300 for seven months, and that it will take \$500 per month. On a salary of \$120 a year Pastor Li led a subscription for relief with \$25. About \$500 was raised for the immediate relief of the starving Christians, and a committee formed which formulated an appeal and sent it to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, to be published by them, asking for help.

We cannot expect aid from other missions in China, for Central and South China have famine areas of their own to look after and appeal for. Besides the revolution, which is covering so much of China, is creating widespread want.

May we not expect that from God's people in Alabama there will be a hearty response to this appeal?

Yours faithfully,

W. B. GLASS.

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, preached a sermon on "The Glorious Privilege of Being a Pastor in New York City". He spoke of Gotham as the "bloody angle" in the struggle of the nation to save its soul. He was profoundly impressed that "Life is hard in this city—hard for the well-to-do, desperately hard for the poor". In his picture of this modern battle we catch this flash: "Conditions are difficult. In the struggle to keep soul and body together men are tempted to abandon the soul, as marines throw a cargo overboard in a storm in order to save their ship". Doctor Eaton felt that it was a glorious privilege to be a pastor in this big city; beyond other places because it was such a difficult job.

ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

HEARING ON INTERSTATE LIQUOR BILLS

At a hearing on January 11, 1912, before the judiciary sub-committee on interstate liquor bills, Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts made the following comprehensive statement in behalf of the new Sheppard-Kenyon bill, selected as the most available of the interstate bills by a committee appointed after full discussion by the recent national conference on interstate liquor legislation in which were represented 39 States and 26 different organizations, including practically all temperance and reform organizations of national scope. "We regard the bill not in any sense as a prohibition law, or even a temperance measure, but rather as a States' right and law and order measure, since its single purpose is to penalize interstate shipments of liquors to speak easies and bootleggers". In justice to the International Reform Bureau and many other supporters of this bill it should be said that we would rejoice if sentiment in the committee and in congress and in the country should be found to be advanced enough to classify liquors with powder and yellow oleomargarine as entitled to no federal interstate commerce protection, because more dangerous than powder and more fraudulent than imitation butter. We should be still better satisfied if congress would classify liquors with lottery tickets, interstate commerce in which is altogether prohibited. And we warn the brewers, distillers and wholesale liquor dealers that if they defeat or nullify the very moderate legislation now proposed which would help them to do what they have themselves so loudly promised in recent schemes of reform—stop their traffic with illegal resorts, that we will ere long elect a congress on the issue that liquors are as bad as lotteries, and so stop the liquor traffic at every State line. This is one sure way to give every State full police powers over the manufacture and sale of liquors, and an indignant people will adopt it if milder measures are defeated or nullified.

Surely congress should save us from the national dishonor, blazoned to the ends of the earth, that Uncle Sam protects with the federal shield of interstate commerce every "blind tiger" that is fed by liquor consignments from outside the State. The States do not ask the federal government to help them enforce prohibition and "No license", but only that the nation shall withdraw the federal shield from those who invade the States to defeat majority rule, which is closely akin to high treason.

NEEDLESS FOREBODINGS

There is a great proneness in the most of people to indulge in fears concerning the possibility of some misfortune to them in the near future. They may be free from mishap today, but they fear that ill will befall them tomorrow. They are presently in good health, but they imagine that they will be suddenly taken sick in a day or two. They have never lost their property, yet they tremble at the thought of soon losing what they now have. In manifold ways many people indulge in forebodings concerning the future days; and Christian people are among this number. The immediate disciples of Christ were somewhat afflicted with this bad feeling. There were many things which naturally tended to give them fear and great anxiety. They were in the midst of large numbers of hostile foes and forces. They were very poor, and their prospects of obtaining plenty of food and raiment were dim. But Christ exhorted them to keep themselves free from fearful anxiety. He said: "Be not anxious for the morrow, for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". He meant that they should wait till the day of evil came, if it should come, and not be worrying about it beforehand. It was needless for them to be anticipating trouble and sorrow. Indeed, it was a sin for them to harrow their minds with the thought of possible misfortune on the coming day. They should keep thought upon the duties and privileges of the present day. They should remember that they had a Father in heaven who knew all about all of their needs, all about the way which they were to take, and who

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY.

According to the schedule February is the month for denominational education in the following counties: Sumter, Greene, Hale, Bibb and Choctaw. I hope the brethren will see that this great interest is presented to the churches in these counties during the month. We must erect a building at Newton at once, and it is impossible for the secretary to reach many churches in the state by personal visits. If all our people realized as I do the importance of our school at Newton I am sure it would be easy to erect such a building as is needed. I have felt for many years that the school at Newton was one of our most valuable assets.

W. J. E. COX.

would amply provide for them, and shield them from all real harm. Let us abide in such an assurance. We have a Father whose resources of help are without limit. His protecting power is at our service. We have no reason for indulging in fears about what may befall us. We are safe in His hands.

A WORD TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We wish to thank those friends who have kindly volunteered to send us articles, but as some are getting "peevish" because their articles do not appear in the very next issue, we kindly state that we have on hand more matter than we can print, and unless contributors are willing to wait for us to print theirs when we have space and think them timely they can have them returned upon request. It is perfectly useless to write us letters impugning our motives and get mad because we will not sidetrack everybody else to get in your special article. We do our level best to be fair to all who send in news or views for publication. As a rule those who write articles of merit realize that an editor has to use his best judgment when to insert an article. We have no "grouch," but we want some of our friends to realize that because we do not insert their communications immediately is no sign that they have been put in the waste basket. They are merely pigeonholed, awaiting their time and place. Ours is no easy job, and we ask those who have favored us with their views to be patient and in due time they will get aired.

A NEW DAY DAWNING.

The remarkable revolution of which Dr. Hartwell lived to see the beginning is another call for greater numbers of workers and greater sums of consecrated money to meet the needs in China today. Dr. P. H. Anderson has expressed these needs in the following words: "You are no doubt well posted before now as to the changed political conditions in China. Our Chinese Christians are about the happiest people on earth. They are breathing the pure air of freedom, and it tells in their faces. We are all looking forward to seeing absolute religious liberty written in the new constitution for China. These great changes which are taking place among us are certainly in the interest of the Kingdom. Last Thursday I saw the revolutionary flags raised in Canton. It was a great occasion. We had to dismiss school for two days. Our people are all rebels, and nearly all of them have cut their queues.

"But the greatest burden on the hearts of God's people today is how to meet the new conditions. No doubt we will be overwhelmed with opportunities, but how can we meet them with our limited forces? How can we get the people at home to see the facts? Tens of thousands of people in China are ready to take their stand for Christ, and tens of thousands more are open to the truth as never before. A new day is upon us. Oh, that God would move mightily upon the hearts of His people."

Pray for the workers in China, that God may use them in this great crisis.

EVERYTHING READY.

Marching orders were issued Sunday to more than 500 Christian men upon whom lies the responsibility of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, who met at the First Methodist church.

Here are some of these orders: "Every man to his own job. Go to your own institutes, learn the particular message that is meant for you and carry it back to your church. Do anything else, and you will cheat your own church. Each committee must arrange the meetings to be conducted by its specialists. If you get a call for a committee meeting, drop your business, drop everything, for this thing means the salvation of souls. Lay hold on the Lord in prayer, for upon the prayers of the Christian men of this city depends the success of God in this city."

Campaign Secretary R. C. Barton presided over the meeting and delivered most of the marching orders. Each of the central committee chairmen were heard from.

Chairman W. M. Cosby, in closing, gave the meeting just the touch needed to round it off. He thanked every pastor, every keyman, every committeeman and every Christian man in Birmingham, not only for what they have already done, but for what they are going to do for the promotion of the movement, and urged them to keep it on their hearts in prayer.

UNDERMINING OUR DENOMINATIONAL LIFE

Forces are at work undermining our denominational life. There is no use shutting our eyes to the fact that every plea made to Baptists to unite or co-operate with other churches or undenominational religious institutions means that they are sapping our life. Every movement that is not kept strictly under the roof of our Baptist churches destroys and weakens the ground on which our denominational institutions are built. The following from an interdenominational publication is a fair sample of what is being dinned into the ears of our people by those who have become so broad that they lightly put aside denominational preferences:

"The reasons for the decay of the rural church are obvious. The general indifference to the things of the Spirit brought about by a material prosperity and the exaltation of riches with their attendant comforts; the sectarianism which has multiplied denominations and impoverished communities by dividing among many churches support which should be concentrated in one strong, ably administered church; communities divided by sectarian differences instead of united in a common worship; the poor preaching and half paid, half educated evangelists and preachers instead of a resident pastor whose life is the community's life—the beggarly support grudgingly given—a church which is only a Sabbath form rather than an every day administration—these and other reasons account for the fact that Ichabod is written over the door of the country church".

THE REBUILDING OF THE NEWTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Alexander City, Ala., Jan. 22, 1912.

Of course that is the thing to do. The destroying flames after all may awaken our people to the need of better equipping this important institution. It has been filling a unique place in the educational work of the denomination. It has done a great service for a part, a most important part, of the Baptists of the state. In serving a part it has served the entire denomination.

The real work of vital religious education done under favorable conditions, the notable loyalty of faculty and students to each other and the school, the local interest created, the decision of the board of trustees and of our educational commission, whose duty it is to study the situation, and the crying need, created in part by a disastrous fire, in part by the growth of the institution and in part by a failure of the Baptists heretofore to give the school needed equipment, all proclaim in thunder tones: "Arise and build." Let us build adequately, wisely and at once. We shall be proud of the deed in the coming years, and wisdom will be justified of her children.

ARNOLD S. SMITH.

REV. B. H. LOVELACE, FLORENCE.

THAT PUZZLE OF MINE.

When I submitted my puzzle I had no dream the discussion would lead in the direction it has. However, no harm will come of it if personalities are avoided and the writers will earnestly seek to know the best thing.

I suppose all will agree: a native ministry, all things being equal, is the best for every state—mind you, all things being equal. The churches alone are to be the judges about that. When a church has made its decision no man should dare criticize it, and the new man, from whatever clime, should be heartily welcomed into the brotherhood of workers.

But, there is no harm in saying: However excellent, talented and consecrated men may be from other states, they cannot fall in with the work of the new state at once. It takes time, often much time. Some never can adjust themselves. They lack that homogeneity the natives have. I cannot see how anybody can deny that statement.

Alabama has been fortunate, for the most part, in the pastors that have come to her from other states. A few "birds of passage" lit in the state, but their stay was short and the churches learned lessons they will not soon forget. Now, this is my confession of faith on the subject. But it is all wrong if the native ministry is composed of men who are jealous and envious and ready to throw down the organized work because they seem to be neglected in the yearly ministrations of the convention. I cannot bring myself to believe that any considerable number of natives in Alabama feel that way.

A Few Words About the Convention.

It is claimed by some, "it is no longer a deliberative body." The natives are not the only ones who make the complaint. The same complaint is heard about the Southern Baptist Convention. The charge is very nearly true, and there is good reason for it. The work of the convention grows year by year, but the length of time for the convention's session remains the same.

When we had no boards, except the trustees of Howard and Judson, there was nothing but deliberation for three days. "There were giants in those days." Great speeches and sermons occupied the whole time. They deliberated, but did nothing else. Now we have the same three days, but ten times more things to consider. Every minute of the time is taken up, and many things have not the consideration they deserve.

The boards deliberate, their reports are turned over to competent committees and they deliberate. When they make their reports the convention can deliberate if it wants to. Sometimes it does; setting aside everything to discuss a matter which seems of supreme moment. I am sure I have seen that done a hundred times.

A Word About Convention Honors.

There are not many. The appointment of committees is all the president is responsible for. The preacher for the convention sermon is named by a committee; the committee on nominations names the members of the boards; the committee on program names a half dozen or more men to lead the discussions, 30 minutes each. Maybe some of this is wrong. Maybe we retain the same members on our boards too long. Perhaps the infusion of new blood would help things. Maybe the standing committees ought to be named by the nominating committee. Maybe the committee on program ought to be abolished. Any brother can bring these matters up at any time he can get the floor.

WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CONVENTION AND ITS WORK? That is an important question. The discussion of it in the right spirit will do much good.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Dear Brother Barnett: Thank you for your welcome to the state. The work here is hard, but is on the up grade. Yesterday we had our large auditorium full, and three new members were received. Dr. Phillips had a great day at the First church. In a short time \$12,500 were subscribed towards cancelling the bonded indebtedness on the new church, and the report is that they will cancel the entire debt this year. Fraternally—Walter P. Hines, Pastor Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile.



Rev. B. H. Lovelace, son of Rev. N. O. Lovelace, was born and reared near Clarksville, Tenn., and educated at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. He served his first pastorate at New Providence, Tenn., among his old friends and neighbors, during which time the church more than doubled its activities along all missionary lines. He was called to the Belmont Baptist church, Nashville, November 1, 1909, and served this church until December 1, 1911. During his brief pastorate the church building was finished at considerable cost, a new instrument was installed and the Sunday school reached the A-1 standard, the first in Tennessee to reach it, and the membership increased about 50 per cent, while the contributions increased to \$21 per capita and the church sent out one of its finest young men and one of its brightest young women to Carson & Newman College, one to prepare for the ministry and the other for Foreign Mission work. He was called to the First Baptist church of Florence, Ala., December 1, 1911. Since that date the church has raised \$1,450 on its debt, the congregations are good and the church shows a marked improvement along all lines of its work.

A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.

Just as the sun was setting on Christmas eve the members of the First Baptist church gathered in their beautiful house of worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the evening twilight. No other service was to follow. The evening was given over to this service alone. It had been the custom of our church to observe the Lord's Supper on the third Sunday after the morning worship. We changed it from this hour to Christmas eve for a two-fold purpose. One was the conviction that it would be a more solemn hour, and another, it was a happy time to celebrate the death and suffering of our Lord on Christmas eve. The solemnity of the occasion seemed to pervade the air, for all came in quietly and remained in hushed silence.

A few of our old familiar hymns were sung, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Oh, Happy Day" and "I Am Thine, Oh! Lord," in a quiet, subdued tone without the organ. A few earnest prayers interspersed the singing. Then came the communion.

The pastor had prepared a little Christmas surprise for his people. When the table was uncovered there before all was an "individual communion service," secured only for that hour's service.

The short talk that preceded the communion emphasized the importance of the ordinances, and, too, suggested giving over a service once every communion season to communion alone.

It was an exceedingly joyous service. All seemed to have a new regard for the hour; it was as quiet as if in the presence of death. The impressions were profound and deep. At the close of the service the pastor merely stated that in retiring from a death chamber we were always quiet, and would we not thus honor our Lord's memorial? The people retired en masse in compliance with the request.

The expressions were varied and numerous. All seemed to have been profoundly impressed. One

said: "It was the most impressive service I ever attended in my life." Many said, "Can't we keep the set?"

The largest number was present that had attended communion since the beginning of our pastorate in 1909.

One thing that added to the impressiveness of the service was the gradual lighting. Just as the elements were being distributed a dim red glow came over the room and brightened until it was at the full, near the close.

May I ask, Are we giving the communion the prominence it deserves and should have? Are we not making a mistake to tack it on at the end of another service, and expect the people to stay? If we must preach, let's try turning the order of service around: Communion first and preach last.

If any one desires their church to adopt the "individual communion" secure a set for one service. It will never be returned. F. H. FARRINGTON. Roanoke, Ala.

A TRUE PASTOR'S WIFE.

It has never been my privilege to be connected with the work of this state before, but I am already beginning to feel at home among the good people of Louisville, and I hope soon to become acquainted with more of our state workers. What a joy and inspiration we receive on coming in contact with a life consecrated to the Master's service. We are getting established in our new field of labor, and rejoice that there is such a great opportunity here for work. On our first Sunday here we organized a Sunbeam Band of 65 members, which is doing splendid work. And on the first Sunday of the new year we organized a Junior B. Y. P. U., with 21 of the most enthusiastic young people I ever saw. The Missionary Society observed the week of prayer and enjoyed every meeting. Oh, how my heart yearned for every woman to have a part in these services. In praying for others we also receive a blessing. May this be a glorious year in the history of Alabama Baptists, and may we be more consecrated to His blessed service than ever before.

"My waiting on Jesus seems dearer and dearer
As longer and longer I lean on His breast;
Without Him I'm nothing, seems clearer and clearer,
And more and more sweetly in Jesus I rest."
MRS. T. M. THOMAS.

The death angel has visited us again and taken one of our beloved sisters—Penia C. Daughtry. She had been with us more than 30 years, and to know her was to love her. Sometimes the hand of affliction seems to have been laid heavily upon God's children, and this was true with our sister. She lost her husband many years ago, and then her children, one by one, until all but one had gone. She never was known to complain, but trusted in God all the while believing He did all things well.

Our sister was 80 years old when God called her to come up higher. She joined the church in early life, and her daily walk was proof that the Holy Spirit was with her. On the 7th of December, 1911, she fell asleep to awake no more until the resurrection morn. She bore her affliction a long time with true Christian fortitude, knowing the Father doeth all things well and that He chasteneth whom He loveth. She was laid away by loving hands in the cemetery at Providence church, Dale county, Alabama.

Be it resolved:
First—That we bow in humble submission to His will and murmur not when He calls our loved ones home.

Second—That in the death of our sister the church has lost a faithful member, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Third—That the church extend to the bereaved family its deepest sympathy and pray God's blessings may rest upon the sorrowing family.

MATTIE BENNETT,
VINIA MILLS,
ANNA YOUNG,
Committee.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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,
 Judge of Probate.

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SOUTHERN BOY CORN RAISERS HONORED.

Secretary Wilson is Very Complimentary in Presenting Diplomas.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The champion corn growers among 55,000 boys of 17 southern states, who are enjoying a free trip to Washington, called on Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture today and were royally received. The Alabama boys in the group are Elber A. Kimbrough, of Alexander City, and Junius Hill, of Attalla. Secretary Wilson addressed the boys in a happy little speech of encouragement and commendation of the good work they are doing.

The average production of the 21 boys was about 175 bushels an acre, and six of them took more than 200 bushels from their respective acre. Last year only one boy did that well. All the boys are from the south except one. Illinois send one boy and the south sends the other 20.

In one respect Junius Hill, of Alabama, is the leading prize winner. True, a Mississippi boy did grow 227 bushels on a single acre, whereas Junius Hill grew but 212. The corn grown by the Mississippi boy cost 14 cents a bushel, and the corn grown by Junius Hill cost but 3 1-2 cents a bushel.

The boys are delighted. Besides the visit to the department, the boys visited the National Zoological Garden and other points of interest today.

They will remain in Washington all the week.

With true Rooseveltian vigor the venerable secretary threw forward his arm and exclaimed: "You boys receive these diplomas because you have done something. We are proud of you, your states are proud of you, and you have done something which will help to reduce the cost of living and which will help to make the south a greater and richer section of the country."

In raising bumper crops of corn the secretary told the boys they had taken the first step necessary to successful farming. Corn is the foundation, he declared, of other crop productions. With plenty of corn, the south, he said, would be able after a time to raise its own beef and not be compelled to go to the west for it. The secretary said the department had no desire to boss the boys of the south in this work, that the only wish of its officials was to help them.

With a kindly word for each boy as he handed him his diploma, the secretary told the boys that they could face the world with a feeling that they possessed something which could not be bought with money.

Representative Burnett, of Alabama, escorted the boys tonight through the library of congress. During the day they had visited the National Zoological Park, the fish commission building and other government buildings. President Taft will probably receive them Thursday morning.

The south is proud of its corn boys, and it is glad to hear that they are honored in Washington. They are doing more to make the south independent than many of their seniors have ever done.

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FROM BROTHER SHADIX.

If you will give me space in your valuable paper I will dot a few lines which may interest some one who reads the Baptist. First, I want to say that many have a different view of things to what I have. We often hear it said, "Get out of the old ruts." I say, get out of the man-made ruts and get back in the Bethlehem track and do as the Lord has shown us. Then we will be right. As you remember, the mission work began at Bethlehem. The wise men and shepherds were the first to give to the Lord. Here is where the spirit of giving began, and it has come on down to us. Stay in the old path. Then we will be right. Give as the Lord has prospered us to the cause of Him who has loved us so much as to trust us with that which is His, for all is His, and He has committed it to us to use righteously as Joseph used the corn of Egypt. Place His goods in His storehouse so that they may be used for His purposes. I thank God for the old landmark. I know that there are many out of the old path who have a name that live and are dead. A dead man never gives anything. By this you may know that you are dead: when no signs of life spring up from you. The whole trouble is: Dead to all good works, dead to the cause of Christ, dead to the love of the human race, destitute of God's love in the heart; in fact, dead. Now, brother, if your name is enrolled on the church book and there is no spirit of giving in you, pray that His graces be in you—that is, in His children—that you, too, may help to carry the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Now, brethren, let one and all lay their shoulders to the wheel and shove the gospel ship as far into the heathen lands as it is the Lord's will for it to go in the year 1912, for you are all called unto good works, and good work is the Master's work. Therefore take hold and do what you can in His vineyard. He is at the market now speaking to the idlers, saying, "Go into My vineyard and work today, and what is right I will pay thee." Don't say, "No one has employed me," nor don't say, "If the Lord wants the gospel in heathen lands He can make them there," for He takes His preachers from the disciples or the church and sends them, bidding us to hold up their hands while they preach. So let all do what they can. Give of what you have is all the Lord requires. May the Lord bless and spread the Alabama Baptist until it becomes a welcome visitor to every Baptist home in Alabama and other states, and may the editor and his boys live long to carry on the good work is my prayer.
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The orator of the day was Dr. Arnold Smith, of Alexander City, Ala., who paid high tributes to early Judson, its standards and ideals, present-day Judson and her daughters, to woman and to the educated woman and her sphere.

The officers of the classes then draped the portraits with garlands of green.

After the song of the Alma Mater the morning's exercises were concluded.

In the evening it is the custom to celebrate Mother Judson's birthday. Mrs. Bates acted as Mother Judson; Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Howie were her attendants.

Miss Kirtley gave some reminiscences of earlier days of Judson, and Mrs. Reid, who graduated in the class of 1861, told us some of the war-time happenings. Mrs. Robinson followed with some incidents of the time that Judson was burned and the students were temporarily located at the King House.

Songs of the olden times were given by the Glee Club in colonial costume, and were much enjoyed.

The senior class message was given by Miss Vida Sanders. Miss Lucile Preston represented the juniors; Miss Ena Weisinger, the sophomore, and Marguerite Patton, the freshmen.

Refreshments were served by a committee of students. About 400 guests came to wish Mother Judson many happy returns of her birthday. May Judson's life be long and prosperous, and her influence far-reaching as the next 74 years roll y and on and on.

The Lord is greatly blessing us in the revival at the Central church, New Orleans. The meetings began last Sunday, January 7, and up to Thursday night, January 11, he have had seven professions of faith and eight accessions to the church. The attendance and the interest increases at each service. The meetings will continue for two or three weeks, and we are hoping and praying for many conversions and accessions. The Central church has perhaps the best location of any Baptist church in the city, and under the leadership of Rev. F. C. Flowers is growing rapidly. Let those who read these lines pray for us in this strategic and difficult field.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist.

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Please send the paper to Prof. C. H. Florey, Vincent, Ala. But for bad weather and a spell of grip I hoped to send several names of new subscribers. May do so later. Yours in the work—L. T. McGraw, Vincent.

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Dear Alabama Baptist:

The last time I wrote you I was rejoiced to receive letters from many states from old friends, and I feel like hearing from you all again.

I had a peculiar religious experience today. I usually go to the First Baptist church, on Commonwealth avenue, to hear the singing of the Oratorios, so beautifully rendered there at the vesper service. But last Sunday ex-Rabbi Charles Fleisher, a friend of mine, began what he calls "Sunday Commons," a Sunday religious service for the common thinker, or heterodox crowd—the unchurched, or free thinkers, as they term themselves—and I, wondering what he meant by this new "American religion," found myself in the crowd. He is a social humanitarian, feeling around for expression in some more modern language than traditional or theological terms, and may get a regular congregation at the majestic theatre.

Tonight I went again to hear Dr. Courtland Myers at Tremont Temple Baptist church. If any of you orthodox pastors think Boston hasn't a hammer-and-tongs preacher of repentance and salvation through the blood, and if any of you think that does not still draw a crowd, you ought to hear him fire his gun with the authority of the government of the kingdom. He said in speaking on the old text, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God," that the men's Bible class in his Sunday school today had 425 present, and 117 sinners gave themselves to God, some weeping and praying aloud.

My peculiar experience was—being a business man and going on Sundays wherever I get benefited—to hear Rabbi Fleisher speak on how the multitudes needed a shepherd and a thinker, and how falteringly he spoke as having any message, and, thinking how much I sympathize with all efforts of any one to do good, but what a burden all world problems seem to be to us who regard the kingdom's social and economical and criminal and sex and purity program, and then how authoritatively Dr. Myers spoke on the terms of entrance. No doubt in his mind apparently of any method, book or future, and this in cultured Boston. Here let me say there should be no doubt in any preacher's mind, for there are no two ways.

Another church that is always crowded is that of Dr. Herbert S. Johnson, at Warren avenue. He gives out the most sensational subjects, "The Hobble Skirts," "The Democratic Chance for President," etc., but his powerful personality and sweet spirit swing the minds around on a straight gospel in a few minutes of laughter or captivating story. For Carlyle's sentence strength and great sermonizing I like Dr. O. P. Gifford, who thinks he is my pastor.

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GOOD WORK.

On the third Sunday in December one of our Sunday school teachers, Mrs. Ida Todd, appointed two young ladies, Misses Effie Smith and Burlie Sloan, to take a Christmas offering for the orphans at Evergreen, and received \$3.04 for the little ones. We are so glad that there are people that love God and His cause enough to help to support as worthy a cause as the orphanage, because they take little ones and raise them up in a Christian home, educate them and make good Christians and citizens of them, when if they were left out in the world some of them would be raised up—just to suit satan, learn all sorts of evil and help degrade our country more.

But I hope and pray that more Christians may realize their duty in giving. So many are all right till giving is mentioned, when the Bible says:

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and give and it shall given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. Men shall give into your bosom, for with the same measure that ye meet withal shall it be measured to you again."—Luke 6:38.

And he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he has given will he pay him again. He that giveth to the poor shall not lack, but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.—Prov.

For he shall have judgment without mercy that hath showed no mercy.—James.

Now, let's all give to the Lord his due, and when giving to children who need we give to God. So let's give God the glory for what He has given to us, and let's give also to Him. Pray for us, for we trust we have a good conscience in all things, willing to live honestly.—Heb.

Yes, let's all be honest with God. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BETHLEHEM CHURCH. Haunceville, Ala.

Dear Brother Barnett: Continue the paper to me. I will remit when I can. Seventy-five winters are passing over me. Still I love the Baptist; the more our Sunday school still goes on with the faithful few. When the cats are away the mice will play.—E. P. Ezell, Sr., Pickensville.

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Lot fourteen (14), in block nineteen (19), (except the south nine feet of said lot) in the plat and survey known as Tharpe Place, in the town of West End, a map of which survey is recorded in map book 4, page 87, of maps recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, said property above conveyed fronting 38.5 feet on the east side of Elyton street and extending back of uniform width along the south side of an alley to an alley, together with all improvements thereon.

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Dear Brother Barnett: It is amazingly strange that such indifference is manifested in the membership of our churches in subscribing for and reading the Alabama Baptist. There seems to me to be too much formality and too little spirituality in our church services. The great excuse with a majority of those who do not take the Alabama Baptist is that they take so many papers of a secular character that they have no time to read religious literature. I imagine if I were a preacher I would rather preach to a flock that read the Alabama Baptist, as I think they would better appreciate preaching.

The same indifference is manifested in most prayer meeting services. There are but few male members who attend such services; mostly women and young people, and not as many of them as should be. I think the pastor should be as a layman at the prayer meeting. It should be held mainly for the development of its members. The prayer meeting is a true index to the spiritual condition of the church. Where the prayer meeting is well attended, showing great interest, the church is apt to be in a healthy, thriving condition.

I hope to send you other subscribers soon, as I have the promise of several later on. I send you ten old and new that are on my club. I want to increase it at least five more. Wishing you much success, I remain,

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The Flomaton folks are getting to work. The ladies, led by Mrs. Hunter, have just closed a very profitable week of prayer, which ended with a nice contribution for missions. The church has just made a good bargain in the purchase of a parsonage for \$1,200. The property is well worth \$1,500. It is near the church, and is a good building. The brethren seem to have "a mind to work." In my opinion every church that has or can get a preacher to live in its town should own a parsonage. It makes it much easier to secure a pastor. Hence it becomes a valuable asset. It is easy to buy or build, as everybody will contribute to such a cause. Brother Holly (Baptist) and I are the only preachers living here. Come to see us all, but not all at one time.—R. M. Hunter.

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Pastor Burrows, with his bride, have been here several days, and we are pleased with him and quite as much pleased with his wife, if not more so. He was asked if he would give \$50 to aid in rebuilding our burned school building. He said, "Make it \$100." How does that strike you, besides giving up his home to the school to teach in? You may say to the brethren in the state that we are in fine spirits down here, all things considered. We are expecting the school commission to come to our help, and we are sure they will do it. We expect to open in our new building next session.

Rev. J. M. Jones, of this place, has been elected state evangelist for work in Alabama. He has accepted, and will begin work the 1st of February. Brother Jones did a fine work in Florida, and we look for him to do even better work in his own good state. Those who wish his services will do well to write him at once, as a month of his time has already been spoken for.

Miss Apple Jones, of this place, and Brother Stuckey, of Electric, were married last week. Miss Apple is a daughter of Hon. A. L. Jones, and the groom is the son of Brother Stuckey, pastor of the church at Electric. The son is also a minister, and expects to make his future home in Oklahoma—at least for a while. S. O. Y. RAY.

The following series of sermons will be delivered at the Dauphin Way Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Walter P. Hines, D. D., on the dates given. The public is cordially invited to hear them:

January 14—11 a. m., "Infidelity; Its Causes;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Selecting a Wife."

January 21—11 a. m., "Infidelity. Are Its Doctrines Easier to Believe Than the Doctrines of the Bible?" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Choosing a Husband."

January 28—11 a. m., "Infidelity; Its Cure;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; How to Treat a Wife."

February 4—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Election;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; How to Treat a Husband."

February 11—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Calling;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; How to Treat Children."

February 18—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Regeneration;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; How to Treat Parents."

February 25—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Security;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Ideal Young Men."

March 3—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Duties;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Ideal Young Women."

March 10—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Possibilities;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Some of Its Enemies."

March 17—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Riches;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; a Type of Heaven."

March 24—11 a. m., "The Believer;

His Joy;" 7:30 p. m., "The Home; Our Departed Dead—Where Are They?"

March 31—11 a. m., "The Believer; His Eternal Home;" 7:30 p. m., "The Eternal Home. Shall We Know Each Other There?"

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find \$3. Please move up my figures. You are making one of the best papers in our southland. It is chock full of good things. We had a glorious day at old Parker Memorial yesterday. Ordained Brother T. L. Graham as deacon, making twelve deacons. Dr. W. F. Yarborough, our beloved pastor, did not preach a regular sermon, but reviewed the year's work of the church, which was very gratifying to him and to the church. The collections for the various enterprises of the church showed \$9,000, leaving no indebtedness but a small balance on our splendid brick primary building erected and equipped recently. The most encouraging feature of the work was in the fact that the work was finished without the board of deacons having to take the field to collect an unfinished balance, feature, and bespeaks yet better things for the cause. We have one of the most beloved pastors of any people, and shall unite our zeal with his to make the work more glorious for the new year.—C. G. Anderson, Anniston.

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