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We regret to have missed a visit from Rev. Spurgeon Wingo and wife. He has recently come to Alabama to take a pastorate at Dora.

My resignation as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Selma, takes effect March 31. After that time I will be ready to go to any field that the Lord sees fit to direct me to.—L. C. DeWitt.

Enclosed please find check for renewal of my paper, which expired January 25. I enjoy reading it so much. Have taken it for many years. Sometimes I wish it was larger. Best wishes to you and yours.—Mrs. R. A. Davis.

The Executive Committee of the Shelby County Association appoints Rev. E. M. Johnson colporter for the association and commends him to the favorable consideration of all the churches.—C. W. O'Hara, Chairman Executive Committee.

Here comes a \$1 bill. Head it and put it on my subscription for 1912. Tell the young editors I am going to send in their cards some time soon Happy New Year to you and the young editors, also your better half. Your brother in Christ—J. W. Heaton.

Brother Newton, who was pastor of the Second Baptist church of Columbus, Miss., for several years, has moved to Gordo and has charge of Gordo, Reform and Stansel. Brother Newton is a strong preacher and let us hope and pray that he may be able by the help of the Lord to do a great work in west Alabama. This card is to introduce him to the brotherhood in Alabama and give him a cordial welcome among us.—A. T. Camp.

The Bridgeport church enjoyed two splendid sermons Sunday last. The morning sermon was by Rev. L. Royer, of Decatur, and the evening sermon by Dr. A. E. Brown, superintendent of the mountain schools. The B. Y. P. U. was interesting, the topic being "A Million Women—Their Organization", conducted by W. M. U. members. Collection was taken for missions.—A Member.

If Brother Crumpton will throw away his puzzle, and Brother Cox will stop trying to display his marksmanship, and Brother Hunter will stop his kicking, they will each confer a great benefit on the readers of The Alabama Baptist. Nothing that either of them has written has either edified or enlightened any one. The Baptist cause in Alabama, I am sure, has not been advanced by this shameful controversy. They ought to be ashamed of coming into our Baptist forum with any such stuff. Now let them repent of their folly and stay out of the Alabama Baptist long enough for us to forget this hurtful controversy and then come back as a loving trio, like Paul, determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.—E. P. Reed, Keener, Ala.

Brother Barnett: I find my time expires in this month. I send you \$1. Put me up as far as that will go. I want the paper, but don't want it on credit. Yours for service—Mrs. S. L. Yarbrough, Cusseta, Ala.

Enclosed you will find check to move my name on the dear old Alabama Baptist to 1913. I would be so lonely without it in my home. It gets better every day. I wish you a prosperous year. I am yours truly.—R. M. Youngblood, Tuskegee.

Please change my address from East Lake to 218 S. Quintard avenue, Anniston, Ala. Have moved to the field of the Oxanna church and will serve them first and third Sundays in each month. Am busy just now adjusting things in our new home—and say! Did you ever move?—A. C. Yeargan.

I think all true Baptists ought to take the paper, for it helps to keep in touch with what our people are doing everywhere. Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous New Year, I remain—J. W. Mount, Lawley, Ala.

We have moved from Alabama, but will always love the work there. It would be a great hardship to be without the Alabama Baptist. With best New Year's wishes for you and your paper, I am very sincerely—Mrs. L. F. Allen.

Dear Brother Barnett: A new year has been ushered in upon us, and with it renewed obligations. So of course you are needing your \$2 to help to meet your obligations, and to pay it is the meeting of ours. So enclosed find check for same. Wishing you and yours a prosperous New Year, very truly yours—J. E. Hugues.

Enclosed find \$2.00, which will move my figures to 1913. Hope the editors of our paper may be kept busy by those sending in back dues and paying ahead.—J. A. Thomas.

I am well pleased with the improvement in the paper. Hope it will continue to get better. I have been reading your paper for many years. Read it before you got to be editor, and not much on credit.—W. J. Cooper.

I have let my subscription to the dear paper run over about a month, so the enclosed two dollars is to set me up another year. Hoping this will be the banner year for the paper and the Baptists of the State.—J. A. Joyner.

I enclose you New York exchange for \$2.00 to pay my subscription to the Baptist for one year. You are giving us a good paper. I enjoy it more than ever. I was one of the original three hundred subscribers when the paper was started at Marion. I have been reading and paying for it ever since.—B. F. Ellis.

Mt. Pleasant, in Butler county, is not dead. Rev. J. S. P. Cook, her pastor, preached a sermon on tithing last Sunday. Some two or three of her members are tithers. This was the first sermon the pastor has ever preached on this subject. Our church, like many others, needs a lot of preaching along this line.—J. A. Johnson.

On the 21st of February we are going to organize the pastors of Chilton county into a Pastors' Conference. We feel that great good can be accomplished by such an organization. Will not every pastor in the county meet together at the Baptist church in Chilton on said date to lay plans for our Lord's work?—W. M. Olive.

We have just moved into the new parsonage here, the beautiful new home built by Rev. R. A. J. Cumble while pastor here and purchased by the church on Brother Cumble's leaving the field. The Louisville church now has one of the nicest homes for their pastor of any church in this section. Come to see us.—F. M. Thomas.

REV. I. M. KIMBROUGH, CAMDEN.



We welcome him to Alabama and pray God's blessing upon his work at Camden. We knew and loved him during our first pastorate at Johnson City, Tenn.



DR. M. ANDERSON, WOODLAWN.

We congratulate Pastor Anderson and his people on worshiping in their beautiful new church.

I desire to express my gratification over the good news that Brother J. H. Chapman has consented to accept the position of assistant secretary of the State Board of Missions. Brother Chapman was at the university for several years as a student, from which place he graduated with honor, and afterwards took a course at the seminary. For some time he most acceptably filled the position of assistant pastor of our church here in Tuscaloosa. He was a great blessing to both the student body at the university and to our congregation and community. He is devout, modest and strong, and we wish to commend him to the love and sympathy of the denomination over the state and ask that he be given the co-operation of our people.—Robison Brown.

Park Avenue Baptist Church, North Birmingham, has a fine Sunday school with Rev. Head as superintendent. The pastor, Rev. McDaniel, is a good

preacher and an indefatigable worker, and in sympathy with the enterprises fostered by our denomination. The church and community are exceptionally good to this writer and family in their infirmities. God bless them! Wish I knew who did move my figures up to 1913. The outlook is encouraging. Come and help me beg for subscribers to our paper. Love and best wishes to you and yours.—J. E. Cox.

The splendid new house of worship of the First Baptist Church of Bogalusa was formally opened Sunday, January 28. Rev. T. O. Reese, home board evangelist, preached the sermon. Text, Eph. 5:27. The church will seat 700 people and cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Brakefield, has done and is doing a splendid work in this important town. He has seen the church grow from a membership of four or five to a strong church.—T. O. R.

LO, THE POOR PASTOR!

L. O. Dawson (In the World).

I have a letter before me from the Foreign Mission secretary, which says that the whole question of Foreign Missions rests in the hands of the pastor. If he does not do his duty, of course the church will not. He must keep abreast of the multiplied phases of missionary effort and be able to lead his people in an intelligent way. The secretary is correct; the work does rest on the pastor. The Home Mission man declares he can do nothing without the energetic and continuous support of the pastor, and the state secretary declares that the pastor is the key to the entire situation in his church. If he fails in intelligent leadership the whole platform of missions will collapse. A tract from the foreign board says that the weak part in our mission work is the small number of contributors, and that the only solution of the problem lies with the pastor. Mark that word "only." One of our missionary specialists not only urges the pastor to preach great and moving sermons from his pulpit, but adds the suggestion that personal work is needed. "Hundreds of business men," he says, "could be approached privately by their pastors, in the quiet of the home, in the office or on a hunting trip." Note the words "hundreds" and "hunting trip." From the educational department we are told that a church without missionary study classes is failing in its duty, and that the class depends on the pastor. The financial secretary assures us that it is the pastor's duty to get others to give, and that this cannot be done unless he gives largely himself. All of this is true, and I did not require the added instance of the pastor who blocked a collection of \$1,000 by heading it with only \$10. The pastor should have started that collection with at least \$100. The college president spent the night with a pastor, and the two men enjoyed sweet fellowship together. "You can never get your people to give to the college," said the president on leaving, "without giving yourself." "That is true," said the pastor. "How much ought I to give?" "Fifty dollars a year for five years," said the president. The pastor's salary was small, and he was already "leading" in several other lines of benevolence, but he gave his notes for five years, and is still paying them. The seminary man had no need to make an argument. The pastor knew the needs of the great institution, and so pledged his church for a certain amount, guaranteeing to make it good if he could not induce the church to pay. "How is your Sunday school?" "It is not what it ought to be. We cannot induce the pastor to read all the latest books on the subject." "Is it graded?" "No; somehow the teachers do not understand the matter." "What is the matter with the teachers?" "We cannot get a teachers' meeting." "Why do the teachers not attend the meeting?" "Because the pastor doesn't attend." Likewise the teachers' training class depends on the pastor, and the B. Y. P. U. languishes when the pastor's hand grows lax. The woman's work would do better if the pastor read the woman's page in the paper each week and attended her meetings oftener. A letter from the editor tells the pastor that no preacher can do his best unless the people read the denominational paper each week, and this they will not do unless the pastor sees to its circulation. The evangelist reads the pastor a lecture because there are so few conversions reported and still fewer baptisms recorded. Personal work on the part of the pastor is the key to the whole evangelistic situation. "Are you not willing to agree that the saloon is the greatest evil of the day?" The temperance man looked the pastor in the eye, and in that look he said, "It's up to you to make the people know it." The aged and infirm ministers have their wants poorly supplied because the pastors have so little to say about it. The orphanage box and collection "hung fire" because the pastor blundered somewhere. The Civic Improvement Society declares that if it cannot get the support of the pastors they do not know whose help they can depend upon. The experts who are working on various social problems are often grieved at the small time given to the particular thing they are "experting" by the pastors, who ought to be of all men most interested in their work. "The churches are out of touch with modern thought, and the pas-

tors are to blame." These words were spoken by a specialist who couldn't understand why the pastor whom he addressed had not read what Dr. Noah Heap had to say on his subject. I have just read a newspaper from a neighboring city, which in flaming headlines scored the pastors of that town because some one did not take the time to bury a certain stranger. To be sure the pastors did not know about the stranger, but ought they not to have known? "You ought to know all about tuberculosis and give the people the facts from the pulpit." It was a good doctor who said it, and the pastor went to work studying bugology for the good of the people. "If we could only interest the pastors, the public school improvements would be a different thing," and in the effort to help the teacher the pastor sought to acquaint himself with all the fads of the public school system, and their name is legion. The new family that moved to town six months ago has not yet made its appearance in the church, for the good reason that the pastor has not called to see them. He did not know until recently that they were in town, but it was his business to know.

Now the book agent. The pastor is also "the key" to his "situation," but he deserves a book all to himself (or herself—bless her heart), and some day when I have time to do the subject justice I will write a volume or two about it. The work will be sold by subscription only, and I wish in advance to say that I expect the pastor when the agent calls: (1) To buy the book; (2) to write a strong letter of endorsement to the "Whom-it-may-concern," a large family, part of which lives in his town; (3) give my representative the names, addresses and hiding places of all his people. For this my agent will let him have the book on liberal terms—"one dollar down and a dollar per month"—the rest of his mortal life.

Besides, there is the _____, but what's the use of trying to fell all the "situations" of which the pastor is said to be the "key"?

It is true, it is true, it is true, that all these things and a thousand others besides do touch the daily life and engage the attention of the average pastor. It doesn't matter so much that sooner or later he must break down under such a continuous strain. The quicker his machine wears out the sooner he will be able to render the account of his pastorate to the Great Pastor above. But it is curious (and it may be a little sad) to see how many people think the pastor is out of date and out of sympathy with current events. There is not a public enterprise, nor a private ambition, or joy, or sorrow, nor a movement that touches the welfare of the people, nor an institution that lifts its hand to bless or to curse the public that does not somehow knock at the door of the pastor's heart. It is not so much what he does that kills him. That is a joy and a delight. But after he has done his best and then sees such vast fields of opportunity untouched and so many things that ought to be done that he can never do for sheer want of time, and cannot prevail on others to touch, it is this that kills.

If it is true, and I believe it is, that the Almighty judges men not so much by what they do as by what they desired to do, and did try to accomplish, there will be great rewards laid up for many a pastor who has been sorely censured by people who did not and could not know his heart. In that day the poor pastor will not be so poor after all. "Lo, the poor pastor?"—Nay, verily. The richest man is he whose opportunities for service are greatest. By this token there are none so rich as the average pastor. Wherefore, brother, be of good cheer.

In 1250, it is stated, Cardinal Hugo divided the Bible into chapters. As early as the ninth century Jewish scholars divided the Old Testament into verses. Robert Stephens divided the New Testament into verses in 1551.

It is only necessary to affirm that old-fashioned standards of youthful subordination to parental authority have mostly disappeared from American life; the facts leave no room for argument.

While on his death bed, Andrew Jackson pointed to the Bible and said, "That book is the rock on which our republic rests".

"A SOUND OF THE GOING IN THE TOPS OF THE MULBERRY TREES".

By Secretary W. B. Crumpton.

We have never had such a stir in Alabama as is on now. The appointment of twenty-two vice presidents in the State for the State Board of Missions has initiated a movement which is going to be felt in every corner of the State.

Agitation is the thing we need. These good men are going to agitate. Pastors are going to cooperate with them and the result is going to be an informing campaign, which will awaken interest everywhere.

Already institutes with attractive programs are being inaugurated. One all-day meeting at a central point, with the pastors and leading laymen and interested women present, means much to the kingdom. This is to be repeated the next day at another central point.

Another force at work is the Committee on Cooperation, appointed by the Convention. With prayerful interest they are surveying the field and have outlined a plan to get in touch with every pastor, church and Sunday school in the State.

Our Sunday school force, consisting of Secretary H. L. Strickland, B. Davis of Barbour county, and Miss Virginia Bowcock of Anniston, are actively engaged every day of the week in stirring interest in Sunday schools and Bible and colportage. Good books and tracts will be left in the hands of the people to do service for God in the years to come. A benediction is in store for every community they visit. A new atmosphere in church life will follow in their wake. Pastors, superintendents and teachers will be made stronger by their visits, and will take hold with a new grip. Their work is of the most enduring character—real foundation work.

Miss Mallory and her noble women are striving for great things for Christ and His cause. The secretary's assistant, J. H. Chapman, will soon be in the field. Already they are writing, asking for a visit from him. One of the veterans, S. O. Y. Ray, will be in the State Mission Districts ready to assist the pastor in whooping up collections. He is a strong preacher and a safe adviser.

Besides these forces in the State and for the State, some of the strongest preachers of the South and returned missionaries will be visiting the churches in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Surely no pastor will hesitate to welcome with a glad hand these godly men, who come with cheerful hearts to tell of the great victories by the forces under God and to lay before them a great opportunity to help. The cause of missions is the greatest enterprise that ever engaged the hearts of men or angels! Blessed are the homes where these servants of the Master are housed! Blessings upon those who minister with glad hand to them in their mission of love.

Besides all this, the Roll of Tithers is growing every day. This is a purely voluntary movement on the part of the secretary and the tithers. No board is responsible for it, but every interest is going to feel the effect of it in a most substantial way.

These activities ought to call forth the earnest prayers of all pious souls. "Helping together by prayer for us" was a source of help on which the Apostle put great store.

Surely "the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees" is the signal to "bestir" ourselves, "for the Lord is going out before us".

An Episcopal minister says: "The Baptists have marked advantages over us all. They have an illustrated creed, a creed which sets forth death to sin and a resurrection to holiness of life. Their baptism is a mighty power. They have only to read the book, and do the thing, and every one who hears the command of the Lord, and who witnesses the act of baptism, sees at once the harmony between the two."

Contrasting the ancient church with the modern, Phillips Brooks remarked that the early Christians tried to save their young men from being thrown to the lions. "Now," he added, "we are glad if we can save them from going to the dogs."

WAS CHARLES DICKENS
AN IRRELIGIOUS MAN?

A Memorial Leaf to the Centenary Celebration of
the Birth of the Great English Author.

By CARL THEODOR WETTSTEIN.

On February 7, 1912, the admirers of Charles Dickens will celebrate the centenary of his birth. It is not our purpose here to eulogize or criticize him—we leave that to abler pens. Only on one trait of his character, on which opinions seem to be divided, we want to throw a little light; not by giving our own opinion—that would be like talking to the wind—but simply by referring to a few of the own words of the great author on a subject on which he has been erroneously misjudged by some, or maliciously attacked by others.

Many, even well-intentioned people, have said that Charles Dickens was not a religious man. Of course, when these people read some of Dickens' stories without further thinking about what they are reading, they may receive such an impression. But Charles Dickens explains to these "well-intentioned" persons, in his "Preface to the Pickwick Papers", what his motives were when writing these objectionable parts, as follows:

On Religion.

"Lest there should be any well-intentioned persons who do not perceive the difference between religion and the cant of religion; piety and the pretense of piety; a humble reverence for the great truths of Scripture and an audacious and offensive obtrusion of its letter and not its spirit in the commonest dissensions and meanest affairs of life to the extraordinary confusion of ignorant minds, let them understand that it is always the latter and never the former which is satirized here. Further, that the latter is here satirized as being according to all experience inconsistent with the former, impossible of union with it, and one of the most evil and mischievous falsehoods existent in society. It may appear unnecessary to offer a word of observation on so plain a head. But it is never out of season to protest against that coarse familiarity with sacred things which is busy on the lip, and idle in the heart, or against the confounding of Christianity with any class of persons who, in the words of Swift, have just enough religion to make them hate, and not enough to make them love, one another."

On the Life and Teachings of the Savior.

On the teachings of Christ, he says:
"I have always endeavored in my writings to express reverence for the life and teachings of the Savior because I perceive it."

Christ His Savior.

As to his faith in Christ as his Savior he says in his last will and testament:

"I recommend my soul to the grace of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ, and I admonish my children humbly to let them be guided by the teachings of the New Testament."

What more do these "well-intentioned" persons want than this confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior? It also shows his high esteem for the Scriptures.

On Prayer.

As to his belief in the efficiency of prayer, he writes in a letter to his son:

"Do not neglect the beneficent custom of prayer, morning and night, alone by thyself. I, myself, have always practiced it and have experienced the comfort it brings."

On the New Testament.

In a letter to his son:
"I lay a New Testament among your books, because it is the best book the world has ever known, and will know; and because it gives to men that want to be true and faithful, the very best instructions. I also have requested your brothers to be led by this book, regardless of human interpretations and inventions."

At another time:
revere the New Testament among your books, because I don't believe there are many people that humbly revere the New Testament more than I do. If they accuse me in regard to this of the contrary, it is because of my strong opposition to all obtrusive religious confessions, to all attempts to make busi-

ness out of religion. I consider this as the main obstacle to true Christianity in the world. And the experiences of my life have instilled in my soul a strong aversion to all of those improper quarrels about the letter that exclude hundreds of thousands from the spirit."

On Religion.

In a letter to his son:
"You will remember that, at home, you were never tormented by religious exercises or mere formalities. So much better you will be able to understand it now when I praise to you the truth and beauty of the Christian religion, as Christ Himself has brought it to us, and I solemnly assure you that you can not go astray from the right path if you honor it with humility, but with the full fervor of your soul!"

The above words of Charles Dickens should be able to expel forever all doubts of "well-intentioned" persons as to the religious character of the great English author.

Milwaukee, Wis.

MEN IN THE CHURCH.

John Timothy Stone, D.D.

A positive truth is worth more than a negative. To emphasize the "don't" is to kill the "do"; at least, so we teach our children. Why, then, does this not hold with men? We have heard a great deal of late as to "why men do not attend church". All kinds of reasons have been given, many of which, no doubt, are true; some are mere suppositions. It is not necessary to know the truth through failure when we can see illustrations in success, and study them. Without searching farther, then, "Why men do not attend church", let us ask, "Why men do attend church"; for it is a slander upon the thousands who do attend regularly and devoutly to speak as if there were few or none who do. There are countless churches of all denominations throughout this country and abroad where the congregations always have a large proportion of men.

Sometimes in moments of personal or temporal discouragement the Christian leader unintentionally discloses his coward in calling attention to danger instead of appreciating the loyalty of the faithful. Men do attend church today, not as universally perhaps as we would wish them to, but that desire will never be realized by telling the unchurched men that which is not true as to the church being void of men. If we would speak more encouragingly, we would have more to encourage us. There are undoubtedly many reasons why men are dissatisfied with church services today. We will not enumerate them; Enough has been said along that line.

We believe that positive doctrine has and ever will drive conviction home, and it naturally makes enemies because it tells the truth, and the opponent of that truth reveals by his opposition his smitten conscience. Men do attend church today where they hear the "Prophet's voice", where sin is condemned irrespective of its champions, where the preacher cries more to please God and satisfy his own conscience than he does to flatter his pew-holder and pacify a sin-tampering life. Men also attend church when they are to hear God's voice. The word of God is more alive today than ever before, and this very life is most unmistakably admitted in the pitiful sounds of disappointed worldly wisdom. Men go to church, not because they want to be entertained and amused (few rents and opera seats are not synonymous), but because they want something which will help them live aright. Men want a positive gospel, a soul-stirring conviction.

A pastor in a delightful suburb went into the business office of one of his trustees and said: "Well, sir, I'm discouraged. Can you tell me why more of you men do not come to church?"

The trustee looked his pastor in the eye and said: "Do you want me to speak frankly?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, "I'm here because I've failed, and I want to know why."

The answer was direct, but true. "Men do not come to hear you preach because you tell them continually what you do not believe, and what you do not know and what you do not understand; and that isn't what preaching is for. In fact, men get enough of that sort of thing in their business, at the club,

or in the literature of the day. What we want in church is to hear a sermon that comes from a man of belief and conviction! To hear the man talk who believes something, not one who is in doubt as to what he believes!"

His friend, for such he was, went on to say that if the preacher would fight out his doubts alone on his knees, and then appear before men in the white heat of conviction, empty seats would be unknown in church, and men would not be in the minority.

We believe this simple incident is suggestive. The voice of liberalism and free thought has shouted itself hoarse, and its sound already begins to show sure signs of diseased life. The spirit of true liberty and religious freedom is not to grant the privilege to every doubter to call audiences together to break down the faith of others, not to tell what is not believed. Every man has, however, the opportunity of speaking his convictions, of telling what he does believe. Preaching and worship do not consist in knocking men and their faith down. We question if this be even the highest work of criticism; and preaching is not criticism.

Another power which is filling the Church of Christ with men is full-souled earnestness, impassioned fervor. Such preaching as that of Knox, of which the English ambassador wrote to Cecil: "I assure you the voice of one man is able in an hour to put more life in us than six hundred trumpets continually blustering in our ears". He never lacked men in his audiences.

Holiness of life also draws men. When Elijah spoke men listened. Men left the cities and stood in the desert to hear John the Baptist. But the people, too, have their part, and a church has influence where the men are cordial to each other, where form and formalism are subservient to a kindly word and greeting, where welcome is extended in look, hand and pew. Men attend church today where God is, and where God lives in churchmen through the personal manliness of the ladwelling Christ, who died that we might live and win others.

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"When are ye goin' to pay me that dollar?"
Deaf Man—"How's that?"
"I say it's time ye paid me that dollar."
Deaf Man—"Can't hear a word ye say."
"Wait a milt an' I'll write it down."
Deaf Man—"Tain't no use. Can't see without my specs."

Down the Road

And other essays of nature, life, literature and religion, by William Valentine Kelley, an author of note, is truly full of charming and versatile essays on many interesting topics. The author in this volume evidences the fact that he has an insatiable appetite for knowing many things which he has invited us to taste with him. We assure all who gather about the table which he has set will find a relish which will linger in their mouths for many days.

Eaton & Mains, New York. \$1.50 net.

The Church of the Open Country.

This is one of the Forward Mission Study Courses edited under the direction of the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada and is a study of the church of the working farmer by Warren H. Wilson. In these times when so much is being said and written about country churches we are glad to have this contribution to the solution of a pressing problem, and while not always agreeing with the author, we are indebted to him for bringing together many facts that must be taken into account and also for stimulating us to greater endeavor to do our best in helping to better the conditions.

The Unity of Religions.

A popular discussion of ancient and modern beliefs. Edited by J. Herman Randall, D.D., and J. Gardner Smith, M.D. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. \$2 net.

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Last week we reached Jerusalem and from the point marked 9 on our map looked southeast to the Tower of David and the southern half of the western wall. Then turning to our left we looked to the Jaffa Gate (see 10 on the map). But every visitor to Jerusalem needs first of all to gain a few general views of the city and its surroundings. Turn again to our map and find our next position, numbered 11, on the northern city wall. The map shows also that the city of today is divided into four sections—the Mohammedan quarter on the northeast; the Christian quarter occupied by Greek and Latin (Roman Catholic) Christians, on the northwest; the Armenian quarter on the southwest; and the Jewish on the southeast. From our stand near the Damascus Gate we shall look southwest over the territory included between the two lines that branch from 11, or over the Christian quarter.

Position 11—Jerusalem, "The City of Zion", from the Northern wall.

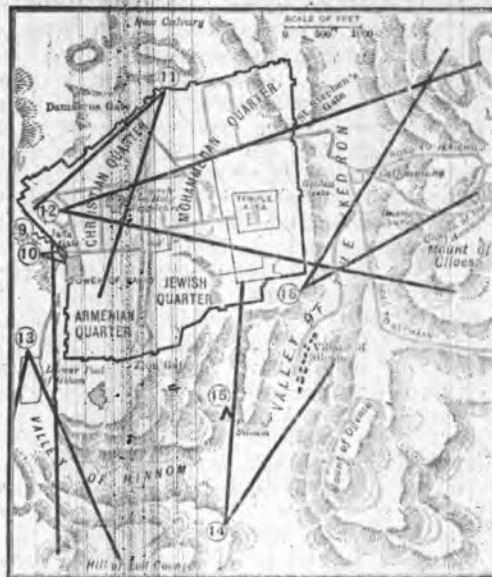
As we look over the city from this point we are reminded at once of David's description, "Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together" (Psalms cxxi:3). It is surely just the opposite of our bustling American cities with their tall buildings and wide streets and varied architecture. There is almost a melancholy monotony in the little one-story and two-story houses with their bulging domes. As for the streets, you can only guess at their location from the lines and terraces of walls made bright by the eastern sun. Individual houses are hardly distinguishable. This house just below us is a typical Oriental dwelling. It opens not on the street, but on an inner courtyard, and it has a platform on part of the roof. And near enough for us to see the mortar in the stone wall and domed roof and the curtains in its beautiful little window is the "upper room". How quickly our thought is carried back to the "large upper room", which must have been very near here, where the Last Supper was held (Mark xiv:15), and to that other "upper room" where the disciples waited after the crucifixion until Pentecost. (Acts 1:13.)

Not many of the taller buildings are specially interesting. That one on the right, with a pointed tower, is a Greek convent. But that building to the left with a large dome and a smaller one is the world-famed church of the Holy Sepulchre, which millions of Christians believe—although scholars disagree about it—covers the site of the Cross and the Tomb of Jesus Christ; while directly beyond the large dome, as our map would lead us to expect, rises the Tower of David.

If the "Jerusalem that now is" were the only Jerusalem, we should not now be gazing upon it with such interest. But as we look back through the centuries we see another Jerusalem that stood here—a city "beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, the city of the Great King" (Psalms xlviii:2). Four hundred years after Abraham passed this way, as he first entered the land, we see his descendants, now grown to a mighty host after their sojourn in Egypt and the wilderness, sweeping past this city on their swift march of conquest (Josh. x:1-10; 16:25; Judges 1:8). We see David's palace rising yonder, not far from the spot where the Tower of David now stands behind the Sepulchre Church (II Sam. v:9-12).

Those grey hills in the distance were once covered with the tents of the Assyrians, when Sennacherib sent his insulting message, and the prophet Isaiah brought back Jehovah's answer. (Isaiah xxxvii:21-35). Chaldean besiegers, Roman armies, medieval knights, all in turn have stormed and possessed this old city. The Jerusalem of today is a "loam Syrian town", but the Jerusalem seen by the inward eye is the Holy City, an image of the heavenly city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Heb. xi:10).

Around to our left, as the map shows, is the Mount of Olives! We shall look in that direction next. We shall stand on a house roof near the western wall (see 12 on our map) and look east



over the territory included between the lines that branch from 12.

Position 12—Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives, East from Latin Hospice.

Yonder, rising outside the city walls to the east, and less than a mile away, is the Mount of Olives, crowned by the pointed tower of a Greek church. And how plainly we can trace those three paths climbing the hill! By one of these—more likely by all of them at different times—our Savior walked over that very hill to Bethany, which lies on the other side of the Mount. Now the hillside is bleak and bare most of the year, but then it was a succession of terraces completely covered with vines and olives. We might well gaze upon it for hours, but we are to go nearer it, and even stand upon it later.

Now let us look at the city below us. There at the left only a few rods away is the larger dome of the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the very church for which untold thousands of Crusaders gave up their lives. That new pointed tower near us to the right is the new German church, belonging to the German government. But formerly it was the headquarters of the Knights of St. John in the crusading ages. Farther away near the eastern wall we can see a large domed building, the "Dome of the Rock", which is built over the altar site of Solomon's Temple. Off in that eastern or Moslem quarter of the city, also, are many more of those little domed houses such as we saw from the northern wall. Just before us here, however, in the better part of the Christian quarter, the roofs are tiled and somewhat pointed. Even a few are shingled. We also see a few chimneys—though usually here the smoke from household fires escapes by a window or door. How plainly we can see the upper courts of these houses near at hand. Around each one is a battlement for the safety of those who frequent it just as was commanded in the ancient law (Deut. xxii:8). If we look carefully, we can see small round openings, in these battlements, arranged in pyramid form. These are constructed to allow the women to look out without being seen, in keeping with the custom of eastern lands. But for these upper courts, the women in these close packed houses would have no out-of-doors, no fresh air, and no sunshine, for they are rarely seen on the street. There are thousands of women in these Oriental cities who never pass outside the doors of their houses from their marriage to their death!

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We can—through the use of prayer, of Bible study, through the habit of remembering God, "set the Lord always before us", and find in that fellowship our joy and strength.

"Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee,
In closer, dearer company;
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
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"In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's opening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live".

O God, true light shining in the darkness, may Thy light shine upon me through all the common things and ways of life. Make me "alive unto God". May I see Thee whenever I look. May this world about me come to wear the look of my Father's home, every object in it dear to me because associated with Him. Help me carefully, patiently, persistently, to remember Thee, to set Thee always before my thought; and so may I find, in fellowship with Thee, the strength and gladness that spring from the consciousness of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—William Pierson Merrill, in "Men at Work".

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\$1; Jackson L. A. S., \$2; Montevallo L. A. S., \$3.50; Crichton L. A. S., \$2; Montevallo L. A. S., \$20; Iron City L. A. S., \$2; Pleasant Valley No. 2 (Cedar Bluff) W. M. S., \$2.85; Saint Stephens W. M. S., \$1; Rockford W. M. S., \$2.55; Atheas W. M. S., \$1.80; Phoenix City (1st) W. M. S., \$2.60; Union (Mobile) L. A. and M. S., \$5; Flomaton W. M. and A. S., \$9; Fitzpatrick W. M. S., \$9; Carlowville W. M. S., \$4; Birmingham (West) W. A. and M. S., \$30; Centerville W. M. S., \$3.60; Tunnel Springs W. M. S., \$1.10; Gadsden (East) W. M. S., \$1.10; Cuba W. M. S., \$24; Orrville L. A. S., \$9; Huntsville (D. A.) L. A. and M. S., \$10; Dothan (H. A.) L. A. and M. S., \$3.75; Collene L. A. and M. S., \$3.60; Wilsonville W. M. S., \$10.30; Dothan (1st) W. M. S., \$14.50; New Prospect (Bigbee) W. M. S., \$10; Bessemer (1st) L. A. and M. S., \$20; Tallasahatchie W. M. S., \$2; Oswichee L. M. and A. S., \$22.05; Tuscaloosa (1st) W. M. S., \$50; Shady Grove (Cherokee) L. A. S., 65c; Ackerville L. A. and M. S., \$6.90; Cynthatchie W. M. S., \$4.25; La Place W. M. S., \$4.25; Shiloh (Union) W. M. S., \$2.75; Prattville W. M. S., \$46; Lafayette W. M. S., \$5; Tusculumbia W. M. and A. S., \$4; Carrollton W. M. S., \$5.75; High Point (Marshall) W. M. S., \$3; Eufula (1st) W. M. S., \$21; Auburn W. M. S., \$25; Collinsville W. M. S., \$1.10; Birmingham (27th St.) L. A. S., \$2.65; Oxford L. A. S., \$20; Newton W. M. S., \$3.85; Perdue Hill W. W., \$2; Burnt Corn W. M. S., \$10.85; Tuscaloosa (M. M.) W. M. S., \$3.60; Pleasant Ridge (Birmingham) W. M. S., \$30; Glencoe W. M. S., \$5; Rogersville ladies, \$45c; Hanceville W. M. S., \$1; Lineville W. M. S., \$10. Total, \$508.87.

Christmas Offering to China.

Bayou La Batre W. M. and A. S., \$1.35; Ansley W. M. S., \$7.50; Healing Springs W. M. S., \$4; Abbeville W. M. S., \$5; Hayneville L. M. S., \$5; Elim (Escambia) W. W., \$10; Old Zion (Judson) W. M. S., \$1; Drewry W. M. S., \$2.50; Winterboro W. M. S., \$1.05; Hurtsboro L. A. and M. S., \$5; Iron City L. A. S., \$150; Indian Creek (Centennial) W. M. S., \$2.60; Dickinson W. M. and A. S., \$1.60; Wilton W. M. S., \$1; Opp W. M. S., \$5.50; Wetumpka L. M. S., \$6.15; Mt. Pisgah (Tenn. River) W. M. S., \$2.75; Thomasville L. A. and M. S., \$5.25; Jasper L. A. S., \$10; Huntsville (Merrimac) W. M. S., \$5; Birmingham (1st) L. A. S., \$1.25; Athens W. M. S., \$3; Pine Hill L. M. and A. S., \$3.10; Lower Peachtree friend, \$1; Selma (2nd) W. M. S., \$2.25; Carlowville W. M. S., \$1; Elba W. M. S., \$15.10; Beatrice W. M. S., \$8.45; Centerville W. M. S., \$3; Tunnel Springs W. M. S., \$1; Livingston W. M. S., \$47.40; Troy (1st) W. M. S., \$60.40; Trussville W. M. S., \$4.50; Cold Water L. A. S., \$2.75; Allenton L. A. and M. S., \$14.85; Pineapple L. A. and M. S., \$30.60; Geneva L. A. and M. S., \$4.30; Huntsville (D. A.) L. A. and M. S., \$2.50; Tuscaloosa (1st) W. M. S., \$25; Northport W. C., \$5.85; Eclectic L. A. and M. S., \$8; Liberty (Lauderdale) W. M. S., \$1.50; Gravelly Springs W. M. S., \$1; Sylacauga L. A. and M. S., \$12.30; Brewton W. M. S., \$16.25; Dothan (1st) W. M. S., \$22; Mt. Olive (Central); W. M. S., \$1.75; Goodwater W. M. S., \$15; Midway L. A. and M. S., \$7.20; Birmingham (Ruhama) L. A. and M. S., \$60; Crichton L. A. and M. S., \$2.10; Coffee Springs W. M. S., \$3; Bessemer (1st) L. A. and M. S., \$3.10; New Decatur (Central) L. M. and A. S., \$20; Repton W. M. S., \$1.85; Cusseta W. M. S., \$7.55; Oswichee L. M. and A. S., \$3; Brundidge W. M. S., \$10; Society Hill W. M. S., \$3.15; Bridgeport W. M. S., \$3; Mt. Gilead (Selma) W. M. S., \$4.43; Mobile (D. W.) W. M. S., \$9; Newbern W. M. and A. S., \$25.10; Florida W. M. S., \$5; Holt L. A. and M. S., \$6; Montevallo L. A. S., \$5; Pratt City L. A. S., \$9.40; Attalla L. A. S., \$6.17; Camp Hill W. M. S., \$11.50; Cedar Bluff W. M. S., \$2.80; East Thomas L. A. S., \$1.51; Bay Minette L. A. S., \$1.85; Greenville W. W., \$4.70; Prattville W. M. S., \$35; Cherokee W. M. and A. S., \$5.80; Ackerville L. A. and M. S., \$10.75; Birmingham (East) W. A. and M. S., \$3; Bermuda W. M. S., \$2; Avondale (1st) L. A. S., \$30; Whatley W. M. and A. S., \$2.25; Isney L. A. and M. S., \$9; Thomaston W. M. S., \$5.25;

Selma (1st) W. M. S., \$31.50; Birmingham (Hunter St.) L. A. S., \$2.18; Lafayette W. M. S., \$16; Huntsville (1st) W. M. S., \$23.50; Tusculumbia W. M. and A. S., \$2.45; Eutaw W. M. and A. S., \$4; Cordova W. M. S., \$8; High Point (Marshall) W. M. S., \$1; Demopolis L. A. and M. S., \$15; Montgomery (1st) W. M. S., \$12; Fayette L. A. S., \$2; Hoboken (Bethel) W. M. S., \$3.06; Birmingham (56th St.) L. A. and M. S., \$13; Decatur (1st) W. M. and A. S., \$4.20; Moulton L. A. S., \$8; Shiloh (Salem-Troy) W. M. S., \$6.30; Mt. Zion (East Liberty) W. M. S., 75c; Florence (1st) W. M. S., \$5.05; Town Creek (Selma) L. B. S., \$1.70; Union Springs W. M. S., \$59; Auburn W. M. S., \$25; Dora L. A. S., \$4; Columbiana L. A. S., \$5; Evergreen W. M. S., \$29.30; Birmingham (Calvary) L. A. and M. S., \$1.25; Moulton L. A. S., \$1; Albertville W. M. S., \$7.50; Hartford W. M. S., \$2.75; Newton W. M. S., \$3.70; Louisville W. M. S., \$20; Pleasant Hill L. A. S., \$6.50; Belmont W. M. S., \$6; Sister Springs L. A. and M. S., \$14.35; County Line (East Liberty) W. M. S., \$10; Montgomery (Clayton St.) W. M. S., \$1.25; Pleasant Ridge (Birmingham) W. M. S., \$8; Forest Home W. M. S., \$2.50; Birmingham (West) W. M. and A. S., \$6.10; York W. M. and A. S., \$4.35; Thomaston W. M. and A. S., \$3. Total, \$1,223.30.

Sunbeam Christmas Offerings to Kindergartens.

Healing Springs, \$1; Brundidge, \$2.05; Cuba, \$6; Montgomery (1st), \$1.37; Tunnel Springs, \$1.65; Louisville, \$1.75; Thomasville, \$6; Blocton (1st), \$2; Mt. Olive (Central), 75c; Mt. Carmel (Etowah), \$1.80; Town Creek (Selma), \$1.75; Fayette, 55c; Sister Springs Tri-Society, 25c; Bridgeport, 75c; Mobile (D. W.), \$1.40; Holt, \$1.50; Whatley, 20c; Ackerville, \$1.25; Brewton, \$13; Florida, \$10; Pine Hill, \$1.80; Samson, \$1; Andalusia, \$5.57; Moulton, \$1.65; Marion, \$2.50; Belmont, \$2; Pleasant Valley No. 2, \$1.50. Total, \$73.04.

Medical Work.

Tuscaloosa (1st) Y. W. A., \$10; Anniston (P. M.) Y. W. M. S., \$148; Pratt City Jr. Y. W. A., \$3. Total, \$161.

Sunbeam Offerings to Kindergartens.

Opelika (Carmel), 25c; Albertville, \$2; Tunnel Springs, \$1; Roanoke, \$4; Bay Minette, \$2; Mobile (1st), \$8; Beatrice, \$2; Hartford, \$1.25; Montevallo, \$1.68; Town Creek, 52c; River Hill, \$2.50; Oswichee, \$4.70; Ackerville, \$1; Boaz, \$4; Florence all-day meeting, \$2.72; Montgomery Silver Jubilee, \$6.37; Birmingham (East), \$2.15; Cleveland, \$2; New Decatur (Central), \$1.50; Belmont, \$1.80; Pratt City, \$4.35. Total, \$55.79.

Miss Willie Kelly.

Selma (1st) W. M. S., \$25; Oxford L. A. S., \$5. Total, \$30.

Miss Anna Hartwell.

Bessemer (1st) L. A. S., \$6.25; Birmingham (1st) L. A. S., \$65; Trussville W. M. S., \$5; Pratt City L. A. S., \$6.25. Total, \$82.50.

Native Worker.

Columbia W. M. S., \$25; Evergreen W. M. S., \$20.50. Total, \$45.50.

Bible Woman.

Montgomery (1st) friend, \$15.

Jubilee Offering to Foreign Missions.

New Decatur (Central) W. M. and A. S., \$30; Birmingham (1st) L. A. S., \$135; Troy (1st) W. M. S., \$8.35; Bay Minette L. A. S., \$1; Avondale (1st) L. A. S., \$6; Lafayette W. M. S., \$5. Total, \$185.35.

Foreign Mission Debt.

Anniston (P. M.) Y. W. M. S., \$12.50.

Christmas Offering to Medical Work.

Fayette Y. W. A., 95c; Montgomery (1st) Y. W. A., \$21.12; Talladega (1st) Y. W. A., \$4.55; Troy Y. W. A., \$22; Anniston (P. M.) M. J., \$8; Cusseta Y. P. U., \$1.25; Scottsboro Y. W. A., \$2.50; Selma (1st) Y. W. A., \$18.50; Montgomery (H. A.) Y. W. A., \$1.05; Jackson Y. W. A., \$4.50; Jacksonville Y. L. M. S., \$30; Gadsden (1st) Y. W. A., \$9; Anniston (P. M.) F. M. B., \$5.50; Brewton Y. W. A., \$20.75; Mobile (D. W.) Y. W. A., \$4.35; Roanoke Jr. Y. W. A., \$5.60. Total, \$159.62.

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THE SITUATION IN CHINA

T. B. Ray.

The situation in China is extremely perplexing. Perhaps, a no more authoritative statement can be made upon this subject than that made by the Committee of Conference and Counsel, one of the leading committees appointed by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. This conference consists of representatives from all the Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada. The committee in its annual report to the conference, which met January 12, reviewed at length the turbulent unrest in the Far East. We quote the following from this illuminating document.

The Upheaval.

"The most stupendous and significant of all is the revolution which the year has seen in China. Christendom has been amazed by the magnitude and also by the swiftness and decisiveness of that revolution. The nation which has the largest population within a compact area of any nation in the world, whose people have hitherto so lacked national spirit that they were not able to act together, a people who have had such insufficient means for inter-communication that it was difficult for one part of the empire even to know the conditions in another part of the empire, a people who have been proverbially conservative and slow-moving, have suddenly shown a solidarity and determination of action which would have been deemed inconceivable a short time ago.

Our Responsibility.

"The most solemn responsibility rests upon the Christian churches and upon their missionaries at such a time as this. They need to a remarkable degree, a combination of wisdom, of patience, of fortitude, of courage, and of firmness. Having been led by an imperative sense of duty to preach the new faith to the world, having declared those truths which always and everywhere awaken the minds of men, they must continue their work. They can not set in motion such vast reconstructive forces and then abandon their efforts when the old walls begin to crumble and the air is filled with flying debris and clouds of dust. The overshadowing question in Asia today is whether the people of God will be equal to the new emergency, whether they will be frightened by the crash and tumult, or whether they will have the faith and determination undimmed to push their cause. If we think of the answer to this question from the viewpoint of the Divine purpose and power, we shall, of course, unhesitatingly answer in the affirmative. But we are to consider the question from the viewpoint of human as well as Divine. God has chosen to work through His people; and will His people in Europe and America respond to His call? Will they see that the missionary enterprise, which stands for the purifying and regenerative influences of the world, is so sustained that it will be adequate to the colossal needs of the new era?

The Forces at Work.

"The work which is now represented by 4,299 foreign missionaries, 11,661 Chinese ministers, teachers and evangelists, 3,485 stations and out-stations, 2,029 primary schools, 1,116 academies, colleges, industrial, medical nurses' and normal schools, 170 hospitals, 14 orphanages, 16 leper asylums, three homes for untainted children of lepers, 11 institutions for the blind and for deaf mutes, five rescue homes for fallen women, 100 opium refugees, two industrial homes, one asylum for the insane, 2,341 churches with 278,628 members, a Christian community of \$750,000 and property valued at millions of dollars—all this not including the missions of the Roman Catholic Church. Our work has been greatly prospered, the growth in a decade having been 175 per cent. The missionaries are in immediate charge of this extensive enterprise.

Dangers and Needs.

"Many of the missionaries in China are still at their stations and are continuing their work in spite of the difficulties of the time. However, a number of missionaries at exposed interior stations have been compelled to go to the treaty ports by order of the American minister and consuls. The revolutionist and imperialist leaders do not desire foreigners to be molested, but in the places referred to the local governments are completely disorganized, there is no power that can hold lawless ele-

ments in check and the points are so remote or difficult of access that assistance can not be rendered. It is felt that for missionaries to remain at such stations is not only to jeopardize their own lives, a danger from which the devoted missionary does not shrink, but to incur the risk of international complications which it is extremely desirable to avoid.

"These missionaries still need our sympathies and prayers. It is hard for them to think of what may happen to the work which means so much to them. They are, too, crowded into port cities under special expense, which they can ill afford and which it will be difficult for the boards to meet unless they have enlarged support.

"The Chinese Christians involved need our sympathies and prayers more than ever. Deprived of the guidance of the missionaries to whom they are accustomed to look, they must now stand alone at a time of chaos bordering on anarchy, and amid all the sufferings incident to civil war, sometimes of a guerilla character.

The Future.

"We do not profess to know what the future may have in store, either in China or in the other countries where revolutionary movements are in progress. It is entirely possible, and perhaps probable, that there may be a long period of disturbance in one or more of these lands. The movement toward better conditions may be attended by mistakes and manifestations of human passion. It may even appear for a time that the new era is more trying than the old. But let us not be deceived by the disturbances incident to a period of transition during which good and evil are struggling together, for the mastery and during which also mixed motives appear among those who are being used, perhaps unconsciously to themselves, for the inauguration of a better day. Whatever may be the blunders and crimes of the changing order, however uncertain progress may be here and there, whatever backward steps may be taken for a time, it is clear that conditions can never revert to their former state. The old order has been broken up once for all. That dam has burst. While the devastating flood is still surging about us, let us have faith to believe that the day will come when it will subside and when a new and more fruitful earth will appear."

Richmond, Va.

FROM FAR-AWAY CHINA.

To Alabama Baptists:—For months you good people have been busy attending associations. The first of November I attended one which you would have enjoyed. We traveled the greater part of three days to reach Tengchowfu, the place of meeting—our mother church.

Our Pullman stops for the night and two hours for noon each day. The journey consisted of four stages, each stage being sixty or twenty miles long.

Our modes of "slowmotion" are not the most comfortable or convenient, but the meetings were well worth the hardships of the journey.

Twenty-four churches were represented, including one church in Manchuria, two in the Swedish Baptist mission and two in the far western part of this province.

This was the first meeting since we met in Chefoo eighteen months ago. The epidemic of plague prevented the meeting last spring.

These twenty-four churches, four of which are new, reported 1,074 baptisms. Glorious report that.

The moderator was Mr. Wan, one of the seminary faculty. He was a Presbyterian for ten years before he became a Baptist. In his own witty way he said: "I was dead ten years before I was buried." He made a most excellent moderator and the secretary was one of the best I have ever seen.

The missionaries sat back and enjoyed the proceedings, thinking God for such a capable, strong body of Chinese Christians.

The first high water mark was reached on the morning of the third day, when the Home Mission Board made its report. You have heard before of this board and its work. The field is "out west". Why is it that the Macedonian call has ever come from the west? Last year the Home Mission Society supported two evangelists in the west. They reported two churches organized, and more than

100 baptisms. When these two brethren left their field of labor they told the people goodbye with heavy hearts, for they hadn't much hopes of going back—owing to scarcity of money in the society treasury. How our hearts were stirred as they told of the work and repeated the appealing cry from those Christians out there. I can still hear the pleading-call, "Come save us". Just before the service began there came to Pastor Li a letter from those people. He looked at it and brought it to the moderator, saying: "I can't read it", and sat down weeping aloud. The moderator, a calm, quiet man, could hardly read for weeping. All over the house men were in tears. Why? All because they had heard again the Macedonian cry.

How they did give that morning! They gave more than twice as much as they had ever given before. Immediately after this collection another was taken for the Pingtu famine sufferers.

We sat there and wept for joy over the evidences of real genuine Christian love in the hearts of these people.

The very purpose of the existence of the Shantung Baptist Association was being fulfilled. They gave of their means to buy bread for their starving neighbors, and better still, they gave money to send the Bread of Life to their dying neighbors out yonder, whose appeal I can hear yet, "Come, save us!"

Next year the Home Mission Society will send back not two men, but four. They are looking farther west to another field. Great numbers of people from this province are moving to Shensi, where land is very cheap. After the floods many from Pingtu county began to go. Probably seventy-five or one hundred Shantung Baptists are out there now.

At our recent meeting the people were greatly stirred by the thought that as God sent persecution upon the saints at Jerusalem even so did he send floods upon the Pingtu Christians to scatter them. The burden of every heart was that they that are scattered abroad may go about preaching the Word.

Next Spring Pastor Li will go to Shensi to look after his sheep. Still the Macedonian cry comes from the West.

We have visions of a brighter day for China. When this war is over much superstition and prejudice will have vanished. I don't know just how it will come to pass. But I do know that God has great numbers of His own who have not yet come unto Him because of superstition and fear of ridicule. Every one that the Father hath given Him will come unto Him.

China will not be divided among the other powers. God has a purpose in preserving this, the oldest nation in existence today.

When the glory and honor of the nations are brought into the New Jerusalem, China, still intact, a saved and purified China, will be there.

God help the people of America to be much in prayer for China at this time. Pray for us, your representatives, not only that we may have strength for our labors, but above all just now we need submission and patience to wait, while God works in this war.

ALICE HUEY.

Lalchowfu, China, Dec. 25, 1911.

The social survey of Louisville, Ky., conducted by the Men and Religion Movement indicated that 80 per cent. of the men and boys of the city were out of touch with the church. This fact so thoroughly aroused the Christian men of Louisville that they determined to extend the influence of the church into hitherto untouched fields. Meetings are held in shops, factories, school houses, fire engine houses and club houses. Indeed, at every point where men gather together an effort is being made to bring the gospel message. The Christian leaders of the city recognize the value of the work already done among the unchurched, but they consider of equal or even greater value the new viewpoint which the church has acquired.

The man who covets earnestly the best gifts is not the man who is seeking the way of ease and pleasure.

The interests of the Sabbath are the interests of the poor; the enemies of the Sabbath are the enemies of the poor.—Prof. George Adam Smith.

SUPPORT IN DUTY

Of all people in the world, the Christian has the most to support him in the discharge of every duty. He has far less reason for discouragement than any unsaved person has. A mere professor of religion may expect to have a great many discouragements, for he has no guarantee of God's support. It is quite otherwise with the true Christian, for he has the assurance that God is with him. There could not possibly be a greater assurance than this; indeed, it is far the greatest of all. What the Christian should do is to constantly keep this truth in mind. He who has a vivid sense of the truth that, in performing all duties, however great and arduous they may be, God is actually with him, is strongly fortified against fear and discouragement.

One secret of the unflagging courage which Moses had in his many years of service for the very erring Israelites was his clear vision of the truth that God was with him, all the way through. Just before his entering upon that great duty, and while he was hesitating, because of the greatness of the work, and a deep consciousness of his own weakness and lack of wisdom, God said to him: "Certainly I will be with thee". That word, "certainly", must have had a large meaning to Moses. It was a token of utmost reliability. When God said that word, He thereby guaranteed a perpetuation of His almighty presence with Moses. It must have lifted him above all fear of failure. It girded him with power for his vast duty. Dr. Torrey has given such stimulating thoughts on this subject that we quote them. He says: "God had given Moses a hard task to perform—an apparently impossible task. In dismay, Moses had replied: 'Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?' God's answer is all-sufficient, 'Certainly I will be with thee'. If God sends us, and God is with us, then nothing is impossible. It does not matter who we are, if God is with us. And God is with us, if we are going forth to the work to which He sends us. It certainly is desirable to have the support of our fellowmen, especially of our fellow-Christians, but it is not absolutely necessary".

The greatest question is, Is God with us? If He is, then all duty can be triumphantly performed by us.

BETTER CHILD LABOR LAWS

In summarizing the legislative phases of its seventh year's work, the forthcoming report of the National Child Labor Committee issued from its office at 105 East Twenty-second street, New York city, will call attention to improvements in child labor laws enacted since January 1, 1911, in thirty States.

The eight-hour day, exclusion of all children from night work and dangerous occupations, and elimination of minor boys from the night messenger service have been the main objectives of the National Child Labor Committee's legislative campaign, and the committee has also attempted through exhibits, publications and in co-operation with all national and local agencies interested in child welfare to develop a keener interest in law enforcement and in a revision of educational methods to meet the needs of our industrial civilization.

We regret to learn that in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama all important measures were defeated through the opposition of cotton manufacturers. The National Child Labor Committee has some hard fighting to do before child labor is abolished in America.

WILL THEY POSSESS THE LAND?

The stream of immigration flowing into America brings to the surface many pressing questions which call for our best thought. It has been wisely pointed out that, rightly settled, even on mediocre land, the foreigner from the agricultural districts of the old world has proved his capacity for agricultural development as well as for rural citizenship in a hundred instances. Under present conditions the capable, hard-working foreigner with his family is able to out-compete the industrious American, with a smaller family, a higher standard of

NEWTON'S HOUR

Far and wide in Alabama and beyond the borders of our State, have been sung the praises of Newton Baptist Collegiate Institute. Boys and girls have gone from this school to honor it by the high stand they have taken in the institutions of higher learning and in the position of teachers throughout the State. The destruction of the buildings is a loss to Newton. It is a grievous loss to the section lying immediately round Newton, but the loss is state-wide. To allow the school to suffer in this crisis is to bring suffering upon the body of Baptist education throughout the State. Newton has been, indeed, the right arm of our power in the State in the matter of secondary education.

We look upon the loss of the buildings as a calamity, but under God we shall make it a blessing. Not unfrequently is the suffering of a man the means of attracting to him friends that he has sorely needed for a long time. It shall be so with Newton. The attention of the Baptist brotherhood of the State is turned to her need. The call is upon every Baptist of the State and upon every church. The interests of the denomination in the whole State have been served by this splendid school. Prof. Tate and his corps of teachers have struggled to make the school what it is. We have faith in the brotherhood of the State to rally to them now and replace the buildings with better ones by the time for the fall opening.

The Education Commission, backed by the Committee on Co-operation, have decided, and wisely, we think, to sidetrack every other interest for a few weeks that the attention of the whole State may be centered on Newton. Dr. W. J. E. Cox will be in the field and push the work of gathering funds. All subscriptions should be forwarded to him direct to 1927 Avenue H, Birmingham.

Let's have an old-fashioned "house-raising" for Newton. For a brief space will we give one long, steady pull, the whole brotherhood united. Then next fall the trustees of Newton will give us a barbecue at the opening of the school and we will all go down to rejoice with them and to see the splendid buildings that have been erected.

living, and a stronger desire for the "appurtenances of leisure".

This is worth thinking about. It is not merely an economic question, but a social one.

It takes no prophet to see that the ultimate settlement of rural New England by foreign farmers—Italian, Slavic, Hebrew, perhaps, Teuton—is inevitable. Gradually they are dotting the rural districts with their farms, slipping quietly but surely into the homes vacated by native New England farmers.

And their land hunger is going to send them South. The federal authorities consider their duty well done when they have safely landed the newcomers in New York city, but if we are wise we will improve our methods and be ready to compete with them when they become our neighbors.

Among the unworthy, whether in college or out, we may find two classes; the distinctly vicious and immoral, and the triflers. The first destroy themselves and endanger all who come near them. The members of the second class are like warts, not dangerous but undesirable. The young man who enters college only to join the "fast set", who drinks and carouses and gives free rein to lust, is not only spoiled but becomes a spoiler.—Standard.

There are people who have a wishbone where the backbone ought to be, who luke-warmly wish for success but are not willing to pay the price of effort to attain it.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Social Service Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention, in a carefully prepared report, called attention to a number of evils that threaten society, defined some of the social problems that confront Christian people, and presented a comprehensive and constructive program of Social Service which was unanimously adopted. These are the chief points to which attention is directed:

"For the Family—The teaching of sex hygiene; uniform divorce laws and for stricter regulation of marriage; sanitary homes and tenements; the abolition of over-crowding, and the guarantee of sufficient room for health and decency; the preservation of the home against industrial invasion.

"For the Church—Making the church a true social center; the federation of the churches and co-operation in city saving; such comity and co-operation as shall prevent the needless duplication of churches in towns and cities; the investigation by the churches of city conditions and community needs.

"For Civic Betterment—The suppression of vile literature, unclean shows and unfit pictures; the abolition of the liquor traffic, opium and cocaine and other habit-forming drugs; the suppression of the red light district and the white slave traffic; playgrounds and city parks accessible to the people; more rational and moral forms of amusement; civic service methods in all civic offices; the active participation of all men of good will in civic affairs.

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KEEPING ACCURATE RECORDS

We congratulate pastor M. P. Edwards and Superintendent R. D. Webb, of Auburn, on the good showing made by the Sunday school during the fourth quarter. The pastor says:

"Our experience for three years has convinced us of the importance of accurate records in the Sunday school. Every member of our school is marked on attendance, lesson study, and contribution. This record is preserved. In future years it will be possible to look at our records and learn whether or not any particular member was on time, studied his lesson, and contributed on any particular Sunday. In marking ourselves on these three points, we believe that we are helping to form habits that are needed in every life. When our people have formed the habit of regularity of attendance upon the church services, the habit of Bible study, and the habit of giving liberally to God's work, the evangelization of the world will be possible".

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John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has severed his connection with the campaign against white slavery, believing that his two years' service has been effective in obtaining a law in New York state which will control white slavery.

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Ex-Sheriff C. D. Johns, of Nashville, Tenn., will have his new book, "Tennessee's Pond of Liquor and Pool of Blood," ready to deliver to the anxious public by the last of February. This book will be all that its title implies. In keeping with the writer, Mr. C. D. Johns, it will be a plain, straightforward statement of facts, showing that the once proud, Old Volunteer State of Tennessee is now famous for her corruption, and that the once proud "Athens of the South," Nashville, her capital city, has truly fallen.

Mr. Johns has recently served as sheriff of Davidson County, of which Nashville is the county seat, being elected on the independent ticket, defeating, for the first time in the history of the state, a democratic nominee in a democratic stronghold. His record as an honest, intelligent, impartial and fearless law-enforcing officer has never been equalled in Tennessee, this being admitted by both political friend and foe.

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I was made sad to know of the destruction of the Newton Baptist school. Its loss will be felt by those who have made such sacrifices to have it erected and properly equipped. I trust that those intelligent enough however to realize the loss sustained will willingly give their aid and assistance toward having it rebuilt right away. A little help from every one in such cases will seem but little to them individually, but in the aggregate it will mean much to those who have struggled so earnestly to have it built and have borne the battle's brunt heretofore.

With much love to you and your family, which includes those two bright boys to a very great degree, and wishing you much success during this year, upon which we are just entering, with love towards and for the friends of our denomination whom it has been my very great pleasure to know and love all along through my life, I am

Your friend and brother,
F. D. STUART.

Selma, Ala.

LAFAYETTE.

During the last four months the Lord has greatly blessed us here. We have received six by baptism and 13 by letter, a total of 19.

Last week the Ladies' Mission Society had their week of prayer, and the meetings were largely attended. The offering amounted to over \$20.

During December the Sunday school gave \$40 to the orphanage, and since has sent a large contribution to the same place.

The B. Y. P. U. is hard at work. The young people are studying missions. They have given liberally to several causes lately, and hope to do great things in the near future.

Our prayer meetings are well attended. No night so bad that we cannot count on an attendance of 50, and often there are 85.

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us. Our pastor will spend the month of February at the seminary taking a course of lectures.

D. I. PURSER, JR.,
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OBITUARY.

Our heads are bowed in grief at the departure from this earth of our dearly beloved and sainted mother of Israel, Sister William Templin, whom to know was to love and trust. Sister Templin suffered for a long time from cancer, and while her many friends hoped that she would be spared, they also knew that the character of the disease was such that would inevitably prove fatal in the end. Although she suffered much and knew that the time was near at hand when she would have to give up all that this world held dear and good to her, she faced it with great fortitude, trusting always in God, the maker and creator of all things good to man. Sister Templin was buried at Shiloh Baptist church Sunday, where a number of sorrowing friends witnessed the last tribute of respect to our departed dead, whom to know was to love. She leaves a husband and several sons and daughters; together with a large family connection, besides a host of sorrowing friends, to mourn her loss. Sister Templin was born and lived in and near Dallas county all of her life until the last few years, when she and Brother Templin moved to Gastonburg.

F. D. STUART.

I thought you might enjoy hearing that things are moving in a most interesting way in Talladega these days. Since the beginning of the present pastorate seven months ago, we have without any special collection paid off about \$700 of an old debt and received 50 members to the church in the regular services. We have organized a most promising B. Y. P. U., adopted the duplex envelope system with Brother Crumpton's schedule, given a handsome raise to the pastor's salary and started off in the new year as a united and enthusiastic body. I am on my way to Hartford to assist Fleming in a meeting. Yours fraternally—J. M. Thomas.

On Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, we had two excellent sermons by Brother Flood, of Attalla. Our church, Union, at Gallant is in sore need of strong leadership, and we believe me now have this in the person of Brother Flood, whom we have recently called as pastor. We hope to be helped by him to higher things. Mrs. L. B. W.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed by Moses Clay, Sr., to the undersigned on the 4th day of April, 1911, and recorded in volume 625, record of deeds, at page 100, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in the same, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 11th day of March, 1912, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Surface right, situated in section 20, township 17, south, range 3 west, to-wit: Two lots or parcels of land, each 42 feet by 100 feet, more or less, described as follows; and located 42 feet south of the N. E. corner of an acre of ground bought by C. D. Ebersole and W. A. Simmlins of T. C. North, and deed to which is recorded in volume 95, page 310, record of deeds for Jefferson county, Alabama, said acre of ground described as follows: Begin 209 feet east of the northwest corner of the S. E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 20, Tp. 17, range 3 west, thence south 209 feet, thence east 203 feet, thence north 209 feet, thence west 209 feet to the point of beginning. The two lots or parcels of land herein conveyed adjoin and lie immediately south of the lot conveyed to R. E. Johnson by Ebersole and Sumner, and front the Coalburg railroad of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & R. R. Company, known as the "Drift Track," at Pratt City, Ala.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Cynthia Wiley on the 15th day of May, 1911, and recorded in volume 626, record of deeds, at page 124, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in the same, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 11th day of March, 1912, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

The north half of lot 5, in block 112, South Smithfield, fronting 50 feet on Smithers Boulevard and extending back of uniform width 126 feet; this being the identical property conveyed by deed by Joseph R. Smith, Sr., and wife, Mary Smith, in January, 1887, and recorded in volume 77, page 466, probate records of Jefferson county, Alabama.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Will Walker and wife, Alice Walker, on the 17th day of May, 1911, and recorded in volume 626, record of deeds, at page 129, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in the same, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 11th day of March, 1912, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 4, in block 22, according to the plan and survey of the Eureka Land Company, as recorded in map book 5, page 68, probate records of Jefferson county, Alabama.

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THEM FURRINNERS.

Some of us who are ex-Alabamians have been just a little amused at the Hunter-Cox controversy, which has been going on for some time in the Alabama Baptist. Whether it savors of pacification, edification, evangelization, education, brim dissipation or religious constipation, are questions whose answers would vary according to the side one takes. Most of us are so constituted that we can scarcely refrain from "lining up" mentally on either one side or the other of every controversy we follow through. The writer knows of a case illustrating this in a leading city church, in which was a certain man so indifferent to the onward movement of his church that he had not attended prayer meeting and the monthly business meeting of his church for years. In his absence it was proposed by some one that the individual communion service be adopted. He heard of it (of course) and then "lined up" and made the speech of his life against "them furrin innovations."

But the thing which is now worrying some of us who had the honor of Alabama birth and education in part and who are now happily, and we believe providentially, located in other states, is that we, too, are "furriners." The printed page is such a "news-toter," and the people of other states, also being sons of Adam, with pretty much the same characteristics, we are afraid they will hear of the Alabama troubles and institute such a movement against us on the same grounds. The movement might have better success in other parts than it seems to have had there. At any rate some of us don't want to be placed in the category as probable subjects for criticism because of our birth being "furrin" to these parts, we being unable to change it at this late date.

While we love our native state for what she has done for us, for what she is and for what both the "furriners" and the natives are doing to increase her glory, we also love our new heath, our new brotherhood and our new work.

So far as honor are concerned we long ago learned that Darwin's law, "the survival of the fittest," will apply in giving and receiving honors quite as well, if not a little better, than anywhere else.

Honor as an attachment to character is very much like the vermiform appendix in the human body. So long as there is no swelling it doesn't hurt one, and while it does no harm, it does no real good. But when the swelling does come, woe betide that man! He is laid at once on the operating table and sometimes never gets up.

O. T. ANDERSON.
Mannington, W. Va.

Good news comes from Rev. Preston Blake, pastor of the Southside church, of Birmingham. He has recently been very ill with typhoid fever, and for days his life was despaired of. Now, however, the crisis is passed, and he is rapidly and steadily climbing back to health. Dr. Blake is a native of Mathews county, Virginia, though his ministerial life has been spent in Kentucky, and more lately in Alabama. We should rejoice to have him some day in a Virginia pastorate.—Religious Herald.

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The church here has called Brother R. M. Hunter, who has accepted, and preached his first sermon last Sunday. Brother Hunter will reside at Flomaton, where he is nicely located, the church there having recently purchased a pastor's home. I think the church here is as near a unit on Brother Hunter as they have ever been on a pastor, and we expect him to do a good work. Surely the field is white for the harvest, as is all this South Alabama section. Good preachers are not as plentiful here as they ought to be, but we that are here are doing our best.

Brother W. M. Murray, of Brewton, has his new church almost completed, and when finished it will be one of the prettiest and most substantial buildings south of Montgomery. The cost when finished will not exceed \$20,000. Murray has worked hard to complete it, yet he never misses an opportunity to preach to outlying territory in waste places and pastorless churches. He and his church have a novel scheme to do mission work that is well worth emulating by other city churches and pastors. They have purchased a Ford automobile at a cost of \$600 or \$700, so that their pastor can give Saturday and Sunday afternoons to places adjacent to Brewton where preaching is needed. Brother Murray is a strong preacher, and this plan will give him a chance to help the country pastors and churches, besides preaching where there are no churches. City and town preachers have not heretofore taken as much interest in the country churches as they would if they could have gotten to them, but by the automobile way a preacher any Sunday afternoon can go 15 or 20 miles and preach and still be back in his pulpit at night. The writer had a talk with Brother Murray today about his plans when the automobile should arrive, which is now on the way, and will no doubt be in use before this appears in print.

Brother Hunter, having accepted the call to Atmore, leaves a vacancy at Maros, 20 miles from here. They need a good, strong preacher, but just now I understand they are corresponding with Brother Jordan, of Castleberry.

R. W. BROOKS.

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A MODERATOR STIRRED UP BY FIGURES.

Dear Sir and Brother: I am writing you on the paper of the committee on co-operation to call your special attention to some statistics on the margin of this sheet. I am sure you will agree with me that this is a very deplorable condition. Out of 2,014 Baptist churches in Alabama 1,103 gave nothing for State Missions! My brother, think for a minute; more than half of our churches paid nothing last year for State Missions! You often hear brethren say they don't believe in Foreign Missions. Don't this look like thousands of them don't believe in any kind of missions? Follow up the list and not—about half the churches pay nothing for Home and Foreign Missions. A few more gave for the orphanage than for missions. About one-fourth of our churches pay for Christian education and aged and infirm ministers. 1911 was the best crop ever produced by our farmers. Think what we are withholding from the Lord! My brethren, this condition should make us go to God in prayer and cause us to resolve at the beginning of this year to plan and work to get every church in our association to do more for every interest fostered by our boards. Brother pastor, what we do this year depends largely upon the interest you manifest in these collections.
"Let us pull and work together and do our best to make this the best year of our association. Write to both Brother Crumpton and myself and let us know if we can count on your cooperation. Yours fraternally"

The figures referred to are as follows:
The Baptists of Alabama have: 2,014 churches in Alabama. 185,728 church members and 110,583 in the Sunday schools. Many thousands, the vast majority of members, not in the Sunday school. 1,103 gave nothing for State Missions. 964 gave nothing for Home Missions, 970 gave nothing for Foreign Missions. 1,572 gave nothing for education. 876 gave nothing for orphanage. 1,570 gave nothing for aged and infirm ministers.

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Richmond Place, \$1.91; McElwain, \$4; Pleasant Ridge, \$5.45; New Prospect, \$5.25; Hunter Street, \$3.40; Hunter Street Sunday school, \$4.90; West Woodlawn, \$28.86; West Woodlawn, \$11.65; West Woodlawn Sunday school, \$8; East Birmingham, \$40; Powderly, \$4.50; Union, \$1; Elyton, \$4.50; Tuxedo, \$3.20; Tuxedo, \$10; Woodlawn, \$100; Pratt City, \$17.42; Pratt City, \$1.25; Huffman, \$4.15; Sulphur Springs, 85 cents; Edgewater, \$1.25; West End, \$25.89; Packer Memorial, \$16.75; Wylam, \$12; Ensley, \$52.45; Twenty-first Avenue, \$15; Leeds, \$3.07; Summit, \$1.82; Irondale, \$2.20; Avondale, \$10; total, \$400.72.

There are approximately 45 churches in the Birmingham Association that have thus far not been heard from. It is to be hoped that the brethren will look into this matter at once, and if an offering was not made during December for State Missions, it certainly ought to be done yet.

A. A. WALKER.

The Bridgeport Baptist church had two good services yesterday, January 14. Preaching by a visiting minister, Rev. G. H. Carr, of Georgia. Our people are so glad to hear a sermon. We have been without a pastor here since October. Pray for us, and do not forget to pray for us especially in our struggles to build a house of God in which to worship.—A Member.

The report of the board of directors of the Southern California Baptist Convention for the year ending December 31, 1911, makes a good showing, and we congratulate Brother J. F. Watson, the corresponding secretary, on his splendid work.

I have tried to get some subscribers, but failed. Our church is without a pastor. We are keeping up our Sunday school. I wish you and yours much success in your great work. I don't want to miss a single copy. Your friend—Mrs. T. P. Kendrick.

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No incoming pastor could wish for a more kindly and cordial welcome than this church has extended, and all the indications are favorable to the accomplishment of a good work on this field. We had a very good service Sunday morning, though rain cut down the attendance, and we were entirely rained out Sunday night.

Success to the Alabama Baptist.
Fraternally,
I. N. KIMBROUGH.
Camden, Ala.

NEWS AND VIEWS.

I have just gotten home from Good Hope church, in Russell county; have been serving this church since October, 1910, and a nobler little flock cannot be found in Alabama. Only 11 in number, and for the year 1910-11 paid for all purposes \$104, a little more than \$9 per capita.

I have also been serving Hiram, in Russell county, since November, 1910. This church is composed of as good people as you will find anywhere.

These churches are in the Black Belt, and we people who work for the Master in that section do so at a great disadvantage, and we certainly solicit the prayers of God's people everywhere. These churches are between

Columbus and Union Springs. One of them is eight miles from the Mobile and Girard railroad; the other 10 miles from it. These good people send to the railroad for me.

I would like to get in touch with a church that would give me a home for myself and family and consume my vacant Sundays, which are the second and third of each month. Wouldn't mind doing light farming in connection with my ministerial work.

I am in love with the Alabama Baptist. The articles written therein are of a high order. I fear sometimes, however, that our good brethren (the writers of some of these articles) lose sight of the fact that their greatness consists in their simplicity.

Yours in the Master's service,
ARNOLD Z. MATHEWS.
1006 South Railroad Street, Columbus, Ga.

BAPTIZED BROTHER CHAPMAN.

I see the State Mission Board has elected Brother James H. Chapman, of Tusculmia, as assistant corresponding secretary, to work with Brother Crumpton.

This I believe is a wise and timely thing to have done, and aside from the fact that we believe the board could not have made a better selection. It is especially gratifying to his many friends throughout South Alabama. The writer has known Brother Chapman from childhood, been the pastor of his family for 25 years, had the honor and pleasure of baptizing him into the fellowship of our church at Jackson. He is eminently fitted for his work. Graduating from his home school, later from the University of Alabama, then completing the full theological course at the seminary, deeply pious, energetic, a good, conservative business man. We look well to his browng and broadening life and to the Lord's work that we believe He has called Brother Chapman to take up. Please allow me this much space to express my great pleasure of the action of the board. Truly,
S. A. ADAMS.

The East Florence Baptist church has been without a pastor for six months, and the work here has suffered loss, but we have a hustling young preacher on the field now, and things are looking good. Our congregation continues to grow at each service. Rev. T. M. Byrom is a Tennessean, as has been every pastor that we have called, except one, since the church was organized in 1900, and every preacher we have had has gone to churches that pay large salaries when they left us. Our people have already learned to love Brother Byrom and his good wife, as was shown by a large number of the members who gave them a pounding on Monday night of last week. We are planning for a week of 10-day meeting as soon as the weather gets good. I love the Alabama Baptist and hope to see our members reading it.—T. P. Anderton.

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FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of an indebtedness secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned, Sallie A. Streit, by Mamie M. Carlisle and husband, L. A. Carlisle, on the 2d day of December, 1910, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate for Jefferson county, Alabama, in volume 663, on page 68, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door of said county, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1912, the following described property conveyed by said mortgage, to-wit:

Lot 14, in block 2, of the survey of Sylvan Heights, map of which is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate for Jefferson county, Alabama, in map book 5, on page 29, said lot being a rectangle fronting 50 feet on the west side of Eleventh street and extending back westward about 141 feet to an alley.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

This, the 10th day of January, 1912.
SALLIE A. STREIT,
Mortgagee.
A. C. & H. R. Howze, Attorneys.

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.

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A VISIT TO THE ETOWAH ASSOCIATION.

Yes, it was a pleasant trip indeed, and I want to tell you about it. I want to first express my appreciation of this medium, the Baptist, through which I can tell so many about those worthy brethren and sisters of Union No. 1.

In spite of so much mud and a little tinge of cold on the 20th and 21st inst., we met a goodly number of the brethren and sisters on Saturday, whom we take to be the very salt of the earth, and we would be safe to say they are, because our Lord says by their fruitage ye shall know them. Arriving at the church we found (as their pastor tells me) that worthy and faithful brother, J. E. Norton, his wife and those bright-eyed children already at church. Brother Norton had placed the wood in the stove, ready to apply the match. Just having one, he struck it and out it went, and there we were, as we thought, without fire in the cold, but after a careful search their pastor, Brother W. P. Kelly, found one, and we soon had a good fire and all got warm. After an able sermon by their pastor on cultivation of talents the church went into conference and under a matter of reference they elected Brother J. E. Norton treasurer of the church. After a short discussion of the subject, "The Duty of the Church to the Pastor," the writer suggested that the sisters present their pastor with a new suit of clothes, which he was in need of. The decision was made at once, and before they had left a part of the money was in the treasury to purchase the same. After many invitations to their homes we went to the pleasant home of Brother Berry Stephens, where we enjoyed the kind hospitality of that home. Sister Stephens had already prepared a good, nice dinner. We ate a plenty, if not more. Being authorized at church by Brother Tap Stephens to purchase the suit, we made our way to Keener.

Brother Kelly being the pastor of Greenwood, at Keener, I took the matter up there of them presenting him with a pair of shoes and hat, as I wanted to see one country preacher in full new dress one time. It was agreed after a short canvass that we fit him up from head to foot, so we went to that big, generous-hearted merchant, Brother Adams, and made the purchase of the whole bill, from collar and tie to overcoat, the entire bill being about \$36.00, but after Brother Adams deducted his profit, together with his donation, we left the bill at \$24.60. Wasn't that fine? Then we spent a very pleasant night with Brother and Sister Hill.

Sunday morning, with the warm rays of a southern sun in the northern part of winter, the frozen ground began giving away to the stronger power, which meant mud again. So back to church—a good Sunday school, an important lesson, a sermon by the writer, with good attention, the benediction and a good-bye. Away we went, taking dinner with Brother Gross, and back to Sand Mountain we came. I am going back again.

J. E. HAMRIC.

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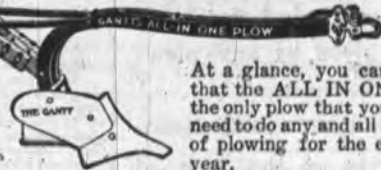
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