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My resignation as pastor of the Second Baptist church, Selma, is withdrawn.—L. C. DeWitt.

May God bless and prosper the work of your hand this year above all years, and may the Baptist find its way into every home in the state of Alabama. Yours fraternally—W. H. Bedell.

I think our preachers could help the cause very much if all would take the paper and speak to others about our great paper. I have been taking the paper for 29 years. It has been a great help to me. Yours for service—W. G. Hubbard.

You are giving us a splendid paper. May God bless you in your work. Come to see us again at the Cary Association, for we were delighted and helped by your talks at our last session at Ashland. Very truly—J. J. Smith.

I subscribed for your paper several years ago for my mother and have been a regular subscriber ever since, notwithstanding mother had ceased to read it and gone to her reward. I find it helpful in many ways. Long may you and it live and grow in importance to the great cause of Christianity and the Baptist denomination. Fraternally yours—E. Burns.

We have a fine pastor at Southside Baptist church, Montgomery. Our church is moving along nicely in finances, etc. The church will support a missionary in China this year—Brother Napier, who went from our church to the foreign field. Kindest regards to you and yours. Sincerely—Ann E. Johnson.

Sunday, February 11, was a good day with us at Newbern. Brother V. H. Pollard and Prof. C. H. Wood were ordained as deacons. Rev. J. G. Apsey, of Greensboro, preached the ordination sermon. At the afternoon service two united with the church for baptism.—J. A. Beal, pastor, Greensboro.

Ten thousand subscribers in ten days is the laudable ambition of the Baptist Forum, of Atlanta, Ga. The price is \$2 to all alike, but for the next 10 days all preachers may have it for half price—just one dollar a year. Any who are not preachers may get it by getting one subscriber at the regular price of \$2. You get the subscriber and send us the money, and we will send you the magazine one year for your trouble. The magazine is the largest the Baptists have ever had. The staff is the best, and the magazine is well worth its price. See what one of your best pastors says: "In my judgment we have in the Baptist Forum possibilities for unifying of Baptists and the safeguarding of the Baptist faith such as we have never before had. I endorse the magazine most heartily, and pledge myself to its support to the limit of my ability."—R. S. Gavin, Huntsville.

A LEAP YEAR LEAP

February 29th stands out from all the rest of the days of the calendar—because it brings us a whole TWENTY-FOUR HOURS over and above and extra in the year of GRACE 1912.

Here is twenty-four hours that ought to be put to uncommonly good purpose—A SURPLUS of the Leap Year to be wisely INVESTED so as to bring returns through the 365 ordinary every days to come.

I want you to INVEST this day—at least TWO HOURS right out of the heart of it—in helping me to double the circulation of The Alabama Baptist.

It will be the best dividend-paying investment for our denominational work that any pastor, moderator, Sunday school superintendent, deacon or friend can make.

Take the LEAP YEAR LEAP with The Alabama Baptist.

The plan is feasible—and it can be done in one day—and will be done if each subscriber will send in a new one.

But for fear some will not do it, let each one who can send in as many as possible.

If we could double our subscription list it would uplift the causes for which Southern Baptists stand, and send a thrill through our State work, and make it hum in every association.

Now is the time to do it. In the next three months a great campaign must be waged for Home and Foreign Missions or our secretaries will have to report a debt at the convention. In the next few months we must raise money to rebuild at Newton. These and other pressing questions must be brought home to our people and the easiest, cheapest and quickest way to do it is through the paper. Because we see the need and because under God we have the opportunity, we are going to do our dead level best to let the Baptists of Alabama know the truth, for we believe that when they see it they will stand by it and support the organized work.

HERE IS OUR PLAN—HOW TO DO IT

On February 29th call on three people who can and should take The Alabama Baptist. Make them see the necessity for having a religious paper in their home and show them how it will keep them posted on Baptist affairs.

Say that it has blessed you and your home and you want them to take the LEAP YEAR LEAP. If you will put a little enthusiasm into your personal work you will have a lot of lazy Baptists on the JUMP. The paper owes its success to the unstinted help of men and women who enlisted heart and strength in it, claiming it as their own and talking and writing about it as "our paper".

We have faith in the outcome of this campaign because each year the sense of acquaintance, loyalty and possession has taken hold on a growing number of men and women who have gone to work with the same personal zest with which a man works for his home, his town or his church. And because we have learned to look on so many as members of The Alabama Baptist family we know that the surest way of keeping this spirit alive is to give them a chance to introduce their friends into the family circle.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO JANUARY, 1913, FOR \$1.00

Money is scarce, the price of everything is going up, but to give our friends a chance to do something big for our colleges, our orphanage, our Sunday schools, our missionary enterprises, we will send the paper to new subscribers to January, 1913, for \$1.00 from the time we receive the money and the names. Surely any one who wants to can spend 10c a month for religious literature. Will you help? If you do it, it will mean that you will be joining hands with the men and women who year in and year out have prayed for and paid for the paper. The Alabama Baptist was not hatched overnight. It came into being through prayer and sacrifice and was kept alive by those who through stress and storm stood by it until today under God it is reaching a wide circle of readers informing them about the Kingdom.

The Baptist churches of Houston, Tex., will enter upon an evangelistic campaign March 3, conducted by the evangelists of the Home Board.

I wish our people would be more interested in taking and reading the Baptist. We would then have more and better Missionary Baptists. Yours truly—R. Hamric.

Miss Edith Campbell Crane, after splendid service as secretary of the W. M. U., resigns on account of ill health. We hope that she will speedily find health. She is greatly beloved for her good work.

I am sorry I can't take your paper. We are trying to build a church, and it takes all we can spare to help build it. Yours very truly—

(We hope the church will be built and that he will renew.)

Please change the address of my paper from Wadley, Ala., to Addison, Winston county, Ala. I am leaving these good people here, but will be near a good Baptist church at my new home. But I must have your instructive paper to keep in touch with our denominational work. Come up to see us.—Gilbert P. Green.

I send a check. Please renew my subscription to the Alabama Baptist, and oblige yours sincerely—Mary B. Thornton, Eufaula.

(Each year when the first violets bloom this "elect lady" sends me a bunch, whose fragrance is typical of her sweet life.)

Enclosed you have a \$1 bill for the paper for 1912. Please accept our thanks for your kindness in continuing same as my subscription was out in January; also for the memorandum book and picture of the young editors. I think our church will soon be fully supplied with editors—I hope of the very best kind. With much love for them and their success, I close. Yours sincerely—W. S. Jones.

It does not seem right to be without the paper, and it isn't right, either. The daughter of a Baptist preacher, too. Our father loved the paper and was never without it. I love to read the field notes, and keep up with what all of our preachers are doing. I wish you success with the dear paper. Respectfully—Mrs. J. W. Rearden.

The March number of St. Nicholas has the first chapter of an enticing new serial, "The Townsend Twins—Camp Directors," by Warren E. Eldred. The first scenes are in New York City, with promise that the Townsend Twins and the readers of their experiences are to be carried up to a summer's good times on Lake Champlain. How all the readers of St. Nicholas will enjoy the March chapters of the other serials: "The Lucky Sixpence," "Crofton Chums," "The Knights of the Golden Spur" and "The Lady of the Lane."

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Watchword for 1912: "Serving to Save."

CONCLUSION OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY.

Chinese Student.

Anniston (P. M.) S. B. B., \$2.73; Montgomery (Clayton Street) S. L. B. C., \$2.50; Oswichee L. M. & A. S., \$6.68. Total, \$11.91.

Christmas Offering to Toluca School.

Sister Springs (Selma) Tri Society, 52 cents.

Toluca School, Mexico.

Cuba Jr. R. A. B., \$2.

Training School Enlargement.

Carlsville W. M. S., \$4; New Prospect (Bigbee) W. M. S., \$1; Decatur (First) W. M. & A. S., \$1; Ensley W. M. S., \$10; Pine Apple L. A. & M. S., \$1. Total, \$17.

Training School Support.

Union (Mobile) L. A. & M. S., 50 cents; Ensley W. M. S., \$1. Total, \$1.50.

Training School Student.

Montgomery (First) L. W. C., \$10; Shiloh (Union) W. M. S., 50 cents; Carrollton W. M. S., 25 cents; Tunnel Springs Y. W. A., \$1. Total, \$11.75.

Lucy F. Stratton Scholarship.

Mrs. S. H. Bennett, \$2; Birmingham (First) L. A. S., \$10; Tuscaloosa (First) Jr. Y. W. A., \$1. Total, \$13.

Bible Fund.

Birmingham (East) S. B. B., \$1; Conner children, \$3.50; Roanoke S. B. B., \$1; Mobile (First) S. B. B., \$1; Ensley W. M. S., \$1; Cleveland S. B. B., \$1. Total, \$8.50.

Annual Subscriptions to "Our Mission Fields."

Birmingham (Hunter Street) W. M. S.; Mt. Pisgah (Antioch) W. M. S.; Choctolocco L. A. & M. S.; Brundidge W. M. S.; Cuba S. B. B.; Montgomery (First) S. B. B.; Cuba Jr. Y. W. A.; Florence (First) W. M. S.; Anniston (P. M.) M. J.; Fayette S. B. B.; River Hill S. B. B.; Flomaton W. M. & A. S.; Tallasahatchee W. M. S.; Newbern W. M. & A. S.; Whatley W. M. & A. S.; Carrollton S. B. B.; Chreokee W. M. & A. S.; Eutaw W. M. & A. S.; Tusculmbia W. M. & A. S.; Florala S. B. B.; Wylam L. A. S.; Ashford W. M. & A. S.; Flatwoods (Union) W. M. S.; Union (Mobile) W. M. & A. S.; Selma (First) W. M. S.; Hackneyville W. M. S.; Belmont S. B. B.; Lanett W. M. S.; Auburn W. M. S.; Smyrna W. M. S.; Society Hill W. M. S. Total, \$6.40.

Miscellaneous.

Mission literature, \$5.35; calendars, 90 cents. Total, \$6.25.

Grand total for January, \$3,174.54.

MEETING OF THE TRI-CITIES.

The third quarterly meeting was held in the First Baptist church at Florence January 11, 1912. It was largely attended by the Tusculmbia and Sheffield women, which is proof conclusive that they have found previous meetings profitable. The Florence society was delighted to be hostess to the societies which had each entertained the quarterly meetings before, and also to our dear Miss Mallory.

Mrs. W. E. Temple, of Florence, presided. Mrs. John T. Ashcraft, of Florence, acted as secretary.

After the meeting was duly opened with devotional exercises cordial greetings were extended by Mrs. John T. Ashcraft and graciously responded to by Mrs. Leftwich, of Tusculmbia. We were sorry to note the absence of any representatives from East Florence, and also the associational vice-presidents.

Miss Mallory gave an inspiring talk on the 1912 watchword, "Serving to Save," showing that it is an advancement over our last year's motto.

It was followed by our "Song for the Year," which struck a responsive chord in every heart. This song will be adopted I am sure by our women all over the state, and will bear fruit.

Miss Alice Hale, of Birmingham, was to have brought her impressions of the Gadsden convention in person. Happily for all who know Miss Alice, she is susceptible at all times to good things and impervious to bad. We were sorry indeed she was

kept away by sickness, but her very delightful paper was read by her niece, Mrs. G. B. Ashcraft. A solo by Mrs. J. B. Bailes was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Mallory told of her "week of prayer." Each day, though the weather was bitter, she found a different group of women enjoying the season of prayer. Mrs. Durkett reported for Florence, and Mrs. Leftwich for Tusculmbia.

Mrs. John T. Ashcraft told of the fine jubilee meeting she recently attended at Troy.

Miss Mallory gave a splendid talk on the "Unifying Power of Missions." The day would have been well spent had we gotten no other thought. It brought us to a more perfect realization of the spirit of missions.

Luncheon and a social hour was enjoyed in the primary Sunday school room.

Reopened with devotional exercises by Mrs. Duckett.

Miss Ivie, of Sheffield, read an enjoyable paper on the silver jubilee of the Sunbeams.

Three little girls gave recitations. "I Want to Be a Sunbeam" was sung, and a collection for the "Silver Jubilee of Sunbeams" was taken by two little boys.

One of the best things of the day was Mrs. Martin's paper on "Our Responsibility to the Boys." It would make a fine article for our woman's page.

Miss Gabriella Knight's beautiful solo, "The Ninety and Nine," touched every heart.

The Sheffield sisters extended an invitation for the next quarterly meeting, which was accepted.

After prayer the company dispersed, feeling that it was good to have been there. An earnest prayer ascended that the indifferent all over our state may find out what good things they are missing and come out to partake of the blessing reserved for them.

MRS. JOHN T. ACHCRAFT.

MEETING IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of Liberty Association was held January 16, 1912, with the First church of Huntsville. Mrs. R. E. Pettus presided until our superintendent, Miss Moring, who was detained by a belated rain, arrived. The meeting was opened by singing "Come We That Love the Lord." Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Barker, after which the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Duncan and response by Mrs. D. D. Overton. After reading of the minutes Mrs. Pettus gave a very helpful talk on "Serving to Save," which was followed by singing "I Am Serving, Lord." Mrs. Orr, in "Echoes of the Gadsden Convention," made us feel almost as if we had been there. Mrs. Hay read a helpful paper on "Benefits of the Week of Prayer." Mrs. Gavin read an interesting paper on "Why Have a Mission Study Class." Next came a well-prepared paper on "Jubilee Meetings" by Mrs. Butler. "The Unity That Lies in Missions" was presented by Miss Mallory in her own inimitable way. Brother Moore spoke a few words of encouragement to the ladies, after which we adjourned with prayer by Brother Gavin.

After a delightful luncheon served by the ladies of the church and a pleasant social hour the afternoon session was opened with song, scripture reading by Brother Gavin and prayer by Brother Moore. "Sunbeam Work" was responded to by Mrs. Brooks, after which Miss Beeson, of Decatur, favored us with a solo. Miss Cora Sharp told us about "How We May Best Interest Young Women." Miss Lovell rendered a beautiful solo, after which Miss Mallory spoke on "The Purpose of Your Life." All who heard this inspiring address no doubt resolved to be of better service to the Master. Misses Neece and Carter sang a beautiful duet, after which "Royal Ambassador Work" was discussed by Mrs. Woolley. Miss Moring spoke very touchingly of the needs of Bridgeport Academy. We were then favored with a solo by Miss Carter. After sentence prayers a short business session was held, with motion and second that the chair appoint an executive committee to look after any business from one meeting to

the next. Though the weather was very cold, the churches were very well represented, and we spent a very pleasant and profitable day. We were delighted to have Miss Mallory with us.

Time and place of next meeting will be announced later.

MRS. A. P. MOORE,
Secretary.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY ALL-DAY INSTITUTE

The quarterly all-day missionary meeting was held in the Baptist church at Hollywood January 17. Mrs. Harris, president of the Hollywood Union, conducted the devotional part of the program both in the forenoon and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Harris extended to the visitors a hearty welcome, and Miss Mallory's (secretary-treasurer of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union) response found an echo in all hearts. Miss Mallory told us very interestingly of the Gadsden convention.

The value of united, definite prayer, as emphasized by the January week of prayer, was discussed by Mrs. Viola Claybrooke and Miss Lala Gay.

One of the most enjoyable features of the morning was Miss Mallory on "What the Celebration of the Fiftieth Year of Foreign Mission Work by the Women of America Has and May Mean to the Cause of Missions."

The afternoon program was opened with a prayer service of song and prayer, after which Miss Thomason read a paper on "How Best to Enlist the Young and Keep Them Interested." Then the visiting secretary spoke on the "Silver Jubilee of the Sunbeam's Work" and what it should mean to each of us. An offering for the work was taken by little Miss Sarah Hunt.

"The Responsibility We Should Feel for the Enlistment of the Boys," by Mrs. J. O. Lipscomb.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer led by the young people.

We were delighted to have Miss Mallory with us, and feel that the different subjects discussed by her were of benefit to each of us.

The visitors were loud in their praise for the hospitality of the Hollywood people.

July quarterly all-day meeting will be held with Harmony church.—Local Reporter.

ALL-DAY MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Salem-Troy Association held its first all-day meeting of 1912 at Banks on Saturday, February 3. In spite of the cold weather the meeting was well attended, and was one of the most enthusiastic ever held. There were 15 visiting women, representing other societies, besides a good attendance from the Banks society. In the absence of Mrs. Carroll, associational superintendent, the meeting was presided over by Miss Luther. The program was a most excellent one, and nearly every number was carried out. The meeting was opened by the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Miss Luther portrayed the model woman in the reading of the last chapter of Proverbs. Four young ladies, representing four different societies, gave beautiful talks on the "Bible Women," "Hannah," "Miriam," "Mary and Dorcas." It was especially encouraging to see the young women taking active interest in the missionary movement. The other talks made were full of enthusiasm for the cause.

Too much praise cannot be given the hospitable women of Banks for the delightful midday luncheon, which was served in the rear of the church. The afternoon session was closed with a discussion, "How to Enlist the Million Women of the Southern Baptist Convention Who Are Still Outside the Missionary Unions." The earnest women present felt a deep and heartfelt interest in the women of our little corner of the vineyard. They adjourned with a renewed resolve to work and pray that their friends and neighbors might be induced to hasten to the Master's call, "Go work in my vineyard."

MRS. J. B. WILEY, Secretary.

EDUCATION AND ITS RELATION TO MISSIONS.

A Paper Read by Secretary W. B. Crumpton Before the Annual Meeting of Secretaries at Asheville, N. C., February 8, and Requested for Publication in the State Papers.

By education we mean denominational or Christian education.

By missions we mean carrying out the will of our Master in His last and greatest command.

The need of an educated ministry was the controlling motive with the fathers in the establishment of our Baptist schools. It was impossible to stem the tide without a better equipped ministry. Ignorance then, as now, was a barrier to all progress.

Especially has the cause of missions suffered at the hands of ignorant men, in and out of the pulpit. Our present advanced position along mission lines is due, in a great measure, to what the colleges have done for our men and women now at the front, both abroad and at home. Probably every man now on the foreign field is a college man, and it was almost so from the beginning. It would be interesting to know how far the faculties of our colleges influenced them to undertake the missionary field. It is doubtful in the mind of the writer of this paper if the colleges now are doing what they can in the way of fostering missionary zeal among their pupils.

As said before, the necessity for a trained ministry was the occasion for the founding of the denominational college. That necessity is still upon us. In addition to that, our colleges need to put a new emphasis on the training of the men and women who are to occupy the pews. The several years in college are the most precious in the life of the student and furnish the greatest opportunity for impressing upon him the value of the Book of Books and the duty of shaping the life by it. If this opportunity be not improved, the cares of the world will very soon be crowding upon the young man or young woman, to the utter neglect of matters pertaining to the spiritual life.

The mental equipment of the preacher, whether for the foreign or home field, is important; but there is a higher culture needed for God's work. It is not enough that this higher culture be given to the ministry; every pupil that enters the Christian school should have it as well. Christians have no need for maintaining separate schools unless the word of God is faithfully taught and lived in such schools. If assembling the school in the chapel to hear the reading of the scriptures and prayer is all, or the principal effort made towards religious training of the pupils, it is a solemn mockery and the school is Christian only in name. The Bible should be a text-book in the school; every professor an active Christian, leading in church work, present at the prayer meetings and every service of the church. Especially should such professor be a lover of and contributor to missions. A professor like that will be come personally interested in the spiritual well being of every pupil under him. Since he is in a Christian school, founded for the express purpose of giving the best education possible under Christian influences, and since the cause of missions is the main thing before the churches of Christ, the consecrated professor will be a master of all subjects pertaining to church life and impress the sacred obligation resting on Christians to disseminate the truths of the gospel. It ought to be well nigh impossible for a pupil to attend a Christian college without becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, or a more zealous worker, if he is already a Christian. Not only should the student go from the school believing the Bible, but he should be well informed as to what it teaches and zealous for the propagation of its truths.

Having enjoyed lectures from godly professors on Christian stewardship, he would recognize God's claim on his time, talents and money. Coming out from a three or four years' training under a consecrated, missionary pastor of the church and the model Sunday school and model missionary societies of the college church, he would be informed about the missionaries and their fields and be ready to defend, if need be, the missionary cause, and contribute liberally to its support.

Schools like that will not have to run after and imitate the secular schools, introducing secret fraternities and match games of baseball to attract pupils. Fathers and mothers who care most for the development of their children along right lines are looking for schools where they can feel safe in entrusting the training of their children to men and women who prize the spiritual well being of the child above everything. Young men and women there are, who have a purpose in life, who are on the lookout for schools like I have described. The wasteful expenditure of money in the secret orders and the enmity and hatred they engender are detestable to real earnest men and women, who mean business in attending school. The boisterous conduct and rowdiness, the waste of time, money and energy in getting ready for and attending match games of ball, are all detrimental to the mental development and to the spiritual well being of the pupils. Nothing so serious as Bible study or the cultivation of piety can be encouraged in a school when the sport loving spirit takes possession.

My contention is not against the games. I believe in the gymnasium and athletics with all my heart. It is pure fiction to assert that interest in athletics cannot be maintained without match games. The claim that it does not interfere with the studies is absurd.

Picture to yourself a father and mother who struggled along, pinched by poverty, constantly praying for the boy they loved as they did their own lives. The boy, strong of body and active of limb and bright of intellect, buoyant with hope, starts to the school of the denomination to which his parents belong. As soon as his foot strikes the campus he is spotted for the athletic field on one or more of the college teams. The first letter home falls like a wet blanket on the anxious hearts of the parents. He writes with enthusiasm about athletics, as if that were the chief thing at college. No, the faculty didn't tempt him. They said not a word. They even required him to get the consent of his parents before he should join the team. Of course the parents had to consent. The coming season is all the talk. Preparation for the first contest absorbs the thought of all. The team is tenderly dealt with by the faculty. We must win—college "rep" is at stake, you know! After weeks of practice the time is here. Friday the team is excused from class. Friday night they are off on the train. They are entertained at the hotel. The gamblers are all at the grounds; likewise every loafer and bum in the town who can pay for a ticket. Bets are made in every bar-room and every gambling hell and on the grounds. Sunday the team must return, traveling most of the day and maybe into the night. All are worn out and are excused from Monday's recitation; some had limbs broken and are excused for a week or maybe weeks. Our hero got his nose broken and had to go to the infirmary for a month. Finally he concludes to go home for a week or two, and then writes back for his trunk. That ends his efforts at an education. Maybe he fares better, gets through alive, with no limbs broken. In a little while he is at practice again and another game is on. When the season for baseball is over football is on, and that is followed by basketball. Possibly he holds on for a year or two, maybe to the end of his course, when he misses graduation because of the time he lost from his studies. The professors dealt leniently with him in all his course; they were unable to help him at the last. Is there anything Christian in the way those parents and that boy have been treated? The bright hopes of the parents and the prospects for life of the boy were sacrificed on the altar of sport. How much influence will a college like that have for Christ and His cause? The college must boost itself by encouraging these things to win the sport-loving boys, the towns must encourage the match games to bring the crowds; the railroads and street cars find it pays them; so here we go, with the crowd, "following the multitude to do evil." The pastors, often with free passes, mix freely with the jostling crowds at the games, though they know the sport-loving crowd that surges about them are enemies to every reform movement that the ministers of religion champion. Anti-prohibitionists, Sunday desecrators, the patrons of gambling houses and the red-light districts thugs and bums, cock-fighters

and patrons of prize rings are all there, putting up their money on our boys from Christian colleges.

Is this pessimism? If so, the writer has carried it in his heart for many years, hoping that a change would come. What he says is voiced by thousands of parents who have been disappointed in the education of their children in so-called Christian colleges and thousands of others, who did not see any difference in schools, but in their hearts they wished for a sure enough Christian school.

If we shall be disappointed in what our religious schools are doing for missions, you will find the reason for the disappointment in the things I have been discussing. Professors and pupils who are intoxicated from before the beginning of the session to its close with contests that depend for success on mere brute force are not prepared in mind or heart for the serious questions of life.

If our colleges are called back to do the solid, religious work which the founders intended should be done it is going to be brought about by the consecrated men our mission boards are sending out to win professor and pupil to the real work of the Christian life. Already we see signs of such a movement. The Student Volunteer Movement, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Men and Religion Forward Movement, and all our denominational movements—why do they come at this late day? The Christian colleges and the preachers ought to have brought them on a half century ago, or so lived and taught and organized that the movements would have been unnecessary.

We confidently look for the time to come when men and women of great means will demand to be assured that the Bible have its proper place in Christian schools and that the duties of the Christian life shall be taught by precept and example before they will furnish the endowments they are so able to give and which the colleges so greatly need. Such demand would not be unreasonable. They see in this demand the vision of not only a well-prepared ministry, but a great host of young Christians returning to their homes and churches, a mighty force for God in the saving of the lost world. In many of our secular schools there are godly men and women, who are doing what they can for the spiritual well being of the pupils in their care. In spite of obstacles they may go in advance, in personal work, of some teachers in our denominational schools. We honor them for all they feel and all that they do; but they know their environment is not the best for spiritual improvement, and their best efforts are handicapped.

We may not expect for our colleges the great moneyed endowments the secular schools enjoy; their equipment and buildings may be superior to ours, but if we can send forth a multitude of lives consecrated to the uplift of humanity through Christ's religion it will prove the greatest endowment in the long run, and finally furnish all the needed equipments and buildings, for consecrated wealth will come to the rescue of such schools.

The motto of the denominational college should be: A well-trained intellect, a cultivated heart and a life consecrated to Christ and His service. If our aim is less than that we had as well turn the work of education over to the secular schools and go out of business.

THE GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR MARCH AND APRIL

is near at hand. Alabama must do her best for Home and Foreign Missions. All the State Mission forces will be in the field for the two boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. We must not consider the word failure for a moment. Districts 4, 9 and 10 in March and 5, 10 and 11 in April will be surrendered by STATE MISSIONS and BIBLE and COLPORTAGE. These, with the districts belonging regularly to Home and Foreign Missions for the two months, throws open a large part of the state to the two boards.

It is going to be very hard on State Missions, but we must wait until May and June. This arrangement is agreeable to the secretaries of the Home and Foreign Boards. I do hope the pastors will be ready to join heartily in this forward movement for Home and Foreign Missions.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

THE CHURCH AS AN EVANGELISTIC FORCE.

Paper Read by A. K. Wright Before the Birmingham Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The evangelistic force of the past has been largely confined to the professional evangelists or to the pastor evangelist. Their work in most cases is substantial and should by no means be discredited. Until each church is fully awake to its true mission and makes operative the spirit of the commission they will have their place and sphere of usefulness.

By evangelism here we mean an intense desire for the salvation of souls and an individual effort to win them to Christ.

Of all agencies extant for soul-saving the church is the logical one, and has the best opportunity to reach the unconverted in its territory. Furthermore, the Lord has laid at the doorstep of the church the specific command to rescue its own community. For it to import aid in doing its own task is to acknowledge its own weakness and insufficiency in doing what God has imposed upon it. The church is suffering today from that kind of dependence. It is stated that in one denomination there were over 1,500 congregations that reported no additions to the church by profession of faith during the year, and over 1,900 congregations in another denomination that could not say they had been instrumental in leading a single soul to Christ during 12 months in the year. This is a sad commentary on the church. It has no more right to evade this obligation than has the individual.

The church is in the world to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and to carry to completion the work he began. It is the body of Christ—His incarnation continued. In it Jesus has taken up His earthly residence, and through it His work is to be carried on. His true mission was declared by Isaiah in the words, "He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives," and reaffirmed by Himself.

We shall discuss the subject first in the light of the necessary prerequisites to a soul-saving church and organization to that end.

I. Prerequisites.

There are certain conditions that must be attained before any church can be effective in evangelistic work. There are three things which, if complied with, the church may expect results: "Have faith in God, preach the word, pray without ceasing."

We shall note as the first requisite—

1. THE PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD.

In preaching the word so as to win men three things are to be considered: Attracting them to church, bringing them to the acceptance of Christ, and holding them to faith and service.

There must be a vigorous preaching of Bible truth. Men are disgusted with sickly sentimentality and freezing formalism of many churches. Preachers sometimes in their desperation and folly adopt sensational and unscriptural methods to reach men. An evangelist in the northwest has a platform with a ring on it 25 feet in diameter. He advertises a boxing match by men from the audience preliminary to the evening service. A New England pastor announced that his Sunday school would abandon the New Testament as a text-book and study sociology. He declares the Old Testament characters too remote to interest twentieth century men.

A men's church in a sea coast city gives smokers and serves punch in the church Sunday evenings.

Another church introduces semi-religious subjects through moving pictures to interest Sunday evening crowds.

This savor of the world will add no strength to the gospel message, but, on the other hand, will disgust serious thinking men. Nor will people be won by the denunciation of popular sins. The sins of society are to be condemned, but not from the motives that usually actuate such philippics.

The preaching that wins men must be out of the life lived in touch with men. We preachers spend the largest amount of our time in calling upon those who need our attentions least. We need to spend more time with men at their places of business, to study their surroundings and to know them intimately. Jesus lived with men and knew what was in man. He attracted men on two occasions when

it is stated there were 4,000 and 5,000 men present. Men need and appreciate practical preaching of the gospel. Too often we do not understand their problems, and preach to them in an unknown tongue. Men abhor the abstract, but delight in the concrete. Too frequently they are prone to repeat:

"I know not what the preacher said;
His words fell muffled in a dream;
By clause and clause, from head to head,
He traced a sad and subtle scheme;

Through legal maze, on dizzy height,
The curious metaphysic trod;
And held with all his tedious might
The mirror to the mind of God."

John the Baptist was a practical preacher, and drew all classes of men—Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, publicans and soldiers. He preached into their hearts about their lives, and to all he proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God."

Men are won by positive preaching. They need something to do as well as something to quit. The preacher must instruct and defend, but his chief mission is to deliver God's message to the world. He is a witness to the supremacy of the soul, affirming with unflinching voice those things which all men wish to believe and which they hold dimly in their minds. Men are won by pungent preaching. The message must have power to arouse the emotions and stir the will to action. We must present with great clearness the fundamental truths of the gospel.

In spite of the reconstruction of social life and the introduction of the commercial age, the religious needs of men have remained the same through the century.

The human heart still cries as before for atonement of guilt and redemption from the fire of sin and communion with God.

The advice of Spurgeon to the young minister is wholesome today, "Build thou thy studio on Mount Calvary and erect there thine observatory, and with the eye of faith scan the heavens' around."

The evangelistic preacher must keep in sight of Calvary and need never fear to sing "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood" or "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound that Saves a Wretch Like Me."

The cross is the heart beat of infinite love. It is God's best for the world's woes, Gilead's balm for our hurt, the Great Physician's remedy for sin-stricken souls.

The preacher must have the prophet vision, the prophet passion, and with true prophetic courage tell the story of the cross. He is pre-eminently a man with a message which he must deliver, an ambassador with instructions which he must obey. He must realize as did James: "He that converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins."

Another prerequisite is—

2. A PRAYING CHURCH.

The church has lost power because it has lost its prayer altar. There is too little prayer in our church services. Ofttimes less than a dozen members represent a membership of several hundred at the mid-week prayer meeting. God will not honor prayer by proxy. When the church gets on its knees souls will be born into the kingdom of God. It can never hope to be an evangelistic force until divine aid is invoked and the passion for souls is expressed through the channel of prayer. God never fails to reward earnest prayer.

It is a good idea to keep up a number of permanent house prayer meetings, using a set of uniform subjects arranged in advance by the pastor. This not only enlists a larger number in the midweek prayer service, but affords opportunity to use a number of laymen as leaders.

The salvation of lost souls should be the burden of the prayer meeting. It should be emphasized in the Sunday school and at the preaching services. As expressed by Lord Tennyson, "We need to keep battling at the gates of heaven with storms of prayer."

If we would have the blessing and experience a continuous revival we must convince the Lord by our much praying that we are intensely in earnest

about the salvation of our fellow men.

Again there must be in the hearts of the people of God—

3. THE LOVE FOR SOULS.

If there is not naturally a keen desire for the salvation of the lost it should be created, if possible. Christian men and women must realize the great peril of the lost soul, as well as its intrinsic value, and fully appreciate the significance of Christ's death for the lost.

"And must the soul of man survive
When endless ages onward roll?
If so, no mortal can conceive
The value of a human soul!

Nay! more; archangels would be mute
If asked to fix a price on man!
Nor would they venture to compute
That which Jehovah only can.

The value of a deathless soul,
Let Christ, the crucified, explain!
For all beside from pole to pole
Would make the effort but in vain!

No human language can convey
The value of the soul of man!
A soul not subject to decay,
Compute its value if you can!

Pile up the glittering gold of the earth,
The sparkling gems of every sea;
All this would be of little worth
Compared with human destiny."

To be a soul winner one must have the heart of the shepherd. The shepherd yearns, searches, loses sleep; he never ceases vigilance over his flock. "He that saveth his life must lose it," and lose it in the salvation of his fellow men. He must have the spirit of Paul, when he cried in burning words, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." Our Savior's compassionate love for the souls of men can never be fathomed. He meant to lay the burden on our hearts when he uttered the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

"What is that of greatest price
The whole creation round?
That which was lost in Paradise,
That which in Christ was found.

Did Christ o'er sinners weep,
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief
Burst forth from every eye.

The Son of God in tears
The wondering angels see;
Be thou astonished, O, my soul,
He shed those tears for thee."

As a final prerequisite among the essentials to soul saving we would suggest—

4. CONSECRATION.

The finest offering to humanity is the life that is offered to God, a cleansed heart and a resigned will. In every spiritual experience there are two calls: The call to character and the call to service.

God is jealous of our powers and demands of us to crucify the flesh and the lusts thereof. The self-offered life becomes the self-propagating life. Self conquest, then world conquest. He demands ourselves, and offers conflict as a privilege and difficulty as a blessing.

It took a miracle to convince Jewish Peter that God's love extended beyond himself. A sheet had to be let down with all manner of creeping things in it before he would believe God's love went outside of Jewry.

When the members of our churches have given self to Christ they will see their duty to bring their neighbors to Him.

II. Organization.

We are aware that there is sometimes a cry against machinery and organization for spiritual ends, and we know that in the Welch revival in which 30,000 souls were added to the church there were no choirs, no organs, no collections, no adver-

Pingtu, Chantung, China, Jan. 10, 1912.

tising. It was evidently a genuine Holy Ghost revival. It was God's revival. He does not have one often. Perhaps we will not let Him. When He does men should not interfere. We admit that there never can be any genuine revival without the presence of the Holy Ghost, and we do not question His power and capability of running a revival. Yet we must admit that man as God's agent has a part to play in the evangelization of the world. He can prepare and keep in preparation the soil in which God's spirit can more effectively work. When the Holy Spirit got hold of the Welch they did just what will be done in every church that evangelizes—they sang, they prayed, they preached. We are convinced that if the church accomplishes results in soul saving it must plan and work to that definite end. Business methods must be applied to the matter of soul winning as well as to finances. We would recommend as the first necessary step in organization—

1. LEADERSHIP.

There can be no effective and lasting organized work without a leader to suggest plans and direct the forces. The pastor is the logical leader. He should gather about him a band of men and women who are willing to do personal work under his direction. He should keep a permanent record of their names and meet with them occasionally, and instruct them in the art of soul winning. Sermons along this line should be preached frequently, and an opportunity given others to enlist as personal workers.

As a leader he must get in living, vital contact with men, know his people and their struggles. Every time Paul was crowded he told his experiences, and every time he told his experiences he had a crowd. The preacher that has not a preacher's love as well as a Savior's blood written in his work is disarmed and unfit to lead others in the conquest for souls.

He should covet the best of gifts promised by his Lord when He said, "I will make you fishers of men." It is the gift of awakening in others the desire for Christ and His salvation.

Furthermore, in the plan of organization there should be—

2. A DEFINITE AIM.

We have gone at the soul-saving business in too general a way, and when the year has ended there are scarcely a half dozen in the congregation that have won a soul to Christ. We need to realize and make others see how little soul saving we have done. Every pastor needs to take a great offering in his church, not an offering of money, but an offering of time, as did the Koreans.

When the wasted moment of our people have been given to the Lord for service sinners will come flocking into the kingdom.

Men and women will volunteer their services as personal workers more readily than we pastors often think. We preach service and duty to them until they and we, too, become weary, because there is no response. As ministers we fail because we do not assign them a specific task. The average church member does not know the unconverted of his community nor the needs of his fellow men as the pastor does. The pastor should keep a permanent record of the names of the unconverted, the unaffiliated Baptist, the non-church-goers of his district and the indifferent members of his own church. It is surprising how rapidly such a list will grow. A good plan is to have the personal workers' card, on which the names to be visited are assigned, the card to be returned and the result recorded. With a little system this plan will not require a great amount of the pastor's time, and will yield good results. It affords an opportunity for every member to be active.

If a church would win souls it must pay the price. The same is true with the pastor. As soul winning is the mission of the church, the pastor should be willing to do anything that will fulfill its demands.

The last thought in connection with organization for soul winning is to make it a—

3. A CONTINUOUS EFFORT.

There is such a thing as normal evangelism, though rarely attained. We have become so accustomed to the spasmodic campaign for souls in special meetings once or twice a year that we have come to depend upon it; consequently there are few gathered in between these meetings. By normal evangelism we do not mean that the church is to be

kept up to the white heat so often attained in a revival, but a sane, systematic continuous effort at soul saving.

The intermissions between revivals cost too much. Cooling down and starting up again is expensive in any kind of work. Continuity is God's law in nature. It is infinitely true in the spiritual kingdom.

May the Lord hasten the day when every church shall be a soul saving organization.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND APPEAL.

Issued by the Central China Famine Relief Committee.

The Situation.

Two and a half million people in dire need of help. Appeals received from three main districts aggregating 30,000 square miles with a population of seven millions—the Hwai River district in Northern Kiangsu and Anhui, the Wuhu district in the Yangtze valley and the Hankow district in Hupeh.

The break up of families and the gradual lapse into a condition of apathy of the people in the Hwai River district, with a population of five millions, of whom a million and a half will need relief; severe famine last year, scant crops for five years past, work animals eaten last year, business at a standstill, schools closed, the weak becoming beggars, the strong becoming robbers, two to four hundred hangings or decapitations in town after town of this district during last year's famine, sale of wives and daughters, often into lives of vice.

The failure of the Manchu government to keep the rivers dredged and embankments repaired. Benevolent Chinese who have given liberally in the past, now themselves ruined. The country in the throes of a revolution—due in large measure to such conditions as these—which is absorbing the attention and resources of the people to the exclusion of all else.

The Policy of the Committee.

To save life as the supreme aim.

To give relief without paperizing—only in return for labor, except in the case of those unable to work.

To make this labor count in preventing future floods. Dykes and canals will be repaired, and all work will be planned by competent engineers so as to give it a practical place in a larger project of reclamation.

To induce the government and local gentry, as far as possible, to give immediate relief and to undertake their own reclamation work.

To co-operate with Mr. C. D. Jameson, the engineer sent out by the American Red Cross Society, and with influential Chinese who are pledged to this work, in making a thorough study of the situation with a view to the formulation of a program of conservation, which the new government will probably undertake.

To make the alleviation of suffering in connection with this famine the occasion of a great expression of international good will to the New China. The China of yesterday feared and hated the foreigner, and not without reason. The New China will respond to friendship.

Appeal.

Three dollars will support a family for one month. The entire amount necessary to provide work for the 600,000 families needing help from the middle of February until harvest in the middle of May is estimated at \$5,000,000. Of this a large part will be raised in China.

We appeal to America to give \$1,000,000. It is imperative that money begin to come in by the middle of February in order that great loss of life may be avoided. The utmost efforts will not avail to avert the whole of this great calamity.

Please send your contribution today. It will save life.

(Send it to Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., and designate it as special "China Famine Relief Fund.")

Sin must be exterminated in our hearts and lives before we can be presented before the great white throne. The blood of Jesus Christ alone can cleanse us from the guilt and power of sin, and make us fit to appear before the judgment seat of God.

Dear Brother Barnett:

You have been and are still reading much about the great revolution in China; but reading about a thing is not like seeing it. We have not seen any of the fighting, but one could be no where in China for the past few months without catching the spirit of war and feeling the waves of unrest which have been rolling all over the empire. Indeed the world is catching and waiting with intense interest the outcome of this most interesting struggle.

I am sure the revolutionary fever is not as high with us in Shantung as with those further south, but we are with them in sympathy. Many Shantung men have gone south, carrying money to aid the rebels and to offer their services. Of course one can't tell when the end will come and what it will be, but we all feel sure that sooner or later the revolutionists will be the victors.

We are now looking forward to the national convention which the peace conference at Shanghai decided would be held at Nanking. Arrangements for this convention are now being made, but haven't heard when it will begin. Each of the 18 provinces, with Mongolia and Tibet, are to have three delegates. This will be a most important meeting, as many grave questions will be passed upon, such as, Will a monarchical form of government be continued, a limited monarchy with a constitution, or a republic? Think of the transposition of a monarchy into a republic in old conservative China! It is a most interesting time to be here, and would that all Christians everywhere would pray earnestly for China at this, the most important period in all her history.

Six weeks ago all American missionaries in the interior of China were ordered to the coast by our minister and consul. The members of our Pingtu station went to Tsingtau, a well-fortified German port. In many places life and property were in great danger, mostly on account of robbers. In our Pingtu section all was very quiet, comparatively, and we were sorry to leave. But as we did not know how long it might remain peaceful, thought best to obey those to whom we look for protection.

Last week Brother Sears and I decided to return to Pingtu for awhile, as there was still no fighting and very little disturbance in our section. We received a warm welcome from our native brethren and found the work going on well. We will help to get things in shape for the year and may return in two or three weeks—that is, if we still feel unsafe to remain.

Notwithstanding some great hindrances, such as plague, hail storms, floods and war, the Lord has abundantly supplied our needs, protected us and blessed His work during the past year. We certainly have many things for which to praise Him and be thankful. During the year 351 were baptized into our seven Pingtu churches, over 20 per cent more than any previous year during the history of this work. The churches pay one-fifth the salary of the native pastor, all the evangelists and the Bible women. The natives are gradually paying more and naturally taking a greater interest in the work. Two of the churches have recently decided to ordain two of our best evangelists for pastors. So our prayers have been answered and we are soon to have more pastors.

In the hospital we have treated a little over 4,000 patients, not counting treatments given in-patients. Compared to some of the previous years we have fallen short in the number of patients, but we have never had so many to hear the gospel and accept Christ as during the past year.

Wishing you, your two boys and all your readers a happy and successful New Year,

Yours most sincerely,

T. O. HEARN.

Soon the Southern Baptist Convention will be in session. Already the railroads are getting out their literature. The next two months will be chocked full of intense missionary interest. Those who read the Alabama Baptist will be kept in touch with the aims and needs. It's worth your while, brother pastor, to try and put a copy into every home in your church. The Leap Year Offer gives you a great opportunity. Help us to make the 29th of February a notable day.

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

Last week we stood at the point marked 13 on our Jerusalem map and looked south at a cattle market in the old Pool of Gihon, and then moved to the point marked 14 and looked north up the Kedron valley. While in the latter position we were reminded mainly of Solomon, his coronation in the Kedron valley where it is joined by the Valley of Hinnom, his palace on Ophel, and the temple built in honor of the idols of his wives on the mount east of the Kedron, causing it to be called the Mount of Offense. But this is only a small part of the history associated with this section. There is one other place here especially which we cannot pass by—the Pool of Siloam. See the number 13 on our map. We shall now stand at 15 and look south at the pool, as the short spreading lines indicate.

Position 15. The Pool of Siloam.

Undoubtedly the actual pool here bears little resemblance to the mental picture most people have formed of it. It resembles somewhat a large oblong tank sunk below the surface of the ground. At present it is about 50 feet long, 15 feet wide and possibly 20 feet deep. Ten feet or so immediately below us we see the irregular row of stones forming the top of its northern wall. Looking over the edge of this wall 15 feet farther down we see the water of the pool. Some wild flowers and plants grow luxuriantly on its rough, abrupt walls. To the left a narrow, irregular row of steps lead down to the water's edge.

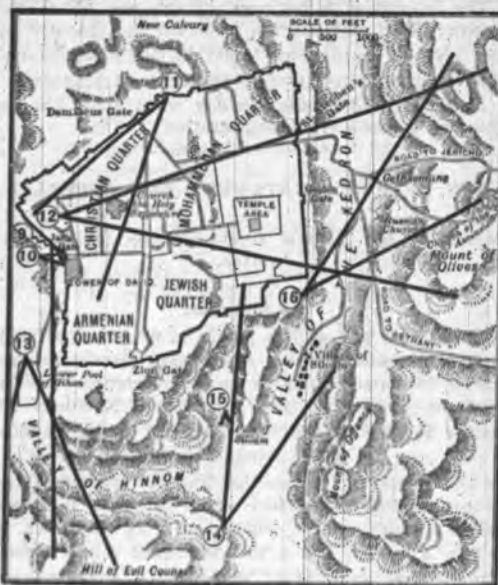
But are we sure that this is the ancient pool? There is scarcely any doubt about the place. From very remote ages this has been the Pool of Siloam, supplied from the Virgin's Fountain up the valley. These walls which now surround it were probably built three centuries ago under the Sultan Soliman, but the surroundings in ancient times were not very different from those at present, except that then the valley was more cultivated and in better order, and in those days the water was fresh and clean, as it is not now.

There are some references to this pool in Old Testament times, but our chief interest in it grows out of the part it played in one of our Lord's miracles. You remember the story as told by John (John 9), how as Jesus passed out of the temple, just back of us, he saw a man born blind; how he made some clay, and with His fingers placed a patch of it on the blind man's eyes and then said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." How pitiful he must have looked, staff in hand, picking his way through the streets of the city. We can almost see him slowly walking down that path, tapping with his staff the rocks on either side as he comes. Now climbing down the steep stone steps, he reaches the pool. He dips up the water and washes off the brown earth stains from his face. He looks up with a startled, amazed expression—a miracle has been wrought! He can see! No wonder John gives a chapter to this man's experience. No wonder the Pharisees were aroused. No wonder that in the face of the Pharisees' hostility this man fearlessly acknowledged Jesus to be the Christ. Surely we shall always read this ninth chapter of John with a new sense of reality, now that we have visited this place where the miracle occurred.

Find on our map our next position at point 16, on the brow of Mt. Moriah, and notice what the spreading lines tell about the outlook we are to have. We are to face northeastward, looking across the Kedron valley to the Mount of Olives.

Position 16. Tombs of the Prophets in the King's Dale, Valley of the Kedron.

Here at our feet we see the very soil of Mt. Moriah. And how steep is the side of it at this point! It is almost a precipice down to the Kedron valley, whose bed is out of sight far below. The rocky hillside opposite is, as we know from the map, the Mount of Olives. Those white stones covering its side in irregular rows are Jewish tombs. All around Jerusalem are vast cemeteries, where innumerable multitudes lie buried. Jews still journey to Jerusalem from every land on earth, and will pay large sums for burial in this valley, for they believe that the resurrection is to begin here, and those who



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rise from their graves on this hillside will have a sure passport to heaven. Then, too, they count the ground all the more sacred on account of the prophets who are, as they believe, buried here. Just across the valley you can see three tombs that stand out prominently. They are all hewn out of the native rock of Olivet. The one to the right, in a recess, is called the "Tomb of Zacharias," in commemoration of the prophet who was slain "between the temple and the altar" (Matt. 23:35). That excavation with pillars at its door is the "Tomb of St. James," the Lord's brother (Gal. 1:19; James 1:1), who was martyred in the precincts of the temple, about 68 A. D., but revered alike by Jews and Christians. Farthest to the left is "Absalom's Tomb" or pillar (II Sam. 18:18). The lower part is one stone, hewn out of the native rock, but the conical summit is composed of blocks joined together. As we see, it is much more damaged and broken than the Tomb of Zacharias. This is because every Jew who passes by throws a stone at it to testify to his detestation of David's ungrateful son.

While we must depend upon tradition for the authenticity of these tombs, we can raise our eyes to the slope of Olivet with genuine satisfaction, for of its authenticity there can be no doubt. The centuries that have passed since Jesus looked upon it can have made little difference in its form. It is true that some of those stone walls and that modern Russian church were not here then. The palm trees from which the multitude plucked branches to adorn His path have disappeared, and we see now few olive trees to justify its name. Still we



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know it is the very hill He so often climbed. Next week we shall go farther north where we can get a better view of it.

To stand yourself at the points marked 15 and 16 on our map, use the stereographs (15) "The Pool of Siloam" and (16) "Tombs of the Prophets in the King's Dale."

Editorial Note.—In this department Dr. Hurlbut will take his readers to 100 places in Palestine, two each week. By means of remarkable stereoscopic photographs you cannot only see for yourself each of these 100 places in life-size proportions, but also you can get distinct conscious experiences of being in these places. Six stereographs, \$1. Less than six stereographs in one order, 20 cents each. The 26 stereographs for three months are \$4.33. The 100 stereographs for the year, in a cloth bound, gold-lettered case, with a guide book by Dr. Hurlbut of 220 pages (containing full descriptions of each place) and a series of seven locating maps, is \$18.75—scarcely more than an economical tourist spends for two days on an actual trip. Mahogany-aluminum stereoscope, \$1.15. Express charges paid. Send orders to Underwood & Underwood, Department Z, 12 W. 37th street, New York.

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MISSION WORK IN THE COLBERT ASSOCIATION.

We came here the first of November, 1911, and took up the work as associational missionary. The people at Cherokee, where we now live, gave us a warm welcome, and have been doing nice things for us from time to time since our arrival, for which we are very grateful. We came here from the Geneva Association (Geneva county), where we were born and raised, and of course loved our home and the work of that association, but believing that we were led to this field by the hand of our Lord, we have taken up this work with our heart full of love for the cause in this association. I have the honor of being pastor of a church which was built in 1855, and it has been one of the landmarks in years gone by. Some of the old wheel horses are still here, and though they are not physically able to be very active, their hearts and lives are still in the work. Although our membership at Cherokee is small, I never saw better workers than some of them are. Brothers J. H. Carter, J. C. Paterson, B. F. Hunt and H. H. Russell stand shoulder to shoulder in the forefront of the battle; and the work of our ladies—oh, well, I can't speak too highly of their untiring efforts. The church here at Cherokee has not had a regular pastor for the last few years; hence has been losing ground to some extent, but feeling encouraged, as we do, and trusting in the Lord as our great leader in this battle, we believe He will make his church here "as a city that was set on a hill." I would like to say more about Cherokee, but must go now to Riverton, another one of my churches. We have a still smaller membership here, but our people are anxious to make their church a success, and are striving to that end.

Leighton, our third church, had no pastor at all last year, and they are somewhat on the background, but we have the material there for a good church, and believe that with divine aid and more "grace, grit and greenback" the people there can have a good church, and will be able to do some good work during this year.

We are praying for divine guidance in all this work and serving the people as best we can in our humble way, always keeping uppermost in our minds and hearts the glory of God and the salvation of immortal souls. Pray for us. I am yours in the Master's service,
Z. W. McNEAL
Cherokee, Ala.

TRIP NOTES.

Friday, February 9, I stopped at Clanton to spend the day, in order to do some private canvassing for the new building at Newton. Brother W. M. Olive, the pastor, met me at the depot and showed me every courtesy, going with me over the town in the morning. In the afternoon he drove me out to Thorsby, which is eight miles from Clanton, where we saw other brethren. Olive has been pastor at Clanton only a year, but in that time he has built a parsonage, and it is paid for.

In the late afternoon I took a train for Letohatchie, where Brother J. R. G. White took charge of me. We spent Saturday seeing some of the brethren privately. I preached Sunday morning at Letohatchie, and after dinner drove four miles in the country to Steep Creek church, where I preached again, and then drove on four miles further to Hayneville, where Brother White had arranged for me to speak at night. It was a full day, but I greatly enjoyed it. I was kindly treated by the brethren at all these places. On Monday I had the good fortune to meet at Hayneville several brethren from Lowndesboro, who were there to attend the sale of some land.

I had heard much of the prairie mud, but had my first experience with it on this trip. I was informed that I did not see it at its worst stage. I have no desire, however, to drive through it when it is worse than it was last Sunday. White has a big field, but he is a big man in more ways than one.

Monday afternoon I went to Montgomery and spent Tuesday morning there, and then went on to Opelika, where I had the pleasure of a brief conversation with Dr. Baker and Brother J. P. Hunter. From Opelika I went to Alexander City to spend Wednesday with Brother Arnold S. Smith. It rained more or less all day, but that did not deter Smith and I from canvassing the town, and the brethren responded quite nobly. The Alexander City church is one of the very best in the state, and no man has a stronger hold on his people than Arnold S. Smith has, though he has been their pastor for more than 12 years. They seem willing to do anything their pastor thinks they ought to do.

As a pastor I have listened to many tales of woe, but they were nothing compared with the tales of financial woe to which I have listened during the past few months. It is amazing how many Baptists there are in the state who are hard up. I have met only one brother who frankly confessed that he could give me a good big amount which I mentioned to him, and he added, "But to get me to do it is a very different proposition." It was refreshing to hear this honest confession.

A committee of the educational commission will meet a committee of the board of trustees of the Newton Institute on March 1 in Montgomery for the purpose of giving out the contract for the new building. I am making every effort possible, but must have the co-operation of the brethren in general if this building is to be paid for as it is built. I have recently received 50 cents from "a country girl" and a dollar from a "sister" for the Newton school. These two, whose names are not given, are giving, I am sure, out of their small means. I hope many will follow their example. Many no doubt have resolved to give something to this worthy cause, but have put it off from time to time. The King's business demands haste, brethren.

Dr. Patrick writes me that he will raise \$50 in Siloam church at Marion for this cause. This shows the broad-minded spirit of the president of the Judson and the people of Marion. The Judson, which is located in their town, is in need of funds, but they do not propose to let that fact interfere with their having a part in erecting the new building at Newton.

W. J. E. COX.

Birmingham, Feb. 15, 1912.

CLAYTON BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is with profound regret that we have learned that Brother Bunyan Davie is to leave us. He has been a citizen of our town for the past 30 years or more, and during that time has been prominently connected with the church, the B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday school work in this city, county and state. We felt complimented when he was selected from our Sunday school to be president of the Alabama

Sunday School Association. We now feel very highly complimented that his efficiency has brought to him the reward that he so richly deserves. We hate to give him up, but are glad that the state workers



have seen in him the qualities that are so noticeable by us. As a slight token of our esteem and appreciation, be it resolved:

That we realize that we are losing one of the best superintendents of the state.

That his exemplary life and untiring efforts in the church, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work will be everlasting in its influence and forever appreciated.

That we pray that God bestow upon him rich blessings in his new work and crown him with success. That we cannot recommend him too highly to those among whom he will labor.

That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Brother Davie, the local paper, the Alabama Baptist and the clerk of the church for the purpose of being spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BORDERS,
R. F. VALENTINE.

Adopted January 28, 1912.

The Marion Standard says:

"Dr. Paul V. Bomar took occasion at the close of his sermon last Sunday morning to announce to his congregation that after prayerful consideration he had declined to accept the presidency of the Girls' College at Anderson, S. C., which was recently tendered him. The position was very inviting and carried with it a handsome salary, and also opened up work much to his liking."

"Dr. Bomar gave as his reason for declining that the duties would necessarily in the end eliminate him



from the active ministry and he could not make up his mind to give up this work after having served so many years.

"At the close of Dr. Bomar's statement every member of the congregation gathered around the minister to grasp his hand and a love feast followed.

"Dr. Bomar is not only popular with his own congregation, but with all the people, and is one of the ablest and most devout ministers in the state, and as vice-president and teacher in Judson College it is doubtful if there is a better field to serve his church and disseminate Christian teaching than in his present position in Marion.

"Thursday night of this week the large membership of his church surprised him with pounds and presents of various descriptions in recognition of their appreciation of his decision to remain with them, while many expressions both public and private of their love and esteem were extended."

(This is indeed good news for the Baptists of Alabama, for Paul Bomar is loved as few pastors are in his adopted state, and his work as shepherd of the Marion saints is only exceeded by his work as teacher in the Judson.)

MISS CRANE'S RESIGNATION.

It would be impossible to express the deep regret with which the whole Woman's Missionary Union will hear of the resignation of Miss Edith Campbell Crane, who for more than four years has been our corresponding secretary. In this time Miss Crane has not only conducted the office work at the headquarters in Baltimore with untiring zeal and great wisdom, but has also visited every southern state, speaking to the women in the large cities and making hosts of friends for herself and the union. Besides these visits she has represented the general union in many of the state unions, in the great Student Volunteer convention held in Rochester, N. Y.; in the World's Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland; acted as secretary of the woman's meeting of the Baptist World's Alliance, and was there appointed secretary of the woman's committee of the Alliance.

In the midst of these numerous activities, and just as she was preparing to accompany the woman's jubilee party in the southern tour last fall, Miss Crane's health gave way, and she was obliged to lay down her duties for several months' rest.

While she has improved and there is every reason to expect her complete recovery, she found at the beginning of the year that she would not be able to return to the work. She therefore offered her resignation, to take effect at once.

This emergency took the president of the union to Baltimore for ten days in January. It was at a second session of the executive committee, held during this time, that Miss Crane's resignation was offered. With many loving expressions and prayers for her full and speedy recovery the resignation was accepted. In these expressions and prayers hundreds of her friends all over the south will unite.

Until the annual meeting of the union in May, when Miss Crane's successor will be elected, the office in Baltimore will be in charge of Miss Nancy Lee Swann, assistant secretary, and Mrs. William R. Nimmo. In March, April and May Miss Swann will visit societies and represent the work of the union in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. During her absence the office will be in charge of Mrs. William R. Nimmo, familiar to the union as secretary of the literature committee, and all correspondence with the general office, 15 West Franklin street, Baltimore, should be addressed to her after March 1.

The closing months of the year will be busy ones, but the work in Baltimore will go on without delay or change, while Miss Swann will bring the union in close touch with the workers in the states she will visit.

The executive committee is busily at work through its various well-organized sub-committees; the state unions are eagerly and wisely carrying out their plans, and everything points to a fine report and an enthusiastic meeting in Oklahoma City next May.

FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President W. M. U.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4, 1912.

EDITORIAL

THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

Much space has been given in the papers and magazines about the coronation, and many lessons have been drawn from the great event, but none seems fuller of significance to us than an article in which a noted East Indian writes of "The Lifting of the Veil" by his country women. Marvelous indeed is the change of sentiment going on in India, which has resulted in the Indian ladies, whose mothers and grandmothers gloried in the rigidity of their separation from the sterner sex, stepping out of the privacy of their apartments to attend state and social functions in a cosmopolitan center like London. Their flashing jewels of fabulous value, their olive complexions and piquant, Oriental countenances, their gold-embroidered, gay-hued saris, or their equally picturesque costumes, consisting of velvet trousers, bodices and silken sheets wrapped about their heads and shoulders, or the shroud-like burq'as, which completely hide their forms, have attracted the attention of the average English man and woman to the notable ladies from Hindostan now sojourning in Great Britain. Few, however, have realized that the fact that some of the rulers of the native states brought their families along with them to witness the coronation of King George V, and that even the Begum of Bhopal ventured out of her seclusion to come to the capital of the empire to which she acknowledges allegiance, is of significant import, inasmuch as it visualizes to the Briton the working of a social revolution which is transforming India; introducing into the country a changed family life, in which the husband and wife stand on the same level and in which the sexes are no longer segregated, but act and re-act on each other's character, becoming strengthened and refined in the process.

Suffice it to emphasize the fact that as the years pass by the Maharajas, Rajas and Thakores are developing more and more of a passion for taking their wives along with them when they fare forth upon their world tours. More and more they show their anxiety to give their daughters the benefit of training abroad, or, if this cannot be managed, they at least employ western or westernized teachers to carry European culture to the girls. This tendency is so widespread that today no royal residence in India is so enveloped by the darkness of ignorance and superstition, but that at least a single ray of emancipation, be it ever so feeble and fitful, is shining in, pointing out the better way to the polygamous husband and his unfortunate victims.

It has been pointed out that the feminine members of Indian royalty who were present in England were not notable merely for their precious jewels, rich gowns and striking features, but also because they represent the vanguard of the new type of womanhood just springing up in India. Judged by Occidental as well as Oriental standards, these women have the highest culture and character. Considering the fact that the blighting experience of sex segregation has been removed but a short time, and even now not absolutely except in isolated instances, they are an acquisition to their homeland.

Our prayer is that their visit to England may so impress them as to send them back home to do missionary work among their sisters. May the gospel have its way until every woman has been set free in the Orient.

A GUIDING GOD.

In an editorial of a religious paper the question was recently discussed as to whether or not God guided the Christian in respect to all matters of duty. While the editor expressed his belief in the general guidance of God in behalf of His people, he thought that there are times when the Christian, being in perplexity as to what he should do concerning a particular affair, is justified in using "his own best judgment." He argued that God often works through the good judgment of a Christian rather than by giving that one any specific light and guidance. We are unable to agree with that view. It would be indeed strange if God were to clearly guide one in regard to the most of things, and withhold guidance from him when he is in the greatest perplexity as to what he should do or not do. This is unreasonable, and also unscriptural. If it be admitted that God does guide the Christian

in reference to many things, but does not give him guidance in relation to certain other things, leaving him to use his "best judgment" in deciding the question of duty, then we must conclude that the man's judgment is practically equal to God's guidance. Moreover, if one's judgment, however good it may be, be sufficient to correctly guide him in deciding perplexing cases of duty, then it should be sufficient to direct him in all cases of duty and privilege. This, we believe, is logical. But we cannot accept the conclusions of such an argument. We cannot believe that Paul pursued such a course as is referred to. We must believe that he fully submitted all questions of personal duty to the guidance of God. It is evident from his writings that, in respect to everything concerning his work, he prayed for God's guidance. It is not supposable that he would depend upon his own judgment to decide what he should do, and how he should do it. And the more perplexing that the question of duty was, the more intensely he prayed for the guiding wisdom of God; and it is certain that he always received it. We, too, may safely pursue the same course. It may require much prayer and patient waiting to rightly ascertain our duty in regard to some things, but in due time the necessary divine guidance will come to us.

A STRIKE FOR FOUR LOAVES OF BREAD.

We read that 10,000 singing, cheering men and women, boys and girls, in ragged, irregular lines, marching and counter marching through snow and slush for two hours of a raw January afternoon—a procession of the nations of the world never equaled in the "greatest snow on earth"—surged through the streets of Lawrence, Mass., on the afternoon of Thursday, January 18. In the line were native-born Americans, Russians and Syrians, Germans and Armenians, English and Belgians, Irish and Poles, Portuguese and Austrians and Scotch. "The Marseillaise," the great battle hymn that upset a proud monarch and that came near causing every throne in Europe to topple, was sung by a trudging group of French women, and you heard the strain caught up by hundreds of other marchers and melt away into the whistled chorus of rag-time from a bunch of doffer boys. Strange songs and strange shouts from strange un-at-home-looking men and women, 10,000 of them; striking because their pay envelopes had been cut "four loaves of bread."

For a mile along the Merrimac river in the heart of Lawrence stretch the now emptied woolen and cotton mills, which employed close to 25,000 men, women and children.

It has been said that more languages are spoken within the mill district of Lawrence than in any other place of equal size in the world. True or not, within a mile radius of the district are spoken half a hundred different tongues.

And yet knowing that for the last half dozen years the total number of alien immigrants to the United States has averaged nearly a million, there are people who still say there is no need of our Home Board. The mere recital of the above facts gives us need to pray that Under God we Americans may settle right the great social, economic and religious problem thrust upon us.

LIQUOR A PARASITE.

Glass blowers have been persuaded that unless men continue to "smash things" in saloons there will soon be nothing to "blow" but the prohibitionists. Coopers have been made to feel that if fewer beer barrels are wanted they will lose, as if there would not be in that case a demand for more flour barrels to feed the drinker's famished family, and more oil barrels to light up his darkened home. All this in spite of the saying of Mr. John Mitchell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor: "I have no sympathy with the statement, so often made, that the manufacture and sale of liquor has contributed to the industrial development of the nation." The truth is, the economic burden which that traffic entails upon the communities is hard to esti-

mate. It is a prolific cause of two of society's greatest burdens, poverty and crime."

Mr. Charles Booth, of London, in his studies of Stepney and St. Pancras parishes, closes his survey with a summary of the liquor business as a cause of poverty. "Of drink in all its combinations," he says, "adding to every trouble, undermining every effort after good, destroying the home and cursing the lives of the children, these stories tell enough. Perhaps it does not stand as the APPARENT chief cause in as many cases of poverty as sickness and old age, but if it were not for drink these cases of sickness and old age would be better met." No one knows the exact share of this burden of expense, which the liquor traffic owes, but every worker of experience has testified to the fact that it is enormous. Where the drink evil has decreased so have the number of cases of poverty decreased proportionately.

STATEMENT FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

We give below the receipts from the various states up to February 15, 1912. We have indicated by a star those which have made an advance and by the minus sign those which are behind in their contributions as compared with the same time last year. We regret to say that the total receipts up to this time are about \$8,000 less than they were for the same time last year. When we realize that we will have to raise at least \$120,000 more than we raised last year in order to close the year without debt, it can be seen by our people that we must awake to the occasion if we pay all obligations and crown the year with victory and rejoicing. Jesus is leading us on. It is wrong for us to fail in this great work. The returns from the fields are glorious. Thousands are being won to the Lord. The opportunities are marvelous. Our people have the means. Millions have come into their hands in the last few years. We have a number of young men and women begging to be sent to the front. Our faithful workers there plead for reinforcements. What will those who stay at home say under all these circumstances? Only two months and a half more before our books close for this year. Some brethren are going to give a thousand dollars apiece to meet the situation. Others are giving \$600—the salary of a missionary. Many are giving \$100 each, the salary of a native preacher in China. But to meet the \$450,000 which we must have by the last of April will take liberal giving on the part of thousands. Let each one do his or her best, and there will be no lack.

We rejoice that so many of our people are talking to each other about this work and praying to God for His blessing. Let us continue to look to Him and He will guide and bless.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Foreign Mission Rooms, February 18, 1912.

Virginia	\$ 27,286.10*
Georgia	26,538.99
South Carolina	23,936.71*
North Carolina	15,323.46*
Texas	14,012.89*
Kentucky	14,398.08
Alabama	12,381.92
Missouri	12,906.87
Tennessee	12,438.54*
Maryland	9,502.94
Mississippi	6,422.13*
Florida	3,726.25*
Louisiana	1,820.23
District of Columbia	1,687.66*
Oklahoma	858.16*
Arkansas	767.87*
Other sources	2,274.81
Total	\$186,283.61

If the good women of the W. M. U. would really realize the chance the Leap Year Offer gives them to get their work before the Baptists of Alabama, many scores of them would put in the whole day on the 29th in canvassing for the paper. If the officers cannot do it themselves we hope they will appoint committees to look after it.

MY MISTAKES.

Brother Barnett: If you will give me just one more opportunity of expressing myself I shall have forever finished on this subject.

Some of my mistakes are as follows:

Criticising the Convention Work.

To criticise a thing that is well nigh perfect and that gives satisfaction to all of its leaders is of all things most foolish. It can't be done in the convention, and to do such a thing in the denominational state organ is unwise. He who would add to only displays his own folly. Why not turn the course of the cyclone, or stay the beams of the sun?

Speaking of "Furiners."

I should never have been so rude to have called a visiting brother "furinner." Of course I had been called that many a time at associations, and only laughed at the joke. But since it has become so serious as to make some of the brethren cry out, "Peace, peace, stop, stop," why I stop at this apology, and promise never to be naughty any more.

Trying to Be Literary.

What a serious mistake this was—to write, "Literary curiosities fit for the collections of great England's prime ministers (dead or alive) is to occupy a place among 'the smart set.'" This is an attainment that the writer has never sought. He leaves the task for the literary and for those who are within the inner circle, for the deft fingers and the acute vision of the more polished sort. It is well for the writer that great D'Israeli is dead, for if the author had been making his collection in this day surely he would have been justified in including the article in the Alabama Baptist of December 20, 1911. I hope with gentle hands the brother will scrape off the "fungus growth" and save the body politic. The convention will have him to thank.

"The United Wisdom of the Brethren."

"Men hold these positions because the united wisdom of the brethren saw them as the ones most fit to help on the work of Baptists in this state, and not with a desire to honor them." "The united wisdom" of what brethren? I ask. Those who are within the inner circle. Then the wisdom of the Holy Spirit is not needed. And that is just what I have been saying. "The body without the spirit is dead." Christ taught the survival of the unfit; but this brother, who must be an evolutionist, no doubt believes in the "survival of the fittest." "The ones most fit" when resolved into a syllogism means this: "The united wisdom of the convention selects only those who are most fit. Only a few of us are the most fit. Therefore the united wisdom of the convention selects us."

"Service or Honor."

"I had not before thought of positions on boards and committees in the light of honors, but of service." Indeed! Then it is very strange that a few of the poor brethren are called upon all the time from year to year to do all this hard service. There is no honor in being governor of Alabama or president of the United States; no honor in being president of the State Convention? And yet I have heard the brethren when elected acknowledge with smiles and bows "the great honor conferred upon them." What? No honor, but only service? No honor connected with the title of D. D., I am sure. It is a great service, though. The laurels are burdens to be borne and endured with Christian resignation and humility. But what is it worth after all? I have known D. D.'s in Alabama who could not read a line of Greek or Latin. And I knew that the title was only an act of favoritism. That is all.

The Unsolved Question.

None of my critics have solved anything. They have only pounced on me because I dared express an opinion on the puzzled question.

To say that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," etc., is no answer. What do the South Alabamians know about a North Alabama boy? No more than they know about a Tennessee boy.

Brethren from other states, please do not judge me by the prospectus given you by other writers. I am not a cannibal—have never eaten a "furinner." You need not form a "protective association"—not yet.

But I ask you to read this sentence in my first article: "We welcome every one who come to our great state, if he comes in the name of the Lord."

He is our brother, and our home is his home."

Does that sound like Mount Ebal, or Gerizim? I am glad that the committee has appointed a native second place for the convention sermon. It is high time, for the man is past 60 years and has been considered for a generation the most gifted of all the Southeast Alabama preachers. But here is a strange thing. Our state develops great attorneys, great physicians, great merchants, great educators. But our preachers are so inferior that the churches will not employ them.

Our colleges educated them; then turn them over to the mercies of other lands. And you can see no cause? Then let it go.

I shall make answer to no other article on this subject.

"For they warbled in and warbled out,
And left the people all in doubt,
Whether the snake that made the track
Was coming in or going back."

R. M. HUNTER.

We can almost sit down and write out a list of the pastors who will bother themselves to do a little personal work to get their members to take the Alabama Baptist. Brethren, we know that many of you are very busy men. We are not complaining. Personally we count it one of the joys of our work as editor that there are so many who do what they can to help us do the work which under God we are striving to do with and through the paper.

WHO IS GOING

To Oklahoma City to the Southern Baptist Convention on Monday night, the 13th of May? Last year we were entitled to 264 messengers, and had 196 present.

We cannot expect so many to go this year, though it is a great trip, giving fine opportunity to see some of the marvelous growth of the "wild and woolly west."

The rates will be soon printed in the papers. All who wish to enroll as messengers should send in their names. April 24 the list will be printed. Those who were elected by their associations need not send names to me; all they need is a minute of their association.

Of course no one will offer his name until he has done his best to bring up Alabama's apportionment to Home and Foreign Missions. See?

W. B. CRUMPTON.

While we greatly appreciate the help of our many good friends who busy themselves to increase the circulation of the paper, still if it was merely a personal matter we would hesitate to call on them; but in asking them to try and double the list on the Leap Year Offer we feel that our sacrifice will be as great as any they will make, for it will double our work without adding to our profits, for \$1 will barely cover the actual cost of the subscription to January, 1913.

THE PARAMOUNT COMMAND OF CHRIST.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," etc. Matt. 28:18-20.

The day comes on when a church not constantly and aggressively missionary, and yet purporting to be a church of Christ, shall be regarded as the most contradictory institution in the world; and the pastor, having like spirit, shall be regarded as the most consistent man of the race. God speeds the coming of that day. Its coming means the end of all trifling and child's play with the paramount command of Jesus Christ to his churches. Its coming means the death and burial of the little, flimsy, abominable pretexts we venture to make for refusing to obey the Master. Its coming means that that atmosphere which allows the amazing paradox of men spending their energies in presenting objections to Christ's work, with little or no effort to help it, shall be forever annihilated. We are fast reaching even now to that gracious consummation—God be thanked! The principles of Christ's great kingdom are rapidly making their glorious adjustments, and no man need have one fear as to their ultimate triumph.—George W. Truitt.

HOME LOVE.

"The beauty of the home is order; the blessing of the home is contentment; the glory of the home is hospitality; the crown of the home is godliness." Some one has said this, and it is true, but the ruling power of a true home is love.

The hearthstone of the home should be so bright, with the fire of love, that its warmth and glow may reach to the end of life of those who have clustered there in early days; its vivifying influence make bright every dark place in life's journey, and wherever the wanderer may roam be a magnet to draw back to the sacred place.

Such should be the nature of the home love; that it will make the home a foretaste of the home celestial, and the love formed here shall be unbroken by death. Such love will be unselfish, self-sacrificing, generous and free. "Love seeketh not her own!"

Love purified by the Holy Spirit will find the hearts in eternal bonds, and must be eternal.

A home founded on such love must be beautiful, blessed, glorious and crowned by God; where must follow order, contentment, hospitality and godliness.

To place over the mantel of the fireplace:

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Ten years wrestling with the business end of a religious newspaper has caused us to realize that a special offer is a real injury to the paper, and if we looked merely on the financial side we would "cut them out," but in a crisis we are sure that every thousand new subscribers put on means a genuine boost to our denominational enterprises. We offer the Baptists of Alabama an opportunity to get hundreds of unenlisted men and women to take the Leap Year Leap.

If the overworked pastor wants relief let him put the Alabama Baptist into the homes of the people on the Leap Year Offer, and it will do the work of an assistant. A little personal work on their part now will save them much work later.

Financially, the missionary agency is one of the greatest forces at work on the non-Christian world. Its total annual expenditure for Foreign Missions is less than the cost of three battleships, and not as much as the annual maintenance of the Italian navy. Yet, small as it is, it has made a deeper impact in the name of civilization than any other agency; and all its mistakes from the beginning, put together, have not been one-thousandth part as costly as the single mistake of Gordon's fall in the Sudan and what followed it, to whomsoever that mistake may have been due. The missionary movement has not only advanced civilization; it has been and is required to support it. Civilization rests upon great moral ideas. It is not a mere commercial affair. It could not be at all the great commercial affair it is if it were not for the moral ideas which underlie it. It is only possible as the people who would enjoy it are animated in some real measure by the principles on which it rests.—Robert E. Speer.

We have studied hard over the situation which confronts the Baptists of Alabama, and we make the special dollar offer to January, 1913, in order to try and enlist a larger number of givers and workers. It's as much the problem of the pastors as it is that of your editor. If they fail to take hold of the Leap Year Offer and push it we will not suffer, but the cause will.

Pastors ought to be as much interested in putting on new subscribers at \$1 to January, 1913, as we are. There is no money in it for the paper, but we are glad to do our part towards helping the general work.

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Seven preachers and quite a number of deacons and laymen of the Cullman Association met in the First church of Cullman on February 5 for the purpose of discussing the needs of our association and the Lord's work in general. At 10:30 a. m. the house was called to order by Pastor L. T. Reeves, who briefly stated the object of the meeting. Rev. J. D. Tankersley led a very fervent prayer. The writer was then elected permanent chairman. During the day many able speeches were made by Brethren L. T. Reeves, J. D. Tankersley, J. S. Brown, R. C. Ledbetter, J. R. Brown, F. P. Morris, J. D. Lovelady, C. W. Whaley, C. O. Livengood and others. At noon the good ladies of the First church spread a bountiful lunch before the brethren, which we very much enjoyed.

Before adjournment the meeting was resolved into the "Pastors' Conference" of the Cullman Association, to meet quarterly at such time and place as might be designated by the committee on program. Brethren Reeves and Whaley were appointed on said committee.

We are hoping and praying for a good year's work in the Cullman Association this year. Fraternally,
 J. E. CREEL
 Bangor, Ala.

Whereas, it pleased God on January 30, 1912, to call to Himself Elizabeth O'Neal, a faithful and loyal member of our Sunday school, one whose entire life, though only 10 years in length, was so full of devotion to God and evidences of her faith in Him that we had learned to love her and to hope and expect so much for her and from her in the coming years; therefore be it resolved as follows:

First—That we, as a Sunday school and church, bow in humble submission to this visitation of divine providence, trusting in Him who doeth all things well and knowing the seeds sown by this happy, lovable child will bring forth an abundant harvest in the lives of many who knew her.

Second—That we, feeling that her short stay among us has been a source of much inspiration and blessing, here express our appreciation and esteem for her and our sympathy for the bereaved family, who spared nothing in the effort to prolong the life and relieve the suffering of this child.

Third—That we commend the life of Elizabeth O'Neal as one worthy of our emulation and remembrance; it was so much like the life of Jesus in deeds of kindness, in suffering, in faith in God and in devotion to His interests.

Fourth—That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. J. E. SHREVE,
 FANNIE LOU RILEY,
 W. L. YARBROUGH,
 Committee.

For the past five weeks I have been in Louisiana—three weeks at Central church, New Orleans; 30 accessions. I am now at Bogalusa. We are having a great meeting. Up to date 30 have united with the church, nearly all men and women. Pray for us.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist.

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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. Simmins 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 209 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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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:

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The fourteenth annual Tabernacle Bible Conference will convene at the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., March 1, and will continue through March 10. Indications point to the largest attendance in the history of the conferences. The conference is interdenominational—over two thousand preachers attending last year.

The fourteenth conference will be held in New Tabernacle and Institute building, recently dedicated, costing over \$200,000, the seating capacity of which is 5,000.

The personnel of the conference will equal, if not surpass, any former program. An array of new voices will be heard.

Dr. Charles Inwood, of London, the specially appointed representative of the Keswick movement, will be here to present the lines of teaching that characterize Keswick, the largest Bible conference in the world.

Dr. Camden M. Coburn, of Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa., who was such a revelation to the conference last year, fairly sweeping the field before him, will again be here to speak on "Light from the New Testament" and "Recent Discoveries in Palestine." He ranks as one of America's greatest Bible scholars.

Dr. J. H. Jowett, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, recently from Birmingham, England, will be a new voice. Dr. Jowett is ranked as one of the few great preachers of the world, and his writings have made him famous around the globe. It is a distinct source of gratification to be able to present him.

Dr. Howard A. Johnson, of Stamford, Conn., will address the conference on soul winning and methods of personal work. In his line he has no peer in this country.

Dr. W. W. Bustard, of Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O., will deliver a series of addresses. Dr. Bustard comes with a distinct message, and it is expected that here, as elsewhere, he will receive a great hearing.

Dr. Broughton, whose pastorate terminates with the Tabernacle at the close of the conference, will deliver a series of addresses also. The character of these addresses will be the result of 14 years of personal touch with churches in this and other lands, and will embody also personal experiences growing out of a pastorate of 14 years in Atlanta. These sermons will be his last in America, his pastorate at Christ church, London, opening April 1.

Mrs. A. A. Lamoreaux, of Chicago, is a specialist in her line in Sunday school pedagogy. She will address the conference daily.

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For further particulars, address Rev. J. W. Ham, assistant pastor Tabernacle Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.

PROGRAM

Of Ninth Session of Harmony Grove Baptist Sunday School Convention, to Be Held at Guin March 9-10.

Saturday.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Longcrier.

2 p. m. "Can We Have Evergreen Sunday Schools in Rural Churches?" Revs. F. M. Holly and W. T. Candle. "Rural Sunday School Problems"—Revs. D. W. Rickenson and D. E. Gatlin.

"The Solution of These Problems"—J. D. Studdard.

"Practical Suggestions"—Secretary H. L. Strickland and Rev. D. W. Morgan.

7 p. m. "The Superintendent and His Work"—R. K. Shirey and Prof. Rutledge.

Address, "The Ideal Teacher"—H. L. Strickland.

Sunday.

9 a. m. "How to Win New Pupils"—Prof. Rutledge and J. F. Duncan.

"Looking After Absentees"—Rev. D. W. Morgan and others.

Address, "Men for the Sunday Schools and the Sunday Schools for the Men"—Secretary H. L. Strickland.

11 a. m. Address by Dr. A. P. Montague.

Come and be with us
J. D. STUDDARD,
President,
NORA INGLE, Secretary.

PROGRAM

For a Fifth Sunday Meeting at Mount Zion, March 30 and 31, 1912.

Saturday Morning.

9:30. Devotional exercises, led by Brother W. R. Speakman.

10. "The Unity of Believers"—Opened by Rev. H. J. Gravlee; followed by general discussion.

Recess of ten minutes.

11. Sermon by Rev. F. M. Leeth.

Dinner.

1:15. Prayer and praise service by Brother William Rouse.

1:30. "Duties of Church Members"—Rev. J. M. Sandlin. Five minute talks by others.

2:30. "The Importance of Sunday Schools"—Prof. F. Barnard.

7. Prayer service by Brother Merida Fulmer.

7:15. "The Need of Sunday Schools"—Prof. J. T. McKee.

10:30. "Sabbath Keeping"—Brother Will Harding.

Recess.

11. "Missions"—Rev. Frank Barnard.

R. F. WOOTEN.

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THE ROANOKE INSTITUTE.

By D. W. Sims.

Among the progressive, up-to-date Baptist pastors of Alabama we find Rev. F. H. Farrington, of Roanoke, one of the foremost. He is an Alabamian by birth, but has served in Pittsburg, Pa., Wilmington, N. C., and Portsmouth, Va. His work at Wilmington dates back nearly ten years, as breaking in his course at Howard College, but during the two years at Wilmington he built a church and took in exactly 100 new members. The Pittsburg pasorate covers a period of time between his Howard College and seminary work. From the seminary he took the charge at Portsmouth, Va., and in the first three months 130 persons were added to the church—70 by baptism and 60 by letter and restoration. This was largely the result of a meeting personally conducted by Pastor Farrington. In the little more than two years he has been at Roanoke, Ala., he has justly won the highest commendation of his congregation, and he is bringing things to pass. He took charge of the Roanoke field in December, 1909. The church membership has increased about 75, and the Sunday school is nearly double what it then was. Contributions from this church to all benevolent purposes have multiplied three fold. Brother Farrington has a strong grip on the Roanoke people.

Last October Brother Farrington determined that a Sunday school institute at Roanoke would be helpful, and he personally saw the writer, asking that arrangements be made for such a meeting. He would not take no for an answer, and as the earliest dates available were the last of January he accepted that time and got busy with his advertising. The institute was held January 24 to 28, and was thoroughly advertised. Mr. Farrington enlisted the interest of the Sunday school workers of the city by newspaper articles and placards and by a house-to-house campaign, in which programs of the institute were put in each home. The speakers were Mrs. S. P. Moore, of Birmingham; Mr. Leon C. Palmer, field secretary of the Alabama Sunday School Association, and the writer. At the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday, which was the climax of the institute, three addresses were delivered, one by Mr. Farrington, followed by Mr. Palmer and the writer, who requested that all who were willing to take the Teacher Training course should indicate their willingness by going in an adjoining room and enrolling. Eleven new members were secured for a class in the Methodist Sunday school, which was organized some time before, and 42 members were secured for a class in the Baptist church to take the Baptist course (The Baptist Norman Manual). In a letter dated February 5 Mr. Farrington says: "Eighteen more have joined our class, making 60 in all. Please send me 50 tracts on Organized Adult Bible Class." From this we see that the Baptist church at Roanoke now has a Teacher Training class of 60 members, and that since this is well under way Brother

Farrington is turning his tireless energy to organizing an adult class. As Brother Farrington is a modest man the facts for the first part of this article had to be secured from an old issue of a Virginia paper.

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 17th Day of February, 1912.

Estate of Mentia Mealer, Deceased.

This day came Henry Mealer, administrator of the estate of Mentia Mealer, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

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Yours in the work of the Master,
REV. W. M. ROBERTS,
Jamestown, Ala.

On the 1st of February we began our second year's work as pastor here. One year ago we found the work in a disorganized condition and nearly crushed by a heavy debt. God gave us a glorious year's work together. Sixty-seven were received into the church, with a net gain of some 40. Paid on church debt, \$1,500.00; salary and other home expenses nearly \$1,500; benevolences, \$323.93. We still have a small indebtedness but we hope to take care of this year. We feel encouraged.—J. E. Barnes, Pratt City.

The weaver Baptist church enjoyed a splendid sermon last fourth Sunday by their pastor, Rev. R. L. Wyatt. He had a large and attentive congregation at the morning service. The rain prevented us having service in the evening. Our Sunday school is fairly good. Both teachers and pupils have been neglectful during the winter months. We hope to do better with the coming of spring.—A Member.

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PASSED AWAY.

Sister Templin, wife of W. J. Templin, passed away February 3, 1912. She was born in Dallas county March 22, 1843. She united with the Town Creek church at 12 years of age. She was married to Mr. W. J. Templin March 1, 1866. Their home was blessed with eight children, seven of which survive her. Sister Templin was a strong Christian character and lived a consistent Christian life. This good woman is with us no more, but the memory of her noble and upright life, of what she did and sought to do for her Master and suffering humanity, will be cherished by her loved ones and friends to the end of their days. Words fall me in expressing what she was to the home as mother and companion. She was kind and sympathetic, and so anxious to give others comfort she lost sight of self. She was a great sufferer for years, but a patient sufferer. These afflictions polished her life until she was ready to go and could welcome death, the way growing brighter until the perfect day.

May the Father of all love comfort the bereaved father and children.

J. W. DUNAWAY.

THE NEWTON SCHOOL.

Dear Brother Barnett:

I have seen several pieces in the Baptist in regard to the Newton school burning. I was once one of its students, and regretted very much to hear of it, although it will cause a different feeling in all the Baptists of Alabama and cause them to come to the help of building a better building there, which was needed very much. I am glad to know that they have got up so much on the building already. My husband has collected some at his churches and is trying to get more, although he hasn't sent any in yet, but hopes soon to do so. Let every one of us try to help build the dear old school back better than ever before.

We are on a hard field it seems, yet we can do all things through Him who strengtheneth us. Prayer meeting is to be in our home tomorrow (Wednesday) night. Will you come and be with us?

My husband has five churches and two school houses to which he has to go once or twice every month. Pray for him, that he may do good work for the cause of Christ.

I sure enjoy reading the Baptist. Best wishes to you and yours.

MRS. J. C. HILL

Octagon, Ala.

I have been reading the paper nearly ever since it has existed, and have been paying for it regularly for the last 30 years. Move up my figures one year to 1913.—Mrs. C. J. Carlisle.

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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.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Sam Roberson and wife, Annis Roberson, and C. H. Hayes and wife, Alzer Hayes, on the 16th day of March, 1910, and recorded in volume 552, record of deeds, at page 152, 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 18th day of March, 1912, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

One-half acre, more or less, lying in the N. E. corner of the N. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 35, Tp. 16, range 2 west, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the N. E. corner of said N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 and run due south to a stake for point of beginning, thence continue due south 70 yards to a stake, thence west 35 yards, thence north 70 yards, thence east 35 yards to point of beginning. Commence at the N. W. corner of S. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 35, Tp. 16, range 2 west, run south 660 feet, thence east 660 feet, thence north 240 feet, thence west 420 feet, thence north 420 feet, thence west 240 feet to beginning. S. W. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 35, Tp. 16, range 2 west. Commence at N. W. corner of south half of north-west quarter of northwest quarter, run south 210 feet, east 210 feet, north 210 feet, west 210 feet to beginning. Sec. 2, Tp. 17, range 2 west; all of said lands being situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

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Brother John Lowrey was born in Bledsoe county, Tennessee, February 23, 1823, and died at Piper, Ala., January 27, 1912. The following may be laid to rest by the side of his wife, who preceded him some six years. Brother Lowrey came to this county with his parents when a mere child, and spent the rest of his life here.

At the age of 16 he joined the Baptist church, thereby entering upon a long and useful Christian life of almost 74 years. In 1848 he was married to Jane Goodson. To this union were born 11 children, eight of whom are still living. Just before the war he was made a deacon, and served in this capacity for more than 50 years. Brother Lowrey was a man that was faithful to his Lord in season and out of season. He was a regular and punctual attendant at church except during the time he served in the Confederate army. Until old age prevented him there were few services he missed. It is said of him that when our churches were few and scattered he would ride 60 miles to represent his church at the association. Another one of his many beautiful traits of Christian character—love for his church—is illustrated by this incident: Once through disagreements in conference the church had become so badly split up that it had no pastor. A man passing by on preaching Saturday saw Brother Lowrey and his family at church. It is needless for us to say that in his death we have suffered loss; needless for us to try to eulogize this grand old soldier of the cross. We can only pray that God may give us more men such as he was. Blessed are they that rest in the Lord. Yea, saith the spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. A FRIEND.

Oakman, Ala., Feb. 12, 1912.

Whereas, Mrs. Josie Odom has severed her connection with our Sunday school; and,

Whereas, she has been one of our most faithful and efficient teachers; therefore be it resolved:

First—That we are deeply sensible of the loss the church and Sunday school sustain in her moving from our midst.

Second—That we commend her to the people among whom she has moved, praying God's blessings upon her in her new field.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Sunday school, a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication and a copy forwarded to Mrs. Odom.

T. J. YORK,
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Rev. W. G. Baker was born December 28, 1839; was married to Miss Cynthia N. Devours April 3, 1863, who preceded him to the spirit world September 14, 1899; was ordained to preach April 2, 1881; died October 3, 1911. There were born to them four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except one son, who died when about four years old. Those living are all members of the Baptist church.

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Honea Path, S. C., Jan. 16, 1912.

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