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Every church should see to it that their subscriptions for Home and Foreign Missions are collected at once and forwarded so as to reach our general boards by April 30.

For the month, ending 20th, we have received for Home and Foreign Missions \$7,730. Yours—W. B. Crumpton.

It is announced that Rev. C. A. Ridley, pastor of the First church, Beaumont, Tex., has been called to the pastorate of the Central church, Atlanta.

Married, at Bangor, Ala., April 21, Mr. Arthur Arnold and Miss Lizzie McPherson, the writer officiating. Both parties are active members of Bangor church and Sunday school. May heaven's richest blessings attend this union. Fraternally—J. E. Creel.

The Baptist Commonwealth says: 'All Christendom last year gave \$26,800,000 to Foreign Missions. The native churches themselves gave \$5,280,000. Also they gained 140,000 converts from paganism. In the foreign mission schools one million and a half native boys and girls are under Christian instruction. England, America and Germany each gave more this year than before.'

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find \$2 for your paper. On March 20 I passed my 80th birthday, and am proud to say I have been a constant subscriber for the Alabama Baptist for over 40 years, and hope to enjoy reading it the remainder of my days, as it is continually improving, and with each issue more interesting to me and a goodly number of my grandchildren. Success to you and yours. Fraternally—Wyly Ogletree.

Please find enclosed \$2 for back dues. March 28 a cyclone came and blew down our church (Coosa Valley); just tore it into splinters. Although we are a very weak body, with the help of the Lord we have pledged to rebuild. If any one who sees this, either former member, pastor or any one who loves the memory of "Old Coosa Valley" church, wants to help us in this work, it will be gladly and joyfully received. With best wishes for the paper, sincerely—Mrs. R. M. Clayton, Cropwell.

Rev. Henry Wyley Fancher, of Montevallo, Ala., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Winchester and Decherd churches, and took charge the 1st of April. Brother Fancher graduated at Howard College with the degree of A. B. in 1899, at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1902 with the degree of Th. M., and spent the year of 1904-1905 in the graduate department of Harvard University. He is very highly spoken of. We extend to him a cordial welcome to Tennessee.—Baptist and Reflector.

(We regret to lose Brother Fancher, but pray God's blessing upon him in his new field.)

OUR GOD IS A GREAT GOD

We sympathize with the anxiety which causes Brethren Willingham and Gray to fear that they will have to report a debt at the convention; and we also share the strain of Brother Crumpton, who is doing his utmost to see that Alabama raises its apportionment. We enter heartily into the spirit of many burdened pastors who are working and praying that their churches will have a full part in raising the amounts asked; and we also lovingly agonize with the good women of the W. M. U. who sacrifice and toil to make a good showing. Truly these are anxious hours for all who love our mission enterprises, and every man and woman ought to do their dead level best to give what they can to prevent any curtailment at home or abroad.

Humanly speaking, many things have been in the way of the mission leaders to make their work hard. Oh, the rainy Sundays, the interference with carefully laid plans.

But our God is a great God, and where God is, defeat of good is never final, but there is hope of victory even in the darkest hour.

In this hour of stress and strain let us remember that the brightest has got some shadow on its path; the darkest has got some note of music. The bluest heaven is not perfect blue; the cloud has its blessed ministry of rain. God sets the night over against the day. He sets the winter over against the summer. He gives the stars, but takes away the sunshine. He gives the fruit, but takes away the flower.

But let us also remember God will not let us sit at ease. He sends us out to take a man's risks, do a man's work and suffer with the needful sufferings of a man. But he sends us with the promise, "They that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength".

Then let us have a springtime faith that plants and tends in confidence that our God is a great God. We dare not depend upon anything but God.

Please urge new subscribers to act at once so that they can get the convention numbers. This is also a good talking point to get new subscribers. Try it!

The suffragists of New York have found an ardent supporter in Chinatown. She is Miss Mabel Lee, a Chinese student at Columbia, who is organizing the residents of Chinatown and hopes to have a large and representative brigade in the suffrage parade on May 4.

We regret very much to say that our pastor, Rev. C. H. Morgan, has resigned his position here in our little town. We shall all miss him ever so much. He preached the second Sunday of every month. Of course we enjoyed having him come then, but would have welcomed him oftener. Trusting that he will not forget us in his prayers, I will close.—Mazie Bush, Flatwood.

Dr. W. D. Nowlin, formerly of Kentucky, but more recently of Lake City, Fla., has become owner and editor of the Florida Baptist Witness. This paper has had a chequered existence, the experiment previous to the present one being convention ownership, which did not last long. If Brother Nowlin has money enough to live upon for a while without any income from the paper, Florida Baptists will let him go on doing it.—Christian Index.

When \$25,000 was appropriated to investigate the shipping trust the other day Minority Leader Mann asked quizzically whether the investigation would go back to the ark and Noah's monopoly of navigation during the flood.

Brother A. P. Moore, of Dallas Avenue Baptist church, Huntsville, Ala., is to begin a meeting with us Sunday, April 28. We are expecting and praying for a great revival and ingathering of souls to the Master. I know Brother Moore, he having been my pastor, and I know the messages that he will bring will be from God. May victory be ours against Satan.—T. M. Byram, Pastor

In the Alabama Baptist of April 17 I find the following: "One subscriber, after reading the Chronicle over three years, refuses to pay for it; says he reads his Bible.—Baptist Chronicle." If that man reads his Bible he must have seen a certain passage where God says, "Thou shalt not steal!" If that fellow reads the Baptist Chronicle for three years and refuses to pay for it then he steals just as much as if he steals the money from the editor's pocket, and all his Bible reading is not worth a penny.—C. T. Wettstein, Milwaukee, Wis.

Every church should see to it that their subscriptions for Home and Foreign Missions are collected at once and forwarded so as to reach our general boards by April 30.

The Baptist Standard says that the Houston Baptist pastors have committed themselves to placing the Baptist Standard in every home in their membership before June 1 this year.

I thank you for the help which you have given in the campaign which is now coming to a close. It has been a strenuous one, but we must praise the Lord for His help and blessings. Yours fraternally—R. J. Willingham.

For years brethren have been urging Evangelist T. T. Martin, of Blue Mountain, Miss., to write for publication, but he never consented until last fall some brethren met him in Louisville, Ky., and pressed it upon him, and he finally agreed to write a book. The Fleming H. Revell Company will issue his book, "God's Plan With Men," about May 1. An eminent minister, who has read the book in manuscript, writes: "This book will be a godsend and an invaluable adjunct to the library of every gospel minister and a treasure of consolation to every hopeful or even weary saint on his heavenly journey."

The following members of the Auburn Sunday school completed the Convention Normal Manual and were awarded a diploma by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the title, "King's Teacher": R. D. Webb, E. F. Cauthen, W. W. Hill, M. P. Edwards, P. F. Williams, S. C. Godbold, Mrs. R. D. Webb, Mrs. W. D. Martin, Mrs. M. P. Edwards, Mrs. W. F. Dowdell, Miss Lela Neighbors, Miss Leland Cooper. The first quarterly report makes a fine showing. The first quarter of 1912 was the best that the Sunday school has ever had. There was a large increase in enrollment, in regularity of attendance and in the offering.

I write to let you know that our new pastor, Brother J. O. Bledsoe, formerly from Alabama, but lately of Texas, where he went on account of his wife's health, has come to us and has won a place in our hearts already. He is a deeply spiritual and consecrated preacher, but does not believe in doing all the work himself, but intends to put some of it on the laity. While we are delighted to have him, we regret that his good wife was not able to come with him just now, so he is only able to do just one-half what he can do with her by his side to help. She hopes to come about June 1. We count ourselves fortunate, and all Alabama as well, in having Brother Bledsoe with us and back again in our beloved state. May God bless him in his labors and prosper us and His cause. With regards and best wishes for yourself and "our" paper, I am yours fraternally—Wm. D. Dunn, Grove Hill.

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

Send contributions for this page to the Mission Room.

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

THOUGHT FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP MONTH.

"There's not a pair of eyes so blind, there's not a head so thick,
 There's not a hand so weak and white, not yet a heart so sick,
 But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
 For the glory of the garden glorifieth every one."

DURING APRIL.

We study about Christian stewardship.
 We finish up our apportionment and then give as liberally as we can to the convention forward offering. The books close April 30.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Southern District.
 Our work in the Clear Creek Association. Mrs. W. H. Cleere, of Haleyville, is the superintendent. There are only two societies.
 Our missionary to Lal Chow Fu, North China—Miss Alice Huey.
 Our Training School students—Misses Register, Cox and Keith.
 Our student at Newton—Miss Mabel Williams.
 The Oklahoma City convention, May 15-21. The names of all our women and young ladies who are planning to attend this convention should be sent into the Mission Room, so that an Alabama badge may be sent to each one.
 The reaching of our year's apportionment. "And when ye pray, believe."

"NOW, NOT NEXT YEAR!"

Returning to the office after a two weeks' series of meetings in East and North Alabama, there is much unfinished work in the Mission Room, and we shall have to ask the societies which have not received their receipts or prompt attention to other letters sent to us recently to be patient with us until the close of the month. Our one prayer is that the societies will keep us so busy with their offerings from now on until the books close the last of the month that each day will be full of its own responsibilities. There are six more days, and then it will be "NEXT YEAR." Our state has been spared the awful calamities of the Mississippi flood, and as it is divinely true that we should "bear one another's burdens," we should not fall these few remaining days to do what we can to fulfill every obligation of our own apportionment and then try to give something beyond that to help make up for what the Home and Foreign Board reasonably expected to receive from the section of our southland which is now overwhelmed by the flood. One of the truest voices which calls us to liberality in giving to missions is that of gratitude. "The love of God constraineth us" when we think how much we have to be thankful for; while others mourn for loved ones lost at sea or by the floods, we bask in the sunshine of His favor. May this recent letter from Miss Wille Kelly stir our hearts in an unusual way, and may we not be satisfied until we have done all we can, and let us do it "NOW!"

"I have needed to be upheld by prayer during this

trying, busy winter—this changing winter, I should say, for we have found ourselves suddenly whisked into a republic, the first republic that was ever born by royal decree! 'A great earthquake has come, and every man's bands have been loosed.' People, newly freed from the superstition of idolatry, are asking, 'What is this new religion we are asked to believe?' With this question on their lips the multitudes are accosting the Christians, and the opportunity is before us of reaching a willing people—an opportunity never offered in China before, and never likely to be offered again. In the words of another, 'We are so oppressed with the magnitude of the task and with our own insufficiency that we would fain cry out for twelve legions of angels to come and help us. But the Master, who sees the multitude and whose heart was ever moved with compassion for them, is quietly saying to us, 'Give ye them to eat. He will reduce the crowd to order, though He will teach us the methods of distribution and, lo, the multitude will be fed.

"Truly, truly, the task is great, but hath not He promised to be with us all the days? Surely He sees and knows now as His children cry unto Him day and night. Stir up the hearts of the women and tell them 'NOW' is our opportunity—'TODAY, NOT NEXT YEAR!' We need men and women, money and consecration. Let us be up and doing. I fain would send this the length and breadth of our southland. It stirs me to think that our board is so in debt. What a shame that it should be so just at this crucial moment! Why is it? Let us face this question. Let us not let this opportunity slip. Once we sought opportunity to preach the gospel. Now they seek us. Once I went from house to house. Now they come to me—more than I can meet. While I've been writing this letter a nice young woman of 26 has come to ask admission to the Bible school. They come every day. We are not asking the board for one cent this year. Our school is entirely self-supporting, and is full. We pay five teachers and all other expenses. We have the best help ever in the history of the work. God is with us. Pray for us as you never prayed before. God bless you and all the Alabama women. My message to them is 'Work, watch and pray.'"

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH (CONCLUDED).

Foreign Missions.

Gallion L. A. S., \$2; Troy W. M. S., \$43.15; Glencoe W. M. S., \$2; Hoboken W. M. S., \$2; Orrville L. A. S., \$8; Monroeville W. M. S., \$9.50; Brundidge W. M. S., \$4.70; Zion (Bethlehem) L. A. & M. S., \$1.75; Birmingham (Hunter Street) W. M. S., \$21.82; Ruhama (East Lake) L. A. & M. S., \$20; Birmingham (East) W. A. & M. S., \$6.30; Girard W. M. S., \$5; Carrollton W. M. S., \$11.50; Montgomery (H. A.) W. M. S., \$3; Cuba W. M. S., \$16; Blocton (First) W. M. S., \$8.65; Chandler Springs L. A. & M. S., \$1; Friend, \$1; Coldwater L. A. S., \$7; Birmingham (West) W. M. & A. S., \$35; Florida W. M. S., \$2.60; Tallasahatchie W. M. S., \$3; Gadsden (Second) W. M. & A. S., \$10; Birmingham (Southside) W. M. & A. S., \$37.50; Goodwater W. M. S., \$7; Cubahatchie W. M. S., \$1; LaPlace W. M. S., \$1; Hurtsboro W. M. S., \$18; Friend, \$50; Mt. Pleasant (Butler) L. A. S., \$1; Birmingham (Calvary) L. A. & M. S., \$5; Ackerville L. A. & M. S., \$3.35; Attalla L. M. S., \$14.83; Huntsville (D. A.) L. A. & M. S., \$3; Three Notch

W. M. S., \$2; Banks W. M. S., \$2; Huntsville (First) W. M. S., \$10; Montgomery (First) W. M. S., \$5; Excel W. M. S., \$2; Thomasville W. M. S., \$33; Tusculumbia L. A. & M. S., \$1.05; Sylacauga L. A. S., \$6.50; Winterboro W. M. S., \$13.05; Pittsview W. M. S., \$6; Collirene W. M. & A. S., \$4.05; Henderson W. M. S., \$1.20; Union Springs W. M. S., \$10; Montgomery (Clayton Street) W. M. S., \$2.74; New Decatur (Central) W. M. & A. S., \$28; Ashville L. A. & M. S., \$5; Selma (First) W. M. S., \$192; Society Hill W. M. S., \$2.15; Midway L. W. C., 25c. Total, \$97.64.

Margaret Home.

Selma (First) S. B. B., \$1; Rockford S. B. B., \$1; Anniston (P. M.) S. B. B., \$1; Montgomery (First) W. M. S., \$5. Total, \$8.

Miscellaneous.

Literature, \$4.36; calendars, 15c; Chinese famine sufferers, \$4; Allenton church, \$3; Ashford pastorium, \$10; training school student, \$25; seminary student, \$100; Argentina, \$1. Total, \$146.51.

Rev. N. Y. Napier.

Montgomery (Southside) W. M. & A. S., \$20.50

Newton School Building.

Pine Apple L. A. & M. S., \$2; Huntsville (First) W. M. S., \$8. Total, \$10.

Undesignated.

Hayneville L. A. & M. S., \$10; Jones' Mills W. M. S., 60c; Carlowville W. M. S., \$6. Total, \$16.60.

Society Subscriptions to "Our Mission Fields."

Aliceville S. B. B., Safford W. M. S., Safford S. B. B., Buena Vista Y. W. A., Montgomery (H. A.) Y. W. A., Abbeville W. M. S., Midway L. A. & M. S., Russellville S. B. B., Prattville S. B. B., Ashville S. B. B., Thorsby W. M. S., Iron City L. A. S., Gadsden (Second) L. A. & M. S., Centerville W. M. S., Montgomery (Seventh Avenue) L. A. & M. S., Brantley W. M. & A. S., Tuscaloosa (First) Jr. Y. W. A., Greensboro W. M. S., Wilsonville L. A. & M. S., Burnt Corn W. M. S., Carrollton L. M. S., Daphne W. M. & A. S. Total, \$440.

Orphanage Well.

Montgomery (First) L. A. S., \$25; Anniston (P. M.) M. J., \$5; Marion S. B. B., \$2; Eutaw W. M. & A. S., \$3; Orrville S. B. B., \$1; Hatchechubbee W. M. S., \$5; Brundidge W. M. S., \$5; Demopolis L. A. & M. S., \$5; Insey W. M. S., \$5; Dickinson W. M. & A. S., \$2.50; Prattville L. A. S., \$5; Oakman L. A. S., \$5; Summit (Birmingham) Sunday school class, \$1.50; Summit L. A. S., \$3.50; Cuba W. M. S., \$2.05; Abbeville W. M. S., \$5; Woodstock W. M. S., \$5; Luverne L. A. S., \$5; Thomasville L. A. S., \$3.55; Louisville W. M. S., \$2.50; Huntsville (Merrimack) W. M. S., \$5; Opp W. M. S., \$1; Tallasahatchie W. M. S., \$2; New Decatur (Central) S. B. B., \$5; Talladega (First) S. B. B., \$2.50; Ann Haselline, of Judson College, \$5; Mrs. S. H. Bennett, \$5; Friend, \$5; Clayton W. M. S., \$3; Holt W. A. & M. S., \$5; Perdue Hill W. M. S., 75c; Wetumpka L. A. S., \$5; Brantley W. M. & A. S., \$5; Montgomery (First) Y. W. A., \$5; Birmingham (Calvary) W. M. & A. S., \$5; New Prospect (Bigbee) W. M. S., \$3; Anniston (P. M.) W. M. S., \$5; Union (Birmingham) S. B. B., \$5; Newbern W. M. S., \$5; Newbern S. B. B., \$1; Sheffield S. B. B., \$1.50; Montgomery (H. A.) Y. W. A., \$3; Ellm W. W., \$3; East Gadsden W. M. S., \$5; Ensley L. A. S., \$5; Smyrna L. A. & M. S., \$1.50; Mt. Gilead (Selma) W. M. S., \$5; Evergreen W. M. S., \$2. Total, \$200.85.

Grand total for March, \$3,870.54.

A PAGE OF SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Rev. C. C. Pugh, of Austin, Texas, has been called to the care of the First church, Hazlehurst, Miss.

President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, was elected president of the Religious Education Association at its late meeting in St. Louis.

In this country every man is an American who has American ideals, the American spirit, American conception of life, American habits. A man is foreign not because he was born in a foreign land, but because he clings to foreign customs and ideas.

There is a friend always with you, who, even in your loneliest moments, leaves you not alone. He is a friend, loving and true, nor is He weak as we are—that Presence, that Love, that Friend, is God in Christ.—F. W. Farrar.

The Florida Baptist Board of Missions has sold the Florida Baptist Witness to Dr. W. D. Nowlin. The paper was about \$2,000 in debt and Dr. Nowlin obtains possession by paying the debt. The paper has been having a yearly deficit of nearly \$2,000. Pacific Baptist.

The Jew as an immigrant or as a citizen seldom becomes a public charge. The race is not only charitable to others, but it takes care of its own. It has noble institutions for the care of orphans, the sick, the aged and the poor.

Dr. William Alexander, archbishop of Armagh, the head of the Anglican Church in Ireland, has died at the advanced age of 87. His wife, Cecil Frances Alexander, who died in 1895, was the author of the famous poem, "The Burial of Moses," and of a number of much loved hymns, among which perhaps the best known is the one beginning, "There is a green hill far away."

The best employers, the managers who are in closest sympathy with their people, the superintendents whose workmen regard them as big brothers are the ones who have provided a clear, wide channel for every error to travel up to them from their humblest subordinate. The executive who punishes errors flexibly is usually a bureaucrat. The subordinate who is compelled to bury his mistakes will eventually become good for little else.

Africa is the largest of the continents, except only Asia, and it has not half as many people as China, though China could be tucked away in one corner of Africa. Yet these 180,000,000 Africans speak 843 languages and dialects! What a fearful difficulty that one fact presents! In addition, there is the ignorance of the people, the absence of written languages and literatures, the common superstition, the widespread licentiousness, and the terrible African fever that has killed hundreds of missionaries.

A special train loaded with prize agricultural products grown by school children in a state-wide garden contest engineered by L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of schools in Oregon, will invade the East this fall. Oregon has applied scientific management to school gardening to demonstrate what children can do to develop the economic resources of the state, and check a backward and unpromising tendency toward overspecialization in agriculture in this growing commonwealth while learning lessons of lasting value which will help make them better and more successful citizens.

If a man buys a horse, he feels that if he does not want him, he can sell him. The same with a cow, a house or a piece of real estate or anything else that he does not buy for immediate consumption; but credulous people will buy stocks in companies that they know nothing about, pay good money for them, and then wonder why they cannot sell them when they need the money. They cannot sell them because nobody wants them. In other words, there is no market for them.

Despite the unfavorable conditions of the weather Sunday morning we had a good congregation at Bethesda, possibly the best that we have had during the whole winter, and the spirit of the Lord prevailed during the entire service—the Sunday school, the prayer meeting and preaching service. At the close of the service we gave a small contribution for Foreign Missions, though at the fifth Sunday meeting, just two weeks before, the good people of that community had made a liberal offering for Home and Foreign Missions. The writer also had the privilege of addressing the young people of that community in the afternoon, when they had assembled in the Young People's Christian Association. I was very much delighted with the meeting. Dear brethren, let us do a great work for the Lord in the next few days, something that we will be proud of when we have gathered at the S. B. C. and that will be well pleasing to the Lord.—John H. Darden, Talladega Springs.

Some folks drink whiskey in the summer to cool off and in the winter to warm up. In the spring and fall they drink it for medical purposes.

Our little Sunday school has had the largest attendance for the past two Sundays that it has had for years. Very sincerely—Julia L. Betts, Burnt Corn.

The average Japanese man has not come to that self-consciousness, that searching of heart, that self-seeking of sin in the light of a holy God's countenance which the Gospel compels," but he is coming.

Lydia Maria Child, a woman well acquainted with trial, has left on record: "I seek cheerfulness in every possible way: I read only chipper books; I hang prisms in my windows to fill the room with rainbows."

The Chinese women are going strong in these revolutionary days. They organized a regiment and refused to disband when requested to do so. And now they have taken a leaf out of the English book and begun to smash windows to assert their political rights.

Nations, not less than men, owe it to themselves to recognize the authority under which they exist, and to acknowledge the sanctions by which their systems of government are sustained. The only right basis on which social relationships among men can be maintained is the recognition by all men of their common relation to God.

Vassar college boasts that not one girl on its graduate list has figured in a divorce suit. This certainly is a distinction to be proud of. The Vassar authorities offer as an explanation the facts that no girl is received as a student who is not at least eighteen and the average age of graduates is twenty-four.

Joseph Pulitzer once gave great offence to a certain judge in St. Louis, and the latter declared one day from the bench that before the sun set he would seek out Pulitzer and shoot him down like a dog. This came to his ears, and he immediately issued an "Extra," announcing the proposed assassination and stating that he would remain in his office until the setting of the sun, in order that no hitch might occur in the programme.

President Faunce, of Brown University, will deliver the "Cole Lectures" this spring at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. The Cole Lectureship is a foundation established by the late Colonel E. W. Cole, and lectures are devoted each year to an exposition of some aspect of Christian thought or life. Dr. Faunce's subject will be: "What Does Christianity Mean?" and the six lectures will be delivered on six successive days beginning on Sunday, April 28. After delivery the lectures will be published in book form.

The Catholic Directory, heretofore published from Milwaukee, is this year transferred to New York, and its new issue, just out, contains many features not heretofore given in the annual. Advance figures of Catholic population within the United States, not including island possessions, show 15,015,000, a gain of two and three-fourths per cent over the previous year. Catholic immigration last year amounted to a considerable part of the 396,800 increase shown. The government deducts 15 per cent from Catholic figures for very young children. The Directory does not, the figures given covering all.

Rev. S. J. Parrish, for some years pastor of the First Baptist church, of Eastman, Ga., and well known throughout Alabama as a lecturer, has entered the evangelistic work. Brother Parrish is a splendid preacher and a man who magnifies his office. I have had many men with me in meetings, but have never had a more lovable or more earnest evangelist. He fearlessly preaches the truth as taught in the book and practiced by Baptists. You can address him at Eastman, Ga. Fraternally—D. R. Parker, Alabama City.

The New York papers print a full and informing account of the new Baptist church in Oklahoma City. It cost, according to the dispatches, \$150,000 and has a seating capacity of 2,000. It is said by visiting ministers and architects to be "the most beautiful and useful" house of worship in the country. This, we presume, is the house in which our beloved "exile" Dr. Carter Helm Jones, preaches and in which the Southern Convention is to meet. Incidentally it is mentioned that provision is made for the currents of air which ventilate the building to pass, during the summer, over ice, and thus cool the building. The late beloved Dr. Filippo had a famous lecture on "Ice in the Pulpit and Who Put It There." Oklahoma reverses this procedure and puts ice in the congregation.—Religious Herald.

The Barrows lecturer for India for 1912-13 is to be Prof. C. R. Henderson of the University of Chicago, eminent as a student of criminology and the care of dependent and delinquent classes.

Our little Sunday school had missionary day last Sunday and raised \$5 for missions. Wishing you great success—R. R. Gary, Comer.

Here are some gems of oratory from the late session of the Austrian parliament: "I have already said all I wish to say and therefore willingly withdraw all I might still say." "I cannot longer keep silent without saying some words."

Hi Purdy, whose wife has been collectin' alimony from three former husbands, received some bad news the other day. One of them died. Hi says if that sort of thing keeps up he will have to go to work.—Judge.

Happiness, as proved by ages of human experience, is simply the music of a well ordered life; and every time you break a law of body, mind or soul, you detract so much from the very possibility of happiness, just as every time you mar an organ you take away from the possibility of its producing music.—Ex.

When Sir Alfred Lyall died last year his English critics made many Americans familiar for the first time with the exceptional value of his minor poems. One recalls the historic incident in the House of Commons when John Bright's voice broke in reading two lines from Lyall's verse:

"There let me only touch one hand,
Here life's ruin shall be little rued."

I am to begin a meeting with John L. Ray at the First church, Blocton, next Sunday. Pray that the Lord may give us a great meeting. I am ready to make dates for meetings in May and June. Brethren wanting to use me can address me at this place for a while yet. Yours for service—A. T. Camp, Northport.

Allow me space to dot a few lines. I am a little boy 11 years old. Papa is a preacher. He takes the Alabama Baptist. I go with him to most all of his appointments. We live in the country now. I sure enjoy it, too. We lived in Florence from the time I was a tot till last year. We are working a small crop, and I am plowing. Plowing is fine to me. Love to all the readers of the Alabama Baptist, the editor and family.—Terrel Richey, Mehama.

The Biblical Recorder says: "The Baptist Standard will in future cut out programs of local meetings. The Baptist World says it has done so long ago. The Recorder is right now 'balled up' with a lot of choice news letters already in type but crowded out by recent Union meeting programs; hence we may have to adopt the same policy some of these days." There is good sense in this, for these programs take up a great deal of space and reach a very limited number of brethren. And these are reached by other means, anyhow.—Christian Index.

Drowsy! We must wake up if we are to enjoy the benefits of the Panama Canal. Secretary Nagal's warning to the American business men is timely. He says that Germany is always laboring to spread her commerce. Her commissioners are studying trade conditions in every country in the world. The German Board of Trade is always in close touch with the government. The same is true in France and England. Our Department of Commerce, of which Secretary Nagal is the wide-awake and efficient head, has a few scattered agents studying trade conditions abroad. Hundreds should be at work reporting to our business men and organizations.

Last August a woman was committed by a New York City magistrate, after trial and conviction, to the Bedford reformatory. The case was appealed because the day on which the trial was held happened to be Sunday, although in the Magistrates' Courts of New York trials have been held and commitments made on Sundays for many years. Last month the Appellate Division of the Supreme court in Brooklyn rendered a decision sustaining the appeal. The effect is to prohibit the trying of all cases in the magistrates' courts on Sunday.

It is hard for any man's personality to shine through a collection of other men's thoughts. A sermon should be either an application of some great Biblical truth to life, or a message from the soul's own experience of God. The reading of other men's sermons for the preparation of our own not only engenders a habit of freely incorporating other men's thoughts, but is apt to quench the spontaneity of one's own mind. We suppose, "sermon helps" have their place, but we had much rather see a Bible and a copy of some great philosopher or poet on the minister's desk.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Oklahoma City, May 15-20, 1912.

Important Announcement by the Entertainment Committee.

The meetings of the convention will be held in the splendid new First Baptist church, corner Robinson and Eleventh streets. The University cars of the Oklahoma Street Railway Company pass Eleventh street on Broadway, one block east of the church. The auditorium of the church will seat 2,000 people. The acoustics and ventilation are perfect, and the quiet necessary for the best work of the convention can be easily secured. The church building is admirably adapted to the purposes of the convention. There is an ample supply of committee rooms, rest rooms, space for the exhibits of the various boards of the convention and the publishing houses, besides accommodations for postoffice, telegraph and telephone service.

The Woman's Missionary Union will meet at the First Presbyterian church, corner Robinson and Ninth streets, two blocks south of the Baptist church. This church is thoroughly adapted to the purpose and will make an ideal place for their meeting. The new Christian church, corner Robinson and Tenth, one block south of the Baptist church, will be at the disposal of the convention for any special meetings needed.

Oklahoma City is unusually well supplied with hotels and boarding houses. No one need fear that he cannot find a place to stay during the convention. At the same time, on account of the large crowd expected, it will be impossible, in most cases, to reserve rooms to be occupied by one person.

There are three large, new, modern fire-proof hotels. Headquarters will be at the Lee-Huckins, corner Main and Broadway, one and one-half blocks from the Rock Island depot, two blocks from the Santa Fe depot and four blocks from the Frisco and Katy depots. This is one of the best hotels west of the Mississippi river, and contains 450 rooms. The rates will be \$1.50-\$5 per room, with the privilege of two in a room. In some of the larger rooms cots will be furnished for extra persons at 75 cents per day. The lower priced rooms do not have baths. The Skirvin, corner First and Broadway, one block from the Lee-Huckins, has 235 rooms, and is a most desirable hotel. Rates will be \$1-\$1.50 per person, with one and one-half rates for two in a room. All the rooms have either shower or tub baths. The Kincaid, 21 West Grand, one block south and east of the Lee-Huckins, has 157 rooms, and is an excellent place to stay. Rates will be \$1-\$1.50 per person, with one and one-half rate for two in a room. Most of the rooms have baths. All of these hotels have excellent cafe service in the building.

The Threadgill, corner Second and Broadway, two blocks north of the Lee-Huckins, newly furnished and equipped, has 110 rooms and is a first-class American plan hotel, with private baths in many of the rooms. The rates are \$1.50-\$2 per person for room and meals. The Rasbach, 21 South Robinson, has 50 rooms, and is an excellent American or European plan hotel, with rates of \$2-\$2.50 per person for room and meals, or 75 cents-\$1.50 for room. In addition to these there are eight other American plan hotels, with rates of \$1-\$1.50 per person for room and meals.

North of Grand avenue, toward the church, are the following European plan hotels:

	Rate per person.
Stewart, 17 N. Broadway, 55 rooms	\$.75-1.00
Terminal, Hudson and Grand, 59 rooms	.75-1.50
Grand Avenue, 208 W. Grand, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Whiteside, Grand and Downey, 80 rooms	.50-1.00
Van Buren, 425 W. Main, 50 rooms	.50
Junction, 922 W. Main, 65 rooms	.50-1.00
Regal, 308 W. First, 44 rooms	.75-1.00
Noll, 207 W. Second, 80 rooms	.75-1.00
Hadley Inn, 128 W. Third, 50 rooms	.75-1.00
Avon, 104 W. Third, 50 rooms	1.00
Cadillac, 202 W. Third, 50 rooms	1.00-1.50
Dover, 312 N. Broadway, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Della, 319 N. Broadway, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Broadway, 104 W. Fourth, 72 rooms	1.00-1.50
Campbell, 122 W. Fourth, 50 rooms	.75-1.00
Traveller, 419 N. Robinson, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Madison, 416 N. Broadway, 72 rooms	.75-1.00
Swan, 26 W. Fourth, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
St. Nicholas, 900 W. Broadway, 50 rooms	1.00-1.50
The following are south of Grand avenue:	
Oliver, 217 W. California, 75 rooms	.50-1.00
Utopia, 222 W. California, 50 rooms	.50-.75
Dunn, 207 S. Robinson, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Alta, 104 S. Broadway, 50 rooms	.50-1.00
Victoria, 205 S. Broadway, 50 rooms, per room	1.00
Empire, 226 S. Broadway, 50 rooms	.50-1.00

In addition to these there are 25 other European plan hotels, with 15-40 rooms, all practically new, and most of them between Grand avenue and the church. The rates in these will be from 50 cents to \$1 per person.

Very few of these European plan hotels have private baths, but all of them have several public baths, for the use of which no extra charge will be made. All of them have hot and cold water in the room or handy to the room. Special rates will be made where two or more occupy the same room.

Cafes will be found, in most cases, in the building or block with these hotels. These are all neat and

attractive, and provide excellent meals and lunches at 15 to 50 cents.

A large number of small boarding houses and private homes will furnish rooms for two to ten guests at 50 cents to \$1 per room, with 25 cents extra for each person where breakfast is served.

Much better accommodations can be provided for delegates and visitors if they will make their reservation of rooms in advance. This will save much inconvenience and annoyance to guests and be a great favor to the entertainment committee, who will have their hands full during the opening days of the convention. This should be done at once, as many of the best rooms are already taken, and reservations are being made every day. Write the committee what price you wish to pay, and about what location and accommodations you desire, and the committee will gladly serve you. To all who write for rooms assignment cards will be sent, giving the name and location of those by whom they will be entertained. These cards should be preserved and presented to the reception committee and hosts for introduction and identification.

On arrival in Oklahoma City all delegates and visitors will report immediately to the Lee-Huckins Hotel, where they will be enrolled, given badges and assigned to their places of entertainment. If already assigned pages will be present to direct to the hotel or home indicated by the assignment card.

All communications relative to entertainment and other matters connected with the convention should be addressed to Carter Helm Jones, chairman of the executive committee, or to H. P. Crego, chairman of the entertainment committee, First Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A STRONG PULL ALL TOGETHER FOR HOME MISSIONS.

By Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary.

To get your article read, some brethren say, something to say, say it and quit. Some others say, "Make your articles very brief." From the Home Board offices this year we have tried to have something to say and say it, and we have said it briefly and also at length. We have said it by the grace and patient courtesy of many a Southern Baptist editor. If the method of saying has much to do with the result, we fear that neither brevity nor sticking to one's subject is an infallible prescription for effective writing.

For it looks gloomy in the Home Board offices. When, through the courtesy of the editor, this communication reaches the eyes of the brethren, there will be only about six days left of the present fiscal year in which to make up the record for Home Missions. I will give here that record as it appeared on April 15:

	Received to April 15.	Apportionment.
Alabama	\$ 10,636.25	\$ 25,000
Arkansas	1,486.68	15,000
District of Columbia	1,422.27	3,500
Florida	2,823.72	8,000
Georgia	17,139.91	54,000
Illinois	10.85	3,500
Kentucky	9,242.30	32,000
Louisiana	963.33	10,000
Maryland	7,391.16	9,000
Missouri	10,636.02	15,000
New Mexico	67.30	1,000
North Carolina	16,420.83	26,000
Oklahoma	848.15	5,000
South Carolina	15,232.49	31,000
Tennessee	7,311.95	20,000
Texas	6,821.37	71,000
Virginia	14,469.22	36,000
Miscellaneous	1,755.65	4,000
	\$129,619.16	\$400,000

A study of this table, along with the following explanations, will show what is the financial situation of the Home Board and why we approach the crisis of the year's end with so much distress and anxiety.

The table shows that the board received to April 15 from the various states a total of \$129,619. There was at last accounts approximately \$16,000 creditable to the evangelistic department, which on April 30, with any additional receipts from this department, will be added to the total receipts.

Counting in the \$16,000, for comparison the Home Board had received to April 15 about \$145,000. Last year the board received to April 15 \$142,434, and it received from April 14 to May 2 \$192,499, making the total for the year \$334,929. But the \$192,499 included a bequest of \$10,000 from Brother Bush, of Alabama, which is not available this year.

So that the churches must send in \$7,000 more than last year in the last two weeks, even to raise as much as last year. Really we need \$240,000 in that time to come out of debt!

Seven thousand dollars is not much in a total of \$400,000, but this \$7,000, taken in connection with other things, portends a heavy debt on April 30 this year, and that nothing less than general heroic and instant giving will avert this greatly to be deplored result.

The other things referred to include the following: Last year the appropriations of the board were something like \$25,000 less than this year. We barely got out of debt last year. If we should receive the

same amount for the last 15 days of this year as we did last the Home Board would have a debt of from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Unfortunately there are some indications that the returns for the last two weeks will not equal those of last year from some quarters. It will avail nothing now to try to analyze our reasons for this statement. I have only written with the detail I have in the thought that it may cause brethren to understand, while yet there is a chance to remedy the lack, the situation which confronts the Home Mission Board.

If it would do any good, one could show how easy it would be for 2,500,000 Baptists, 25,000 churches, to avert the coming of this threatened calamity to one of the great missionary agencies of the denomination. One could show how \$1 for each church extra, one cent a member extra, would help the situation much, and how \$2 from each church extra, or 2 cents a member (the value of a postage stamp!) extra in the giving, as compared with last year, would save the board a damaging debt and secure for the denomination the moral advantage that it greatly needs of confidence in its powers for large conquest in Home Mission endeavor.

But these "averages," I suppose, may be a boom-rang against the interests to aid which they are invoked. It is a moral certainty that thousands of Southern Baptist churches will not give anything at all to Home Missions, whether we invoke averages or not.

The world looks on none too kindly as we urge and plead with the people of God to do large things for the cause of Christ. The world has certain tricks of its own for getting far more money from a far smaller number of people to further its ends. The world makes a mock of our languid efforts to support the work of the King of kings. God looks down upon us and sees the torpid, dragging steps with which our spiritual body turns itself toward a mission program of courage and conquest. Appointed as the clearing house for the conduct of the activities of the brotherhood in saving the home land, the Home Board as best it can cries aloud in an effort to arouse and enlist the brethren for this work in a way worthy of our great ability.

There is yet time. A rally and a pull all together will do wonders. Yes, a pull all together of just half of the churches will do it. The Lord enhearten everybody for the pull. A strong pull all together! Shall we not all try?

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

ONE MORE WEEK FOR HOME MISSIONS.

By B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary.

When this is read there will be less than a week's time until the close of our year, April 30. Fortunately the few days include a Sunday, which ought to be used far and wide by our churches for completing their gifts to this great work.

We are in intense anxiety. Our receipts are not so large as they were at this date last year. Unless there is heroic giving on the part of our stronger individuals and churches it will be impossible to avoid a heavy debt. This must also be supplemented by general giving from thousands of our smaller churches.

In many instances the churches have nominally adopted the regular, systematic plan of giving, but have not worked it thoroughly. Let all such churches with their pastors see to it that the deficit is made up to the end of the year. We do this in the current expense account of the churches. If every three or six months, and especially at the close of the fiscal year, we find a deficit on current church expense, we make special effort to meet all obligations. Let that be done everywhere now.

Where churches have not adopted this regular system, but are accustomed to giving the great body of their contributions at the close of the year in April, I beg them this year to do their very best for our great work. Let the Sunday schools complete their offering and the women and young people's societies wind up their gifts. With all these diligently at work the last week and Sabbath of the year ought to tell mightily towards the preventing of a burdensome debt.

Books Close Midnight April 30.

All funds should be sent on immediately. Don't wait till the very last day. Send funds to the state treasurer or secretary, who in turn will send them on to Atlanta. If funds are sent through the state treasurer or secretary it will be confusing to write or wire the Home Board about the same gifts. They might be counted twice. If funds are sent direct to the Home Board at Atlanta, the same mistake might be made if the state secretary or treasurer is wired or written concerning these funds.

Forward Funds Immediately.

Please let all funds be sent in time to reach the Home Board office not later than midnight of April 30. Indeed it would be greatly to our advantage if these funds could all reach us by the morning or noon of that day.

Let us be constant in prayer for God's help at this great and serious juncture. He is able to move upon the hearts of our people to give mightily for His cause.



Mr. Eugene Anderson, President, Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Georgia. The college whose Diploma means life employment.

We advise you to write to Mr. Anderson at once if you can furnish recommendations for character and earnestness. Ask for his booklet entitled "Black Heels on White Necks," in which he shows what prices are within reach of the Southern young white man and white woman, in the various industries, and in which he points out the danger of ignorance—the most serious problem that has yet threatened the rural South.

Mr. D. R. Porter, Commercial teacher at Tallahassee, Florida, writes: "My course in the Georgia-Alabama increased my earning capacity tenfold."

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 16th Day of April, 1912.
Estate of Tom Sturkley, Deceased.
This day came Marginner Sturkley, administratrix of the estate of Tom Sturkley, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.
It is ordered that the 14th day of May, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

Babies Cry for Help.

When a baby cries more than 30 minutes within 24 hours it is safe to say that there is something wrong. Nine times out of ten it is irritation of the skin. Examine carefully the folds of the skin. Tetterine (salve) quickly relieves Irritations, Eruptions, Scalliness, Pimples, Tetter, Eczema, Ringworm and Skin diseases in young and old alike.
At drug stores, 50 cents per box, or by mail from Shuptrine Co., Savannah, Ga.

President Nicholas Murray Butler has the blues. "Whatever else this age may be," he says, "it certainly is the age of the crowd and of the demagogue."

FROM MOBILE.

Some of my friends have been kind enough to congratulate me on the success of my work in Mobile. One was extravagant enough to dub me a "hero" in the columns of your paper. Many have suggested that I tell, through our paper, of my work for the benefit of the cause. Modesty has forbidden me doing so, but I have ever been mindful of the wisdom of my friends, and yielding to their wish I will give a sketch of our work.

First, I want to say that I am not conscious of having done anything worthy of special note. I have only tried to be faithful. The circumstances surrounding my coming to Mobile were such that I was led to believe that God had placed me here. When I moved to Mobile, in March, 1907, I did not know that I would remain even a few months. The State Board employed me for a few months as evangelist for the Mobile Association, during which time I held a meeting with the Oakdale Mission, and a church was organized with 28 members, and I have been their pastor from the beginning. We have had no help from our boards, yet we have a splendid building that will seat 300 when all parts are thrown together. It is nicely furnished, and we owe only a small debt of \$185, not yet paid. The pastor's salary while not large (\$1,200), compares favorably with that paid by other churches. This has been done, too, during hard financial years. Our offerings to benevolence have not been large, but regular. Our membership now is about 275. Some 350 members have been received into the church during this time, more than 30 being lettered out at one time to form Calvary church.

So much for what has been done. How is my secondly? It was not done through great preaching. It has been accused of many things, but never of being a great preacher. Yet my people, who know and love me, enjoy my preaching. Realizing my lack of what is called "pulpit power," my eyes being weak that I must favor them, I have endeavored to excel in personal work—"preaching the word from house to house." In short, to be a pastor. I have sought every opportunity to win men. If I could not get them to church I have sought them and when and wherever I could get a hearing. I think it just as great a work to sit on a syrup barrel or stand on the street corner and talk a man into the kingdom as it is to preach a great sermon in a beautiful church. I have had much experience with men as merchant, banker and lawyer, which has enabled me to reach a great many that otherwise I could not have reached, and whatever of egotism there is about my make-up it lies just here, for I have prided myself that I was a good judge of men.

I have labored to know my people—not their faces, but their trials and circumstances, weeping with them in their troubles, rejoicing with them in their prosperity. I have let them to confide in me, that I might be better helpful to them. A large part of my pastoral work is among people that are not members of my church or of any church in the city. I have always gone at the call of any one when there was sickness or death, day or night, many of whom I had never heard of before. Some of the richest experiences of my life as a pastor have come to me in this way, and under God

I have been able to lead many thus to Christ.

It has been my experience that the greatest opportunity of the pastor comes when people are in trouble.

Our church has always been harmonious. We have been so busy that we have not had time to fuss. We have some of the finest spirits in our church I have ever known, and our success is due most of all to their untiring zeal for the Master. We receive members almost every Sunday. We received two at prayer meeting this week—one of them for baptism.

The pastor's wife also has had much to do with our development. The church puts up with the pastor's shortcomings because they love his wife.

We have made many mistakes. There have been times when things looked dark and we were discouraged. We have much to be thankful for, for which we thank God and take courage.

Having a large acquaintance in the country round about Mobile, as well as in the city, being the oldest Baptist pastor in point of service in the city, it is conceded that I am called upon to conduct more funerals and unite more people in marriage than any Protestant pastor in Mobile.

GEO. W. M'RAE.

Those Bad Spells.

Lebanon Jct., Ky.—Mrs. Minnie Lamb, of this place, says: "I believe I would have been dead by now had it not been for Cardul. I haven't had one of those bad spells since I commenced to use this medicine." Cardul is a specific medicine for the ills from which women suffer. Made from harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardul is a safe, reliable remedy, and has been successfully used by weak and ailing women for more than fifty years. Thousands of women have been helped back to health and happiness by its use. Why not profit by their experience? A trial will convince you that Cardul is just what you need.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 16th Day of April, 1912.
Estate of Marion L. Turner, Deceased.
This day came Benj. F. Turner, administrator of the estate of Marion L. Turner, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.
It is ordered that the 14th day of May, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, April 16, 1912.

Estate of Felix J. Ellard, Deceased.
This day came Mrs. M. A. Ellard, as administratrix of the estate of Felix J. Ellard, deceased, and filed her application in due form and under oath, praying for an order for the sale of certain lands, described therein, belonging to said estate for the purpose of paying the debts of said decedent.

And whereas, the 20th day of May, 1912, having been set by this court as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony which may be submitted in support of same.

It is therefore ordered by the court that notice of the filing and nature of said petition and of the day set for hearing the same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this county, notifying all persons in interest to appear and contest said application. If they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

GO TO THE CONVENTION VIA L. & N.

Montgomery, Ala., April 20, 1912.
To the Delegates and Visitors from Alabama to the Southern Baptist Convention:

Dear Brethren—I had about made up my mind not to go via St. Louis via the L. & N., but since discovering the possibility of the Mississippi river interfering should we attempt to go via any other route, we have renewed our effort to make up a party to take the L. & N. to St. Louis and Frisco from that point, leaving here on the night of May 13, and reaching Oklahoma City at 9:30 a. m. of the 15th. It is important that we shall have the names of parties who will make reservations in the sleeper at once. I will ask all those who desire to go with us to write immediately to P. Sid Jones, D. P. A., L. & N., Birmingham, or to E. W. Bliss, P. A., L. & N., Montgomery. This information will have to be in hand without delay.

Fraternally yours,
W. B. CRUMPTON,
Secretary State Board of Missions.

Special standard sleeper will be operated from Montgomery and Birmingham through to Oklahoma City without change on schedule given below, with dining car service all the way, service a la carte.

Schedule.
Leave Montgomery 6:00 p. m., L. & N. train No. 4, May 13.
Leave Calera 7:37 p. m., L. & N. train No. 4, May 13.
Leave Birmingham 8:45 p. m., L. & N. train No. 4, May 13.
Leave Decatur 11:29 p. m., L. & N. train No. 4, May 13.
Arrive St. Louis 1:26 p. m., L. & N. train No. 92, May 14.
Leave St. Louis 2:30 p. m., Frisco train No. 9, May 14.
Arrive Oklahoma City 9:30 a. m., Frisco train No. 9, May 15.

Rates.
Round trip tickets from all points in the state will be on sale to Oklahoma City May 10 to 14 inclusive, good to return to original starting point not later than midnight of May 31, 1912. The following rates apply from points named, and for rates from other points see your nearest ticket agent:

Anniston	\$29.50
Birmingham	27.65
Calera	27.65
Decatur	27.10
Florence	27.10
Gadsden	29.20
Huntsville	28.25
Montgomery	27.65

Double lower berth rate Montgomery to Oklahoma City is \$5.25; upper \$4.20; from Birmingham, lower \$5.00, upper \$4.00.

In order that ample accommodations may be provided for all, sleeper reservations should be made at once, and may be had, together with any other information desired, by addressing the nearest representative. Be sure to have your ticket routed L. & N. to St. Louis and Frisco to Oklahoma City.

P. SID JONES, D. P. A., L. & N., Birmingham, Ala.
R. G. PEIRCE, T. P. A., L. & N., Birmingham, Ala.
E. W. BLISS, P. A., L. & N., Montgomery, Ala.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD.

Mr. Hugh McGinty, of Rockland, Texas, writes: "I have had a running sore for five years and Gray's Ointment is the only thing that I have found that would do it any good. My leg is almost well." Think of the pain of a chronic sore for five years. Think of the burden which Gray's Ointment lifted from the shoulders of this man, and then the insignificant cost, only 25c per box at the drug stores. If you know of any person (or animal) who is suffering from an old sore, boil, carbuncle, or festering wound, do them and us the kindness of writing us for a free sample. No medicine chest is complete without Gray's Ointment. Address Dr. W. F. Gray & Co., 800 Gray Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

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

This week we are to start for Bethany. As you know, this little town rests on the farther side of the Mount of Olives, south-east of Jerusalem. We will stop first, however, at the point marked 33 on our map of Jerusalem, given herewith, and look south-east over the lower road leading to Bethany.

Position 33. The lower road to Bethany, south-east from Jerusalem.

This part of the Kedron Valley immediately before us is occupied by a plantation of olive trees. We find this tree everywhere in Palestine. Its fruit is the most reliable and most valuable crop in all the land. When one sells a field, the olive trees in it are specified in the deed, or otherwise their ownership is reserved by the seller. It takes forty years after planting for a tree to bring a profitable crop, but its owner must begin to pay taxes on it at once, though his children and not himself will gather the fruits of it. And the farmer is forbidden to pluck a single olive until the tax has been fixed and paid.

Yonder across the valley is the Garden of Gethsemane, which we saw at a distance before, once from the path outside the east wall near the Golden Gate (Position 17), and again from the slope of the Mount of Olives (Position 18). We can see a carriage, with two horses, standing in the road. A party of tourist have left it, and are probably walking among the trees of the Garden.

That main road climbing the hill is the carriage road around to Bethany, which lies a mile and a half to the eastward. That is the road which our Saviour must have trodden over and over again in His visits to Jerusalem; for He made His home in Bethany and went back and forth daily; to the city in the morning, returning to Bethany in the evening (Matt. XXI:17; Mark XI:11, 12, 19, 20). How real the story seems as we look on that road! How vividly it brings up the days between the Anointing and the Last Supper, when every day (save Wednesday) Jesus walked over that road to the city, and then at evening sought again the shelter and safety of that home in Bethany!

Behind us, as you know by reference to the map at the top of this page in which we are standing, is St. Stephen's Gate, and you will see why that name was given. It was because here, where these loose stones are piled beside this road, Stephen was on trial before the Jewish Council. The elders listened to his fiery eloquence, and felt the power of his unanswerable logic, which pointed to a kingdom of God for Gentiles, no less than for Jews. They could not meet his arguments, so they assailed him with blows; they dragged him from the court room and out of the sacred precincts of the Temple. Through the gate which now bears his name the crowd rushed with their unresisting victim; and here he fell, a prayer for his slayers rising from his lips. It is only tradition that locates this scene at this exact spot, but it is very ancient tradition, and there is good reason for accepting it. We have an interest in this place, more than in many others, because it was Stephen who caught the first prophetic glimpse of a church for Gentiles as well as Jews, who proclaimed the open door before Peter beheld his vision, who began the work of the world's evangelization, the work that was carried forward by the young man who on this spot kept the garments of those that stoned Stephen, all unconscious that he should yet become Stephen's successor.

Before we pass over the hill to Bethany we want to enter Gethsemane. First, though, let us turn aside to the spot marked 34 on our map and look at a company of lepers. The disease is not considered contagious, excepting by contact, and so these unfortunates are allowed to frequent this valley, though not allowed in the city.

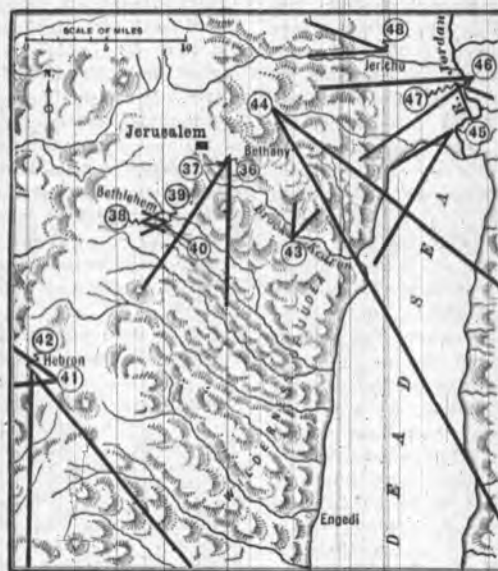
Position 34. "Unclean! Unclean!" Wretched lepers outside Jerusalem.

Look at those stumps of hands from which the fingers have dropped off! See those twisted and deformed feet! One can hardly endure to look at these wretched people, pleading for alms from the passers-by. There are generally forty or fifty of them outside the city. As we look upon these three, sitting on the dirty ground, we get an appalling picture of the lives of these people.

There is a mystery about this terrible malady, which has not yet been fathomed. No one knows its origin. It comes upon its victims through a strange law of heredity, which will leap over several generations and then break out anew; but there are cases which have no traceable connection with any previous leprosy. Wherever we see it in this land, it takes us back to the old Bible time. These three lepers are like the ten whom Jesus met (Luke 17:12-9); they may beg for help in horrible, unintelligible sounds, for the disease rots the inner as well as the outer organs, but they never attempt to touch the passer. They are shut out of the cities, and live by themselves in loathsome communities (II Kings 7:3), where leprosy women have children, in infancy fair as others, but the terrible curse is upon them and is certain to develop later. There is no more cure for the leper now than there was in Namaan's day (II Kings 5:7). Perhaps the strangest phase of the disease is that it is almost painless.

What a picture is of all that other, deeper, deadlier disease of sin—a disease that every man inherits from a line of sinning ancestors; a disease so insidious that it is hard for the sinner to believe in his own guilt, ready as he is to see the same symptoms in others; a disease which no human power can cure, or even arrest; a disease which when it is finished brings forth death (James I:15), a disease which can be reached and healed by the transforming touch of the Son of God!

To see for yourself this road traversed by Jesus,



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and the lepers, use stereographs (33). "The lower road to Bethany, southeast from Jerusalem", and (34) "Unclean! Unclean!" lepers outside Jerusalem".

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. Further descriptive matter sent on request.

William James, late Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University:—"The effects produced by the stereoscope are incomparably superior to any thing attained by flat photography."

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

By Mrs. A. T. Robertson.

Not all the professors' wives have served on the Board of Training School. To Mrs. Eager, the institution and the girls collectively are almost like a daughter of her own, so much do they get of her love and time and very life. Mrs. McGlothlin too, though busy with many little ones at home, has always had energy and enthusiasm to spare for the Training School. Mrs. DeMent for two years has taught the Junior class in Missions. To all of us this little sister of the Seminary, born of a like heroism and devotion, is something very beautiful and dear. One of the professors at least would count his year incomplete without a visit to the Training School; and the powers that be are so gracious that it is only necessary to ask over the telephone, "may we come to supper tonight?" to get the most cordial of invitations. Such a visit recently was particularly pleasant, and the professor's wife would like to share the experience with others who are interested.

It is one of the wonders of the Training School, that though a busy, systematic school where not a moment is wasted, it is yet thoroughly a home. The girls seem happy and free, though to the rules of the board they add the rules of the student committee. The secret must be that all obey "the royal law".

Not least among the homelike qualities is the cheery hospitality by which we were made to feel ourselves the guest of all. Any girl who has lived here a year must have learned two things—at least, in ideal. One is, to keep her house in such order, her table so neat, her meals so well planned and so daintily and pleasantly served, that she need never hesitate to have a casual guest. This sharing of the home life with others is the heart of hospitality. The second thing to know is to have a pretty "party" without extravagance. Twice in February the Training School gave a tea—on Valentine's Day to the married students and their wives (rather ironical this!), and again during Miss Nancy Lee Swann's visit, when the leaders of the Y. W. A.'s of the city were asked to meet her. To serve afternoon tea charmingly is no small accomplishment; and to have everything delicious and up-to-date, yet inexpensive, is invaluable knowledge for any social or religious worker. On such occasions the Training School becomes a sort of "social centre" for the Baptists of Louisville. At the Valentine party there was a humorous chain of recitations by a dozen of the girls, very cleverly done.

How sweet is the "chapel hour" after supper! The singing, led by Mrs. McLure, is an inspiration. Of course the professor had to lead the rest of the little service, which usually is done by the girls in turn. Afterwards, as all crowded up for greetings and introductions, we adjourned to the parlor, amid lively talk. A few slipped away, but came back presently—the squad detailed for clearing the tables and washing dishes, while those who had served had their supper. There were many gay class-room reminiscences, matched by funny happenings at the Training School.

A bell sounded faintly, and the seniors vanished for their period of "Gym" work. Another tinkle was the summons to the elocution hour. This was a "special" that had to be made up, and Miss Dover kindly gave a treat, the reading of Browning's "Saul". Just a slip of a girl she looked, to tackle one of the profoundest poems in the world, but she gripped the meaning and would not be satisfied till all had seen it. She gave notice beforehand of occasional pauses for questioning—curious how that sharpens the attention! But the girls' answers were good, some of them noteworthy. "Childe Roland" was to follow, and we should have liked to hear that too, but it was time to go home.

Any one answering the following questions correctly may consider himself or herself cultured.

Who was the first Peloponnesus?

Who traded his birthright for a Mesopotamia?

What was the date of the Delaware Gap?

Bound Themistocles and name its tributaries.

Whom did Aquiline marry and how many children did they have?—Judge.

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON ON SAYINGS OF HIS CORRESPONDENTS

E. Crawford, Fyffe.

"I hardly know how to answer your questions. I am so burdened about this great work. I have no rest in my mind, when I see that for the Home Board and the Foreign Board to report out of debt it will take something like \$24,000 a day all through April.

"I was in our Pastors' Union last Thursday at Gadsden. Dr. Dickinson urged those present as soon as they went home to write the pastors. I am writing today, hoping to stir them to do greater things".

Brother Crawford is a mountain preacher in DeKalb county. He has committees at work in his churches. When pastors get the cause on their hearts like this, God will hear and give relief. Note the good one of our Vice Presidents is doing with Pastors' Unions. The get together movement among pastors is moving and good is coming of it.

T. P. Anderson, Florence.

"You can count on us to treble what we did last year in April. I have never asked my Sunday School for any amount but what I got it. Our Sunday School is fine as split silk and our church in fine shape. We must clear the debt by April 30th, we can do it."

This is the way one of our Mission churches feels about it. Would that the big, strong churches left that way.

Chas. H. German, Notasulga.

You remember at the State Convention last July in the Minister's conference a great deal was said about prayer meetings being a thing of the past and that people would not attend and that their days of usefulness was over.

I thought it might interest you to tell you about our mid week prayer meeting. We have about an average attendance of 125. Some of our best services are the prayer meeting services. The service is just an hour long and consists principally of songs and prayers. The pastor reads a short passage of scripture and makes a short talk. Very near as much preparation is given to this short talk as to the eleven o'clock sermon on Sunday.

A good prayer meeting can be maintained. German's plan is a good one. A change now and then helps. Work the laymen as leaders and remind them to prepare. Put something interesting in their hands from some religious paper. A revival of the old monthly concert of prayer for Missions would be good. Give one night to each Board of the Convention State, Home, Foreign and Associational Missions, Denominational Education, Ministerial Education, Aged and Infirm Ministers, Orphanage, Bible and Colportage, our Baptist Sunday School work, women's work and our secondary schools cover the whole year and have three weeks in each month for the regular prayer meetings. Information can be had for each of these services, I venture to say; in a little while there would be a call for another night in each month.

Miss Annie Smith, Hanceville.

"We are gradually increasing in our contributions, and by the help of God we hope to enlarge our contributions to all different objects this year. The church has done more this year than it ever has done before. I thank you very much for the tracts I have distributed, and think the people will be more interested in the work after reading them."

"Gradually increasing" is the way—far better than a spurt to be followed by a falling back. This young woman gives out the tracts. That means the spreading of intelligence about the work.

Here is a letter containing a contribution from a country church. The brother names the pastor and says: "Brother—preached on Missions and took the collection.

For years I have been sending my circular letters to that preacher! I have never received an encouraging word from him; but all the same the letters went to him every month. This is the second time I have heard of his having to do with a collection. Possibly his churches have sent something to the Association, but this comes in the regular schedule.

I am encouraged. How many times when I look at the envelope address, I ask: "What is the use?" It pays to be "everlastingly at it".

A sister in Boulder, Colorado, sends \$10 to the clerk of her church in Alabama and writes him the following letter. "Guarantee members ought to take notice and imitate her good example.

"I wonder if my name has been dropped from the church roll? We have thought from time to time we would be at home soon, but again have decided to remain until spring. I would be so pleased to know how our church is doing. If we have a pastor and who? What salary promised? If you are observing the calendar as suggested in the Alabama Baptist—in fact just how everything is running. If the Aid Society is still working, and for what object? You might ask the president to write and give details. I hope this will find all departments of the church in fine shape."

J. A. Seay, Louisville.

"Their usual contribution has been \$10 per year, but I am going to try to carry them higher."

"Try to carry them higher". That is a fine text, no matter how you take it. The pastors who have that spirit will surely succeed.

"I am going to do all I can for Foreign Missions this month. Will make my own offering five times what it was last year and think our church here will at least double its offering. Will take collection on third Sunday and follow up with after effort. Our ladies sent in \$75.00 from the First church here for their week of prayer for Home Missions and will reach full apportionment this year of \$226. I see our treasury has not sent in collections for past several months, so will get all sent in this month."

This from one of our city pastors. He will give himself, five times what he did last year and the church will double. See what the good women are doing. That last sentence makes me sad. Why will the treasury hold the money when it is so much needed? Every pastor that reads this, please sir, see your church treasurer at once. No need to see the treasury of the W. M. U., they have sent in theirs I know.

"I found the church as near dead as any place I ever saw. Not a man in the church who knew how or where to send the offering. Who is going to answer for these conditions when we are called to give an account in that day when all things shall be revealed."

A contribution came with this letter. It would not have been made if this neighboring pastor had not dropped in, preached a sermon and asked for a collection. The so-called pastor did not care. There are hundreds of churches like this. Our Missionary pastors ought to try and reach them in the week or Sunday afternoon. The people will give, if they have a chance.

"Please find enclosed \$5.00. Place where needed worst. It is my donation. But give church credit for it. Pray for us that we may become a live missionary church."

This good brother doesn't wait for the slow-moving church but sends his contribution to the credit of the church with a prayer for God's blessing on it and on his church. Reader let me beg you to send your individual contribution right now. If you wait for the church collection something may keep you away it may gain or you may forget the good impulse the spirit has just given you. You can do as this brother has done if the receipt be made in favor of the church.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES WHILE ON THE WING.

Mission Magic Lantern Lectures.

A brother asks what I think of them. I am heartily in favor of them. If it be true that eighty-five per cent of what we learn comes into the brain through the eye, we preachers see how little we

have done by all our preaching through all these years by the route of the ear only.

I have just written the brother suggesting that he write H. L. Strickland, Farley building, Birmingham, for State Mission scenes; Rev. V. I. Masters, Third Nat'l Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for Home Mission scenes; Rev. T. B. Ray, Richmond, Va., for Foreign Mission scenes, and by way of variety get some Anti-Saloon League scenes from Rev. Brooks Lawrence, 502 Chamber of Commerce building, Birmingham. Rev. J. D. Ray, Marshall avenue, Birmingham, who is using the magic lantern successfully with mission lectures can give some valuable information about the equipment and how to use it.

I am away from the office at this writing. I am extremely anxious about how the battle goes. When this is read in the paper we will have only about

Ten Days Before the Books Close.

So much depends upon what we do in these last days! Some have put it off until the last Sunday. Will they come up then? Alabamians will feel awfully cheap at Oklahoma City if the state at the head of the alphabet proves delinquent.

Alabama by Associations

As printed in the Alabama Baptist is a talking machine. These lists will be printed through all the associations; in May and June State Missions will be shown. Notice and see if your church is in the list. So many churches are missing! Take the first: The Alabama, only five of the twelve churches; Antioch, nine of eighteen; Arbacorche does not appear at all; Bethel thirteen of twenty-five. Doubtless some churches will make good in next ten days. All will be printed in state convention minutes.

I read with deep interest that splendid address on

The Annual Call.

The name of the author is not given, he is an artist in his line. He handles the delicate subject in a way that ought to be convincing and yet not a harsh, severe word is used.

If the preachers will say it must stop we will have no more of it. It might take three years. Doubtless some churches would cut up much about it and call some brother of slender resources for bids for the place at less salary"; but in only a little while, two years at most, the churches would see their mistake. Let's be done with the ruinous practice. The address will be printed in tract form so it may be studied.

W. B. C.

CLOSING—NOW!

Victory or defeat: Which shall it be? You can help to decide. Between this date, April 17, and April 30, the Foreign Board must receive \$350,500 in order to meet all obligations in full. This is \$112,000 more than we received in the same time last year. We can and should give every dollar. It will mean so much to our Father's cause if we will; more much needed missionaries, more homes for the faithful workers, more chapels, more schools, more Bibles and other books printed, more natives employed to preach and teach, more souls won to God.

This is not the year to fall. Our missionaries report far more baptisms this year than in any former year of our work. We have been greatly blessed in the home land. We should not fall short this year.

Let every church and mission band take an extra collection on Sunday, April 28, and forward it at once. Each amount, however small, will help. Then individuals can raise special amounts. Some can get ten people to give \$5 each and thus raise \$50, the salary of a missionary for one month, or some can get ten to give \$1 each and thus provide the salary for a native pastor in China for a month. Set your heart on helping, and you can do so. We need a large amount, but we have over 20,000 churches and two and a third millions of members. We can pay the whole amount any morning before breakfast if we will. Some are giving thousands, some hundreds, some tens, some mites. Have you done or will you do your duty? A general advance even yet will mean VICTORY. What say you in this strenuous time? Did you pray, now pay unto the Lord.

Yours in His service,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Richmond, Va., April 17, 1912.

ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

APRIL 24, 1912

EARTHLY UNSAFETY.

On every hand there are practical lessons which impressively teach us the great unsafety of earthly things. Many of the works of man which seem to promise certain security and permanent safety, suddenly collapse, leaving destruction and desolation in the wake. A fresh instance of this kind appears in the terrible disaster which befell the great steamer Titanic in its sinking amid ocean, with its large number of passengers. It was its first voyage, and as it left Southampton, the greatest and grandest liner in the world, no human mind imagined that it could possibly meet the fate that it did. Everything that money, art and ingenuity could do to make it completely safe for ocean travel was done. Other great vessels in former years had met with fatal disaster, but this one seemed to be the least likely of all to meet with destruction. Doubtless every passenger on board had a feeling of utmost safety as they happily sailed along, admiring the strength and beauty of the mammoth vessel. But how swiftly did destruction come upon the ship, its passengers and its cargo! The event reminds one of the words of Paul in relation to the second coming of Christ: "When they are saying peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them."

How insecure is human life on earth! In the midst of the bloom of health, with the prospect of many added years, the strong man is suddenly cut down. This has been the history of multitudes of people in the early prime of life. Well and strong today, and in the grip of remorseless death tomorrow. The man who is rich today, fancying that his wealth is in safe keeping, is made poor tomorrow. Floods or fires suddenly sweep away fortunes. Truly, earthly possessions are not absolutely safe. Heavenly treasures are the only safe possessions. Avail yourself of such securities!

THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC.

The largest vessel in the world on her maiden voyage found a watery grave at the bottom of the sea. Today the world stands aghast at the thought that more than 1,600 lives were lost aboard a vessel which was thought to be unsinkable, and that the accident which snuffed out the lives of so many came about because, in spite of warning, she was ploughing her way through the dangerous ice fields at almost full speed. We have not space for even a slight part of the sad story, nor will we enlarge upon the senate's inquiry, which is in progress. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the homes where sorrow sits and our manhood rejoices at the tales of heroism of the men and women who in the face of certain and awful death played their parts like heroes and heroines.

A story so great and true as to cause a managing editor of a big daily, who was called from bed to get out an extra after hours of strenuous labor, met us on the streets with joy in his face because through the awful story incident after incident showed forth true men and women, who dared and sacrificed their lives for others. These men died bravely, never faltering, upholding the best tradition of the Anglo-Saxon race, saving the women and children, dying cheerfully themselves, defending their honor, though at a price extremely dear. It was no ignoble way to die, and the eyes of the world will turn in tender contemplation toward the lonely grave of the men of the Titanic, over which forever sweeps the unebbing sea.

In both houses the interstate liquor shipment bill is still pending before the sub-committee of the judiciary committee. It is probable that some further hearings will be had before the house committee, as requests to that end have been made. Mr. Webb, of the house committee, is doing his utmost to get a report from the sub-committee. Pressure on the two committees for their prompt action on the bill should be kept up. For years the temperance forces have been pressing such a bill, but for the first time definite action is hopeful. The sub-committee has unanimously recommended to the full committee a bill which is a tremendous advance over existing conditions.

"Never 'blow up' the editor. It fatigues you and makes him 'tired.' Simply state what went wrong, and let him blow himself up."

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1912.

Apportionment.	
Home Missions	\$28,000
Foreign Missions	40,000
Given to Date.	
Home Missions	\$12,718
Foreign Missions	22,961
Books of Home and Foreign Boards close April 30.	
Apportionment for State Missions	\$32,000
Given to date	12,103

Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the Department of the East, United States army, died of heart failure on Friday morning, April 12, in the Hotel Buckingham, New York City. General Grant, son of Gen. U. S. Grant, was born in St. Louis on May 30, 1850; entered the army, as a graduate of West Point, in 1871; resigned from the army in 1881, and was appointed United States minister to Austria in 1885; in 1899 was appointed brigadier-general of volunteers; brigadier general in the regular army in 1901; major general in 1906; since 1904 commander of the department of the East.

While walking down the Queen and Crescent tracks near Springville Friday morning Mose Pierce, an aged and beloved Baptist of that community, was struck by the fastest train on the Queen and Crescent service and instantly killed. The train was operating two hours late at the time of the accident, and was turning a curve in the track. Engineer Hafer, in charge of the flyer, did not see Brother Pierce until almost upon him. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved family. Brother Pierce was a loyal friend of the Alabama Baptist, and we will miss his visits to our office.

President Yuan Shi-Kai, of China, has issued a proclamation urging all the people to forbear toward one another and to merge their interests by intermarriages between the five racial elements—the Chinese, the Mongols, the Manchus, the Tibetans and the Mohammedans. The Mohammedans are suspicious of the new regime; they fear that being in the minority they will be sacrificed by the others if majority rule is to be adopted. They are trying to raise an army to oppose the government.

Next year will be celebrated the centennial of the birth of Henry Ward Beecher. In honor of the occasion Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the present pastor of Plymouth church, is preparing an oration on "The Life, Genius, Character and Influence of Henry Ward Beecher." It may be interesting to note that the membership of Plymouth church, which was about 2,500 at the time of Beecher's death and some 1,800 at the time of Dr. Abbott's resignation, at the present time stands at 2,450.

Gov. Ben W. Hooper last week appointed Mr. Newell Sanders to the United States senate as successor to the late Senator Robert L. Taylor. Mr. Sanders is a prominent member of the First Baptist church, Chittanooga. He has long been one of the strongest temperance men in the state. He is a man of high personal character. We may say this without any reference to political considerations.—Baptist and Reflector.

Richmond, Va., April 22, 1912.

Alabama Baptist, 1705 Third Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.:

The Foreign Mission Board is facing the greatest emergency in its history. Only one week left for turning threatened defeat into glorious victory. Success depends on how we use these closing days. Next Sunday, the 28th, is especially critical. We still need \$336,000. How can we make the call more urgent?

R. J. WILLINGHAM,
Corresponding Secretary.

THE RUSH AND ROAR OF THE RIVERS.

It is hard to realize the conditions which exist along the banks of the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers have been the scene of a raging flood for many days. The levees have been broken in many places. Thirty thousand persons are homeless; 2,000 square miles of country inundated; 30 persons drowned, and a financial loss of \$10,000,000, constitute the result of a two weeks' flood in the Mississippi valley. These figures were arrived at by government engineers and officials of state levee boards engaged in battling the ravaging sweep of the Mississippi river from points in Illinois to threatened places in Mississippi and Arkansas.

The conditions are gradually growing worse. The loss of life and property increases daily. The plight of victims who have been rendered homeless by the onrush of the waters from the breaks in the levees in those districts are deplorable. Hundreds have been cared for at emergency camps established along the lines of the levees at various points, but owing to the inaccessibility of some of the places far back into the interior there is much suffering, due to the lack of food.

At least 40 small towns have been inundated by the muddy waters from the big stream, and it is certain that many more will feel the destructive effects of the most devastating floods in the history of the lower valley.

We greatly sympathize with the sufferers, and are glad to know that the national and state governments are being aided by many cities and charitable citizens.

THE B. Y. P. U.

The recent session of the B. Y. P. U. State Convention, held with the Fifty-sixth Street Baptist church, Birmingham, was a success in spite of the bad weather the first day. The crowds grew in size and interest before the close. A number of splendid addresses were given. Brethren Leavell and Strickland are in earnest about the young people doing effective work through the study courses. Dr. Leavell's study classes were practical and inspiring. The hospitality of the Woodlawn saints was without stint. The luncheon served daily in the basement of the beautiful new church was greatly enjoyed, as it furnished food for the inner man and also an opportunity for pleasant social intercourse.

We congratulate the convention on its new officers. Brother Anderson has been a faithful and consistent worker, and Brother Douglas has made good as secretary and treasurer. Brother Robinson retires with the affection of the unions throughout the state. Jasper is getting to be a convention city for Baptists.

The get-together conservation campaign of the Birmingham Baptist Association held a meeting at Hunter Street Baptist church April 18 to 21, for which the following program was arranged:

Thursday, 18th—7:45 p. m., "With Our Boys," J. W. Stewart; 8:30 p. m., "Our Social Task," J. W. Willis.

Friday, 19th—3 p. m., "Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts," W. M. Anderson; 7:45 p. m., "Building a Working Church," W. M. Blackwelder; 8:30 p. m., "Our Lord's Treasury," A. K. Wright.

Saturday, 20th—7:45 p. m., stereopticon lecture, J. D. Ray.

Sunday, 21st—11 a. m., "The Church at Work," A. A. Walker; 3 p. m., "Twentieth Century Special," A. A. Walker; 7:45 p. m., "When Jesus Comes Again," A. A. Walker.

Similar meetings are to be held throughout the entire association.

Rev. A. K. Wright, pastor of the Ensley Baptist church, addressed the Y. M. C. A. meeting at the Princess theatre, Birmingham, Sunday afternoon. "The Ready Man" was the subject of his address. Brother Wright is a clean, clear cut thinker, and always gives his audience something worth hearing and remembering.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

WHAT THE STATE MISSION BOARD IS DOING.

Read this letter from one of its great Sunday School workers and you will understand more of its work:

Andalusia, Ala.

My Dear Brother Crumpton:—

Please pardon me if this letter extends a little beyond the usual limits, as I wish to write you in an entirely informal and personal manner.

If I am not doing as much good as I possibly could, I am certainly getting as much joy out of the work as my heart can hold. I have slept in homes from which I could see the stars through the roof. Then again I have slept in palatial homes. I have had to walk between appointments, carrying a twenty pound sult case in one hand and a rolled up blackboard in the other; and again have been "spirited away" to distant or nearby points in automobiles. I have had little groups of hearers whose sunburned faces and calloused hands bore witness that with them the battle of life was on in earnest; and yet again I have looked into the faces of city congregations. But in all places and at all times I have been conscious of His presence and of His help.

Brother Crumpton, have you seen the little book on tithing, entitled "The Victory of Mary Christopher", and sold by our Foreign Mission Board? Dr. Yarborough of Anniston and Brother Ralley at home say it is the best book on tithing now out. I recently read it myself. It is very fine. I have sold or taken cash orders for 43 copies of this little book. Among others, I ordered a copy sent to you. Read it when you have time.

I deserve a patent right on the way I am using "The entrusted letter". I take no risk on their reading it. I read it aloud at every service (it takes only two or three minutes) and then give a copy to every one who will promise to deliver it to some one who needs to be reminded of the duty and privilege of sending the gospel message to others.

I have sold a number of normal manuals; organized two Sunday Schools and a B. Y. P. U. Have also secured gift-edge pledges for about \$85.00 this month, and with ten days in March yet to come hope to make it more than \$100.00 that will surely materialize. I have only paid 50 cents for something to eat this month. Short railroad trips have made up about all the expense. Went nearly one hundred miles in buggy with Brother Hagood who has been giving me splendid aid. We used his team and he made no charge for it.

Have had, everywhere possible, night services in homes. At one place just a father, mother, brother and sister, and a stranger who stopped there over night. The brother and sister are scheduled respectively for the Howard, and the Judson; and I have written Drs. Montague and Patrick to send catalogs. In another home I had father and mother, two children and a grandfather and grandmother. I had a very informal children's service, concluding with prayer in which all present knelt and engaged.

To another home half a mile from where I was stopping, I was invited at night to hear the young people sing Sunday School songs. The singers and listeners together numbered about 40—more than I had had at some day appointments. We had only about a half a dozen seats, and the singers and most of the others stood while the singing was going on. When they had sung about a dozen songs, I asked them all to sit down on the floor, which they did—young ladies and all—with the utmost decorum, and I related to them the story written by Henry Van Dyke, of the man who confessed Christ, but afterward got tired of what he called an empty name and sold it to an old magician or priest—how he afterward came to need Christ, but found to his horror that the name was gone from him, he could not call it—how he was helped out of his difficulty by the old preacher who first told him of Jesus. I closed with prayer and they all seemed deeply impressed.

At every place I am drilling in what the Baptist Sunday School Board is doing, and the consequent obligation we are under to support the work.

I have what Brother Hagood thinks is a good children's service, and he has asked me at every place to give it; and while I had no engagement with him for next Sunday, he has arranged to get the children of his school together for me to hold that service with them.

At Florida last Sunday, that splendid young pastor

there would have me occupy his pulpit both morning and night. They are figuring on grading their school and putting in the departments, which I am sure will be done at once.

I thought you might like to hear from me. It is not intended for this to be published—just for you personally. Pastors everywhere express their love and devotion for you. I know of no man richer in that respect than you. God bless you, dear Brother Crumpton.

Yours truly,

B. DAVIE.

WANTED.

Indeed, sorely needed and prayed for by the churches of Alabama—a few fair Sundays. The record of unfavorable Sundays during the past few months has been worse than for any similar period in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Every where I go I hear remarks on the subject by pastors. Last Sunday (April 7) was another added to the long list of rainy Sundays. At the time of this writing next Sunday was fair to be similar to its immediate predecessor.

On the seventh I was with Brother Longier at Jasper. I was wakened during the early morning hours by a hard rain which continued late in the morning. The rain ceased before church time but the condition of the streets was unfavorable to church going. The brethren at Jasper are looking forward to the meeting of the state convention in July and are expecting a large attendance. They will welcome all who come and give them the best of entertainment.

I returned to Birmingham in the afternoon and spoke for the West Woodlawn people at night. Brother John V. Stewart is pastor here and I was very favorably impressed by the neat and attractive house of worship and the large number of young persons in the congregation. I reached the church before the close of the B. Y. P. U. meeting and found a large gathering of young persons.

Another thing wanted is better judgment by many of the brethren in dealing with preachers who travel through the country representing no one but themselves and carrying numerous credentials or letters of recommendation which are easily secured many times even when they are genuine. A Jew drummer recently told me of a Baptist preacher of this sort that he met and who informed him that it was his purpose to let his hair grow long as the shaking of long locks when preaching made an impression on the audience. I had heard of this brother in another part of the state. Brethren cannot be too careful in allowing strangers to occupy their pulpits. If a preacher comes into Alabama from another state claiming that he has good standing in the state from which he comes there are other channels through which he can prove his good standing than letters written by persons unknown to those to whom they are presented. Keep your eye on the tramp preachers, brethren. They sometimes do a great deal of harm after they have gotten a foot hold in a community.

W. J. E. COX.

Rev. John H. Pool leaves Texas for North Birmingham after a stay of five years here. He has done a good work in Texas and ought to be kept busy in Alabama. Rev. J. O. Bledsoe left us recently for Alabama. He was greatly loved in Texas, and did a splendid work here. Brother T. V. Neal is here to stay, and has one of the best churches in the state. Brother J. V. Dickinson is doing a good work, and will in the near future have one of the best churches. He is looked upon as one of our safest leaders in this section. Brother W. W. Lee has improved greatly, and will soon be able to take up the work again. We are well satisfied in Texas and hope to do the best work of our lives here. We are going to spend July and August in Alabama seeing kinsfolk and friends, and would be glad to be busy in meetings at the same time. Have three dates already. If anybody can use me write me at 549 Hicks avenue, San Antonio, Tex. I read no paper with more delight and interest than I do the Alabama Baptist. It helps me. We send Christian greetings to all my Alabama friends. Yours in Him—W. J. Ray.

Rev. J. J. Wicker, pastor Leigh Street Baptist church, Richmond, Va., has arranged for a pilgrimage to Palestine and Egypt, sailing from New York on June 15.

The continuing interest of former students is the best asset any institution can have. They, on their part, get quite as much as they give. To visit again the scenes of youth, to look once more upon the faces of inspiring teachers, to move about among the buildings and under the trees where dreams and visions and high hopes of the future and the close companionships of student days stirred all the finer feelings of the soul—such an experience for any hard-pressed and rapidly ageing business or professional man means rejuvenation and refreshment for many a day to come.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who will deliver the thirty-second course of lectures on the James Thomas Foundation at Richmond College, is one of the best known scientists and lecturers in America. Everybody who reads knows of his courageous fight for pure food for the nation. Dr. Wiley is a pleasing and forceful platform speaker, and the demand for his services as a lecturer is much greater than he can satisfy.

"Human life offers us nothing else so beautiful as real friendship; not love, not prosperity, not fame, are so fair, so precious. So foster it! Let no distrust, no absence, no indifference of environment, dim its luster. Let death itself be powerless to rob you of its sweetness! Never break it; never lose it; it is the sweetest touch of mortal life."

Many people have said that the only thing that could raise a dominant issue in American politics and make Taft popular would be to pull off a war with Mexico. Under other circumstances such a thing might have been arranged for campaign purposes, but it is believed that Taft is too much a man of peace to be drawn into such a wicked scheme.

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In all the clamor about the church going into social welfare work, etc., it is well to remember that it is with the individual soul that the organized forces of religion are to deal. This individual, however, is not an isolated personal entity, but a social creature, dependent upon society and realizing his individuality only as he lives in organized association with his fellows.

Luther loved above all things to study the Bible. He found in the convent a Bible fastened by a chain. He had but little understanding of the word, yet it was to him a pleasant study. Sometimes he spent a whole day meditating on a single passage. At other times he committed portions of it to memory. His great desire was to get a perfect knowledge of God's will.

A shop girl of Worcester, Mass., died recently, leaving a savings account of \$5,200. Upon a wage of \$1 a day she had in a comparatively brief working life saved this amount. The opportunity to save money is one that our pleasure-seeking and luxury-loving people do not always accept. Let us work more and talk less and our bank account will show the result.

One Sunday school reports a special offering of \$158 on April 7 for Foreign Missions. The brother who made the report says: "We went right after this offering. We had special envelopes printed, and sent one to each member of the church and Sunday school, asking that they bring it in with an offering on Missionary Day." There is time yet for many other Sunday schools and churches to help in this noble way.

The revision committee, responsible for the American standard version of the Bible, worked 30 years on the revision of the Bible. For this service they received no salary, only the traveling expenses being paid by the publishers, Thomas Nelson & Son.

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REVIVAL IN DECATUR.

The First Baptist church, of Decatur, closed a series of revival services last night. The meeting continued for two weeks. Rev. Bailey H. Lovelace, of Florence, did the preaching. Bro. Lovelace is an excellent pastor-evangelist and a most sweet-spirited and congenial co-laborer. His methods are plain, simple and biblical. He preaches with great force and clearness the teachings of the pre-eminent Christ. The Lord Jesus was exalted in every service, and the power of the Holy Spirit was felt. Twelve additions to the church—seven by baptism and five by letter.

Pastor and people had hoped and prayed long for a revival, and now we rejoice that God has blessed us so abundantly. Although the special services closed last night, and in power and demonstration, yet the best thing is that this meeting has set in motion forces that will operate for good throughout eternity. Oh, how we need an evangelistic and educational campaign throughout all this great Tennessee valley.

Lovelace returned today to that beautiful church and those splendid people of Florence with a good will and wish from all our people. A thousand blessings upon his people for lending him for a few days.

Missions and the convention will keep us busy for a few days now.

Fraternally,
CLAY L. HUDSON.

TO HAVE A GREAT DAY.

It affords me much pleasure to inform you of the great start which we made yesterday, it being our regular meeting day. Brother White organized the Woman's Missionary Union, with Mrs. J. M. Presley as president and Miss Lillian Micklewright secretary. Also organized a B. Y. P. U., with Miss Lillian Micklewright, president; Arthur Liles, vice-president; Miss Fannie Crow, secretary. All the necessary committees were appointed and put to work. So we are hoping and trusting that we may win some of our boys and girls for the Master.

We have a great harvest, but the reapers are scarce; but we are trusting the Lord of the harvest to help us to train some reapers, that they may help to gather the harvest.

On May 11 we expect to have our memorial, and if the weather is favorable we will expect a large audience, and we hope to have a real nice program, with a number of good speakers, such as Brother J. E. Griffin, Brother T. D. Courson and many others from neighboring churches. We hope to have plenty of "dinner on the ground" for everybody present, and will try to make all feel welcome.

Respectfully,
A. T. KEITH.
Central Church, Argo, Ala.

The first Sunday in April was observed as Missionary and Promotion Day at the First Baptist church, Blocton, Ala., by the Sunday school. The program and exercises were enjoyed by all present. The Sunday school contributed \$11.28 to missions. The pastor gave the 11 o'clock hour to the Sunday school.

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THE CAUSE IN OZARK.

M. L. Harris is doing a great work here. The third Sunday in January there were in Sunday school 75, and now we have 150. He organized a Baraca class with seven men in February, and now that class numbers 26 men. The entire school has been moved by his earnestness. About two months ago the subject of building a pastorium was raised, and on the next Sunday \$1,355 was subscribed, and by the next Sunday the entire amount that was necessary for the erection of the building had been raised. Brother Harris by his earnestness and zeal brought about a condition that made this work possible. We expect Brother Harris to move into this new \$2,500 pastorium by the middle of May. Under his leadership perfect harmony and brotherly love reigns in the hearts of all, and we are waiting with great anxiety for the third Sunday of June to come, and while we are waiting we are praying earnestly that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, for on that day we expect to begin a series of meetings, in which we humbly pray that many may be brought to Christ. Through his sermons Brother Harris has greatly revived the church.

M. F. PIPPIN.

Whereas, on the 21st of March, 1912, it pleased God to call to himself one of our members, Lenox Brassell, at the tender age of six years, thus taking from us one whom we all loved and bringing sadness to us and grief to the family; be it resolved as follows:

First—That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, remembering that our Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Second—That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family, commending them to the love of Him who died to redeem the world and is able and anxious to comfort them in their sorrow.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and a copy sent the Alabama Baptist for publication, and a record of them be made in the minutes of the Sunday school.

MARTHA RILEY,
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Committee.

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Methodist, Baptist and other American communions working in Italy, and assisting local Protestants in France, report that there is coming into existence in both countries a Catholic church that is not papal. Especially strong is the sentiment toward such church in Italy. Methodists are finding there reluctance to join with American organizations, and decided preference for a church that is Italian and yet that retains practically all forms and doctrines of the Catholic church save the hierarchy, the Vatican and the Pope.

Dear Dr. Crumpton: Below I give you additional list of the missionary committees of the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association. As fast as these committees are elected I will promptly send you the names of same, and trust you will keep them supplied with missionary literature: Mr. T. T. Killian, Mr. Flem Jones, Mr. Allen Kendrick, Woodstock, Ala. Fraternaly yours—Robison Brown, Chairman, Woodstock.

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THE REVIEW AND EXPOSITOR FOR APRIL.

The contents of this number are interesting, as usual. The opening article is on the "Life and Work of William Heth Whitsitt," and was written by Prof. E. B. Pollard, D. D., of Crozier Theological Seminary, a former pupil and friend of Dr. Whitsitt. The article evinces thorough investigation and careful writing from the standpoint of history, and manifests a spirit of fraternity which is admirable. This article will help the denomination to understand Dr. Whitsitt better, perhaps, than it has ever done before.

An article on "A Study of History," by Rev. George Bladon, of Preston, England, shows in broad outline the great moving forces of history through the centuries.

Rev. W. E. Henry, of Twin Falls, Idaho, writes on "The Heart of Sin," in which he takes a new view of the essence of sin, and one which will probably commend itself to earnest and thoughtful readers.

Dr. John R. Sampey writes on recent commentaries on Genesis, and promises to give in the next issue his own views of the composition of Genesis.

Prof. Henry B. Robins, of Berkeley, Cal., writes upon "The Real World."

A new departure is a department of expository notes by the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Among the various notes is one by Dr. Mullins on "The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament."

The usual 50 pages of book reviews appear, giving information and estimation of many of the most recent books which are of interest to the minister and Christian worker.

The number is a very valuable one.

ORDINATION.

The Mt. Hebron Baptist church met March 31, 1912, for the purpose of setting apart to the full work of the gospel ministry our beloved brother, J. C. Stivender, the presbytery consisting of Dr. B. F. Giles, president of the A. C. F., Tuscaloosa, Ala., and J. G. Lowrey, the pastor having been previously called to officiate. The sermon was preached by Dr. Giles; presentation of the candidate by Deacon N. T. Quarles; examination of the candidate, charge and presentation of the Bible by J. G. Lowrey. Dr. Giles offered the ordination prayer and gave a very impressive charge to the church.

The whole service was very impressive, and many came forward in prayerful sympathy and grasped the hand of their coming preacher. The service closed with benediction by Brother Stivender.

Brother Stivender enters the ministry with the prospect of a bright future. He is now a student in Howard College, and is a noble, godly, consecrated young man. He is pastor at Childersburg, Ala., where he preaches two Sundays in each month. May God richly and abundantly bless him in the work to which he has been chosen and make him wise in winning souls and advancing His kingdom.
J. G. LOWREY.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Eugenia McNeal, a widow, on the 28th day of March, 1911, and recorded in Vol. 625, record of deeds, at page 57, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in 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 20th day of May, 1912, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot "C", in Block One (1), said lot being 30 feet off of the south side of Lot No. 21, in Block 1, and 5 feet off of the north side of Lot 22, in block 1, being 35 feet in all, fronting west on the east side of a 50-foot street and extending back east 135 feet uniform width to a 15-foot alley, as shown on map book 5, at page 65, and surveyed by Herman Schoel, C. E., situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
Mortgagee.

FROM COLUMBIA

Dear Brother Barnett:

We had a great conference last week. Our association has authorized the executive committee to hold a Bible conference, and Columbia asked for it. It began on the fifth Sunday in March and lasted through Wednesday night. Of course, the rest of you know the brethren who took part on the program, and it is needless to use up your space in speaking their praises. But they were strangers mostly to this scribe, and I must say something about them and their work. We had with us Brethren Chapman, Strickland, Davie and Woodward, from our own state, and Dr. Millard from Atlanta, besides the talented local brethren, Jennings and Partridge, from Dothan.

We were expecting a good time, but we got a great deal more than we expected. Strickland is just one of the finest of the fine in his particular line. I know personally a great many of the field workers over the country, but none of them surpass him for presenting things in an attractive and forcible way. He captured us from the start and held us to the finish. The fact that his ideas were all practical and not simply theoretical added force to what he had to say.

Brother Davie's deeply spiritual talks were greatly appreciated by every one, and were just the kind of food our souls most needed. Brother Woodward, from Lineville, came to us filled with zeal and knowledge and the Holy Spirit, and gave us fresh inspiration.

Brother Chapman's addresses along mission lines came from his heart. He showed a thorough familiarity with the situation, and God is using him to awaken sleeping Baptists all over the state in the cause of missions. These make a great quartette, and we must have them again.

Of course, we greatly enjoyed Dr. Millard's addresses. He is so eloquent and cultured and at the same time spiritual. The local brethren were also gladly heard by our people.

We were disappointed that so few of our churches were represented. But we can only say that those who did not come missed a great spiritual feast.

Some new forces have been set in motion by the conference that will boost our own work considerably, particularly in the Sunday school. And, by the way, we observed Missionary Day last Sunday in the school, and our offering was something over \$26. We had set the stake at \$25, and were happy over the result.

Our B. Y. P. U. will have several delegates at the convention next week, when we hope to meet some of you and become better acquainted. While we are down in a corner, we want you to remember that we are on the map.

Fraternally,
CHAS. M. BRITTON.

FROM OPELIKA.

The First church at Opelika is doing good work under the wise leadership of Dr. Baker, who came here about two years ago from Spokane, Wash. Since he came the church has been thoroughly organized and all debts canceled. Hence we feel that we are in shape to do some work on the church building and grounds we have been contemplating for quite a while.

We have a good attendance every Sunday at both morning and evening services. How could it be otherwise with such a man as Dr. Baker to listen to, who preaches God's word as but few can? His sermons are strictly orthodox, logical, forceful, instructive. While we think Dr. Baker is one of the best pulpit orators and one of the most eloquent speakers we have ever heard, yet he seems to be unconscious of it all, and the one desire of his heart is to so preach the gospel as to win lost men and women to Christ. We have frequent additions to the church. Eight candidates are to be baptized next Sunday, with a prospect of several more to join.

Now, as our people are all of one mind, may the Holy Spirit set them on fire to do the Lord's will and make them a blessing to every enterprise of our denomination.

J. P. HUNTER.

INSTITUTE AT NEWTON.

The institute at Newton was indeed fine. It was our pleasure to sit and listen to that great man of God (Dr. McGlothlin) lecture to us on the gospel of Matthew. But the climax was not reached till the last service, when he told about the death and resurrection of Christ and the great commission. At the close of the service he asked to know how many young men and women there were in the congregation who were ready to go to the front should the Lord open the way. Among those who responded were Rev. H. S. McMillan, C. C. Embry, James Gullede, L. D. Hofan, Grady Williams, Connie Helms, Misses Ada Whaley, Lillie Jones, Bessie Jackson, Mattie Cooper, Elizabeth McElreath, Mabel Williams, Erma Fuller, Mable Daniels and Annie McElreath. May God bless them and Brother McGlothlin.

J. L. HAND,
Secretary Institute.

Up till the 15th we have received \$129,619. Adding to this approximately \$16,000 received for evangelism, the total is about \$145,600. To the same date last year we had received \$144,660. But this did not include a \$10,000 personal gift of Brother Bush, of Alabama, which would have brought the total to April 15 last year up to \$154,000. Therefore on April 15 we are about \$10,000 behind the receipts last year at the same date. From Alabama we have received \$10,686. If the apportionment of Alabama is to be raised we must have more than \$14,000 within the next two weeks. The Lord give to the Alabama churches the grace of large and liberal giving now to Home Missions. Fraternally yours—Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary.

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Joe Smith, Complainant, vs. Leslie Smith, Defendant.

In this cause it being made to appear to the judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of W. A. Moore, agent for complainant, that the defendant, Leslie Smith, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and resides in the state of Georgia; and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson county, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Leslie Smith, to answer, plead or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 7th day of May, 1912, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against her.

This 3rd day of April, 1912.
WM. M. WALKER,
Judge of the City Court of Birmingham.

JAS. M. RUSSELL,
Solicitor for Complainant.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment and terms of the mortgage securing an indebtedness of Frank E. Jones and Sarah B. Jones, executed on the 27th day of March, 1909, to John Netter, and recorded in volume 530, on page 549 of records of mortgages in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, which said mortgage has heretofore for value been duly transferred and assigned, with all rights therein, to Z. T. Rudolph, the said Z. T. Rudolph will, under and by virtue of the power contained in said mortgage, on Saturday, April 27, within the legal hours of sale, in front of the county court house door, in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

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It is a part of my religion to visit good places when circumstances permit. The brethren of the Auburn church invited me to be with them on the first Sunday in April. The special occasion was the graduation of a large class of Sunday school teachers and the delivery of the diplomas from the Nashville board. Surely it is a wholesome sign in our church life when such things come to pass. The Auburn church is to be congratulated on both the quality and the size of the class which that day received their diplomas.

My visit was a correction of previous impressions as to the Baptists at this place. They are stronger than I had been thinking, and a larger factor in the town than I had supposed. And better still, they are live and progressive. This is especially true of the Sunday school. It is common talk that the Baptists are doing the best work of the town. No invidious distinction is made when I say that this is largely due to Prof. Webb, the efficient and tireless superintendent. Some day soon we must have an adequate church plant at Auburn. May it not be long. It means much to the whole brotherhood of the state. There are not less than 250 Baptist boys in the A. P. I., and they ought to be both a field and a force in the church life of Auburn.

It was a rare pleasure to know Pastor Edwards better. We met in seminary days, and it was a surpassing delight to exchange experiences of the odd things that come to pass in every student's life. I found him to be a thoroughly efficient leader in his church. He has the situation well in hand, and is planning larger things for the future. He ought to be willing to acknowledge, however, that his success is largely due to his better half. Mrs. Edwards is a Louisville lady, from old Walnut Street church, nourished on the strong diet furnished by Dr. Eaton, and she is full of the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

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