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We are indeed proud of the Alabama Baptist. We pray God's blessing on you, the boys and your wife. I have two boys and a wife, who read the paper and send you greetings. Pray for us and the cause of Christ in this corner. Yours for work—J. L. Deramus, Plantersville.

It was in the large cities of our Lord's time that He did some of His mightiest works. Today much of the success in Home Mission work depends upon the preaching and teaching of the gospel in our large centers of population.

I have just taken up the work at Coffeerville. Sunday was my first service at Coffeerville, and had a good service and raised \$8.75 for State Missions—a little above their apportionment. I think we will make good this year at all my church. In connection with Coffeerville I have West Bend and Witch Creek. I have indeed found a great people. Brethren pray God that I may do good work. Yours fraternally—Charles W. Cook.

The revival with the East Florence church, in which Rev. A. M. Moore is doing the preaching, continues to grow in interest, and many souls are being saved—16 to date. The seating capacity of the church is taxed nearly every night. Brother Moore is doing some able preaching. Pray for us, that God may give us a great victory.—T. M. Byram, Pastor.

I cannot afford to be dropped from your list of subscribers. You are giving us a fine paper, and I trust that it may yet find its way into the home of every Baptist family in the state. I expect to leave on the 15th of this month for Hot Springs, Ark., to be treated for rheumatism. Would like very much to go to the convention, but cannot this year, though I hope to sit at the feet of those who shall go, and thereby learn of the great work that is being done. Last Sunday was a great day with us at Henderson. We received two members into our ranks. Success to the Alabama Baptist. Fraternally—W. H. Tew.

I am sending you a line about the death of my brother, C. C. Ray, who died in Mobile last Monday at the residence of his son, with whom he had resided for some time. He was the last of my father's family except myself, the last of 17. He had been an invalid for many years, and his death was a happy relief. We have quite a company on the other shore. It will be a happy meeting after so many years of separation. I am just from the home of my son-in-law at Elba, Mr. J. A. Conoley, whose only son, a baby 19 months of age, died last Sunday. He was a bright, promising boy, and his loss to them can never be estimated. We all will miss him, but God knew best, and He took him away. We will know why some day I am sure, and will trust it all to him who never makes a mistake.—S. O. Y. Ray.



We Can't Go to the Convention

It seems strange for us to have to miss a session of the Southern Baptist Convention, but the recent inquisitiveness on the part of Uncle Sam has made it necessary for us to remain at home and pore over our subscription list, and weed out all over one year behind, and yet do our best to try and get them to pay up and renew.

It has been truly sad work, as friend after friend's name was dropped, but the government makes no exception of the editor's personal friends, but looks merely at the label, and as many of our old stand-bys had neglected to pay beyond 1911 they were dropped.

We always hate to drop any one, and yet somehow it hurts us a little more to drop our preacher brethren, and yet under the postal regulation we had to cut off 100 preachers, many of them warm personal friends, whose friendship we esteem. We hope, however, that they will come back at once.

A WORD TO OUR TRUE AND TRIED FRIENDS.

Last week Brother Crumpton on our editorial page, under the caption of "The Closing Campaign," in setting forth "How It Was Done," said:

"The Alabama Baptist, with its increased circulation, poured into the homes a perpetual stream of informing matter about missions."

Now here is the test: We are forced to drop hundreds, and we call on every friend in this crisis to make a strenuous effort to send in at least one new subscriber on the dollar offer. If you go to work at once you can get their names on the list in time to get the convention numbers.

WHO WILL REPORT THE CONVENTION?

We expect to be able to give our readers a genuine treat. We are counting on Brother Crumpton; Rev. V. J. Masters, editor of our Home Field; Dr. W. H. Smith, editor Foreign Mission Journal; Miss Kathleen Mallory and Alex Bealer, the prince of reporters, to furnish the feast. Go to work at once and tell your friends to give you a dollar and send their names and get the convention numbers.



THE BEAUTIFUL NEW ENTERPRISE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS HUSTLING PASTOR, REV. O. P. BENTLEY.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following invitation: "The faculty and senior class of Athens College request your presence at their commencement exercises on Tuesday evening, May 28, 1912, at 8 o'clock. College chapel, Athens, Ala."

A brother writes:

"I send this because I owe it, and would consider myself still a member of the Baptist family did I not pay it. It has been carelessness that I have allowed this to run, which I am sure you will find in many cases."

Dear Brother Barnett: Please announce that Prof. James Walker, Jr., is chairman of the entertainment committee for the Howard College commencement. Friends from a distance will please notify him of the time of their arrival at Birmingham. His address as East Lake Station, Birmingham, Ala. Yours fraternally—A. P. Montague.

The Lord is greatly blessing us in our campaign in this city. Up to date there have been over 300 professions of faith and about 275 accessions. We receive into the churches over 400 new members. At Kentucky Avenue church, where I am trying to preach, we have received 45, nearly all by baptism. Hope to see you at Oklahoma City.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist, Fort, Worth, Tex.

We are in the midst of a great meeting at Notasulga. I am assisting the pastor, Rev. Charles H. German. The congregations are exceedingly large, and I never saw better interest manifested. We are praying for great results. Yours in Him—Curtis S. Shugart.

Dear Brother Barnett: We had two helpful services yesterday. Our treasurer reported at the conclusion of the morning service that all bills were paid up to the first of this month. This has not occurred for years. We all feel very much encouraged. We are now raising money with which to repair and paint our church house and parsonage. More than three-fourths of the needed amount has been raised. The balance will be easily raised in the next few days. On next Sunday we will observe Mothers' Day in the Sunday school and at the regular morning service. Yours fraternally—J. E. Barnes, Pratt City.

The Baptist church at Wylam has recently held a meeting, during which 26 were added to the church, 15 by baptism. Brother J. D. Ray did the preaching. Any church desiring help in a meeting will do well to secure Ray, as his methods are "safe and sane;" furthermore he preaches a forceful, simple, plain sermon that reaches the hearts of the people. The church has adopted the duplex envelope system, which has given splendid satisfaction so far. Surely there is no fault with the system. Fraternally—A Member.

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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 CONVENTION WEEK.

God is ever drawing like toward like and making them acquainted.—Homer.

DURING MAY.

We study about South America and our work for our aged and infirm ministers.

We give to Foreign Missions and to the relief fund for the aged and infirm ministers.

We plan for our special day of prayer for State Missions in June. Extra programs and envelopes may be had from the Montgomery Mission Room.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Eastern District.

Our work in the Colbert Association, where we have seven societies under the superintendency of Mrs. C. W. Leftwick, of Tusculmbia.

Our missionary to Wuchow, South China—Miss Julia Meadows.

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

Our Newton Institute student—Miss Mabel Williams.

The Oklahoma City convention, in session.

The receiving of our new apportionment.

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(To Be Concluded.)

MEETING AT GREENVILLE.

The W. M. U. of Butler county held their second all-day meeting at the Greenville Baptist church, March 19, 1912. The meeting was opened by singing "Take Time to Be Holy." Prayer followed, led by Miss Cora Goodwin. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Beeland, after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. Skipper. The address of welcome by Mrs. Little was very cordial and impressive. Response by Miss Cora Goodwin.

The minutes were read and adopted, after which the congregation joined in singing the W. M. U. song of the year, "Serving to Save."

A paper, "Value of United Prayer," by Miss Eskew. Prayer by Miss Mallory. A paper, "Why Our Society Can Have a Mission Study Class and Will Have It," by Mrs. Skipper. A talk by Miss Mallory showing the importance of a mission study class, that we may be able to do better work. After singing another familiar song we were dismissed for dinner.

The ladies having prepared a delightful lunch, an hour of social intercourse was very much enjoyed by all.

At 1:30 the meeting was called to order. Song, "Moment by Moment." Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gwaltney. Prayer by Mrs. Little. Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Responsive reading by leader and entire congregation. Song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." A paper on "How to Get the Young People Interested in the Church," by Mrs. Nell Shepherd, was read by Mrs. Haygood. "How to Keep the Young People in the Church" was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. Gamble. This was indeed good. Song, "Serving to Save." "Silver Jubilee of Sunbeams and What It Means to Us," by Miss Eskew. Then followed a talk by Miss Mallory on the subject of training the children in the Sunbeam work. At this point several of the children of the Greenville Sunbeam band entertained the audience with several songs. A paper, "Responsibility of Boys," by Mrs. Little. Song, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer for the boys by Miss Mallory. A talk on miscellaneous topics by Miss Mallory.

It was decided to hold our next associational meeting to be decided later.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Greenville ladies for their cordiality. All went away feeling it was good to be there. Song, "Blest Be the Tie." Dismissed with prayer by Miss Goodwin.

MRS. LELA CREVER,
 County Secretary.

Georgiana, Ala.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES.

I should have spoken in my last of Brother J. M. Rogers, who lives at Eldridge. He is one of the fathers in Israel now, but at one time a tower of strength in all this section. Brother Caudle is the pastor at Eldridge. He gave me a hearty welcome and promised a collection. There is one ministerial student in school. It is hoped that another year there may be additions to the ministerial class. How we do need recruits for our depleted ranks!

Passing through

Jasper

I found the Men and Boys' Religious Forward Movement on. I heard some excellent talks to the few in attendance. I heard that the congregations were better at night. What do I think of it? I think well of any movement that looks to enlisting our laymen in more active service in their churches. If they should succeed with only a few, that is worth while. No movement is ever coming that will sweep an army of idle church members into activity. Nor do we need such a movement. The steady hammering away, making an impression here and there, is what will win in the long run. Jasper is talking about the convention in July. Right eagerly did they ask me. "How many are coming?" They talk as if there will be no trouble in entertaining elegantly all who come. Of that I have no doubt, if they go about it in a systematic way. In the home of Brother D. W. Morgan I was tenderly cared for.

At Oakman

What fires we did have with the fine Canel coat, that cost only \$1.75 put down in the yard. The town is built over and surrounded by coal mines. A large business is done here. They have a largely attended public school, presided over by a lady in the absence of the principal, and she did her work well. It was my privilege here, as at Sulligent, to address the school. Though it was a week night, I had a fine audience to preach to. Here, as at Sulligent I was struck with the fine singing, led by a well organized choir. A singing preacher always has good singing. Brother Watts, one of the oldest and best associational clerks in the state, lives here. He is a farmer who tithes. How easy it is for the devil to get in his work! I am constantly meeting men who say "Tithing won't do for a farmer." Why, it was made for farmers. The people knew nothing else. Just write to Brother Watts and ask him how he does it.

Both at Oakman and at Sulligent they saw "The Original Tramp," and I told them how a boy went through the lines to the Confederacy. Only occasionally on a Saturday night can I spare the time for a lecture, but I could easily fill up every night in the week if I would respond to all the calls. Brother Morgan preaches to Sulligent, though it is more than 80 miles from Oakman. Which church will get him another year is a puzzling question. They both love him.

I spent Sunday with

Calvary Church at Birmingham.

J. D. Ray has done a great work. He is just rounding out seven years, and I am sure he can stay twice that long if he wants to. How sensibly he talks: "I could go elsewhere, but why change? My people give me enough to live on; the church is growing; no church in the city has a brighter prospect, and there is not a jar in the membership." Every word of that excellent speech, and more, is true. For beauty of situation Calvary cannot be excelled. The Sunday School room, where they worship, is complete, and later on the great audience room will be erected. Jim Ray is one of the most useful men in our ministry. Blessings on that cheery, sweet home where the traveling, tired preacher was so royally entertained.

It is a long jump

To Marbury

For a night service, but I made it. Brother A. D. Glass has an ideal field here and at Mountain Creek. The places are just a mile apart, and the pastor lives just about the half-way point. They are taking care of him, and he is making good at Marbury. Marbury church for the present will lose some of its past prestige, as the great mill will close down for the want of timber. Brother D. H. Marbury has a fine opportunity to settle a colony of thrifty farmers, and he will. I doubt if there is a finer opportunity in the state for

poor men to secure homes than here. He wants good people; no other need apply.

The occasion of my visit was the ordination of Brother Charles Russell, a strong young man, to the office of deacon. I predict he will prove a good one. The Sunday school bears up wonderfully considering the number who have dropped out by removals. How my thoughts ran back to the first visit I made to the place, when the virgin forest stood in all their glory! To the modest little man who introduced me to his large family of little children, I remember so well. Afterwards he was made a trustee of the Judson. All that family of children became educated men and women and have families of their own now, and best of all, they are useful Christians.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

COL. JAMES THOMAS MURFEE.

Address of His Pastor, Paul V. Bomar, at the Funeral Services in the Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, Ala., April 26, 1912.

James Thomas Murfee was born September 13, 1833, in Southampton county, Virginia. He was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., in 1853 without a single demerit and with the highest honors. In 1857, while teaching school in Lynchburg, Va., he united with the Baptist church in that place. For several generations his ancestors have been Baptists. I have conducted family worship in his home, reading from the Bible of his paternal grandfather, a noted and useful Baptist preacher of Virginia. In 1860 he came to Alabama as professor of mathematics and commandant of cadets in the University of Alabama. He was lieutenant colonel in the Forty-first Alabama regiment, C. S. A., and commanded the cadets in an engagement with the federal troops in Tuscaloosa, April 3, 1865. After the war he was the architect and rebuilder of the university, which had been burned by the federals.

In 1871 he came to Marion as president of Howard College, which position he held until the removal of the college in 1887, when he resigned. He remained in Marion and founded the Marion Institute, of which he was the superintendent until 1906, when he retired on the Carnegie Foundation. He passed away in Miami, Fla., April 23, 1912.

A great educator, a great teacher, a great man, a humble Christian, has gone to his reward. We praise God for him, and are thankful he was enabled to live a completed, well-rounded life. As I think of him this morning it seems to me that the secret of his beautiful character and of his useful life may be found in the one word, friend. He was always and in every relation of life, a true friend.

So I think of him this morning as the friend of education. He valued education far more than money. Gladly he gave up the prospects of wealth that he might pour the wealth of his own great soul into the minds and the hearts of the rising generation. He valued education more than life, for he gave his life to the training of young men. And education in Alabama is today on a higher plane and proceeding according to truer methods because education in Alabama had a true and self-sacrificing friend in J. T. Murfee.

Again I think of him as the friend to truth. Between him and truth there seems to have been some remarkable affinity. Truth never found anywhere a warmer welcome than in his truth-loving heart. He was always seeking for truth and always finding it, finding just the truth he needed at the moment. Beyond any man I have ever known he exemplified that saying of George MacDonald, "As you grow ready for it somewhere or other you will find what is needful for—in a book or in a friend." And truth never had a more enthusiastic witness than he. He loved to commend to you the truth he had just found, and he sent you away believing in it. I believe my experience was the experience of many. I never left him after a conversation of any length without feeling a greater love for the truth and a greater desire to be true.

Again I think of him as the friend of righteousness. He hated iniquity and loved righteousness, and he let the world know it. Every good cause had in him a friend. Every evil cause found in him a foe. He often said to the people who were responsible for the continuance of evil in the world were not the thieves

and the thugs, but the so-called good people—those who were sent into the world to be the light of the world, and who refused or neglected to let their light shine. Thank God the light in him was never darkness.

Yet again I think of him as the friend of this community. He believed in Marion, and this old town never had a citizen who loved her and her people more devotedly.

And without doubt Marion never had a friend who exercised upon her citizenship a greater influence for good. How many of her best men have sat at his feet and received from him the inspiration and the instruction that have made them the worthy men they are.

Again, he was the friend to man. All over the land there are those who rise up and call him blessed, who say, "Except my father and mother no one influenced my life so much for good."

Emerson says, "Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend." And such a friend was "the coldest," for you left his presence saying, "I can," "I will." And not only was he the friend to man, he was also the friend to God, to Christ, to His church. He believed in God and trusted him completely; he loved Christ, his Savior, and with a whole-hearted devotion he gave the best that was in him to the service of Christ through His church. He might have had as his motto, "Seek to excel in the building up of the church." Siloam church never had a more devoted member, one who loved her worship and her work more devotedly. In the Sunday school he taught a class of young ladies from the Judson through all the years in which he lived in Marion. Hundreds of women throughout Alabama and the south remember him and his teaching with love and gratitude. And not only was he faithful in the Sunday school. The pastor could always count on him in the prayer meeting or for any church work. With all his pressing duties it never occurred to him to neglect the worship of God in His sanctuary or to slight any work for the Master.

He "drew his breath in the fear of the Lord." About one-half hour before he passed into the unconsciousness of death he dictated these words: "I want my children to know that my end is everything I could have desired. The Lord has been good to me beyond anything I could reasonably have hoped. For all my children, sons and daughters, and their wives and husbands, have been and are all I could have wished. All their lives they have shown devotion and affection."

And now finally I think of him as the friend with his friends. First I think of him as with the Friend who is above all others, and then as with the friends with whom he used to mingle upon this earth, but who preceded him to the Better Land. I wish I could have seen the meeting and heard the greeting. And now they wait our coming. For many the waiting will be very short.

"I have friends in Spirit Land—
Not shadows in a shadowy band,
Not others, but themselves are they.
And still I think of them the same
As when the Master's summons came."

CONVENTION MISSION STUDY CLASS.

At the coming Southern Baptist Convention Dr. T. E. Ray, educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will conduct, as he has been doing for several years, a normal mission study class. This class will meet at 8 o'clock on the mornings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 15th, 16th and 17th of May. The class will meet in the Baraca room of the First Baptist church. The text-book used will be "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions." It is suggested that those who enter the class should read the text-book before reaching Oklahoma City.

In previous years hundreds have availed themselves of this opportunity to learn something about mission study class methods. This year an especially interesting feature will be the introduction of missionaries, who will help the educational secretary in conducting the sessions of the class. If you wish to spend the first hour of the morning in a helpful, spiritual, as well as instructive environment, attend this mission study class.

"Farm Boys and Girls."

This work, by Wm. A. McKeever, professor of philosophy of Kansas Agricultural College, is one of the best in the Rural Science series, edited by L. H. Bailey, the great authority on farm life; and is dedicated to the service of the 10,000,000 boys and girls who are enrolled in the rural schools of America; a mighty army, whose care and training should not be neglected. This book may contain some things which we might not agree with, yet on the whole it is chocked full of helpful and inspiring things, and we wish it could find its way into all of our country homes. It treats of many vital matters in a common sense way, and largely avoids fads and experiments. In the 20 chapters are packed food for thought that parents ought to try and digest. Buy this book and read it carefully. It is profusely illustrated.

The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.50 net.

"The Forage and Fiber Crops of America."

This is an authoritative work on a subject of vital interest to every farmer who wants to get the best results in farming. It is by Thomas F. Hunt, of the New York State College of Agriculture. In its pages are discussed the characteristics of the forage and fiber crops, and the results of experiment and experience as to their climatic and soil adaptation, cultural methods, insect enemies, fungous diseases, harvesting, use and marketing are summarized in a helpful way. This volume, with "The Cereals of America" (noted below), is intended to cover the principal field crops as distinguished from garden and orchard crops. The two books are invaluable to the up-to-date farmer, who wants to know the how and the why.

Orange Judd Company, New York. \$1.75

"The Cereals in America."

By Thomas F. Hunt, M. S., D. Agri., professor of agronomy, Cornell University.

If you raise five acres of any kind of grain you cannot afford to be without this book. It is in every way the best book on the subject that has ever been written. It treats of the cultivation and improvement of every grain crop raised in America in a thoroughly practical and accurate manner. The subject-matter includes a comprehensive and succinct treatise of wheat, maize, oats, barley, rye, rice, sorghum (kafir corn) and buckwheat, as related particularly to American conditions. First-hand knowledge has been the policy of the author in his work, and every crop treated is presented in the light of individual study of the plant. If you have this book you have the latest and best that has been written upon the subject. Illustrated. 450 pages. 5 1-2x8 inches. Cloth, \$1.75.

"One Thousand Diamonds."

This is a book of religious anecdotes and smart sayings compiled by Rev. William E. Rutledge, and published by the Co-operative Publishing Company, East St. Louis, Ill., for 50 cents.

"Around the Fire."

This is a series of beginnings, in which Handford M. Burr stirs the imagination and quickens the pulse of red-blooded young fellows who take interest in the daring deeds of Angle, Saxon, and Jute, Kelt and Slav. The world of these pictures was very young. It sets forth a race that slowly, but surely, won mastery over harsh nature, savage beasts, savage men, but greatest of all, mastery over self. The illustrations from wood cuts are helpful and attractive.

Association Press, New York. 75 cents.

"Originality, Personality, Individuality in Houses Built for Homes"

In the name of our new beautifully illustrated 1912 edition, containing perspectives, floor plans and reliable itemized estimates of homes, selected for their refined character of design, and convenience, comfort and economy of space in the arrangement of the rooms. Our estimates are taken from actual contracts let, and are not published to trap you into buying plans for a house that can never be built for the price quoted. The estimates cover the foundation, mason work, lumber, glass, painting, interior finish, roofing, tinning, labor, etc., of each of the homes. We give you quality in suggestions embodying the best in practical home planning, in preference to a hundred or more impossible ones. Now is the time to study your plans for spring building, and we have the home for your ideals. Just mail this and 50 cents, and take advantage of our special offer to introduce this book. 618-619 Ashton Building, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Will be hailed with delight by Dr. Strong's many students and his host of friends. The contents are largely historical, and for this reason worthy of study. Add to this Dr. Strong's careful and exact and, in many ways, charming literary style, and the worth is vastly increased. The historical articles pertaining to Roman civilization make the volume worth the cost of the whole. This is greatly added to by the articles on the history and present status of Dr. Strong's own denomination.

Especially valuable are the historical portions, as, for example, that on 50 years of theological develop-

ment and the sermon preached at London at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in 1905.

Volume II.

Few men can go to their depositories of manuscripts and take therefrom almost indiscriminately material such as these volumes of "Miscellanies" contain. Only one as conscientious and painstaking as Dr. Strong could do it. As the first volume is chiefly historical, this is principally made up of essays and anniversary addresses. These latter, given mainly to his students on their graduation from the seminary, reveal Dr. Strong at his best. His interest in his men, his tenderness of utterance and his varied grip on truth all show him in clearest light. In these in some measure we can see what has made the Rochester Seminary what it is.

It may be said that these two volumes suffer no whit in comparison with what in printed form has preceded them from the pen of Dr. Strong in previous years. In a way they may represent the aftermath of a busy and productive life. If so, no one will arise from their perusal without saying that the best of the wine was kept till the last of the feast.

Each volume 12mo, approximately 500 pages. Price, per volume, \$1; postpaid, \$1.50.

The Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia.

We have received from the American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia, the following booklets in the Social Service series: "Why Boys and Girls Go Wrong," by Allen Hoden; 10 cents net. "The Function of the Family," by Dr. Howland Hanson; 10 cents net. "What Parents Should Teach Their Children," by Dr. Sylvanus Hall; 10 cents net. All these are helpful studies of vital subjects by recognized experts. We also received "Prayer and Its Relation to Life," or "The Importance of Prayer," an address delivered before the Providence Baptist Association by Henry Niking; 10 cents net.

"Once a Volcano."

Here is another splendid and instructive story in the young mineralogist series, written by Edwin J. Houston, who has the happy faculty of imparting a world of information hid beneath a stirring narrative, which makes its appeal to the young reader and is not to be despised by the older ones. These adventures among the extinct volcanoes of the United States are thrilling and novel. The illustrations are good, and the print is large and the binding attractive.

Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia. \$1.25.

"The Home Mission Task"

This is the latest word by the men who know about the things Southern Baptists are doing and hope to do. Its fundamental character, magnitude and present urgency is here set forth in a series of fresh and virile papers by well-known southern writers and edited by Victor I. Masters, editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, who contributes a thoughtful and inspiring chapter on "Home Missions and the Country Church." This book ought to be in the hands of every pastor in the bounds of the convention, and the pastors should try and put it into the homes of every layman. It can be had through the Home Board at Atlanta. It is 50 cents net or 60 cents postpaid. Here is a list of the contents: "A Historical Sketch," V. I. Masters; "Organization, Purpose and Work of the Home Board," B. D. Gray; "House-keeping for Our Neighbors," W. E. Hatcher; "The Conservation of Wealth," Richard H. Edmonds; "The Place of the South in the Religious Life of Nations," W. M. Vines; "The Social Application of the Gospel," H. L. Jones; "The Race Question," J. B. Gambrell; "The South and the Immigrant," L. J. Bristow; "The Southern Highlands," John E. White; "Church Building," A. H. Gordon; "Missions on the Frontier," J. F. Love; "The Fullness of Time," Weston Bruner; "The Needs of the City," R. W. Weaver; "Home Missions and the Country Church," V. I. Masters. What else need be said?

"Ministers and Music."

This book, by Rev. John Barbour, D. D., is the result of a series of lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary on "The Importance of Music to the Culture and Work of the Ministry." We think in the nine lectures his wish to "vindicate for music a better place in the average ministerial estimation" was accomplished, for no one could hear them or read them without feeling that the subject was well worth the attention and cultivation of every cultured pastor. We realize that our ministry would have been pleasanter for ourselves and more effective for our con-

gregations if we had received a proper musical education. The book can be had of the author, Rev. John Barbour, D. D., Maysville, Ky., for 60 cents postpaid.

"The Strange Adventures of Captain Runnelstoke."
By Alfred James Fritchey.

Size, 5x7 1-2 inches; handsome letterpress and binding. \$1.00 net; by mail, \$1.10.

Admirable nonsense verse this, "fine fooling" at its best. The strange adventures of glad Captain Runnelstoke are set forth with all the fun imaginable.

Runnelstoke touched life everywhere. His experiences extended from zone to zone, and even to Mars, where he once asserted that he lived. He reveled in high living; he tasted the pangs of hunger. He hunted the lion in Africa; he slaughtered the white bear at the North Pole. So adventurous a soul was bound to try his luck in Samoa and to sail the Sargasso Sea, and he did, then was glad to find himself once more in little old New York.

The Old Reliable.

Watts' Official Railway Guide, which is just beginning the twenty-seventh year of continuous publication under the same management, has reached our desk. This Guide is indispensable to the traveler. Every man who travels ought to have a copy for his satchel. They are sold on news stands, or mailed out upon receipt of 25 cents, by addressing J. R. Watts, publisher, Gould building, Atlanta, Ga.

EUFAULA.

Beginning Sunday, April 28. It was my privilege to be with my old friend (old in point of friendship, not in years), Dr. J. A. French in special meetings lasting eight days. From the beginning there were evidences of deep interest on the part of the people, and it was a pleasure to preach to those who were so attentive to the old gospel. The congregations were good, and the interest increased from day to day. There were 29 additions to the church, 24 of them for baptism.

It is not necessary to say to those who know Dr. French that he is a brother beloved, a Christian gentleman of the noblest type, and therefore one with whom it is a delight to associate in any sort of work. Those who know him best love him best. The Baptist saints of Eufula, as well as the saints of other names, were very kind in their treatment of the visiting preacher.

I was entertained in the delightful home of Col. G. L. Comer, whose youngest son, a bright and handsome boy, was baptized at the close of the meeting. Prother Comer occupies the home which has so long been the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thornton, who is still living, and though 83 years of age, is strong in mind and soul. If it were not for a crippled limb Sister Thornton would still be a very active woman. She has 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, besides four daughters, and they are all the joy of her life. She is one of the Lord's chosen ones. While she was not able to attend any of the services, no one was more interested in them and more anxious to know the results from day to day. All of the members of the household treated me with great courtesy and consideration. Colonel Comer thought I was an expensive boarder, but no one was more attentive to me than he was. The colonel has a fine orange grove in Florida, and a box of his oranges arrived while I was there, and I do not hesitate to say that they are the finest I ever ate.

At the close of the meeting I asked the people for \$250 for our work, especially to assist in erecting the new building at Newton, and \$230 were subscribed.

A monument to Dr. M. B. Wharton, erected by the women of the city, stands just in front of the church, and is a fine tribute to that able and worthy minister of Christ.

W. J. F. COX.

If France sends yearly to England eggs to the value of 15,000,000 francs, it is because the wife of the small English farmer is more taken up with imitating her betters in her "drawing-room" than in looking after her poultry yard.

The great problem before the American people today is the problem of law enforcement.

Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$750,000, to found a hero fund for Italy, has been accepted by the king.

The meeting at Tuxedo, in which Rev. C. Cunningham assisted Rev. V. C. Kincaid, resulted in 42 additions, 22 by baptism. This was truly a great meeting.

"And so they were 'quietly wedded,'
At least that's the notice I read;
The reason was clear, for neither could hear,
And they talked with their fingers instead."

The French revolution dated from May 1, 1789, and ever since that May Day has been observed as a sort of rallying day for the discontented classes. It is a day that is looked forward to with dread in some countries, as violence of one sort or another may generally be counted on.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.—Emerson.

Our lives they are well worth the living
When we lose our small selves in the whole,
And feel the strong surges of being
Throb through us, one heart and one soul.
Eternity bears up each honest endeavor;
The life lost for love is live saved and forever.
—Lucy Larcom.

When Oliver Cromwell's son was carried from the battlefield to his father's tent, dying from a mortal wound, the great commander saw death in a new way. He recalled Paul's words, "I can do all things through Him that strengtheneth me," and he added in bitter but chastened sorrow: "Paul's Christ is my Christ. I can do all things through Him that strengtheneth me."

This has been a record year in loss and suffering from the Mississippi floods. On the last day of April the government fed 16,000 refugees, and the number since then has increased. The work of assistance is in the hands of army officers and seems to have been done with efficiency and kindness. There is pressing need for help. Contribute through your home committee when possible.

A certain candidate for congress greatly annoyed the advocates of reform by his resolute and consistent opposition to all change. The consequence was that every time he appeared on the stump he was annoyed by many personal questions. On one occasion the interrupter asked a series of questions, and, considering the replies unsatisfactory, shouted out: "I'd vote for ye, only you're such a fool!" "Fool, am I?" answered the witty candidate. "Then I'm the very man to represent you!"

The Christians and their friends are all republicans from conviction. They believe that the revolutionaries act much more reasonably than do the imperialists. Many Christians have suffered death for being connected with the movement. This has occurred in many parts of the province. Many Christians in various places have joined either the army or the popular government. Pastor Ting-hmel traveled and spoke in behalf of the movement for a time, and so lent it the help of his large influence.—C. W. Pruitt.

Knowing the financial necessities of an aide-de-camp, the king sent him a small portfolio, bound like a book, among the leaves of which were bank-notes worth 500 crowns. When he met the officer, he said, "How did you like the new work I sent you?" "Twas excellent, sire," replied the colonel. "I read it with such interest that I await the second volume with impatience." The king smiled, and, when the officer's birthday arrived, he presented him with a similar portfolio, with these words engraved upon it, "This work is complete in two volumes."

Upon the resignation of Mr. Hicks the international committee extended an invitation to Mr. John R. Mott to become the associate general secretary for both the home and foreign work, whereas Mr. Mott's past duties in connection with the association work have been in the interest of the work being done in foreign lands. Mr. Mott has not yet made known his decision in the matter, but all friends of the Young Men's Christian Association will welcome with glad acclaim the entrance of Mr. Mott upon the larger sphere, in case he is led of God to assume the larger tasks.

Somehow we feel that Dr. Gavin expresses in a fine way the plan of infant salvation in the following sentence in his article printed in this issue. Here is the sentence: "All that every child is, by reason of its total moral unfitness, Jesus Christ, by the application of His spirit, becomes efficiently responsible for, until the child reaches the point in life where he can, for himself, exercise the law of choice, and ratify what God has done for him in the atoning work of His Son, Jesus Christ." And now this word: If you are not reading this series of articles you are missing some fine things. We like his original methods. Dr. Gavin was once a Methodist, and he shows that he has been over the ground of infant baptism thoroughly and has a reason for his rejecting infant baptism.—Baptist Advance.



One of the most remarkable feats ever performed by a woman was the recent flight of Miss Harriet Quimby, dramatic editor of Leslie's Weekly, in a Blériot monoplane, across the English Channel, from Dover, England, to Hardelot, France.

We regret to learn of the tragic death of Rev. A. O. Lumber. The account appearing elsewhere will bring sorrow to his many friends in Alabama, who from his dying statement will believe him the victim of an insane jealousy. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives.

Dr. L. J. Broughton began his pastorate at Christ church, London, on April 14. He expects to make Christ church, like the Tabernacle in Atlanta, which he has just left, a great center of institutional work. His plans cover the whole field of what he conceives to be the ministry of the church—preaching, teaching and healing. Dr. Broughton made it a condition of his acceptance of the pastorate that the liturgical service, which has been in use at Christ church since it was built by Newman Hall, should be discontinued.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of the new Chinese republic, is a native of Heung Shan county, to the south of Canton, where our work is now looked after by Rev. J. L. Galloway. The next county to the west of Heung Shan is Sun Wool, the home of Hon. Wu Ting Fang, where our work is now in charge of Messrs. Owings and Sundstrom, with headquarters at Kong Moon.

Some skies may be gloomy,
Some moments be sad,
But everywhere, always,
Some souls must be glad;
For true is the saying
Proclaimed by the seer—
"Each day is the best day
Of somebody's year!"

Lord Roseberry, according to the Gem, once mentioned Dr. Creighton that there were times when he could not sleep. The bishop replied: "Well, my lord, I never suffer from sleeplessness, I can assure you. Whenever I feel weary I begin to read a sermon; and I am 'off' in a very few seconds." "Ah! my lord," replied Lord Roseberry, "of two evils I think I will choose the least. Much rather would I go without sleep than read a sermon!"

American election law has made trouble recently for the strict Jewish conscience. The primaries both in Chicago and New York came in Passover time, when the ritual law forbids writing. The Jews could go to the polls, but could not mark their ballots. Petitions were made to the authorities for permission for assistance in the booths to meet these scruples, but under the law it had to be refused. It is said that 15,000 Jews were deprived of the privilege of voting on account of this ritual law in Chicago and probably as many in New York.

The weakness, practically, of municipal and wider governments are very largely in neglected, delayed or lightly enforced penalties for sinning or criminality. If it is still true, as it was in the days of the old prophets, that "when sentence against an evil work is not speedily executed, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Law breakers have no restraining respect for law simply as law, but only for law with an executive vigilant, faithful, persistent, behind it. Laws enough, and good enough, are on our statute books to work a very large redemption from such vices as drunkenness, gambling and licentiousness.

A cadet's education at West Point costs the government about \$3,500. All cadets are on the same footing. The pay of a cadet is \$600 per year and one ration per day, or commutation thereof at 30 cents per day. The total is about \$795.50, to commence with his admission to the academy. Immediately after his admissions the young man must spend about \$160 for uniforms. After graduating the cadet is eligible to the rank of second lieutenant and is appointed to whatever branch of the service his record entitles him. Those who are highest in class honors are generally appointed to the engineer corps.

In the blast furnaces of the United States, as Commissioner of Labor Neill has shown, 31,354 men are employed. Of these 16.29 per cent labored 12 hours per day. Besides these, in other positions of the steel mills 12-hour shifts have prevailed. It has applied to 17,150 men, or 54 per cent of the working force of the Carnegie Steel Company; to 10,470 men, or 69 per cent of the Illinois Steel Company; to 23 per cent of the employees of the National Tube Company and of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and to 29 per cent of workmen in the American Steel and Wire Company.

The United States government has for some time been caring for 100,000 flood sufferers in the Mississippi valley at a cost of \$10,000 per day.

"I want a license to marry the best girl in the world," said the young man. The clerk nodded smilingly, says Puck, and replied: "Sure. That makes 1,300 licenses for that girl this season."

"The longer I live," said Rev. F. B. Meyer recently, "the more impressed I am with the beauty and significance of believer's baptism; and I cannot but feel that if it were really and thoroughly understood by Christian people they would not hesitate to obey the Lord's command."

Dr. Pearsons declared that "giving away money is a greater sport than baseball and more fun than any other form of entertainment." He began giving money to needy colleges in 1888, and in sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$495,000 disposed of more than \$5,000,000. His last gift, he said, left him comparatively poor, with an income sufficient to keep him from want.

Some 25 years ago in a speech made in Denver the head of the then Knights of Labor said: "We don't want to work all the time. This fight of ours is for leisure as well as wages. Leisure is what we want; time we can call our own—time not mortgaged to an employer or to a business, time in which to do exactly what we like."

A decision of momentous significance to the steel workers of America and to all friends of the men who toil is announced by the Cambria Steel Company, located at Johnston, Pa. Beginning May 1 the work day in its blast furnaces is reduced from twelve to eight hours. The company is one of the largest independent concerns and operates eight blast furnaces, with a capacity of about 1,100,000 tons of pig iron per year.

Senator Taylor tells about a man in the backwoods of Tennessee who applied for a pension for a gunshot wound. An examining surgeon of the medical board stripped and examined him, ejaculating finally: "Old man, we cannot find a single blemish on your hide. Where were you shot during the war?" The old man said, "Well, gentlemen, I was shot in the substitute."

Evangelist Henry Varley, who has made frequent trips to America, died recently at his home in Brighton, England, at the age of 76. He had preached in nearly every quarter of the globe. He was originally a butcher by trade and afterwards pastor of the West London Tabernacle. An intimate friendship between him and C. H. Spurgeon was interrupted because Varley became a "Perfectionist," declaring himself perfect. "Spurgeon said that when he became perfect his friends would hear of it in the obituary columns of the London Times."

A pastor of Massachusetts sent out 800 requests to his members and others to know what pulpits themes they considered important and vital. Three hundred and fifty replies were received. One of them was from a man who is high in political office today, whose simple answer was, "The Cross." Another was from the vice-president of a great railroad, whose answer was, "Christ Crucified." A third was from a leading business man, whose request was for "The Gospel." Men want to hear the truth of Christ, and not the opinions of men.—Ex.

The Proof of Divorce bill which has just become a law in Massachusetts, involves an important reform. Heretofore persons who have been divorced and who sought remarriage have merely been required to make affidavit that they were divorced. This was all the evidence that could be demanded by city or town clerk or minister. The new law stipulates that divorced persons who apply for marriage licenses must each present a certified copy of the decree of divorce to the city or town clerk, the copy of the decree to become a part of the license for the minister's information. Thus reliable evidence of the facts will make it easier to decide whether or not remarriage is justifiable. This law was first proposed by the Baptist and Congregational ministers of Hudson, Mass.

The Bible is a great library of life and power. Its treasures do not reveal themselves so much through minute and textual study as through loving and intimate companionship. The best way to get the message of the Bible is to live in it day by day and year by year. This is the secret of the success of so many of the great English preachers.

"Promoted to detective of the first grade—salary, \$2,250 per annum—Mrs. Isabella Goodwin"

When this order was sent to the detective bureau by Rhineland Waldo, police commissioner of New York City, it marked the advent of the first municipal woman detective in the United States and vindicated the judgment of Deputy Commissioner George S. Dougherty, head of the detective bureau. It was he who selected Mrs. Goodwin for a most delicate task in a crucial moment. And his judgment, in the face of all precedent to the contrary, in this regard is further seen in the establishment of a force of women municipal detectives.

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

Last week we stood at the western entrance to the square of Bethlehem and looked east to the Church of the Nativity. Now we shall go to the roof of the church and look back west over the square and a portion of the town beyond. Our position and the direction of our vision is indicated by the lines numbered 39 on our map of Southeastern Judea.

Position 39. Bethlehem of Judea, the Birthplace of Jesus.

Nearly a hundred feet directly below us we see a pavement made of irregular stones. That is where the atrium or entrance hall of this ancient "Church of the Nativity" once stood. Beyond the pavement extends the square, with men, women and children in their eastern robes, going and coming at their daily tasks. Down at the right a procession of nuns is entering the church, and on the far side of the square on the left we can see the piles of grain where last week we saw a buyer getting "good measure." The distant spire and church belong to a Greek church, for in this city of 8,000 all the great churches are represented—Greek, Roman and Armenian. The houses here, mostly two or three stories high, built of stone, have a more solid and substantial look than those in most of the villages we have seen. This comes in part from the fact that the Bethlehemites of today are Christians, always more progressive and prosperous than the Arabs; but in part also from the money left by innumerable pilgrims and tourists. Every visitor takes away some relic or souvenir of Bethlehem.

As we look back over the past three names stand out in the annals of this town—Ruth, her great grandson, David, and David's greater descendant, Jesus the Christ. Through these streets in her widow's veil walked the young Moabitess who had chosen Israel and Israel's God (Ruth 1:16-22). In this very square, perhaps, the boy David played with his young companions (I Samuel 16:11-13). Who knows but these walls may have echoed to the song, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," when it was sung for the first time to the accompaniment of David's harp? Yonder slope on our right leads downward to the city gate, and up that very slope one day climbed a tired young woman, leaning on her husband, and vainly seeking a resting place, until she found it in a stable, just under the roof where we are standing; and there in a manger she laid her first-born son, whose name has given a world-wide glory to this little town of Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-7). Up that same ascent in the dead of night came hastening the shepherds to look upon the wondrous Babe (Luke 2:8-13); came later those men from the distant east, the Magi, led by a star, to worship around the cradle of the child and to lay gifts at his feet (Matt. 2:1-12). They will show you just outside the city a cave where 'tis said the virgin mother tarried to nurse her infant, and where as a drop of mother's milk fell on the floor a spring of water bubbled up and has been flowing ever since. There is a better memorial of Jesus in this town than any cave; this is a Christian school taught by some devoted Christian women, where you can hear a company of little children carol in English and in Arabic the verses, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Some of the events that transpired near Bethlehem have given its surroundings an undying interest. We will now pass out of the town and look at a scene which at a glance takes us back to the times of the Old Testament.

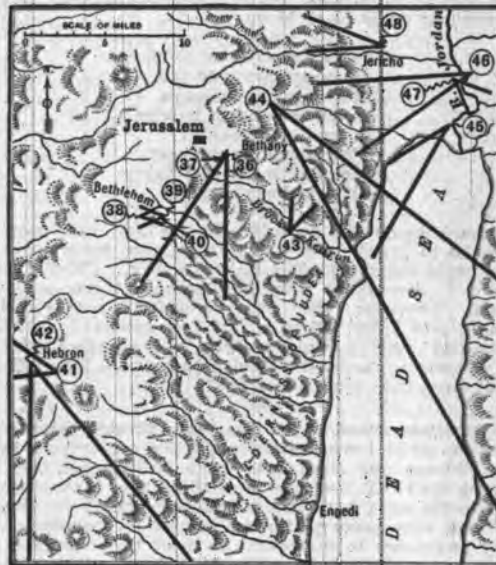
Position 40. A Barley Harvest Near Bethlehem.

Here before us, almost near enough for us to reach out and pluck some of the heads, is a crop of barley, growing in the same Bethlehem fields where barley has been growing for thousands of years. The gray-bearded, turbaned farmer seems to be standing at his ease, while everybody else is hard at work. Evidently the same primitive methods are followed in gathering the grain. Notice the men with their reaping hooks, cutting down a whisp at each stroke, and then gathering up and binding the sheaves by hand. Then the shares are loaded on the back of that donkey for transportation to the threshing floor.

It was certainly very near here that Ruth came to glean. Ruth may have looked like one of these women, wrapped around the head with a coarse veil, and dressed in garments as common as these. Yet I

think that a company of harvesters in the days of Boaz and Ruth would have been somewhat less ragged and common than this, for we must remember that these are days in Palestine of oppression and robbery, when the people are kept wretchedly poor; while those were days of quiet and, in the main, of prosperity. We sometimes call the three centuries when the judges ruled "the age of anarchy," because our conception of order implies some central government. But except at rare intervals of invasion and subjection the Israelites lived on their mountain summits in peace, tilling their fields, obtaining at home all the necessities of food and clothing, having absolutely no foreign relations, and with little use for a government. They were contented, frugal and industrious; and when at times foreign foes held sway over them, there was always a Gideon (Judges 6:11-13), or an Ehud (Judges 3:15), or an Othniel (Judges 3:9) to appear as the champion of Israel and break the chain of oppression. The whole period of the judges, from Joshua to Samuel, sweeps before us as we look upon this harvest field.

To look over the square and the town of Bethlehem from the Church of the Nativity and to stand in a Bethlehem harvest field use the stereographs (39) "Bethlehem of Judea, the Birthplace of Jesus," and (40) "A Barley Harvest Near Bethlehem."



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 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.

Sir James Henderson, proprietor News Letter, Belfast: "The Underwood Travel System is indeed novel in the extreme. The sights given of the Holy Land are so realistic that it is, in my opinion, quite unnecessary to visit that wonderful land after viewing it stereoscopically."

The German government has taken the lead in notifying the United States government that it stands ready to join in an international movement to secure greater safety on ocean liners. The British government is not inclined to go into any international conference on the subject, as it believes it should have full power over British ships.

ALL-DAY MEETING.

The W. M. U. of the Tennessee River Association met with Bridgeport W. M. S. April 13, 1912.

Opening song, "Revive Us Again."

Subject, "Joy in Service."

Words of welcome by Mrs. C. W. Crymes, of Bridgeport. Response by Miss Ethel Bryant, of Hollywood. Mrs. C. W. Brown being absent, the assistant superintendent, Miss Ethel Bryant, served.

Roll call of societies by the associational secretary, Mrs. C. C. Boyd, of Bridgeport.

Reading of the minutes of last all-day meeting by Mrs. Viola Claybrooke, of Scottsboro, who had served as secretary pro tem. at that session.

An address by Miss Mallory, of Montgomery, Ala., on what our association may safely hope to do in the next three months. As she spoke to us our hearts longed to do greater things and new resolutions were made that we would do more for our Master after seeing the needs and hearing her message.

A pageant by the children of the Bridgeport Sunbeam band was impressive and will be long remembered. It represented the children of Christian America giving to the heathen the cross of Jesus.

Next was a splendid paper read by Mrs. Jos. O. Lipscomb, of Scottsboro. The topic was "The Bible and Other Witnesses on Tithing, Showing How We Should and May Easily and Joyfully Tithe."

Song, "Under His Wings."

Miss Mallory in her earnestness of presenting "A Definite Purpose in Life" made each one feel that this was absolutely necessary and we could more clearly see our shortcomings in not having clearer and more definite ideals.

Dismissed with prayer, after which we enjoyed dinner spread in picnic fashion. An hour was spent most pleasantly mingling together and becoming better acquainted with both Miss Mallory and Miss Laura Lee Patrick, our leader of the Sunbeams of our state.

Also the faculty of Bridgeport Academy, together with the boarding pupils, young men and young ladies, spread lunch with us, and how happy we were!

We reassembled at 2 o'clock and had responsive reading by three local members of W. M. S.

Mrs. J. I. Reese, wife of our capable principal of our mountain school, whom "to know is to love," spoke on the topic, "How We Should and May Use the Literature Sent to Our Society." Each lady present felt the real value of her remarks on this most important subject.

Following this helpful address Miss Laura Lee Patrick spoke to us in her own interesting way on "The Need of Trained Workers."

Miss Mallory spoke to us next on "What We Women May Do to Increase the Missionary Spirit in Our Churches."

A solo, "Moment by Moment," by Miss Patrick then followed a chain of prayer.

Miss Mallory's talk on "Ladies All" left indelible impressions on our minds and hearts, leaving a desire to be really a lady in God's work and not merely a woman.

After some business and decision on the rural church, Harmony, near Hollywood, for our July all-day meeting the entire congregation arose and, joining hands, circled the academy place. We sang "Blest Be the Tie," and afterwards were dismissed by the Lord's prayer in concert.

Brother Crumpton says:

"The following action of the board at its late meeting looks like business. If the members of the board will live up to it and the pastors will heed their call we will have \$20,000 in hands additional by June 30. This, with the \$12,000 already received, will round out the full \$32,000 apportioned for State Missions. See"

"Brother Arnold S. Smith congratulated the board, and especially the corresponding secretary, upon the fine showing made by Alabama in the matter of collections for the Home and Foreign Boards, and moved that the members of the board and pastors of the churches be called upon to lend a helping hand to make the collections for State Missions yield the amount asked for at the last State Convention.

"The motion was unanimously adopted."

BREADTH VERSUS EFFICIENCY IN RELIGION.

By Victor I. Masters.

Inter-denominational comity is desirable, but some things are more desirable. Liberty of conscience is one of these things. We do not worship denominational loyalty, but we see no reason why we should fall down and do obeisance before this confessed advocate of the destruction of denominational loyalty. Genuine inter-denominational comity does not stand on the street corners to be observed of men, does not shout its prescriptions for religious backwardness from the housetops, does not propose to find the perfection of comity by destroying the basis of need for it.

Inter-denominational comity is not such an essential factor to the evangelization of America today as intra-denominational efficiency. Proper comity of denominations will take cognizance of conscientious scruples as to scripture teaching. We believe, aside from this, that the spirit of loyalty to one's own group is a good thing. But, granting for the moment that group loyalty is of negligible value, further that conscientious scruples as to Bible teaching, if perchance some other religious groups do not accept some of these teachings, are weaknesses to be discredited and frowned out of court by condemnatory or patronizing terminology. Still there remains the principle that led Paul to eschew the eating of meats offered to idols that he might avoid offending weak consciences.

If modern religious latitudinarianism has had such a clear vision of spiritual realities that it can with cocksureness waive aside as childish and narrow the great doctrines of the scriptures held by various Christian bodies, except where they all may agree, at least it should show respect for what it may regard as the weak consciences of the denominationalists, many of whom would assuredly, on giving up the faith of their whole lives, tend strongly toward giving up all Christian faith whatever!

On what meat has this Caesar fed that he doth grow to such enormous size! The denominations have done about all that has been done to save the people and lift up society in America. They have inspired and been well in advance of every moral reformation. They have in reality been at the bottom of the quickening of the social conscience in making it demand justice between man and righteousness in society. What assurance does this new congeries of movements offer that its self-appointed work of yoking together the workers of various denominations to the tasks this Caesar has discovered will bring more quickly the kingdom of our Lord?

To adopt the language of Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, of Virginia: "They who put away the truth in order to be united will lack the might of the truth to make their unity perfect and keep it going. Overtures for co-operation which insidiously look to the undermining of any distinctive principles for which Baptists stand must be treated with the utmost courtesy, but at the same time must be rejected with the utmost candor."

Baptists have certain distinctive principles that they cannot give up without disloyalty to Christ. Aside from such principles there ought not to be any denominations at all. We believe that the people of the Lord ought to be one in spirit. United in spirit, their formal union is of almost infinitely less moment. But even formal union may be desirable. So much do we think so that we would not dare oppose it except on the ground that we do, namely: that no religious body may rightly be asked to give up distinctive principles of scripture teaching conscientiously held. By what authorization do these new would-be leaders of the concerns of Zion challenge the principles that lead men to loyalty to what they believe to be of the Lord and to be true? Is an outward religious conformity worth so much?

We hear now about the evils of denominational imperialism. To our own thinking, there is hardly any denominational imperialism, though this may be a real evil, that equals in cool assumption the imperialism of those undenominational forces, who, while they habitually ignore the plans and purposes of the long developed religious agencies of the denominations, set about the task of reconstructing for the denominations the religious institutions in America that

have been generations in the developing, and on a plan that means the undoing of those institutions.

Speaking of narrowness and intolerance, it is not given to every man to see it, but we scarcely know any intolerance that is equal to that of the ultra-liberalists who discount a definite and firm belief as an evidence of narrowness and bigotry.

Southern Baptists are not done with this liberalism. It is a fire by which the Lord is trying us. Our only fear is that there are some of our people who may be misled because we have been blameworthy for not having trained and enlisted them more diligently and effectively in the ways and work of our Lord. When the religious liberalist confronts us with our lack at this point, we may question the seemliness of his doing so, but we are also chastened and humbled in spirit.

The Lord strengthen us so that in this day, when everything in life is intense and when problems arise on every side to perplex, we may be so loyal and devoted to the truth and to the work of the Master that we shall not be stampeded by plausible liberalists. We must always keep our minds and hearts open to receive the truth and to adjust ourselves to the needs of our own day, but, to quote again the splendid words of Mr. Hatcher: "Overtures for co-operation which insidiously look to the undermining of any distinctive principles for which Baptists stand must be treated with the utmost courtesy, but at the same time rejected with the utmost candor."

As for the religious movements, they seek no advice at our hands. If they would hear us, we would suggest that they must be content, as we of the denomination, to be as those who would serve, rather than as those who would exploit the children of light to the end that they may set up a great religious trust that the world may open wide its eyes and behold.

As for us, we pray God that Southern Baptists may so be in the spirit of the Master that they shall always realize that the kingdom of heaven cometh not by observation.

We sincerely rejoice in the blessing of God upon other Christian bodies besides our own, and our Baptist hearts leap for joy at every stand our brethren of other Christian families make against unrighteousness and their every victory in Christ. But this good will, this fellowship of spirit, does not make us discredit the family idea in religious grouping any more that our gratitude for good neighbors makes us clamor against maintaining our own homes or in favor of social communism.

Baptists have had wonderful success in evangelizing the lost by going along and attending to their own business. Southern Baptists have for a long time led the Christian bodies in America in the success of their evangelistic efforts. We have had a distinctive message for society, have presented it with conviction, and men have heard and heeded. When Baptists have turned from this belief in their distinctive mission they have ceased to grow and their preachments have fallen on unheeding ears.

May the God of our fathers give us wisdom, reverence and spiritual perception to hold us true to His word in this day. "Hold fast to that which is good." A fidelity to truth that not only heard God rather than men, but was willing to be persecuted rather than forsake God's truth, has been in Baptists the condition upon which God has smiled upon the work of their hands and given them success. May we in this day of our strength and relative popularity be preserved from a fatness of heart that would make us forget the condition of our successes and the rich blessings of God upon our spiritual body!
Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

The house gave Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, an ovation when news came the Georgia and Florida primaries had gone for him. Speaker Clark, his rival, was gracious enough to call him to the speaker's chair and let him preside for a while, as a special honor.

The old saying about locking the stable door after the horse is stolen is well illustrated in the haste with which steamship companies have been hunting the market for lifeboats since the Titanic disaster.

In the Foreign Mission fields of the world native churches gave last year for the support of the work \$5,280,000.

GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE RUSSIAN COLLEGE.

Magnificent Campus Secured—British Baptists Pledge Their Third of \$18,000 for Maintenance.

It will be recalled that the European executive of the Baptist World Alliance agreed to purchase the campus for the proposed college, and that the British Baptists, the Northern Convention and the Southern Convention were each to appropriate \$6,000 per annum to the maintenance, or so much thereof as may be needed. Now there comes this good news through Secretary J. H. Shakespeare, of the European executive committee:

An Ample Campus Secured—A Description of Property for Proposed College in St. Petersburg.

"The suburb of Lisnole is about 50 minutes by steam tram from the center of St. Petersburg. Is the finest residential district in the suburbs of the city.

"Soil is sandy and district well wooded with silver birch and firs.

"The imperial government has already built a magnificent pile of buildings for the technical wing of the University of St. Petersburg, and at present there are 5,200 students attending the classes.

"The forestry department is on an adjoining site, with 800 students.

"The Baptist college site adjoins the latter property. The area is about two and three-quarter acres, with 360 feet frontage and about 336 feet in depth, giving ample room for main building, professors' houses and campus.

"The new electric tramway, the road for which has been already constructed and tenders let to an American firm of contractors, will pass within 200 yards of the college site.

"There is a Baptist church one-half mile away to the west and another about one mile to the southeast.

"No finer situation could be obtained in or around St. Petersburg, and our commissioners are convinced that they were directed to this property in direct answer to the prayers of God's people."

Their \$6,000 Pledged.

Mr. Shakespeare says: "I am instructed to inform you that we pledge ourselves to provide \$6,000 per annum towards the maintenance of the college as soon as it is opened.

"I am glad to be able to inform you that we have wired our agents in St. Petersburg to purchase the site, of which I enclose a description. It is

A Magnificent Site,

and suitable in every possible way."

And so it seems the way is clear and all things are ready.

It will be recalled that the Southern Convention's Foreign Board has already voted its \$6,000, and it is certain the Northern Board will vote its \$6,000 at its coming convention, May 22, at Des Moines, Ia. We take courage and press on.

HOWARD COMMENCEMENT.

The Howard commencement this year will, we hope, be full of interest and profit.

Rev. J. L. Rosser, of Selma, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on May 26. That night we expect Brother Leavell, the great Sunday school worker of Mississippi, to speak and to emphasize the value of preparation in Sunday school pedagogy as a part of the college course.

On Wednesday, May 23, Hon. S. J. Bowie, a prominent lawyer and a friend of education, will deliver the commencement address.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28, other pleasant features will add interest—declamation contests, drill, and probably a great alumni banquet, to be arranged by Mr. Albert Lee Smith, a prominent young alumnus and chairman of the executive committee of the Alumni Society.

We hope that many friends from various parts of the state will be here. To all such let me say that Prof. James Walker, Jr., of East Lake Drug Company, Birmingham, is the chairman of the committee on entertainment, and to him friends who propose to be with us should write.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

The May St. Nicholas is full of spring sunshine, with a full-page reproduction of Sydney Kendrick's "Springtime," Helen Ward Bank's cheery story of "Dedora's Change of Heart," and much spring verse.

ALABAMA BAPTIST EDITORIAL

MAY 15, 1912

AN OCEAN GRAVE.

The poet sings:

"As she sped from dawn to gloaming, a palace upon the sea,
Did the waves from her proud bows foaming whisper what port should be?
That her maiden voyage was tending to a haven hushed and deep,
Where after the shock and the rending she should moor at the wharf of sleep?"

Twenty-two hundred people on board the greatest vessel ever constructed: In mid-ocean, a starlight night, a smooth sea, able officers and trained crew, every known appliance for safety, comfort, pleasure. Security and peace dwelt in that ship as truly as ever in a little village nestled in the valleys or perched on the hills of Alabama, when suddenly the mightiest achievement of mortal wisdom and power is taken up in the hollow of the hand of an omnipotent power, held for an instant and then dropped to the bottom of the sea.

"'Tis the twink of an eye, 'tis the draught of a breath,
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death,
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud;
O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

It is well said: We feel beaten and baffled just when we felt surest of ourselves. The oldest of all tasks laid upon man, as given in the first chapter of Genesis, is to "subdue" the earth. Have we not just effected the conquest of both poles? Have we not achieved the navigation of the air? Have we not, by wireless telegraphy, water-tight compartments, collision bulkheads and double bottoms, rendered the perils of the sea a negligible quantity? But in the midst of our pride a vast ice cap of Greenland breaks off a huge fragment and sends it scouting down the Atlantic, and behold! the finest floating structure ever made by the hands of man, throbbing with a tremendous power that responds to the touch of the master's finger-tips, equipped with electric nerves capable of hearing a message that is ticked off a thousand miles away, sinks with 1,600 souls on board in 3,000 fathoms of water, beaten and overwhelmed by this big, inert, blind and senseless monster from the resentful Arctic sea.

In an ovation Henry Ward Beecher after the loss of the *Arctis*, with 500 souls, off Cape Race in 1854, said:

"Oh, what a burial was here! Not as when one is borne, from his home, among weeping throngs, and gently carried to the green fields, and laid peacefully beneath the turf and flowers! No minister stood to pronounce the burial service. It was an ocean grave. The mists alone shrouded the burial place. No spade prepared the grave, nor sexton filled the hollowed earth. Down—down—they sank, and the quick-returning waters smoothed out every ripple, and left the sea as if it had not been."

The *Titanic*, sinking with her 1,600, was a tremendous drama. Four days we stood looking at it, knowing it was there, but with only a partial and obscure sight of it, hoping it was not so bad as it seemed, snatching at every line of news, reading sheafs of papers and throwing them down to take up other sheafs. And then the *Carpathia* came in.

It was 9:30 in the evening. At last the *Carpathia* had come. A great, silent multitude stood waiting in the driving rain, a multitude with nurses and nuns, surgeons, ministers and priests. Now things moved fast. The sick were rushed to hospitals, the homeless to shelter. The newspaper world, rigidly barred from the pier, did not go to bed that night.

By morning the worst was known. Then the city wept. In cars, stores and hotels men laid down the paper with eyes brimming, and a sea of flags broke the solemn message from half-mast.

The soul of the city was moved to its depths with the echo of the closing chords by those eight heroes of the orchestra, Krins, Hume Taylor, Woodward, Clark, Bralley, Brateaux and Hartley, who, as the water rose about them played for the sinking 1,600 "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

On Sunday the churches and cathedrals were packed. There the burdened heart of the people best found utterance to the solemn chant: "I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, 'Write—Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.'"

SEEING RED.

If a scientific man gives you a series of scientific facts about attention, for instance, you seem to think it sufficient to cry "Theory."

Say that the color red has the greatest attention value. Explain the law of light vibrations.

"Theory," yells some ignoramus, and tries to prove that green is more striking. He believes that red attracted attention because something was favorable to red and unfavorable to green "It just happened that way," is his refuge.

Psychology will show us the need of getting accurate data on the principles that govern attention, because we must have that before everything; it will give us the relative values of different colors in awakening attention.

The attention value of red is far superior to any other color. Why? Because it produces a greater sensation on the optic nerve than any other color. Once we know that to be a final, scientific law, we don't try to find something that will attract more attention than red.

If you have any doubts as to the truth of the above try it out, and see if the old saying, "It is like shaking a red flag before a bull," is true.

SMALL NATIONAL ALLOWANCE.

Our national congress has been as indifferent to life-waste as the lawmakers of our states and municipalities.

Of the enormous total expenditures authorized by congress last year, amounting to \$1,122,000,000, but \$15,000,000, or 1.3 per cent of the total, was used for the protection of the public health.

There was disbursed for pensions \$161,000,000, and a United States senator asserted on the floor of the senate that three-fourths of this amount was chargeable to illness and death from diseases that were preventable, and that this item alone has cost the American people \$2,000,000,000 and much misery and pain. He also called attention to the fact that the government is spending enormous sums annually on the wars of the past and in preparing for the wars of the future. But for the war against disease now costing us infinite treasure in human lives only a trifling sum is allowed.

Small as the force and the appropriations for our national health service are, its efficiency and effectiveness are of the very highest order.

The national health service having demonstrated its great value by stamping out yellow fever and other contagious diseases, it would seem that public opinion would heartily support congress in appropriating funds to gradually enlarge the field of its usefulness in preventing life-waste, and it is of the utmost importance that those members of congress who are indifferent to this loss, or who oppose measures for further checking it, should be aroused to a proper sense of their duty by their constituents.

But don't wait on congress; get to work at once and "swat" the fly and kill the mosquito.



REV. H. W. PROVENCE,
Of Shanghai—A Welcome Visitor to the Birmingham District, His Old Home.

PEACEABLENESS.

Christians are divinely exhorted to fight the good fight of faith, but this does not mean that they should indulge in quarrelling among themselves. Some of the Baptist brotherhood think that they are divinely commissioned to wage a warfare against one another, because of differences of opinion concerning methods of doing gospel work. The questions of missionary endeavor are affording occasion for brethren in some parts of our land to engage in hot dispute about the means and methods to be employed in the work. This has created serious divisions among churches and in associations. Of course, it is patent that a great deal of harm to the cause in general is one of the baleful results. It is certainly not the good fight of faith, but is, rather, a needless and unholy contention. There is an undue exaltation of means and methods over the main object of missionary enterprise. It is directly contrary to the true evangelical spirit and the apostolic example. Paul heartily believed in contending very earnestly for the true faith, but he was also opposed to unbrotherly wrangling and unkind contentiousness. In his second letter to the Corinthian Christians he gave them this needful exhortation: "Be of the same mind; live in peace." And in his first letter to the Thessalonian Christians he said: "Be at peace among yourselves." In his first letter to Timothy he gave instructions to "lead a tranquil and quiet life."

These various quotations clearly indicate the course which Paul would have Christians pursue in life and labor. While he would have them fight against the foes of Christianity, he would have them do so unitedly, and therefore in peaceableness among themselves. Paul never engaged in a bitter warfare against those brethren who did not agree with all that he suggested. He would not quarrel with his Christian brethren. Nor should we. We are to set before the world an example of kindness amid earnestness.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CATHOLICS.

There is food for thought that in this presidential year we read:

"A special cable dispatch from Rome to the New York Sun, dated March 30, says: 'It has become known that Major Archibald Butt, President Taft's personal aide, besides bringing an autograph letter from the American chief executive to the Pope, brought credentials in the shape of three letters, addressed to Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state; Cardinal Rampolla, his predecessor in that office, and an American prelate. All three were asked to arrange the audience with the Pope. The negotiations for the audience were conducted through ecclesiastical channels, without the intervention of the American embassy, lest the mistake which was committed when Colonel Roosevelt came to Rome on his return from Africa be repeated. Major Butt did not communicate with the Quirinal, and did not see King Victor Emmanuel. The Pope was greatly pleased with the visit of Major Butt, which he subsequently contrasted with the failure of Colonel Roosevelt's projected call. The letter which the Pope has sent to President Taft, in care of Major Butt, is merely complimentary.'"

This and similar statements have caused President Taft to issue a statement denying that the visit of the lamented Butt had any political significance, but was merely a personal visit. The president tries to allay the rumor that he is unduly partial to the Catholics, but despite his disavowal we think he leans much too strongly towards Rome for the good of Protestant America.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 1912.

Apportionment for State Missions.....\$22,000
Given to date.....12,442

W. B. CRUMPTON, Secretary.

We blush with shame as we hear the keen-eyed foreigner point out the conspicuous failure of America's effort to govern the cities. The wave of crime sweeping over this country is appalling.

A PAGE FOR MOTHERS' DAY

A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS.

Walter Rauschenbusch contributed the following prayer to the American Magazine:

"O God, we offer thee praise and benediction for the sweet ministries of motherhood in human life. We bless thee for our own dear mothers who built up our life by theirs; who bore us in travail and loved us the more for the pain we gave; who nourished us at their breast and hushed us to sleep in the warm security of their arms. We thank thee for their tireless love, for their voiceless prayers, for the agony with which they followed us through our sins and won us back, for the Christly power of sacrifice and redemption in mother love. We pray thee to forgive us if in thoughtless selfishness we have taken their love as our due without giving the tenderness which they craved as their sole reward, and if the great treasure of a mother's life is still spared to us, may we do for her feebleness what she did for ours.

"We remember before thee all the good women who are now bearing the pain and weariness of maternity. Be with them in their travail, and grant them strength of body and mind for their new tasks. Widen their vision that they may see themselves not as the mothers of one child alone, but as the patriot women of their nation, who alone can build up the better future with fresh and purer life. Put upon the girls of our people the awe of their future calling that they may preserve their bodies and minds in purity and strength for the holy task to which the future may summon them.

"Bestow thy special grace, we beseech thee, on all women who have the yearnings of motherhood, but whose lives are barren of its joys. If any form of human sin has robbed them of the prize of life, grant them righteous anger and valiant hearts to fight this sin on behalf of those who come after them. Help them to overcome the bitterness of disappointment, and to find an outlet for their frustrated mother love in the wider ministrations to all the lonely and unmothered hearts in thy great family on earth."

TO LONELY MOTHERS.

By Mrs. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky.
With faltering steps I join the host
Of lonely mothers, weeping,
That kneel about small grassy mound
Where little ones are sleeping.

My empty hands, with theirs, reach out
In vain for tiny fingers,
Whose loving, clinging, sweet child-clasp
About my own still lingers.

My trembling kiss falls now with theirs
On little garments dearest,
And some familiar, childish things
Which voice sweet memories clearest.

But ah, I too with them look up,
And see the white robes gleaming,
Of little ones in mansions fair
Beyond our brightest dreaming.
—The Maryland Messenger.

OLD MOTHERS.

I love old mothers—mothers with white hair,
And kindly eyes, and lips grown softly sweet,
With murmured blessings over sleeping babes.
There is something in their quiet grace
That bespeaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons;
A knowledge in their deep, unflinching eyes,
That far outreaches all philosophy.
Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves
The silver-threaded fairy-shawl of age,
While all the echoes of forgotten songs
Seemed joined to lend sweetness to their speech.

Old mothers!—as they pass with slow-timed step,
Their trembling hands cling gently to youths' strength.
Sweet mothers, as they pass, one sees again,
Old garden walks, old roses and old loves.
—Charles S. Ross.

MOTHERS' DAY.

I'm thinking now of Mothers' Day;
How fresh in memory still!
The things that I would sometimes say,
Contrary to her will.

If I could call the days of youth,
And live them o'er again;
Then mother I would speak the truth,
And lessen all her pain.

If I could live those days again,
When mother taught her boy;
I'd try to see that in the main
Her days were full of joy.

If when she willed that I should go,
Or stay at home and play;
I'd see to it that it was so,
And happily obey.

But ne'er again will it be mine
To sit at mother's knee,
And hear her tell of future time,
Of what her boy should be.

But this I know—somewhere, some time,
Reunion time will come;
The faithful ones, through grace, will find
A welcome to "That Home."

Now as the ages onward roll,
The days go swiftly by;
Be it the longing of my soul,
To meet her in the sky.

—A. J. Thompson.

Oakman, Ala., May 12, 1912.

A HIGHER MINISTRY.

We ministers must not take on airs. There is a ministry that is older and deeper and more potent than ours. It is that ministry that presides over the crib, and impresses the first gospel influence upon the infant soul. Before the pulpit begins, or the Sabbath school begins, the mother has already begun, and has been molding the plastic wax of character for weal or woe, for heaven or hell. A prodigious power this; it is the same power which sent Samuel out of the godly home of Hannah, and wicked Ahaziah out of the home of godless Jezebel. Both of them "walked in the way of his mother." Far be it from me to underrate the influence of fathers for good or evil. But still the fact remains that it is mainly the mother who shapes the home influence and imparts to it its prevailing atmosphere; for the most important part of moral purity, the tonic or the demoralizing qualities of that atmosphere of the home, depend for the most part on the mother, as the sovereign of the home.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

THE LAW OF THY MOTHER.

John Ruskin, in counting up the blessings of his childhood, reckoned these three for first good: Peace—he has been taught the meaning of peace in thought, act and word; and had never heard father's or mother's voice once raised in any dispute, nor seen an angry glance in the eyes of either; nor had ever seen a moment's trouble or disorder in any household matter. As to this he estimates obedience—he obeyed the woman who lifted finger of father or mother as a ship he helm, without an idea of resistance. Lastly, faith—nothing was ever promised him that was not inflicted, and nothing ever told him that was not true.—Exchange.

Scott says of his mother, "She joined to a bright and happy temper of mind a strong turn to the study of poetry and works of imagination," and he remembers how, as a little lame boy, she would make him read aloud to her Pope's translation of Homer.

"To the man who has had a mother, all women are sacred for her sake," said Jean Paul Richter.

THE MOTHERS' DISCOURAGEMENTS.

Was there ever a mother who did not, at some stage in her busy life, feel well nigh ready to despair over the problem of child training?

This feeling is more insistent if the child has passed its earliest years and is entering upon the maturity threshold without signs of the symmetrical character the mother so desires.

It appears that all the years of example, of discipline, of forbearing are to count for nothing. Do not despair, you with the crown of motherhood pressing hard, beleaguered with the cares of the day.

Your vision may be narrowed, dimmed, untrue. Look backward at the development made, the victories won, the fair promises fulfilled, and take heart. Look forward and go forward, trusting in the same God who thus far has led you on.

It may be that you will live to see the headstrong, extravagant girl teaching her daughter the lessons you thought were unheeded. Or it may be that the seed you planted will not yield fruit until you have ceased from the toll and heat of the way.—Grace B. Norwood in Christian Observer.

MOTHER.

No matter where my steps may roam,
To this place or the other,
I think sweet thoughts of home, sweet home,
And my dear, darling mother,
Whose tender, soft, consoling voice
Once made my infant heart rejoice.

Each sunken furrow in her face,
That's ever deeper growing,
Was plowed to fit her for that place
To which she's some day going.
My wicked ways helped guide the plow
That cut the furrows in her brow.

Her fading eye, with age now dim,
To me's a gem of beauty;
Her voice to me's a hallowed hymn
Of love and hope and duty,
Whose tender sweetness, soft and clear,
Is music always to my ear.

Her hand, one time so smooth and white,
Is now engloved in wrinkles;
Her hair, once dark, is growing light
With age's silver sprinkles—
Yes, many a shining, silver thread
Now beautifies dear mother's head.

She taught me in my tender youth
To know and do my duty—
To live for peace and right and truth,
That life might beam with beauty.
If I had lived like mother taught,
My life would be more as it ought.

May her declining years be sweet,
Be free from anxious sorrow;
High Heaven cannot be complete
Till she, some sweet tomorrow,
Shall lay her earthly body down,
And go up home to wear her crown.

O, God, select Thyself the spot
Where soon must lie my mother,
And plant, Thou, one forget-me-not,
And let me plant another;
And let them till the judgment be
A covenant 'twist Thee and me.

—H. C. C.

"My mother was the making of me," said Thomas A. Edison, recently. "She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt that I had some one to live for; some one I must not disappoint."

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A DAY IN ANDALUSIA.

By J. L. Rosser.

It was my privilege to spend the first Sunday, May 5, in this pretty, progressive, prosperous place. I had attended a session of the State Convention there, and was glad to renew the brief acquaintance then made. The population is about 3,000 now, and the town is moving forward in steady strides. I was much impressed with the splendid homes that line the residence streets, giving evidence of settled state of the town life, of material welfare and cultured comfort. My special mission there was to preach the commencement sermon for the city schools, which, after surrendering to the unceasing rain in the morning, I succeeded in doing in a poor sort of way in the theatre at night. The genial principal and useful Baptist, Prof. Yarbrough, it was a delight to know and serve.

While I was, as stated, not on a denominational mission, it was inevitable that I should inquire after Baptist affairs in the little capital of Covington. A good deal in that realm you do not have to ask about; you can see it. The beautiful and commodious house of worship that holds so commanding a place in the community is an index to the Baptist situation. Our folks are far in the lead in every respect, and are in a position to maintain their advantage and greatly serve the community and the kingdom. It was a pleasure to learn that there is a quickened church life and forward steps are to be taken. I was happy to be with Pastor Hagood long enough to learn of his good work. He is a lovable spirit, and, in view of the time he has stayed and the work he has done in Andalusia, he must be highly efficient both in and out of the pulpit. I heard that he has not taken a vacation during his years of service there. If that is so he should be allowed to, if he wishes, and compelled to, if he does not wish. Only an unwise church and unwise pastor, in my opinion, read vacations out of the program.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NORTHPORT CHURCH.

Whereas, Brother Avery T. Camp, after more than five years of faithful service among us in the sacred and intimate relationship of pastor, now feels that duty calls him to a larger measure of usefulness in another field, and has requested that we release him from our further pastoral charge; and Whereas, under his watchful care and influence our church has greatly prospered spiritually, led in pleasant paths and allured by his spiritual teachings and exemplary life, to higher ideals and nobler living; and Whereas, his going forth is entirely voluntary on his part and suffered at his earnest request; therefore be it resolved by the Northport Baptist church:

1. That it is with sincere regret and sadness of heart we consent to Brother Camp's retirement from our pastoral charge, and only upon his earnest solicitations do we thus deprive ourselves, trusting that greater duties and higher usefulness await him in his new field of labor.

2. That while we deplore the loss thus sustained, yet we yield to his wishes, earnestly praying that the

blessings of a kind Providence may rest on him in his future labors and on all his household wherever their lot may be cast.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the church, a copy conveyed to Brother Camp, and also a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
F. B. TRAWEEK,
J. W. ROBERTSON,
S. A. YERBY,
Committee.

FROM HALEYVILLE.

State evangelist Rev. Curtis S. Shugart has just closed a revival at Haleyville Baptist church. He came to us eight days ago, and has been holding two services each day. At each night service the house would not nearly hold the congregation. All denominations came and entered heartily into the service. It is said by the town that the revival was the greatest in many respects the town has ever had. We had a great spiritual uplifting, and the church and town are more united than before. We received eight for baptism and three by letter. Among those who came for baptism was a little 10-year-old girl who has given her life to Christ, and with her came Brother M. W. Kennedy, who is 82 years of age. We had some shouting when Father Kennedy came.

Men who have gone far into sin were moved and came for prayer. At times more than 100 would request prayer.

Sunday night Brother Shugart's subject was "The Railroad to Hell," and he so forcefully showed the sinfulness of swearing that this morning the pool room has posted, "No swearing allowed here."

We love Brother Shugart, and the brethren have a movement to have him come in September and hold a tent meeting. We pray God's blessings on him in all his work, and we heartily commend him to the churches.

We are also thankful to Rev. W. T. Shelton, Rev. Henry Curtis and Rev. G. W. Burnett for their help in their prayers, talks and sermons, and we appreciate the help of all the Christians in the meeting.

J. T. JOHNSON,
Pastor.

BROTHER CAMP WRITES.

I closed my work here last Sunday. I preached my farewell sermon at 11 o'clock, baptized five at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. About ten days ago the ladies of the church gave us a linen shower and also left a nice comb and set of brushes for the preacher to keep his hair straight with. Sunday morning, they gave us a free-will offering, amounting to \$22. All of these kindnesses are highly appreciated by my family and myself.

Our meeting at Blocton was a great success in many ways. Foundation work was done. Many made professions while we were there, and some have been converted since we left there. We had to leave too soon, but could not well help it. We have promised to go back before long. Ray is a great fellow and has a noble family. Pray that the Lord may greatly use us.

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Estate of Lillie Newman, Deceased.
This day came Carl A. Fox, administrator of the estate of Lillie Newman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.
It is ordered that the 30th 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.

RESIGNS AT HARTFORD.

It is not because of ill health nor fussy deacons that I have resigned the work at Hartford and Samson, but because I believe the Lord calls me to the Temple church, Atlanta, Ga. There is no preacher in the state who has a more splendid pastorate than I have had here. The people have been kind, appreciative and loyal. I have learned to love everybody, and the great majority, I am persuaded, love me. It is heartbreaking to give up your cherished plans and turn away from your friends. I had planned to stay here ten years, for I do not believe in short pastorates, and the brethren and sisters all say stay; but the Lord seems to say go. It will not be so pleasant for us in Atlanta, and the work there will be much harder. In fact, it will take lots of faith, grace, grit and gumption to make the Temple church a great church. Whatever the Lord wants us to do there that we expect to do.

Samson will call a pastor for full time and pay him a good living salary. Hartford will call for half time, and for the right man pay what they have been paying—\$600 and a home. These churches are ready to do great things for the Lord and humanity, and they will do it with the right sort of leadership.

I need the prayers of all my friends as I go into new experiences and undertake so great things for the Lord. I am not saying good-bye to Alabama, for I am not going so far that I can't come back.

FRANK J. FLEMING.

Hartford, Ala.
(Sorry to lose Brother Fleming, but pray God's blessing upon him in his new field.)

GONE TO REST.

Sister Rhoda Fitts, aged 78, was laid to rest in Antloch cemetery May 3, 1912. Born and reared in Bibb county, living in one community all her life, she was loved and admired by all. Indeed she was a mother in Israel. Her husband, old Uncle Jack Fitts, as he was generally known, preceded her four years. They were pillars in old Antloch church, their connection with it covering a period of 60 years. The services were conducted by the pastor, P. G. Maness. Five children survive—two girls, Mrs. D. B. Smitherman and Mrs. J. V. Woolley, and three boys, Cicero, Dan and Walker Fitts. May God bless the bereaved home and bring us all nearer to Him.

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

The Philathea class of the Southside Baptist Bible School, Birmingham, Ala., would like to be furnished with the names of young women coming to the city to enter school, to seek employment, or for any other reason resulting in a stay of any definite length. If pastors knowing of such young women or parents will communicate with Mrs. T. H. Johnson, teacher, 731 South Twenty-eighth street, Birmingham, Ala., the Philatheas will take pleasure in visiting them and endeavor to interest them in church work.

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J. W. DUNAWAY.

A REVIVAL AT EUFAULA.

Dr. W. J. E. Cox, the efficient and popular corresponding secretary of our educational commission, visiting us recently in the interest of his great work, was induced to spend a week in some special revival services. In anticipation of such a season, the pastor's messages for several weeks had been preparatory, and thus Dr. Cox could promptly proceed along distinctly evangelical lines. This he did with great acceptance to good audiences. Day by day the tide rose, until many hearts and homes were blest, and so great was the interest that on the closing day the house could not contain those who came. Twenty-four were received for baptism, among whom was a man 85 years of age. Two also came by statement and three by letter. Total, 29. This is regarded as an excellent outcome for a week's effort. And there will probably be others to come in the near future.

Sunday night, May 5, 18 of the converts were baptized. The others will go down into "the liquid grave" Wednesday night, May 8.

Dr. Cox and the writer had labored together in similar meetings in the years ago, and it was delightful to have him with us here, where he made a fine impression and is esteemed a vigorous, eloquent and captivating preacher. If the commission is not watchful some strong church may sweetly charm its secretary into the pastorate again. The church at the conclusion of the labors of Dr. Cox contributed to the Newton Institute the generous sum of \$231.50, which greatly pleased me.
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THE CHRISTIAN CONSERVATION CONGRESS.

A Notable Gathering of Big Men Revealed a New Mood in the American Churches.

If anything was needed to impart a deep note of seriousness to the Christian Conservation Congress, which met in Carnegie Hall, New York, April 19-24, the Titanic disaster would have supplied it. The solemnity which all the world felt because of this tragedy was intensified for the delegates to the congress by the consciousness that in their representative capacity they were concerned with the affairs of two worlds—the social order that now is, and the life beyond, which stalks so close to the life that now is. In this spirit it was inevitable that the great issues of humanity and eternity should be faced.

There was an oft-expressed and all-pervading sense that the present is a time of crisis in this western world, and indeed throughout the whole earth. The industrial and commercial and political and religious problems that teem in our day were driven home one after the other to the delegates, but always with the assurance that the last word for their solution remains with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The congress was a gathering of statesmen. The quality was higher even than the enthusiastic friends of the congress had expected. Most of the men were laymen, and it would be no misnomer to apply the adjective "leading" to them. An extraordinary proportion of the religious leadership of America could have been found in the congress sessions in Carengie Hall.

The attendance was less than had been anticipated, the enrollment being 1,338, representing every state except 11. Ten Canadian communities were registered, as well as eight foreign countries.

The common concomitants of conventions, such as badges and buttons and noisy effervescent enthusiasm, were totally lacking. This gathering was on a different plane. The men revealed by their very attitude toward the platform an unwonted seriousness and determination. They were ready for the strongest utterances of the strongest men. The most unexpected deliverances did not faze them. That it is the business of the church to face fearlessly all the new problems of our complex day, and to grapple with them to a solution, was a note that sounded throughout. Withal, the delegates were splendidly loyal to the old church. They spoke as churchmen, and they postulated the church as the agency and the force that is to do the work which the twentieth-century demands.

In somewhat spectacular evidence of the faith of men and religion in the church and her sufficiency, the committee of ninety-seven of the Men and Religion Forward Movement formally ended its own existence at this congress. There is today no such thing as the Men and Religion Forward Movement, spelled in capital letters. The organization has bequeathed a program of definite work to the denominational brotherhoods, which these are taking up. It has done the same for the local congregation. There was a manifest stirring to self-examination of existing organizations, and a questioning as to their real efficiency. To have imposed the sense of emergency upon the general agencies of all the church was itself a considerable achievement. An agreement has been made for an annual conference of the officials of the brotherhoods, of the International Sunday School Association, of the Laymen's Movement, of the International Young Men's Christian Association, etc. The word went out from these bodies that, so far as in them lies, they will carry into practice the lessons of the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

Of the tangible results of the congress, perhaps the creation of a body of literature upon the relation of church and press was the most important. An entire session was devoted to Christian publicity, and out of this has come to the determination of these representatives of the church to prosecute steadfastly this new form of service. We may look forward to hearing in all our ministers' meetings and denominational gatherings and men's conventions the discussion of the subject of how the church may utilize the press in serving the world. A national press bureau, representing all the churches, to deal with the daily newspapers as a whole, was suggested by the commission on publicity, and its realization will probably be only matter of months. Dr. Talcott Wil-

liams and Bishop E. E. Hoss were the formally announced speakers for this session, but there were numerous participants and keen interest.

The place of the religious press in the economy of the churches was stated in unmistakable terms. Instead of turning attention away from the church papers, in favor of the daily press, this commission has made it appear as a clear duty of the laymen and of the denominations to take hold of the problem of the religious press, bringing home to every Christian family its real need of a church paper. The recommendations are embodied in the report which was in the hands of the delegates, and which, along with six other volumes, is to be issued by the Association Press in the near future. An organization of the editors of the religious press was formed, with Nolan Rice Best, of the Continent, as chairman.

These commission reports, which survey the themes of Social Service, Evangelism, Christian Unity, Publicity, Missions, Boys' Work and Rural Church, afford a new body of expert literature for pastors and laymen in their work. The report on Christian Unity was called the most advanced document on this theme that has as yet been issued by any responsible body.

To name the speakers at the congress would be impracticable in this space. The profoundest impression was made by Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, in her statement of the social evil as a task for the church.

J. A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, was the foremost man among the speakers, his address with Mr. Bryan on the opening night, "Christianity and Governments," even surpassing the oratorical power of that distinguished publicist.

The figures of the Men and Religion campaigns presented at the congress indicated that nearly 10,000 addresses had been delivered by the workers to about a million and a half men in more than 7,000 meetings. Aside from the central campaign cities, numbering 70, there were more than 1,000 auxiliary cities. More than 7,000 men and boys had accepted Christ as Savior.

Unless all signs fail, this national meeting will be remembered as marking the entrance of American churches into a new era of comprehensive Christian service.

WILLINGHAM SUCCEEDS MILES ON THE STATE BOARD.

State Superintendent of Education Heads Baptist Mission Board.

At a meeting of the members of the Alabama State Board of Missions Tuesday in the banquet rooms of the Exchange Hotel State Superintendent of Education H. J. Willingham was unanimously elected president of the board to fill out the unexpired term of George G. Miles, whose death occurred a few days ago. Appropriate and fitting resolutions to the memory of former President Miles were adopted by the members, and other matters of importance were referred to the corresponding secretary and the local board, besides other changes made by election as follows:

Rev. J. A. Cook, of the Clayton Street Baptist church, was elected to membership on the board in place of George W. Ellis, resigned, and H. S. D. Malory and J. B. Ellis, of Selma, were elected to fill vacancies on the board of trustees for the Bush endowment fund.

The following members were present: Dr. Preston Blake, Dr. A. J. Dickinson and Mr. J. W. Minor, of Birmingham; Rev. W. E. Yarbrough, of Anniston; Rev. A. S. Smith, of Alexander City; Rev. E. H. Jennings, of Dothan; Rev. Richard Hall, of Evergreen; Hon. J. B. Ellis, of Selma; Dr. C. A. Stakely, Rev. W. J. Elliott, Rev. S. A. Cowan and W. B. Davidson, of Montgomery; also the corresponding secretaries, W. B. Crumpton and J. H. Chapman, of Montgomery.—Advertiser, May 9, 1912.

Our cities are teeming with foreigners who swell their population out of all proportion to the rural districts. The county at large is fast becoming a mere suburb of the overgrown cities, dominated by their ideals, swayed by their influence and dazed by their wealth.

At Ellis Island—A low, deep babel in a dozen different tongues! Close squeezed here are races that have been apart for tens of thousands of years—races now to be slowly welded together. How absolutely different are the faces. A broad, solid Polish face close by an excited little Italian mother, who fills the air with gestures. For the southeast of Europe loves gestures, and it is from the southeast that most of our immigrants come. Three-fourths are from Italy, Austria, Bohemia, Poland and South Russia. Three-fourths are peasants from farms and little hamlets. Three-fourths are unskilled laborers bringing an average of only \$22 each. Three-fourths are men under 40, coming first alone, their wives and children to follow them later. They are the strong men of their countries; you can see it as you look down into the sluiceways. They are the healthy picked out of the vast poverty-stricken areas of the southeast—the peasants on whose shoulders for centuries Europe has rested.

Eugenie, a Lutheran princess of Sweden, was very much interested in the building of a hospital, and when it was found that it would take a good deal more money to finish it than was expected, she sold her diamonds in order that she might give the money that was needed to complete the building. One day after the hospital had been built the princess went to visit the patients who were being treated in the different wards. As she stood beside the bedside of one of the patients tears of gratitude filled the eyes of the sick man as he thought of the kindness of the princess who stood before him. As she saw his tears the princess exclaimed: "Now I see my diamonds again!"

For years the church in America has been praying for the evangelization of the heathen on the opposite side of the globe. Through the operation of unseen forces the people of every kindred, tongue and nation are now coming to our shores. The unsaved of every land have come to us for help, looking to us as their hope. They are following the gleam of Christian civilization as the wise men followed the star of Bethlehem.

In the five boroughs of Greater New York there are 21,698 retail and 5,384 wholesale food establishments. To fully inspect all these would require a large force, no doubt. But the comparatively few inspectors at work during 1911 condemned no less than 13,131,008 pounds of food in various forms. Of this vast weight, 8,435,233 pounds were of fruit, 2,567,200 of vegetables, 1,259,365 of canned goods, 350,547 of fish, 253,215 of groceries, 301,363 of beef, 130,987 of veal, 193,187 of assorted meats and 194,173 of poultry. This food, if in good condition, would feed an army for a considerable period.

The Salvation Army began its work in this country 31 years ago. Its latest report shows that last year 173,000 meetings were held, attended by 15,000,000 persons. Meetings in halls numbered 215,000, attended by 8,000,000 adults and 1,500,000 children. The number of conversions reported was 46,554.

Andrew Carnegie brought up the total of his known public benefactions to the vast sum of \$215,500,000 by putting into effect his announced plan to establish a new foundation, with an endowment of \$25,000,000, "to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding among the people of the United States."

"All that I have ever accomplished in life," declared Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, "I owe to my mother."

It is just a little curious to note that whereas the ancients cheated chiefly in quantity, as when they made their ephah small and their shekel great, we moderns cheat in quality by our shoddies and adulteration.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3:16.

Help State Missions now. If we go to Jasper in July out of debt, we can shout then.

ONE SOWETH AND ANOTHER REAPETH.

Seven years ago last August, when Brother J. E. Barnes was pastor of this charge, he and Brother J. A. Hendrix were holding a service three miles west of Vernon, Brother B. H. Wilkerson, of Vernon, was present, and he was convicted and regenerated under the preaching of the sermon at that hour by Rev. J. A. Hendrix, whose text was the fourth verse of the tenth chapter of the book of Romans: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Brother Wilkerson had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, since he was nine years of age, and a short time after his conviction and regeneration he applied for license to exhort and subsequently to preach in the Methodist church, and he obtained them and has been exhorting and preaching in the Methodist church for the past three or four years, and last Saturday night he asked to be permitted to unite with the Vernon Missionary Baptist church, and his request was gladly granted by the church, and he was received by experience and baptism into full fellowship of the church and was liberated to preach the gospel as a Missionary Baptist. We expect great results from the Master from Brother Wilkerson's labors, as he is one of the most prominent and influential educators in Lamar county, having been elected by the people seven times, or 18 years, as county superintendent of education of Lamar county.

We are expecting a great revival of religion in the near future in this part of the state. Our congregations are growing larger at every service.

Brother W. C. Woods, who is the leader of the Baptists in the Lamar County Missionary Baptist Association, has more calls than he can possibly fill, and he is making great strides and sacrifices for the Master's cause. We invite our brethren who have the opportunity to do so to visit us in our Lamar County Missionary Baptist Association when convenient, and we now assure them in advance that they will receive a cordial welcome while among us.

At services yesterday we asked for \$5 for our State Missions, and we were assured of the fact that that amount will be raised by the Vernon church.

Yours in the work of the Master,
Q. D. HANEY.

Vernon, Ala., May 13, 1912.

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At present the Mohammedans are uncommonly aggressive in their propaganda and in the winning of converts everywhere. Even in London they propose to build a great mosque to cost a half million dollars.

MOTHERS' DAY APPROPRIATELY AND EFFECTIVELY OBSERVED BY THE BAPTISTS OF LINCOLN.

Under the skillful training of Misses Mamie Mynatt, Maggie Mynatt and Mabel Acker, the last two being the teachers of the primary department, faithfully assisted by Mesdames Jessie Poe and Fannie B. Brooks, the children of the Lincoln Baptist Sabbath school executed a most entertaining program on Mothers' Day. The success which crowned the first effort to celebrate the day was a source of joy to many. The church was tastefully and appropriately decorated in the adopted colors of Mothers' Day, and the recitations and songs of the little people as they stood before, clothed in white was enough to fill with pride the heart of every mother present.

The Sabbath school of the Methodist church met at their own church and promptly adjourned to meet with us and assist in commemorating that great day, so precious to every living man and woman. Fine-minute talks, reciting some touching fact or circumstance connected with mother's life, were made by Superintendent E. D. Acker, S. J. Strock and A. I. Griffin, teachers in the senior department of the Baptist Sabbath school, and by A. H. Crawford and Lee Dickinson, of the Methodist school.

Mrs. Jessie Poe and Miss Mamie Mynatt and little Miss Godys Angle deserve special mention for solos sung by them.

Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Thompson, contributed his part to the Sabbath school program, and then preached us a sermon on the subject, "Our Mothers." At the evening services a substantial collection was taken for the flood sufferers.

Taken as a whole the day was most profitably spent by the Christian people of Lincoln, and we feel sure that they will continue to observe Mothers' Day annually and think of mother daily.

E. D. ACKER.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The big objection to ordinary life insurance policies is that they insure only in the event of death and make no provision for accidents of illness that incapacitates one for work. An invalid cannot keep up the payments, and this has caused thousands of policies to lapse. Insurers will be glad to learn that the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. is now writing a policy which meets these objections perfectly. It provides that in case of incapacitation for labor the policy immediately becomes "paid up" for the face value. The holder then has the option of holding the policy until death or taking payment of one-tenth of its face value each year for ten years. In case of death by accident the beneficiary receives the face of the policy plus one-half of the payments made. It thus combines life, accident and disability features. Write for sample policy, stating age at nearest birthday. Address Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., Home Office, Raleigh, N. C.

Yankee Knows a Good Thing.

Mr. P. O. Hanlon, Providence, R. I., writes: "Please forward six boxes of Tetterine C. O. D. It is the best cure for Eczema, Ringworm and all eruptions of the skin I ever saw." Mr. Hanlon's letter also reports the cure of an obstinate case of facial eruption in a young lady who had tried many other remedies without avail.

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Hon. Ed Acker, the superintendent of the Lincoln Baptist Sabbath school, is numbered with the best friends and supporters of Howard College, and he shows this friendship in a practical way.

Two or three times each month he devotes his blackboard exercises to an exhibition of the success attendant upon the lives of Howard College graduates in the various vocations of life, and those people are learning that all of the graduates of Howard College are not preachers. He does not neglect to show the success of the ministerial part of the graduates, but lays stress upon the fact that Howard College has fitted men for great success in professional and business life.

Next Sunday's exercises will exhibit the successful career of Francis G. Coffey, the prominent lawyer of New York, a native of Alabama, who received his first college training at Howard.

While this work is done in the Sabbath school, it does not interfere with nor detract from the regular Sunday school work, for one hour is given to the regular work every Sunday.

Mr. Acker has certainly given us an excellent plan by which to arouse an interest in Howard College, and I heartily recommend it to every Sunday school superintendent in the state. He has been doing this work for several months, and the success is most gratifying. It is hoped that many will adopt this plan, thereby rendering our college a great and efficient service. Truly Mr. Acker is a loyal friend and supporter of Howard. Let us join him in this practical demonstration of this loyalty.

What we need in the state is more loyalty to our great school.

Brother Acker has a son in Howard who graduates this year and who has made a brilliant record throughout his entire course.

We will be glad to furnish any information desired as to the details of the above plan.

J. D. THOMPSON,
Pastor.

The three Vedas are the most ancient books of the Hindoos, and it is the opinion of the ablest authorities that they were first issued about 1,100 years before Christ.

The Duke of Wellington thought that armies should be composed of ruffians. His principles hold, to a certain extent, in England today. The bulk of the soldiers come from the slums.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 11th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of John Rodvitch, alias John Zordic, Deceased.

This day came W. F. Bell, administrator of the estate of John Rodvitch, alias John Zordic, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 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.

BUY FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR COMPOUND. USE. STOPS COUGHS - CURES COLDS. Contains No Opium - Is Safe For Children.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 3rd Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Mary B. Bains, Deceased. This day came G. W. Bains, executor or the estate of Mary B. Bains, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 29th day of June, 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.

FOR OFFENSIVE PERSPIRATION

excessive sweating at the armpits, and tender, perspiring feet, cleanse the parts thoroughly with soap and water, then dissolve one teaspoonful of Tyree's Antiseptic Powder (non-poisonous) in a teaspoonful of water and bathe the parts freely, each night. The perspiration is rendered pure and sweet and is gradually reduced to the natural quantity. Free sample by mail on request, or the and 25 packages at your druggist's. J. S. Tyree, Chemist, Washington, D. C. ASK YOUR DOCTOR TYREE'S ANTISEPTIC POWDER

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Paint Lick, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Freeman, of this place, says: "Before I commenced to take Cardui I suffered so much from womanly trouble! I was so weak that I was down on my back nearly all the time. Cardui has done me more good than any medicine I ever took in my life. I can't possibly praise it too highly." You need not be afraid to take Cardui. It is no new experiment. For fifty years it has been found to relieve headache, backache and similar womanly troubles. Composed of gentle-acting, herb ingredients, Cardui builds up the strength, preventing much unnecessary pain. Try it for your troubles, today.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 8th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Charles F. Enslin, Deceased. This day came Birmingham Trust and Savings Company, administrator of the estate of Laura C. Enslin, deceased, who during her life was the administratrix of the estate of Charles F. Enslin, deceased, and filed its account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 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.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 11th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Dr. S. M. Miller, Deceased. This day came W. C. Hudson, administrator of the estate of Dr. S. M. Miller, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 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.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

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



REV. T. P. PIERCE

Following is Mr. Pierce's own story of how he fell into good hands and evaded the "grim reaper:"

"In the spring of 1907 I was a complete wreck, and was pronounced by some doctors to have dropsy, by one to have cancer of the stomach, another said tumor; in all there were fourteen or fifteen doctors. Scarcely any of them agreed, and none of them did me any good whatever. Four of our country doctors said I could not be cured and gave me up to die. My weight had decreased to 147 lbs. and I was perfectly helpless, when I decided to try W. H. Bull's Herbs and Iron. After using five bottles my health was immediately restored, and in a few weeks I was as strong and healthy as ever in my life. My weight today is 247 lbs, and I shall never fail to recommend W. H. Bull's Herbs and Iron."

W. H. Bull's Herbs and Iron can be had from any druggist. If after using two-thirds of a bottle you are not benefited, take the remainder back to your druggist and he will refund your money.

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OTTO BAMBER, DYING, PROTESTS INNOCENCE.

Declared That He Was Shot Without Cause.

In a statement made to his wife and brother just previous to his death, which occurred in the Garty-Ramsey Hospital, 696 Jackson avenue, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, Otto Bamber, aged 33 years, an attorney of Cleveland, Miss., declared that he was innocent of any improper relation with Mrs. Burton, wife of John S. Burton, another attorney of Cleveland, who fired the shot which took Bamber's life.

"I firmly believe," declared Dr. J. Monroe Bamber, of Independence, La., brother of the victim of the shooting, "that the killing of my brother, Otto, was wanton and without cause, and I will prosecute Burton to the limit for the crime."

Before he went on the operating table, three hours before his death, Bamber made a statement to his wife and brother, which she copied down and gave to a reporter for the Commercial-Appeal.

Mrs. Bamber declared that the killing of her husband was a horrible mistake.

The statement follows: Dying Statement Protests Innocence.

"About two weeks ago Mr. Burton asked me if I did not want to room at his house. I had been boarding at the Floyd Hotel, but wanted a quiet place at which to stay, so I went to Burton's.

"He and his wife did not seem to get along well, and I was sorry I went there. On the afternoon preceding the shooting I spoke to Attorney Bedford about it, and told him that I was going to move my boarding place; that I did not like to stay there after I saw how things were.

"About 9:30 o'clock I had taken a bath, and packed my grip ready to leave next morning to spend a while with you and the children at Terry. I had turned out the light and lain down, when I heard Burton rush in at the front door and begin quarreling with his wife. I went to the door to see what the trouble was, and Burton turned on me and said:

"'Guess I'll fix you, too, while I am at it.'

"Then he began firing.

"Mrs. Burton phoned to her brother to come and take her home; that Burton had murdered me without any cause whatever, and that I was innocent. It was all a horrible mistake."

Bamber leaves a wife, who was Miss Pauline Underwood, member of a prominent family at Terry, Miss., and two little girls, the eldest being 4 years old and the youngest only 15 months of age.

The body was shipped on the Illinois Central train at 11:40 o'clock last night to Terry, Miss., for burial.

The remains were accompanied by Mrs. Bamber, the widow, and Dr. Bamber, the brother.

Bamber was formerly a Baptist minister. He was born in Anite City, La., and was 33 years old. He was a

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strong man in the pulpit, and did much work for his denomination. He organized and erected the North Highland Tabernacle and the Twenty-seventh Street Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala., in 1904.

In 1910 he attended the Moody school in Chicago, and when he returned he began evangelistic work for the Southern Baptist home missions and developed great power as a revivalist. He married Miss Underwood, of Terry, Miss., in 1907.

His last pastorate was at Jasper, Ala. He quit preaching and studied law, declaring that the bar needed Christian men. He was admitted to practice law in the state of Mississippi a few months ago and had opened an office in Cleveland, where he received his death wound.

Louisville, Ky., May 10, 1912.

The faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary announced today that W. P. Wilks has won the highest degree, Doctor of Theology, given by the institution. This degree is conferred only when a very high degree of scholarship is attained. Brother Wilks is an A. B. graduate of Howard College.—J. O. Colley.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BROOKLYN EAGLE OF MAY 6—THE PAPER "PASTOR" RUSSELL SUED FOR \$100,000.

There is some valuable reading in it for the preachers who may receive it. The Monday issue of the Eagle would be a good paper for our preachers to read regularly. W. B. CRUMPTON.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE G. MILES.

In the prime of life, and after a career of devoted and honorable service to Christ and of unyielding loyalty to our denomination, our brother, George C. Miles, entered into rest on Thursday, April 25, 1912.

For many years and at the time of his death he was the president of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, having served continuously, with the exception of one year, since the year 18—. It is therefore becoming in us, as our hearts prompt us to place in our records some testimonial of our love for him and our appreciation of his character and services.

Brother Miles was a man of convictions, intelligently and conscientiously formed, which he maintained everywhere and at all times.

He was a man of tender heart and a beneficent hand. The heroic was ever manifest, and the essential elements of leadership were recognized in all his relations.

His personality and his capacity for service made themselves felt in the work of this board, as in all the other relations which he sustained in our denominational life. In his removal we feel deeply our loss and mourn sincerely over his departure.

It is hereby resolved that this testimonial be recorded on a page of our minute book and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and to the Alabama Baptist.

C. A. STAKELY, S. A. COWAN, W. J. ELLIOTT, Committee.

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Because of those ugly, grizzly gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR DRESSING. Price \$1.00, retail.

SALE OF LANDS FOR DIVISION.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Chancery Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, rendered on the 25th day of April, 1912, I, D. H. Vann, executor of the estate of W. J. Gillespie, deceased, will, on the 26th day of May, 1912, beginning at the hour of noon, sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in front of the south door of the court house in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, the lands hereinafter described. Said sale being for the purpose of division among the owners thereof. At said sale the lands will be first offered in forty-acre tracts, and after receiving bids on such forty-acre tracts, the lands will then be offered in two bodies or tracts, one tract being in section 14 and the other being in sections 9 and 16. At such sale I will accept the bid or bids which in the aggregate amount to the greater sum. A complete abstract of the title to said lands will be found in the offices of Frank S. White & Sons. Said sale being made subject to confirmation by the court.

Said lands are described as follows: The E. 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4, the N. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4, the S. W. 1-4 of the N. W. 1-4, the N. E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 and all that part of the S. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 lying north of Tyler's branch, commencing where said branch crosses Tyler's lane and running east on line with said branch to a bluff at the east end of said lane, then with the original line to the east boundary of said land, all of said land being section 14, township 15, range 1 west. Also the south 10 acres of the N. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4, the west 10 acres of the N. E. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4 and the west 20 acres of the E. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4, and the S. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and the N. W. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4, all of said lands being in section 16, township 15, range 1 west. Also 1 1-2 acres off the south part of the S. E. 1-4, described as follows: Commence 10 rods east of the S. W. corner of S. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, run east 10 rods, then north to stone near spring, then west 10 rods, then south to beginning. Also 1 1-2 acres described as follows: Begin at the S. W. corner of the S. E. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4, run east 165 feet, north 460 feet, west 165 feet, then south 460 feet to beginning; said last two parcels of land containing three acres, more or less, and situated in section 9, township 15, range 1 west, and all of said lands herein described being in Jefferson county, Alabama. D. H. VANN, Executor of the Estate of W. J. Gillespie, deceased.

A WOMAN'S APPEAL.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, box 548, South Bend, Ind.

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.

ENTERPRISE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church was organized August 27, 1893. The ordaining council was composed of Rev. D. C. Culbreth, Rev. W. A. Smith and Deacons H. Beckham, T. R. Searcy, J. J. Brunson, J. T. Owen, W. T. Johnson and L. W. Cox. There were 31 members in the organization. Rev. D. C. Culbreth was the first pastor, and served to November, 1893. Thereafter the following pastors, viz: Rev. P. M. Calaway served to September, 1894; Rev. P. L. Moseley, to October, 1896; Rev. Wallace Faulkner, to October, 1897; Rev. P. L. Moseley again became pastor and served to July, 1901; Rev. S. O. Ray served to October, 1901; in September, 1902, Rev. R. M. Hunter became pastor, serving until September 15, 1906; Rev. A. G. Moseley, to January, 1910; Rev. R. S. Gavin, to August, 1910; September 18, 1910, the present pastor, Rev. C. P. Bentley, accepted the care of the church.

Under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Moseley a new church lot was purchased and plans and specifications were made for the present new church building, and work was begun and the house partially completed.

The building has now been completed, and is occupied beginning with April 14, 1912. On that date the congregation entered this new and beautiful building, which with fixtures will approximate a cost of \$5,000, and the pastor preached the first sermon to an audience of approximately 300. The pride of this congregation is in the fact that this new and handsome edifice was entered free of debt on the building. Thanksgiving and praise, as well as the spirit of humility, characterized the audience.

It is the purpose of the congregation to dedicate the building during the month of June, at which time it is expected that every former pastor of the church will be present.

This church hopes to entertain the next session of the Baptist State Convention, in July, 1913.

The glowing success of this wonderful undertaking is attributable largely to the untiring efforts and superior wisdom of the following members composing the building committee: R. C. Conner, chairman; J. D. Snellgrove, Dr. B. L. Byrd, O. C. Doster, Jr., J. B. Pierce, W. H. Edmonson, C. W. Simmons, R. E. Byrd, G. M. Heath, G. W. Carlisle, A. W. Jones, H. C. Stephenson, A. M. Brock, J. E. James. Last, but not least, the great organization of women that the state affords.

GONE BEFORE.

Brother Jack Groves' little girl, Claudie, aged 12, was taken sick very suddenly with fever, which the doctor could not control. She soon passed beyond, conscious to the very last, telling friends good-bye and making requests concerning her burial. It was sad beyond description. A great concourse of people gathered at the grave at Isabella church, near Maplesville, to pay their last regard. School girls dressed in white, loaded with flowers, followed the casket and stood around the grave. People of all classes wept like children. It was a beautiful scene, never to be forgotten and worthy of the sweet little girl they were laying to rest. Services were conducted by the Rev. P. G. Maness Sunday, April 28, 1912.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Jonathan said to David, "Thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." There are many men today who have won such a large place in the life of their community that their going leaves a large vacant place. This was true of Dr. C. M. Pope, of Goodwater, who died on the morning of April 13, 1912.

Dr. Pope was born in Georgia May 30, 1834. After taking lectures at Philadelphia he located at Union Springs, where he practiced medicine until the war broke out. He went at once to the front, where he did faithful service until the end of the war. During the war, while home on a furlough, he was married to Miss Hasseltine Brown, of Montgomery, Ala., who survives him.

After the war he located in East Alabama, where he practiced medicine as long as he was able.

As a citizen he was always on the moral side of every issue. As a man he was honest and true. As a friend he was loyal and sincere.

He did not become a Christian until late in life, but when he gave himself to Christ he surrendered himself completely. He spent much time in studying his Bible, gave more than a tenth of his income to the cause of Christ, did promptly anything and everything his church or pastor asked him to do, and was always in his place in the church if possible.

In his death the world lost a man who was trying to lift it to a higher plane morally and spiritually, his community a citizen who was interested in her moral and religious welfare, his church one of its most faithful and loyal members, and his family a devoted loved one. Our loss is his eternal gain, and realizing this we do not mourn as we otherwise would.

S. H. BURNETT.

PASTOR A. L. DAVIS.

This man of God laid down his earthly task the other day, when the Master called him to enter into rest. He had been among us only a few months, but he had endeared himself to every one who knew him, and the better he was known the more he was loved.

The Birmingham Baptist Pastor's Conference has lost a valued member in his death. We offer our prayerful sympathy to the bereft companion, child and other relatives.

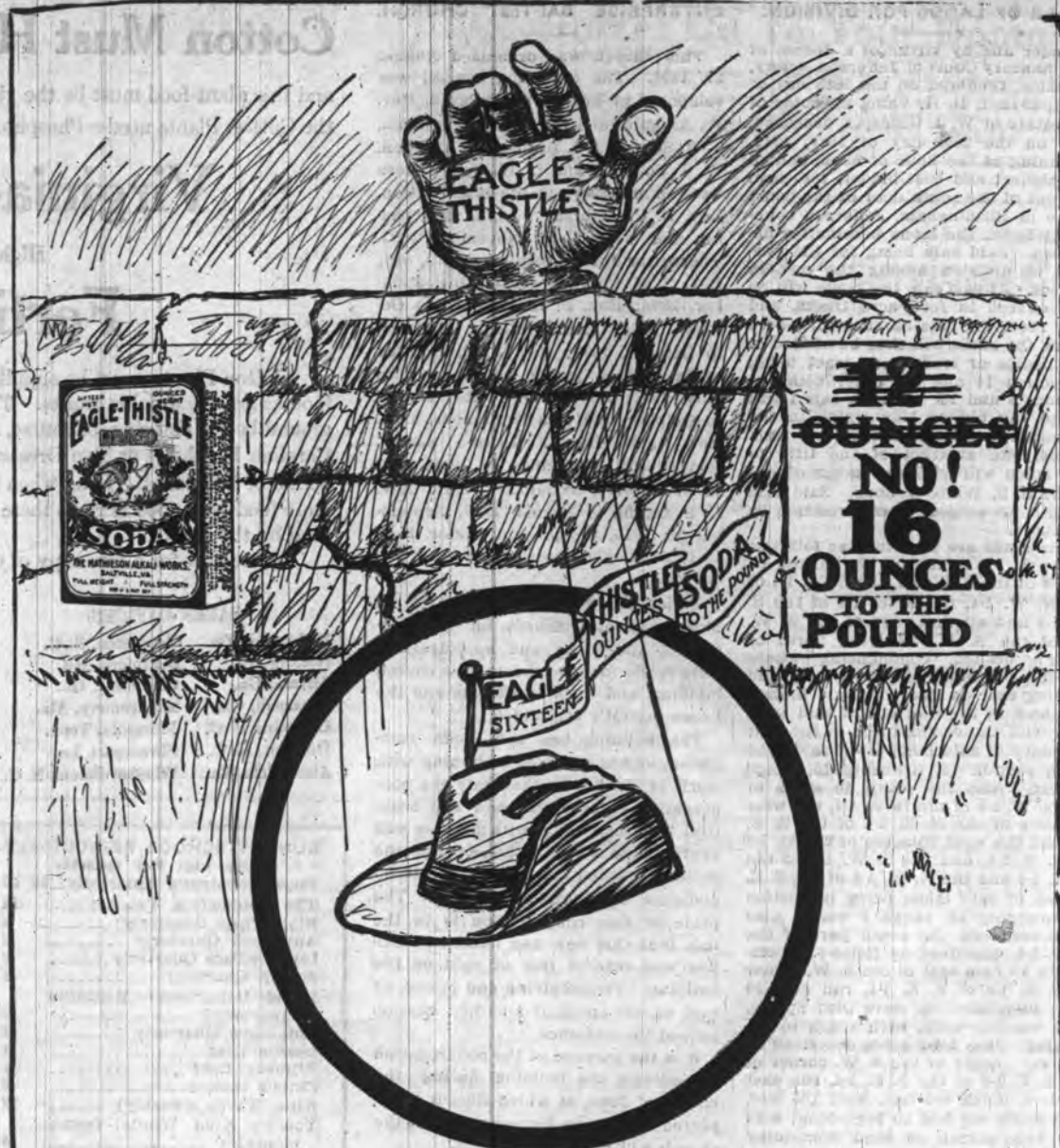
Our prayers for the pastorless church, that it may have divine guidance in the selection of a pastor, and for the maintenance of the work he left.

Resolved:

1. That a copy of this notice be sent to Sister Davis.
2. That it be printed in the Alabama Baptist.
3. That it be spread on the minutes of this conference.

A. A. WALKER,
W. M. ANDERSON,
JNO. W. STEWART,
Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Leath announce the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle Mabel, to Rev. Samuel Luther Williams on Wednesday evening, June 5, 1912. At home, Jamestown, Ala. We tender our congratulations to the contracting parties and wish them every happiness that life can bring.



“Our Hat Is In The Ring!”

Our platform will be announced at this time next week in this paper.

A GOOD MEETING.

On Sunday night, May 5, Brother Curtis S. Shugart, of Birmingham, one of our state evangelists, who is well known and loved, began a revival at the Notasulga Baptist church.

I believe I voice the sentiments of the church and the entire town when I say it was one of the greatest soul-stirring meetings we have ever had. Brother Shugart was physically unable to preach one morning, but the Lord was good to him, giving him strength to preach earnestly at all the other services, day and night, for a week. He spread a feast, as it were, before us, and there was something good for every one present.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to our pastor, Brother C. H. German, who was called away by the sad news of the death of his brother-in-law. May he see the fruits of labor in his vineyard when he returns to us.

While only six were added by confession and one by letter, we feel that many others were almost persuaded and will soon accept Christ. We rejoice that so much interest was shown at the closing service. The church was filled to an overflow.

We regret that Brother Shugart had to leave us so early, but we hope to carry on continually the great revival we have felt in our hearts. May the Lord prosper him in this great work of evangelization.

MISS FRANCES JACKSON.
Notasulga, Ala., May 13, 1912.

Terrible Picture of Suffering.

Clinton, Ky.—Mrs. M. C. McElroy, in a letter from Clinton, writes: “For six years I was a sufferer from female troubles. I could not eat, and could not stand on my feet without suffering great pain. Three of the best doctors in the state said I was in a critical condition, and going down hill. I lost hope. After using Cardui a week I began to improve. Now I feel better than in six years.” Fifty years of success, in actual practice, is positive proof that Cardui can always be relied on for relieving female weakness and disease. Why not test it for yourself? Sold by all druggists.

We Baptists of the south are beginning to realize in some degree our obligation to the red man and the gospel is being preached with wonderful success in their reservations.

DISAPPOINTMENT BRINGS DECISION.

When I wrote to the Alabama Baptist a few months ago, stating that I would be ready to pursue my regular course in the ministry in the not far distant future, there was something at my cottage home in East New Decatur that I loved better than myself, but as God has seen proper to take that precious jewel from me (my beloved wife) this decision has been fully made: “Oh! God, be it as thou wilt, not as I will.”

My home here is broken, mother taking the babe at the age of five weeks and one day; but there is something for which I am living we know; if nothing more that last request, “Bring our child up in such a way that it will meet mother in heaven.” Thank God for such mothers.

My decision is: I am not saying that in a few months I'll be ready, but am ready to go wherever the Master calls now. L. PRYOR ROYER.
New Decatur, Ala.

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