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W. W. Campbell was the happiest man on the encampment grounds, and his hearty laugh was contagious. He is seeing his vision realized.

All offerings during September are for our own work here in the association and should be as liberal as possible, for the work to be done is great, the task stupendous, but we are able to cope with the situation, and by God's grace we will. Let pastors keep this before their people.

Evangelist R. D. Cecil, of Nashville, Tenn., assisted Pastor C. S. Dillon at Holy Grove church, in Tennessee, six days in a meeting, resulting in three confessions of saving faith and seven additions to the church—one by restoration, three by letter and three by experience and baptism.

We want a teacher, first grade. Write to: Trustees Geo. J. Foshee and G. W. Foshee, Cohasset, Ala. School pays \$50 per month. Community able to supplement. Good Baptist people. Convenient place to board at \$10 per month.—Geo. J. Foshee, Cohasset.

Please say to the brethren that I have accepted the Baptist church at the hosiery mill in Tuscaloosa, and will be pleased to have you or any of the brethren call and see us. Pray for us, that we may do things for the Master in this needy field.—W. G. Hubbard.

I have just closed a meeting at Yellow Leaf church, six miles out from this place, where there were 22 baptized and two received by letter. A great many came from other communities and claimed to be saved in the meeting. More than 50 made public profession. Pray that the Lord may greatly use us.—A. T. Camp, Oxford, Miss.

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting—one week at Belmont and one week at New Prospect. Brother J. W. Partridge did the preaching. My people are in love with Brother Partridge, this being the third time we have had him in the past eight years. He uses no high phrases; simply presents the truth in a clear, forcible and earnest way. When I first had Brother Partridge, about eight years ago, I wrote you he was going to develop into a fine preacher. He has done that, and today stands in the front rank. Fraternal—J. R. Larkin.

We have just closed a great meeting at Arkadelphia, in which there was much and lasting good done. We had the services of Brother Lafever, of Montgomery. He is a power for God. I am now in the midst of a great revival at Crane Hill, in Cullman county. Up to this time 19 have joined the church. Brother Harbinson is helping me here. He is a good revivalist and attacks sin in a way that is wonderful. Yours for the work—Rev. Francis M. Leeth.



I THANK TO THE GENERAL DEATH OF THE WHOLE TABLE

Every one knew that Strickland was a hustler, but no one dreamed he was such a miracle worker until they saw what he had accomplished at "Pelham Heights."

Rev. J. H. Chapman is a fine presiding man. He never talks much himself, but makes announcements clearly and quietly. He was always on the job, and did much to add to the pleasure of the guests.

We understand that after Pastor R. W. Carlisle had tendered his resignation at Jonesboro the brethren got together and positively refused to let him go. That sounds good, and it is as it ought to be. Brother Carlisle is a good man, and the Jonesboro saints know it. The Lord pour out upon both pastor and people a double portion of His spirit.

Rev. W. R. Rigell, pastor of the Holt Baptist church, has gone from Holt to East Lake, where he will take up his duties in the senior class at Howard. He has practically spent his vacation at Holt, doing most excellent personal work, besides helping in the protracted meeting at the Holt Baptist church and other churches near there. That Mr. Rigell is one of the most successful pastors is due not only to his great talent, but also to his untiring efforts outside the pulpit. He is one of the hardest workers in the field, and the church at Holt is fortunate in having the services of such a man as their pastor.

Pastor Southerland, of Powderly, reports that after the closing of the revival there under the direction of our evangelist, A. A. Walker, he has been receiving candidates for baptism at almost every service. This is a characteristic of the work done by Evangelist Walker, and speaks well for the kind of seed sown. A revival that ends with the meeting of days does the church but little good. An evangelist should aim at bringing the pastor and people closer together and help to cement them in brotherly love, and not try to steal the hearts of the people away to himself. The Lord is crowning the efforts of Brother Southerland with marked success.

An eight-day revival meeting with Jemison Baptist church closed Sunday night, August 25. A series of splendid sermons was faithfully delivered by Rev. W. J. Ray, the evangelist. There were 22 additions to the church, including 11 by baptism. Brother Ray's sermons were such as to greatly revive the church members and cause the unconverted to pause and ponder. Brother Ray by his untiring service and kindly bearing has won for himself a place in the hearts of Jemison's people. We feel that much permanent good has resulted from the services. Rev. Ray is from San Antonio, Tex., but we are glad to learn expects to make Alabama his future home. Our pastor, W. H. Carson, of East Lake, was recalled for two Sundays.—A Member.

Rev. J. A. Beal, formerly of Richmond Place, now of Greensboro, is conducting a splendid meeting this week at Shades Valley.

We hope to have every church in the district well represented at the association, which meets with the Avondale church Tuesday, September 24. Get busy and let us make of this the very best association we have ever had.

Pyriton, Ala., Sept. 2, 1912.—Alabama Baptist, 1705 Third avenue, Birmingham, Ala.: Meeting closed at Ashland last night. Thirty-one accessions. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds had charge of the music. Overflow crowds.—T. O. Reese.

Rev. W. B. McDaniel has resigned his work at Park Avenue church, to take effect at once. His plans are unknown, but some good, wide-awake church in the district ought to lay hands on him. He is an evangelistic pastor of great power.

Any church in need of a young pastor or supply will do well to call on Rev. J. C. Borum, of Woodlawn. He is a young preacher just back from the Moody Bible Institute, full of fire and zeal. He has been a most faithful worker for a number of years in the Woodlawn church, of which Dr. W. M. Anderson is pastor. His phone is "Woodlawn 61-L."

Dear Brother Barnett: Will you mention in your columns that the Vinegar Bend church will be in need of a pastor October 1 and can use a man with lots of grace and grit. Dr. Thompson is chairman of the committee. Sincerely yours—D. H. Greene.

Pastor F. M. Yeager, of Fairview Baptist church, Liberty Association, closed an eight-day meeting Sunday night, in which he was assisted by Evangelist R. D. Cecil, of Nashville, Tenn., resulting in 21 professions of saving faith and 10 additions to the church.

The Cherokee County Association will meet at Cedar Bluff, midway between Gadsden and Rome, Ga., on the railroad, on the 3d day of October. Brother Barnett, Brother Crumpton and as many others as can do so are hereby cordially invited to be with us. We meet on Thursday so the pastors can be home on Sunday. Yours in Christ—M. W. Grogan.

We closed the meeting at Providence last night, with 26 additions and pastor's salary increased \$250. Best meeting since the war they said. J. G. Dobbins is one of our best pastors, and has a splendid work and a loyal bunch to back him up. I begin at Garden City tonight, and go from there to Bangor, Leeds, Calera and Dolomite. Have conducted seven meetings at Dolomite. Alabama looks good to me, and I am thinking of coming home. Yours in Christ—W. J. Ray.

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

THOUGHT FOR COUNTRY CHURCH MONTH.

A Prayer.

Let me not die before I've done for Thee
 My earthly work, whatever it may be;
 Call me not hence with mission unfulfilled,
 Let me not leave my space of ground untill'd;
 Impress the truth upon me—that not one
 Can do my portion that I leave undone;
 For each one in Thy vineyard hath a space
 To labor in for life; none can take his place.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Central District.
 Our work in the Etowah Association, where we have 15 societies, with Mrs. H. L. Ison as superintendent.

Our Alabama missionary to North China—Miss Cynthia Meadors.

The Colbert, Coosa River and Lauderdale Associations, in session during this week.

DURING SEPTEMBER.

We study the problems of our country churches.
 We give to Home Missions and to the W. M. U. expense fund.

BUTLER-ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING.

The W. M. U. of the Butler County Association held a two days' meeting July 30 and 31 at Mt. Olive (West), the superintendent, Miss Lena Goodwin, presiding. A good crowd was present at all the meetings and thoroughly enjoyed the well-prepared program.

After the devotional exercises Miss Ada Ray gave the visitors a hearty welcome in behalf of the society, church and community.

Interesting papers along the line of the W. M. U. work were read by Mesdames Nelson and Skipper and Misses McMullan, Eskey and Clement.

Encouraging reports showed that each society represented had caught the "Forward Movement" spirit. All rejoiced to know that we had gone beyond our apportionment for last year and readily accepted the apportionment for the new year. Miss Cora Goodwin and Mrs. Lela Crever were re-elected as county officers. The association voted to send greetings to Mrs. Tom Brown (formerly Miss Mary Rhoades).

It was an inspiration to have with us our state secretary-treasurer, Miss Kathleen Mallory, with her heart overflowing with love for our Master's work. So thoroughly was she appreciated that we used her in every available place. While singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" the congregation came forward and gave a hearty welcome to Miss Julia Ward, our new secretary-treasurer, and a sad but loving farewell to Miss Kathleen Mallory.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mt. Olive for their generous hospitality. Mt. Pleasant (East) was chosen as our next meeting place. The meeting adjourned.
 MRS. LELA CREVER.

MEETING OF MOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The sixth annual session of the W. M. U. of the Mobile Association was held August 1, 1912, at Bay Minette, Ala.

There were 80 present at the morning session. An all-day program had been prepared. The meeting was held at the Presbyterian church. The weather

was ideal. The superintendent, Mrs. S. J. Armstrong, presided at the meeting, and all seemed to cooperate with her in every way.

The morning session was opened by singing "I am Thine, O Lord." Mrs. Locke led in the devotional exercises, "Woman's Work" being the topic. After the song "Victory" Mrs. Locke prayed and then gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the assigned topic. The song "Eternity" was then sung, after which Mrs. Hand in her own beautiful way bid us welcome into the hearts and homes of the people of Bay Minette. This was responded to by Mrs. McRae, of the Oakdale church. Mrs. Vandiver then sang a beautiful solo.

Mrs. Kallin resigned as secretary of the association. Having been elected president of the Southern District, she felt that she could not very well hold the two offices. Her resignation was accepted. Mrs. Armstrong appointed Miss Lorraine McCoy to act as secretary pro tem. The secretary's report was then read and approved. Miss Dunn, who represented the orphanage, gave an interesting description of her work, and all appreciated the different pictures of the orphanage brought with her.

Mrs. Armstrong then announced that Miss Mallory and Miss Ward were in the room, and Mrs. Kallin was asked to escort them to the platform. Miss Mallory held the attention of every one as she spoke on "Our Attitude Toward Next Year's Work." The "Standard of Excellence" was discussed and "Some Forward Steps" of that standard were explained. She emphasized the great need of having more than one copy of "Our Missions Fields," which will no longer be sent free of cost to the societies. Miss Mallory also gave the new watch word of the Southern W. M. U.: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We all felt sad to think this was Miss Mallory's last visit with us, but we rejoice that she has been called to a larger field of usefulness.

Miss Ward, Miss Mallory's successor, was then introduced, and the ladies were charmed with her and in their hearts pledged themselves to cooperate with her in her new work. The Sunbeams of Bay Minette sang "More Like the Master," after which the meeting was closed with a prayer by Miss Ward.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Miss Gladys Kennedy, the topic being "Young Women as Builders." After the opening song, "Love Divine," prayer was offered by Mrs. Hurlbert. Miss Kennedy then spoke beautifully on the above mentioned topic. We were then favored with a quartette by members of the Bay Minette church. Miss Lorraine McCoy then spoke on "Our Immediate Task for the Young People," after which Miss Garnett sang a solo, which was greatly appreciated.

In the superintendent's annual address she reported 19 W. M., two Y. W. A. and six S. B. B. The total amount contributed for all purposes was \$3,016.86. Mrs. Kallin gave an interesting talk on "The Reason for and the General Plan of Our State Mission Work." The song "Alabama was sung. Reports from various societies were given. The apportionment card was then read by Miss May Bolling. An invitation was given to any society that would like to join the union.

The question of having a separate time and place of meeting from the general association was brought up and discussed by Mesdames, Hand, McRae and Kallin. It was finally decided that the meeting be held at a separate time and place, and the Dauphin Way Baptist church extended an invitation, which was accepted. May 15 was decided upon. The elec-

tion of officers then took place. Mrs. Armstrong was re-elected. Mrs. Kallin nominated Miss Lorraine McCoy for secretary, and she was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Locke paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Armstrong for her faithful services to the union. Mrs. Kallin read resolutions thanking the people of Bay Minette for their hospitality, for the use of the Presbyterian church, for the music rendered by the organist, choir and Sunbeams, and especially to Mrs. Vandiver, who rendered solos on several occasions. Prayer of dismissal was offered by Mrs. Locke.

LORRAINE A. M'COY,
 Secretary.

AUGUST VISITORS TO THE MISSION ROOM.

Mrs. Laura Kennedy, Ashford, Ala.
 Miss Eula V. Dawson, Montgomery, Ala.
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 Miss Annie Vary, Marion, Ala.
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 Miss Wilson, Montgomery, Ala.
 Miss Alma McGaugh, Montgomery, Ala.
 Mrs. Cordie B. Reed, Newton, Ala.

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The third week of every month the woman's page of the Alabama Baptist will be reserved for the children's and young people's societies of the W. M. U. It is hoped that the Sunbeams will fill one column, the Royal Ambassadors another, and the Y. W. A.'s the third.

Nearly every day letters come to the mission room from leaders of our young people's societies asking for help in planning programs and work. If you have held an especially interesting meeting or if you have a good plan for personal service work write it to Miss Laura Lee Patrick, 624 Bell building, Montgomery. Published in the young people's page of the Baptist, it may be a great help to many societies.

MINUTES OF PELHAM SUNBEAMS.

The Pelham Encampment Sunbeam Band was organized August 2, 1912, Miss Addie E. Cox, of Carrollton, acting as leader. A meeting was held each day at 10:45 a. m. An African story was told Wednesday by the leader. The African curio box was used to illustrate the story. Thursday Miss Mary Blount Keith, of Selma, told another story of Africa. Friday the leader told about Japan, using Japanese curios. Saturday Miss Laura Lee Patrick, state leader of the young people, told an Indian story and taught the children several songs.

At a called meeting Sunday afternoon, August 25 the following officers were elected: Miss Louise Smith, Cordova, president; Miss Kathleen Moseley, Wetumpka, vice-president; Master Hobson Farris, Evergreen, secretary; Miss Madeline Dix, Decatur, treasurer.
 LOUISE SMITH, President.

HOBSON FARRIS, Secretary.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR COUNTRY CHURCH MONTH.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—Luke 12:32.

LETTER NO. 50—ANOTHER LETTER TO THE MOTHER WHO ASKED ME TO SPRINKLE HER BABY.

My Dear Friend:

In my other letter I gave as one of the reasons why Baptists do not believe in infant baptism the fact that the act itself is not in very truth an act of baptism. Immersion only is baptism, the Greeks themselves being our witnesses. But my second reason for Baptist opposition to infant baptism is this:

2. Infant Immersion is Not Baptism as a Christian Ordinance.

That is, while all baptisms as a Christian ordinance are immersions, still all immersions are not baptisms as a Christian ordinance. Baptism, as a Christian ordinance, in the absence of certain qualifications, becomes a meaningless performance. That is, immersion is Christian baptism to those only who have given creditable evidence that they have been regenerated—born again—of the Holy Spirit. I think it is a provable proposition that the Founder of the churches of the New Testament would have them composed of persons who, in judgment of charity, had been twice born. And not only in the great commission, but throughout the whole of the New Testament, the "thus-saith-the-Lord" is that baptism should immediately follow a believing reception of gospel truth, as exhibiting the spiritual change wrought on the inside of life—an outward declaration—a kind of an act-word—of one's inward transition from death to life. In one's godly sorrow for sin he may be said to have fellowship with the sufferings of Christ, being made conformable unto his death. Thus, too, through faith he becomes a partaker of his life; for he becomes dead, indeed, unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. :11). Hence Paul, referring to baptism as the initiatory ordinance of the church, and speaking of it as a thing well understood by those whom he addresses, says: "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? There we are buried with Him by baptism into death," enclosed, so to speak, in the sepulchre of waters, are the dead in the tomb—"that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Now, if this be the significance of Christian baptism, then I ask, with certainty that no biblical answer can be given, with what propriety is it administered to either those who have never passed through any spiritual renewal, but are still dead in trespasses and sins, or to helpless and unconscious infants? Since the ordinance was designed to represent the great fact of regeneration as having already taken place in the subject, it cannot be administered to the unregenerate, either adults or infants, without utterly nullifying its intent. It becomes, therefore, when avowedly so administered, either a meaningless mummery, or, what is worse, a concrete falsehood.

Therefore, Baptists have always insisted that none but believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Savior are proper subjects of baptism as a Christian ordinance. And since your baby cannot possibly be a believer in Jesus Christ, it is, therefore, an improper subject for baptism.

This is the second reason why, as a Baptist minister, I refused to baptize your baby. Another reason is this:

3. It is Not Commanded in the Bible.

I mean that infant baptism is no where taught in the Bible. I am aware that some have called this the "Baptists' stale and standing objection to infant baptism." Indeed, it is our "standing" objection to infant baptism; and it is "stale" to the Pedobaptists only because they cannot meet it. There is not a word in the whole Bible about infant baptism. There is not even a plausible inference for it. And while the Baptists from the very first have been demanding a "thus-saith-the-Lord" for the practice, still nobody has been able to point to a biblical reason for it.

Some one has said, very truly, that the passages usually relied on to teach and support infant baptism, as a practice, are divided into three classes: First, those which mention infants, and do not mention baptism. Second, those which mention baptism and do not mention infants. Third, those which mention neither baptism nor infants.

The scripture which tells of Jesus taking the little children into His arm and pronouncing His blessing on them is a first rate example of the first class. The household baptisms spoken of in the New Testament are good examples of the second class. In "The Methodist Armor" I was reading the other day when Hudson, the author of the book, has to say about the baptism of the jailer and his "household." He makes out a case of infant baptism in the following way: "The apostolic practice was that of baptizing entire families. And so if modern preachers follow them, they will baptize entire families. And if they go on in doing so, it is certain that they will baptize infants, for the continued practice of baptizing entire families is to baptize infants. That is, the practice of baptizing entire families will necessarily result in the baptism of infants."

My friend, please re-read this quotation; and, as you do so, note the false statements that are necessary to make out the case. Truth is, it was not the apostolic practice to baptize entire families except where entire families ought to be baptized. And the jailer's "household" is a good example of the sort of families that ought to be baptized, for the account says point-blank, that the entire family heard the preaching, rejoiced greatly and believed.

As an example of the third class of the scriptures on which the Pedobaptists rely for their authority to baptize infants I give Isaiah 52:15: "So shall he sprinkle many nations." Here is a scripture which certainly does not mention either baptism or children; still it is one of the strong proof-texts for infant baptism.

Now, my friend, I am sure you are so much concerned about the baptism of your baby because you think that the Bible commands you to baptize her. In this you are mistaken. You did not receive this command from God, but from some other source. Infant baptism originated in the Catholic church, and was one of the evils growing out of a dangerous heresy. The Catholics early came to believe about baptism just as they believe now, namely: It is essential to salvation. And so they reasoned this way: If unbaptized adults are lost, so are unbaptized infants. And thus infant baptism had its origin.

And if you go on and have your baby baptized, please remember when you do so that you are not doing what the Bible says ought to be done, but what the Catholic church says you ought to do!

4. It Does no Good.

This is another reason why Baptists have never practiced infant baptism.

The ordinance of baptism has an important place in the economy of God's plan under grace. But it is not a channel of grace through which, as a material conduit, heavenly blessings flow upon mankind, irrespective of any faith on their part. God, in His spirit, binds Himself to no fixed methods, much less does He put into mortal hands the means by which He will quicken the dead in sin. After all, what good can infant baptism accomplish?

Neither does good, or it doesn't. If it does any good at all, then what?

The Catholic view is that it does good—it makes the baptized a Christian.

This view is what gave rise to our word "christen." It means, in its first sense, "to make a Christian." Hence, in the Church Dictionary, says: "To christen, baptize; because at baptism the person receiving the sacrament is made, as the catechism teaches, a member of Christ."

The Baptist view is that it does no good at all. For as the baptized children of the Catholics, and Episcopalians, and Presbyterians, and Methodists, grow up no difference at all, for better, is seen between them and unbaptized children of the pious Quaker, or the Baptists, or even of the unbeliever. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is what the Bible says. It is a good rule to go by in more senses than when one is judging a tree.

Now, all the other beliefs about infant baptism come between the Catholic and Baptist views. Do you believe more nearly with the former or the latter? For what good is it that you wish your baby baptized? In other letters I'll point out some of the evils of this practice.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. GAVIN.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Very recently at our midweek prayer meeting we had for discussion "Faith," which brought out various ideas and questions as to what faith is.

To my mind faith is the door through which we enter into the kingdom or into Christ our Savior, God's most precious love gift to the world. We must have faith and believe in Jesus if we inherit salvation.

What does faith bring to the believer?

First, it brings pardon and forgiveness of sin. Then comes the incomparable peace with God, also hope, which is the anchor of the soul.

Confidence in God, with that beautiful fellowship and oneness in Christ, which we find in the farewell prayer of our blessed Lord, that His believers might be perfected in one.

Not only does it bring the blessing of peace and joy, but it brings strength of character and courage, which enables us to withstand the evil that is ever present. Also gives boldness to walk in His statutes in love and the light which is found only in Christ Jesus.

So it is through faith we are cleansed, purified and in Him made complete who died for us.

It brings more than freedom and victory in this life. It reaches beyond this vale.

Through faith we are able to grasp the rich and glowing promises pertaining to the life to come.

At the end we will hear, as did the faithful steward spoken of in the parable of the talents, "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," which means to live with God throughout the endless in the mansions prepared for us, as spoken of in John 14:1-3, where Jesus said to His disciples, who were troubled and soon to be more sorely perplexed. We hear Him say in that loving and comforting tone, as no other than He could say:

"Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

So it is through faith that we become heirs of God and joint heirs to Jesus, and enjoy here the blessed communion with the Holy Spirit. May we all have that love and working faith in God that does things for Him.

Yours for the Master,

ELMA GRAY CONNELL

Mars Hill, N. C.

WHAT THE DRUG HABIT MEANS.

Whether a man has acquired the habit knowingly or unknowingly, its action is always the same. No matter how conscientiously he wishes to discharge his affairs, the drug at once begins to loosen his sense of moral obligation, until in the end it brings about absolute irresponsibility. Avoidance and neglect of customary duties, evasion of new ones, extraordinary resourcefulness in the discovery of the line of least resistance, and finally amazing cunning and treachery—this is the inevitable history.

The drug habit is no respecter of persons. I have had under my care exemplary mothers and wives, who became indifferent to their families; clergymen of known sincerity and fervor, who became shoplifters and forgers; shrewd, successful business men, who became paupers, because the habit left them at the mercy of sharpers after mental deterioration had set in.—From Charles B. Towns' "The Peril of the Drug Habit" in the August Century.

Dr. Gambrell says: "Among printers and editors there is a strong prejudice in favor of writing that can be read. A very considerable proportion of the copy that comes to this office is an assault with intent to write, but the amiable intent fails. It is a wriggle, a blur, sometimes interlined or crossed over or written so indistinct that only the Almighty or a mind reader could possibly know what it meant. Some of it we try to print by guessing at it, and some we throw away. When you write to a paper remember that newspaper men are not mind readers."

PELHAM MEETING VERY IMPORTANT.

By Rev. J. D. Ray.

The Baptist encampment at Pelham Heights has come and gone. What are the net results that may be placed to the credit side of our Baptist resources?

We have at Pelham Heights 55 acres of land on top of a high ridge some 400 feet above the railroad. This is 20 miles south of Birmingham, on the A. B. & A and L. & N. railroads. The encampment commission has built on the grounds a splendid 60-room hotel, dining room and kitchen and assembly pavilion. A full water supply from a well 200 feet deep. An electric plant with which all the buildings and grounds are lighted, a large concrete swimming pool, tennis grounds, baseball grounds, parks, etc.

The railroads granted reduced rates this year, and with an attendance the first year of a thousand, we may expect these low rates hereafter without question.

The grounds have been laid off into about 125 lots. These lots will bring \$100 and more per lot now, as about 45 have already been sold. The money from the sale of lots will go to further improvements.

Improvements thus far made represent an investment of \$15,000. What will this investment mean in the years to come, not only to Baptists, but the moral and civic life of the state?

Means Much for All.

I think it means much for the Baptist cause. The forward step of any denomination means that all other denominations will alike move forward. We all advance or retrograde together.

The Baptist encampment means that we will take an advance step next year. We held a 10 days session this year that meant rest, recreation, fellowship, instruction and a new inspiration. The encampment had not closed until the new commission announced a students conference for June 3 and 4, at which an attempt will be made to bring together the students of every Baptist school in the state and every Baptist student in every school of the state for deepening the spiritual life, solidifying this purpose and correlating the moral resources.

The plan is to study the Bible for six weeks following the students' conference, at which it is hoped to gather every Baptist preacher of the state from 20 to 45 years old, especially those who have had no theological training. This will mean a revolution in Baptist affairs, especially in the country districts. It is planned to furnish lectures without cost to them except living expenses, which will be reduced to a minimum.

THE JONES MILL MEETING.

We have just closed a glorious tent meeting of 10 days at Jones Mill. Brother Curtis Shugart did the preaching, to the entire satisfaction of everybody. He made good beyond all expectations, with some to spare. His past experience as a criminal lawyer in Birmingham has supplied him with many illustrations from real life of what sin has done for men.

Among the many cases from real life is that of his own. His picture of his own life, drug by sin and the devil down to the very verge of perdition,

until the snakes and devils were all about him, and eternal despair seemed certain. After trying Keely cure after Keely cure only to go deeper, after going to the very depths of sin, until ashamed to meet wife or mother, he tried to take his own life and end all in eternal ruin. He tells as only Shugart can tell of how in desperation he turned to "Calvary cure" and was delivered from bondage. The miracle of grace as illustrated by his own life revives hope in the worst of men and they are led to seek Christ.

Our people named him "Sugar" from the beginning of the meeting. If you saluted a fellow with "Hello! Where are you going?" he would answer, "Over to the tent to get some more sugar." But I can tell you it was not all sugar. Sometimes it was salt and pepper, and it well rubbed on. The visible results of the meeting were 40 additions to our new church, 15 of them by baptism, and two others declared their intention of joining other churches. The meeting closed with about 200 people asking for prayer, but Brother Shugart was worn out and had to stop. Though our neighborhood is strongly Primitive Baptist, they showed their appreciation of Brother "Sugar" by voluntarily giving through envelopes \$85 for his work. He has a standing invitation to come back any time he wishes, and I will assure him not only a tent, but a yard full of people to hear him.

E. B. FARRAR.

Pine Apple, Ala.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER, SETH MERCEY,

Who on the 17th of Last July, at the Ripe Age of Nearly 86 Years, Laid Aside His "Christian Armor" to Dwell in Peace at Home.

He united with our body at Antioch in 1872, and led a consistent Christian life for 40 years or more. The widow and the orphan ever found in him a true friend.

We bow in humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well," believing that his spirit has entered into that "rest remaineth for the people of God," "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." Rest! sweet rest!! "Peace to his ashes."

C. C. LLOYD,
JOSEPH A. DAY,
E. E. STUCKEY,

Committee.

Antioch Church, Butler County, Ala.

I have just closed a very successful meeting at Galliee church, in the Mt. Carmel Association. We had 16 accessions to the church—14 of them by baptism. The people came for miles around. The meeting was held under an arbor. Rev. H. F. Merrell, of Tennessee, is the pastor. I go to hold a meeting at Mountain Grove church, in the same association. This is an association that needs help along missionary lines, and I am trying to do what I can. The North Liberty meets September 10. Respectfully—R. R. Brasher.

There are approximately 180,000,000 people in Africa, a huge total which yet only averages less than 15 persons to the square mile. Sixty million Africans are Moslems.

A BAPTIST CONSCIOUSNESS.

It seems the Baptist encampment has awakened a Baptist consciousness and begot a denominational dignity. The Baptists have been 12,000 strong and 180,000 weak in Alabama. Nearly one-half of the Baptist churches last year gave absolutely nothing to worldwide evangelization. While the Baptists were giving 20 cents per member the Presbyterians were averaging nearly \$2 per member to evangelize the world.

The awakening of the Baptist consciousness will bring to us a conviction, which is coming to many other denominations, especially in the north, of the limitations of associated effort, with special emphasis on the hurtful limits necessitated by union effort. The great denominations have gone to great lengths for co-operation in Sunday school work. These co-operative efforts have been expensive, with no commensurate quid pro quo. Let us have good fellowship and a co-operative spirit. There must not and will not be a lesser fraternity and good will; neither should there develop a sectarian parrotism, but a denominational dignity and assertiveness that means progress, growth and life.

The Baptists of the south have, and we must realize it and utilize it, the equipment for taking care of our own Sunday school interests. We should foster and promote these as we may deem wisest and best. Our awakening will come none too soon; for too long have we delegated our teacher training to interdenominational efforts, which can never be quite so effective as in our own hands. We can but develop our own forces. We should be content to gather in great interdenominational meetings and have great inspirational addresses; but the vital work of equipping its teachers and leaders must be left to each denomination.

There are large and glorious things in store for any courageous people. We must lift the banner of New Testament truth; inscribed with the mighty principles as summarized by another: "The supremacy of the scriptures, the Lordship of Jesus, the empire of conscience, the sanctity of the single church."

I think perhaps the culmination of some of these hopes and ideals among us was written large at Pelham Heights, when the call was made for a Sunday school convention, state-wide in scope and planned for all our Baptist forces next year. Let us be of good courage and go forward lest we fail of our obligation and let another take our crown.

FROM ATMORE.

The first one of my meetings this year was held at Catawba Springs church, near Pollard, in July, where we had a good spiritual meeting. Six were received for baptism and the church greatly revived. This is the church where the Escambia Association will be held this fall. These brethren have so far paid their apportionment to the different objects fostered and have kept their pastor paid up, besides giving the handsome sum of \$60 to the visiting preacher. My second meeting was held at Elim church, 15 miles east of Brewton, on the fourth Sunday in July, continuing through the first Sunday in August. A

fine meeting, with 13 additions and a spiritual uplift to all. This is an old church, which has had some of our best preachers as pastor, such as the lamented J. E. Bell, B. H. Crumpton and others. The brethren claim that this was one of the best meetings that had ever been held there. The church is up with its apportionment, keeps their pastor paid up and paid the visiting brother \$62 for his services. In both these meetings we had with us Brother R. J. O'Bryant, of the East Lake church, Chattanooga, Tenn., who did some of the best preaching of his life. I can certainly recommend this brother to any one who feels like his church needs some old-time gospel and want stirring up. My third meeting was at Local, 15 miles from Atmore. Brother Corhand came to the assistance of the pastor and did some good work for us, but the visible results were not as satisfactory as we could have wished. I have resigned as pastor, and the church called Brother Theo Harris, of Mt. Pleasant, for next year. Last Sunday we had a meeting at Pine Barren church, three miles south of Atmore, and had the help of Brother Judson Brooks, of Geneva county. I can recommend Brother Brooks as a strong gospel preacher. Eight were received in this meeting, and the church was very much revived. The Lord be praised for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men.

R. W. BROOKS.

RESOLUTIONS OF GLENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH ON BRO. THOMPSON'S RESIGNATION.

Whereas, Brother Thompson, our beloved pastor, has, after two years' service, decided to offer his resignation as pastor of Glenwood Baptist church, be it resolved:

First—That it greatly grieves us to accept his resignation, in that he has endeared himself not only to his own denomination, but to many others, by his kind deeds and loving thoughts.

Second—That his untiring labors, both as pastor and preacher, will be much missed, but that we pray the good Master to direct us and help us in our next selection.

Third—That the Lord may bless him and be with him in his new field of labor.

Fourth—That we ask him to remember us in his prayers, even though he with us no more.

Fifth—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to Brother Thompson and a copy sent the Alabama Baptist for publication.

JOHN J. BRYAN,
MRS. CHAS. HAWKINS,
J. D. WARRICK,

Committee.

We began our revival meeting at Mt. Nebo, near Hollytree, Ala., August 18 and closed on the 25th. We had Brother Fendley, of Meridian, Miss., from the beginning until Friday. He preached the gospel with great power and made many friends. The church was greatly revived and four added—two by baptism and two by letter. A number of sinners became interested about their souls and gave their hand for prayer. We are trusting for more visible results, for the interest grew all the time. Yours in bonds of Christian love—W. T. Hall, Larkin.

SOME WORDS FROM A YOUNG MAN.

Some scripture has been ringing in my ears for some time.

Our Savior asked Peter: "Lovest thou me more than these?" And this was for you and me, as well as for Peter.

When we see men and women who take in all the worldly pleasures and when Sunday comes we see only a few of them at Sunday school, could they say they love the things of God more than the worldly things? Not if actions speak louder than words.

I sometimes try to get up a collection for State, Home or Foreign Missions of the orphans' home, and very few of our members give anything.

Some give a little, but not as much as they spend in one week for worldly pleasure. Surely if they love God more than these they would not act this way.

We ask some of our members why they don't come to Sunday school or why they have stopped, and they say, "Oh, I am too tired," or "Somebody hurt my feelings," or some other excuse God won't accept.

Don't you believe if you loved God with all your heart, soul and strength you would come if you were tired or if somebody did say something that did not please you?

Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Do you think stopping Sunday school is letting your light shine?

Jesus said: "He that would save his life shall lose it, but he that will lose his life for my sake shall find it. He that would be my disciple let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

When we think of these and other passages showing the high standard Jesus set for the Christian life and compare our own lives of sin and see how our members act, no wonder Jesus said, "Straight is the gate and narrow the way that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." A YOUNG MAN.

JUNIOR GRADED LESSONS WILL BE READY.

I wish to announce that we shall have the periodicals for the Junior Graded Lessons ready for use October 1. We shall provide periodicals for the entire four years' work at once, thus covering the work of the whole department. We shall have a teachers' book and pupil's papers for each year's work. The lessons are being prepared by Miss Nona Lee Dover and Miss Florence C. Lide. They have taken hold of the work in a fashion which guarantees that they will be up to the standard set by the beginner's and primary periodicals. We can now offer, therefore, the Graded Lessons for the first nine years of the Sunday school curriculum.

The work has been so planned that, where there is not a separate room for the department, it can be done in individual classes. Comparatively few schools have a separate room, but a great many have organized a separate junior department. The Graded Lessons will help to keep the junior classes distinct from the rest of the school and give them a common interest.

It will be remembered that the Graded Lessons are planned to begin the 1st of October. Many hundreds of schools ought to become interested in these new lessons and introduce them into the elementary department. We shall be glad to send a sample teacher's book and a set of pupil's papers for any grade for 30 cents. We shall be glad at any time to answer questions about the new lessons.

J. M. FROST.

A GLAD DAY IN PINGTU.

Dr. T. O. Hearn in a letter dated May 20, 1912, tells of the remarkable progress of the work in the Pingtu Station, in North China. On the Sunday on which our convention was in session in Oklahoma City they were having a great day in Pingtu. Two splendid young men were ordained to the ministry. Forty-three converts were baptized, and a new church with 94 members was organized. The large number of 125 were baptized within three weeks. This begins to look as if a great movement in China towards the gospel has already begun. The following is Dr. Hearn's letter:

"Yesterday was Sunday, and I want to say a word to you about our services here. Our beloved brethren, Yung Trung and K'i Chan Kweit, were ordained. The Lord has heard our prayers, as He always will in His time if we pray in faith, and we now have three pastors instead of one.

"It was a glad day with us, and a large crowd was present. Dr. Pruitt, of Chefoo; Brother Turner, of Tengchow; Brother Newton, of Hwanghian; Pastor Tsang Kao, of Hwanghien, and Brother Leondar, of Lailchifu, came and assisted our Pingtu forces in the ordinations. The examination took place on Saturday, conducted by Brother Newton; Dr. Pruitt preached the sermon; several led in prayer; Pastor Tsang gave the charge to the new pastors and Pastor Leondar gave the charge to the churches. The whole service was impressive and helpful. These two young pastors have had considerable experience, are very helpful in every way, and I verily believe they will reap a great harvest for the Master in this field.

"In the afternoon Pastor K'i baptized 43. This makes 125 who have been baptized here within the past three weeks. It is a great joy to see how all our work is going forward. Today we are going out to K'ewang, 20 miles west of here in the country, and tomorrow we will organize a church there. I am going prepared to stay out a few days to preach to the people and treat their sick. We are now treating about 1,000 patients in a month."

Thus the work goes forward gloriously. May the Lord bless His people at home to stand by our missionaries in this time of splendid opportunity.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

Richmond, Va.

SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS.

Throughout the Birmingham Association the offerings during the month of September are for associational missions, and should be forwarded as soon as possible to Rev. J. D. Ray, 1725 Marshall avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Our executive committee are anxious to enlarge their plans for next year. We hope to inaugurate a movement that will plant Sunday schools and prayer meetings and preaching stations in many of our destitute places, and the success or failure of this movement will be determined by the offerings that are made this month for such work in our own association.

It is to be hoped that every pastor will lay upon the hearts of his people the dying needs of the great field that here at home and ask at their hands a most liberal offering. We have been handicapped this year for lack of funds, but in spite of this we have been holding our get-together campaign whenever possible and planting Sunday schools and doing the best we could with the limited amount of means in hand.

September is the only month of the year when we have an opportunity for making an offering for our associational work, and we ought to make use of it. This money is sent to Brother Ray, the secretary and treasurer of our executive committee, and is used to the glory of our Lord. Every Sunday school in the association ought to send him an offering for this work. Brother superintendent, suppose you do this.

A. A. WALKER,
Missionary Evangelist.

Hon. Thomas W. Phillips, a prominent Disciple, died in New Castle, Penn., July 21, "leaving an estate valued at more than \$2,000,000, accumulated in the oil business since 1873." He was the author of the book, "The Church of Christ," published anonymously (as by a "Layman") a few years ago. Those who read the book with any attention knew as well then as they know now that it was written by a Disciple. Mr. Phillips left \$10,000 for its larger distribution, so we shall hear still more of it.—Pacific Baptist.

Rev. Allen R. Moore, D. D., for years editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate and the beloved leader of his denomination in the Birmingham district, who has been called to Savannah, Ga., has always stood in the forefront fighting for civic righteousness. We will greatly miss him, as he was a power for good in his onslaughts on the whiskey traffic in Alabama. We welcome Brother D. P. Taylor to the ranks of religious journalism.

ASSOCIATIONS

We had the pleasure of attending the Shelby Association, which met with the Vincent church. Brother C. W. O'Hara, who stands four square for the organized work, was re-elected moderator, as was W. J. Horsely, the efficient clerk. It brought back pleasant memories to meet with the Vincent saints. The association means to put in a missionary. We spent a few pleasant hours in the lovely home of Brother Wilder, who knows how to entertain when his good wife is away. We heard fine reports of the meeting held at Vincent by Dr. Yarborough. We are indebted to Dr. Kidd for curing a bad cold.

We went down to Hull's to be at the Tuscaloosa Association, which met with Big Sandy, in a neighborhood famous for its hospitality. Judge H. B. Foster, one of the most gracious moderators in the state, was re-elected and John T. Beadle, one of the most valuable men in the county, was re-elected clerk. This was the first association in which we have met Brother M. C. Reynolds. His plain, straightforward talk for the orphanage made it many friends. Dr. Dunson preached a strong and effective missionary sermon. Many telling speeches were made. We greatly enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Brother and Sister Yercy Axford.

Now comes a tale of woe. We left the Tuscaloosa Association Thursday night headed for the North River. We got to Birmingham after midnight and early Friday left for Carbon Hill. A wreck caused us to reach Carbon Hill about 3 p. m. The association had adjourned. We asked some of the brethren why they were in such a hurry. One replied that Brother O'Rear had learned how to dispatch business and it didn't take the association long to get through. We greatly regretted not being able to meet with the association, but enjoyed seeing Pastor McCollum and some of his saints.

"Yes," confessed a summer shopper, "I actually found myself getting so nervous and fretted over the heat as I hurried for the train, I just deliberately had to turn my attention to thinking what good luck I'd had, how pleased the children would be with their new bathing suits and their tent, or I should have been really ill!" As Maltbie Babcock suggests, there is a saving power in diversion whether in spiritual or material things.

Two members of the Coats family, the great thread-making company of Paisley, Scotland, died recently, leaving estates which combined are valued at more than \$16,000,000, on which the government collects an inheritance tax of over \$2,000,000. The Coats family is Baptist, as was the founder of the business. Some years ago they built one of the most beautiful and expensive churches in all Great Britain or in the world.

Dr. J. Whitecomb Brougher, of the Temple Baptist church, of Los Angeles, is spending the month of August with his family at Gearhart, Oregon. The daily papers say that the Temple church may possibly build another edifice to house its congregation, in view of the fact that the lease on the auditorium expires in four years.

Dr. W. W. Landrum will supply the Ponce de Leon Avenue church, Atlanta, two Sundays in August and two in September.

Dr. John F. Purser, of Atlanta, held a series of meetings at Summerville, Ga., recently. The interest was good from the first service, and the church was greatly revived.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins has accepted the Twenty-second and Walnut Street church, Louisville, as he says: "As evangelistic supply pastor for six or eight months, and if God approves by his blessing to let the relationship continue indefinitely."

"It's a quare sort o' way Martin talks," said Pat. "It's as if he tuk the wuds out av his mou', an' luked at 'em before he gives 'em to yes."

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

Last week we visited Gideon's Spring, on the slopes of Mount Gilboa. We will now descend to the plain of Esdraelon and look upon a scene which Jesus must have looked upon many times and one that gave Him many illustration for His teachings. Note the lines numbered 67 on our map, which show that we shall be looking southeast.

Position 67. "By the Side of Still Waters," on the Plain of Jezreel.

Here we find a peaceful spot in the valley of a small stream that meanders with many windings through the plain. We are looking southeast, and in the distance to the right is a shoulder of Gilboa. Near us are flocks pasturing on the stream's banks, drinking from its waters, resting by its side. We can see that the sheep and the goats are kept apart (Matt. 25:32-33). Here is a shepherd of Palestine with his staff in his hands. That shepherd knows each sheep and each goat. He is responsible for them all, and if one is lost he must make it good to the owner. If you could look closely on his staff you might find that it was all notched from end to end, for keeping the tally of his flock. He has led them down to drink, and now he is just leading them up to feed on the grassy plain. He does not drive his flock, as shepherds do in our land; he walks before them, gives a peculiar call, and they follow him, forsaking this field for the one he has chosen. The sheep here are worth \$2 or so apiece. The wool business in this part of Palestine is today one of the most important industries in the land. Ten thousand tons are shipped annually from Beirut. The industry has always been familiar to the people's minds. The work for the shepherd is something they all understand.

How much there is here to call to mind what David said (Psalms 22) and what our Lord said (John 10:1-18) about the shepherd and his flock! Did David compose that exquisite poem while he was a shepherd at Bethlehem with true poet's insight, beholding the spiritual law in the natural world? Or was it written late in his life from his palace on Mount Zion, as he recalled those earlier days when he sat among his sheep, with no thought of the royal destiny awaiting him? One quality of David which made him great was his popular sympathy. He had been born among the people, not in the purple. He never forgot that he had been a shepherd, nor was he ashamed to recall it in his poetry. He knew the wants, and longings, and aspirations of the common masses, and he knew how to arouse their enthusiasm. He found the land under a foreign yoke, dis-severed and discordant. He linked together the twelve tribes as one man; he threw off the Philistine chain from Israel, and then bound it in turn over Philistia; in one generation he established an empire of ten times the territory held at his accession. But for the autocratic rule of his son and the childish folly of his grandson the throne of David might have held a place in the history beside the thrones of Rameses, of Sargon, of Cyrus, among the great monarchies of the east.

We shall now climb up again to a village now called Zerim, on a northwest spur of Mount Gilboa. Zerim is the ancient Jezreel, so often named in the books of the Kings, and from it we shall look on Gideon's battlefield. See the number 68 on our map and the lines that branch north.

Position 68. Gideon's Battlefield and Hill of Moreh North From Jezreel.

Our guide sits on his horse here on the summit, which is filled up with rocks in wild disorder. On this very height King Ahab built his summer palace, where the cool breezes blow over the plain, straight from the western sea (I Kings 21:1). We are now looking toward the north. How ample the Plain of Esdraelon looks from our elevation; but we shall take a wider sweep of it by and by. That mountain in the distance is Little Hermon, which Bible readers recognize as "the hill of Moreh" (I Kings 21:1-20), and the natives here call Jebel el Duh. But our interest centers on these fields, at the foot of the height, divided by ditches for irrigation. This was once Naboth's vineyard (I Kings 22:37), bought with blood, and for which a still higher price of blood



was paid in the generation afterward. Turn back to a day when this rough ridge was covered with castles, and palaces, and houses. Do you see Queen Jezebel looking out of her window across this plain? Do you see King Ahab in his chariot viewing the vineyard which he had longed with tears to possess, and which is now his own? Do you see Elijah standing gaunt and grim and threatening in his presence? Now let that scene dissolve into another, 15 years later. Ahab sleeps in his sepulchre at Samaria (I Kings 22:37); but what is that bloody corpse lying on the ground of Naboth's vineyard? It is Ahab's son, slain by the arrow of Jehu, and thrown over the wall on the spot where Naboth's blood cried for vengeance 15 years before (II Kings 9:24-26). Who is that old woman with scornful, painted face, wearing a crown over her widow's hood, up yonder at the window as Jehu rides by? It is Jezebel, meeting her doom, resolute and regal to the last (II Kings 9:30-27)! These rocks before us seem to be red even yet, spotted as they were with the blood of Naboth, and Jehoram, and Jezebel!

Use the stereographs (67) "By the Side of Still Waters, on the Plain of Jezreel" and (68) Gideon's Battlefield and Hill of Moreh, North from Jezreel."

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 226 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.

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CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

First—Is it reasonable?

Who would think of trying to run a school, store, family or any other great business without some sort of discipline? No sane man would think of sending his children to a school where there was no discipline at all, but where every child was allowed to do just as it pleased. How long could a store do business if every clerk in it was free to run the business his own way, and there was no plan of co-operation? Who can imagine the wreck and ruin of a home where there were no restrictions about the children?

Discipline is the most reasonable thing under the sun for any kind of society or business. The church is a society doing business for the Lord, and must have some sort of rules and regulations of government like any other society or business.

Second—Is it scriptural?

We Baptists lay great emphasis on the fact that a church should take the New Testament as its only rule of faith and practice, and at the same time nine out of ten of our churches do not obey the New Testament in matters of church discipline. Our duty as to matters of discipline is very clearly taught in the New Testament. The rule for private or personal offenses is found in Matthew 18:15-17, which reads as follows: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." What could be plainer? And yet, how many churches do you know of that have in their memberships men and women who will not speak to each other? Men and women who have lawsuits, hard feeling and who backbite and devour each other, and still nothing is done by the church to reconcile them. To make clear the above statement, let me say that if men will not obey the above rule without it, it is the business of the church to see to it that they do it.

Rules for public or general offenses, or, in other words, offenses against the church as a body, and as the bride of Christ. In the fifth chapter I Corinthians Paul gives directions to the church at Corinth as to what they should do with an incestuous person—a fornicator. See 13th verse. "Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." In other words, exclude him from the church. But look at the 11th verse and see a list of the characters that should not be retained in the membership of a church. "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a raller, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." Now and then you will find a man who will say that he does not believe in excluding any one from the church. There are two ways to account for his saying it. One is that he is ignorant of the teachings of the scriptures. The other is that he is unsaved and does not care what the scriptures teach.

There are others who will say that they have no right to judge. This is a mere dodge. If the brother who says it has read the New Testament he no doubt has noticed what Paul says in the third verse of the fifth chapter of I Corinthians: "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed." Also 12th verse of same chapter, when he says: "Do not ye judge them that are within?" That is, in the church. There is no excuse for this dodge unless one has not read this chapter. Second Thessalonians is clear on the point of exclusion. Read the sixth verse: "Now we command ye, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us."

Why should a preacher keep calling himself Christ's minister when he refuses to preach these things to his church and urge the doing of them? Why should a church keep calling itself the church of the living God and refuse to obey His word?

Possibly, the greatest need of today is the exercise of the right kind of discipline in the churches. The churches must stand for something if they are to do the Lord's work.

A. T. CAMP.

Bishop Cameron, of Pittsburg, says that the leakage from the membership of the Roman church has been exaggerated. The losses have not been more than the gains. What leakage does occur is due, in part, to mixed marriages.

"The Mission of Victoria Wilhelmina."

By Jeanne Bartholomew Magoun. New York: B. W. Huebsch. \$1 net.

This story of a beautiful but ignorant country girl is told as a journal. Annie Wilson goes to New York, trusting too much in her own power to resist temptation and to distinguish good from evil. The gradual steps of her downfall and of her moral recovery through the birth and death of her child are told with realistic expression. While its artistic qualities make it notable as fiction, the book contains ethical implications which makes it worthy of wide circulation as a warning to the girls who are lured from the farms to the city.

"The Function of Teaching in Christianity."

Here is a book worth while by Dr. Charles B. Williams, professor of New Testament Greek and New Testament theology in the Southwestern University. It is published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville for \$1 postpaid. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 gives in detail the facts of the New Testament about the school idea in Christianity concerning Jesus, the twelve apostles, Paul and other teachers and the bishops as teachers. Part 2 considers the class of modern teachers—fathers and mothers and then Sunday school teachers and then the public teachers. Part 3 sets forth the specific functions of Christian preachers. The book is suggestive and helpful in many ways.

"Outline Studies in the Book of Romans."

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Price, \$3.25; postpaid, \$3.65. Comstock Publishing Company, Ithaca, N. Y.

"Fresh Air and How to Use It."

By Thomas Speer Carrington, M. D. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York; 250 pp.; 150 illustrations; cloth. Price, \$1 postpaid.

Fresh air is a necessity, and the problem of obtaining larger quantities of fresh air in dwellings and places of labor is a fundamental and should not be neglected. Dr. Carrington aims in his book to show how an abundance of fresh air is within the reach of every one, whether he be a millionaire owner of a country house or a dweller in a city tenement. Prob-

ably no more complete compendium of information on how to get fresh air in the home at all times has ever been published. The aim of the book is not primarily to suggest methods of treating disease in the open air, though it is published by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. It is rather a handbook for every one who wishes to ward off disease in his own body and in those of the other members of his family. Dr. Carrington's method of treating the subject is practical.

"The Chinese Revolution."

By Arthur Judson Brown. 217 pp.; illustrations, map, cloth binding stamped in gold. New York: Student Volunteer Movement. 75 cents net.

The titles of the chapters show the scope of the book. They are as follows: "Outbreak and Background of the Revolution," "The Transformations wrought by Steam and Commerce," "Diplomatic Relations and Growth of Political Unrest," "Intellectual Awakening and Educational Progress," "Quickening and Constructive Influence of Christianity," "Constitutional Development and Social Reforms," "Leaders of the New China," "The Future of the Republic." Although the book was prepared within a very short period, the impression left by careful reading is that the author has done his work well. In a clear, judicial fashion he has given a most illuminating account of the fundamental causes, the probable issues and the implications of the revolution. It is not a book of dry statistics, names and dates, or accounts of battles, but an interesting and illuminating account of the wonderful revolution which has taken place in China. The author's style is such that the reader is drawn from page to page and from chapter to chapter to the close of the book. As the Chinese express it, the book has "taste to it."

There is nothing in print which will give the reader so concise and timely an account of what all intelligent people want to know about the Chinese revolution.

"Steps to Success; or 'Making Good.'"

By Gordon L. Powell, D. D., Ph. D. Eight addresses first delivered on Sunday evenings to the young men of Caldwell, Idaho, and under their auspices.

During the preparation of these lectures for book form considerable new material was added, but the fundamental lines of thought remain the same, and they bear to a marked degree the impress of Dr. Powell's individuality and his original manner of presenting his subject. Dr. Powell has had widely varied experience during his years in the ministry, both in the United States and Canada, which have furnished him abundant ground on which to base his friendly admonition. "Steps to Success" is a volume of decided helpfulness.

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"Mind Cure and Other Essays."

We have received a copy of the above volume, by Dr. Philip Zenner, author of "Education in Sexual Physiology and Hygiene," a book which has sold over five editions in two years.

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Dr. Charles Frederick Goss says of these essays: "They touch upon the most vital things of life. In every quality which I think to be of value they excel."

Stewart & Kidd Company, Cincinnati. Net, \$1.25.

"South American Problems."

By Robert E. Speer. 265 pp. 1912. New York: Student Volunteer Movement.

Following a fascinating account of the discovery, conquest and settlement of the continent, we find the story of revolutions and the struggle for independence, and chapter 2 contains a wealth of information concerning the remarkable commercial development of the more progressive republics, the growth of great cities, and attributes the backwardness of certain republics to the character of the governing class and the dominance of the Roman Catholic church. In his study of the educational needs the author comments on the lack of solidity and trained teachers and the neglect of primary training and the education of women. Three chapters deal with the founding, extension and present status of the Roman Catholic church in South America. Facts are given regarding social immorality, ignorance, the prohibition of the Bible to the people, and the character of the priesthood, which will make unpleasant reading for some—but all statements are backed by convincing testimony from within the established church.

One finds an instructive chapter on the Indians, setting forth their great need—but based on necessity on conjecture as to the number of these people.

With telling effect four direct questions are asked and answered in the concluding pages of the book, viz:

- Are Protestant missions in South America warranted?
- Can such missions avoid Roman opposition? If not, should they be continued?
- How may they secure adequate recognition and support?

One finishes the reading of this timely book with a deep desire to study "South American Problems" carefully, and with a conviction that conditions existing among our near neighbors must have our attention and the best remedy we can apply.

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MISSION COMPOUNDS SAFER THAN BANK

Every now and then some worldly American "globe-trotter" whose notions of missions are gleaned in the clubs located in the great seaports returns home with the sad news that Christianity has wholly failed to make any impression on the Chinese, and that since it has become a republic they look on the missionary work as temporary, and yet Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn, of Peking, relates a significant incident of the recent disorders in China. At Paotingfu the local banks were so much frightened at the revolutionary outlook that they suspended every sort of payment across their counters. Not even the government officials nor teachers of government schools were able to get money for necessary expenses. But a missionary in the city found it important to obtain \$200 for current outlay at the mission, and he sent a messenger with an appeal for this sum. Greatly to his surprise the messenger returned with \$500 in currency and an offer from the bankers of \$500 more if the mission would be kind enough to take it. The bankers were in serious doubt whether the government was going to continue or not, but they were entirely confident that Christian missions would persist and that money loaned to the missionaries was really safer than in their own coffers. With both the imperialists and the revolutionists consenting in careful respect for foreign property, any transaction which deposited any amount of cash within the mission compound was, from the standpoint of the Chinese, a clear gain in safety.

When rioting broke out in Peking many of the Chinese officials passionately begged the missionaries to receive their families inside the mission buildings. At Tengchou, fourteen miles from Peking, the families of a large number of military officers and others were quartered in the property of the North China Mission College. The missionaries, enjoying this striking testimony of confidence in themselves, contrasted the whole spirit of the hour with conditions in Boxer times, when the mission compounds, so far from being places of refuge, were places from which to flee.

PRISON VERSES

A noted penologist says very rarely will men voluntarily seek the shelter and obloquy of imprisonment, even for the sake of a clean bed and a "bread-and-water" diet. If, moreover, they are careless of the degradation of prison, yet the isolation from the normal world, the loss of liberty, and the separation from friends are all deterrent influences of the most important kind.

Were it not for the forfeiture of freedom the prisons would be filled and the workhouses emptied.

"Oh liberty, how sweet you are!
You seem so near and yet so far.
The heart for you does long again,
But still I am myself to blame,
For getting drunk and doing wrong
Has brought me to this doom so long."

This expresses in the language of one of them their sentiment on the matter, and therein lies the sting of imprisonment.

But when a woman has once adventured on the down track, her descent is very rapid; far more so than that of the male offender.

To many female offenders imprisonment offers no terror. The annals of the police courts of England testify abundantly to this distressing fact, that hundreds of women take prison as one of the commonest incidents of life. One woman wrote on her slate the sentiments of many of her class:

"A poor wanderer here today,
Where tomorrow can not say;
Perhaps in gaol, for aught I know—
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

HIGH PRICE OF MEAT

With the investigations into the beef trust and the strike of the Jewish butchers in New York against the high price of meat, it is well to remember that George K. Holmes, chief of division of foreign markets, bureau of statistics, of the United States Department of Agriculture, prepared for the year book

of the department a treatise on the peculiarities of consumers in their systems of marketing and the delusions they allow themselves to be placed under or blunder into themselves. The digest has been considered serviceable for reprinting in pamphlet form under the title of "Consumers' Fancies."

The pamphlet points out the mistake people of small means make in always selecting the choice, or most expensive cuts of meats, when many of the unsought cheaper parts of the animal are equally or even more nutritious. It quotes a meat trade's journal on prices as follows: "Porterhouse steak, 20 cents; prime rib, 15 cents; sirloins, 12 1-2 cents; round, 8 cents; rump, 7 cents; neck pieces, about 3 cents per pound, respectively." It comments in the following strain:

"Although epicureans admit and chemists demonstrate that the neck piece is toothsome and nutritious, it bears the lowest price. In fact it would hardly be considered respectable to ask the butcher for a piece of the neck. Perhaps a low order of proficiency in the housewife's cooking in the past gave to the neck piece its low place. The story might have been different had the housewife of former times possessed the French housewife's ability to utilize meats in the making of attractive and delicious dishes."

The point of the argument is that cheap cuts are as good as dear, when judiciously selected and properly cooked.

A CALL TO OUR PREACHERS

A thousand wide-awake Baptist preachers in Alabama, keeping in touch each week through the Alabama Baptist with the needs of our denominational enterprises, by united effort, can accomplish a wonderful work.

Our ambition is to put our organized work on the hearts of the pastors, and through them inspire their congregations with an earnest desire to spread our Baptist doctrines in their true light in every nook and corner of our glorious state, and in every land where our Home and Foreign Boards are at work.

We hope we are helping in this propaganda. We have seen some results and they make us want to do more.

As editor we have a great and grave responsibility. We are doing our dead level best and we need the prayers of every pastor who loves our Baptist cause. Not a single one of you has more work to do than we have. Our burden is great. We mention it merely to drive home the fact that every preacher must do his part if the paper is to accomplish its true measure of success.

Dawson was right when he said "one man can not make a paper."

Our position requires every ounce of our best energy because it's the Lord's business and offers so many opportunities for development.

We are set to do a great work, not for ourselves, but for Him.

Pastors, let's pull together and do it!

A HEALTH BILL

We have read an advance copy of a senate document (No. 493) prepared by the Committee of One Hundred for Senator Owen concerning the proposed national health service.

The principal object of the bill is to unify the government health agencies, and to make them independent of the departments (treasury, agricultural and commerce and labor) in which they are now situated and which are devoted to more or less conflicting interests. This will put an end to the situation which gave rise to the Wiley episode, the San Francisco plague episode, etc.

Why is our government spending millions for the protection of our forests and our coals? Why is it making strenuous efforts for the conservation of our water supplies and other natural resources?

What is the object of hoarding all these treasures which nature has lavished upon us if not for the service of man? Is it to the credit of our intelligence as a people that, while we give the guarding of these purely material interests a high place in our administrative scheme, we allow the man himself, without whom all else is worthless, to remain unguarded by continuing to neglect to establish a national department of health to properly protect his life, health, and vigor, the greatest of all national assets?

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture, says:

"An estimate of the value of the farm crops for the past year was 9,000,000,000—it seems almost incredible. This is the wealth of the fields produced by agricultural industries for a single year. What is this worth compared to the health of 90,000,000 of people in this country for a single year? 'What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' What does it profit a man if he becomes a millionaire and loses his health? I would rather be a strong, vigorous man without a dollar than a moribund millionaire."

Our foreign foes, against which the war and navy departments have been established to protect us, have never killed us in any such numbers as has an enemy which works insidiously within the nation itself—disease. This ruthless enemy destroys more than a million Americans every year, whether in times of war or peace. Even in our wars the deaths from disease have outnumbered those from bullets in fourfold ratio. The Panama canal could not be built until the department of war made war against disease.

We all know it is an easy matter to get an appropriation for the dairy industry, the hog industry, and various other industries where it can be shown that a return is to be made in dollars and cents; but where the return is to be a stronger manhood and womanhood physically, mentally, and morally, the task of securing an appropriation for carrying on such a work is exceedingly difficult.

Millions are being expended to protect animal and plant life, but scarce a dollar to protect human life.

But the trouble is not alone that the almighty dollar gets more attention from congress than the life and limb of our people. The almighty dollar has actually opposed the protection of human life.

You want to do something for the public health, and somebody now comes up and says, "You are interfering with my business if you do it."

WILL THE PASTORS HELP?

The outlook financially for State Missions at this time of the year is always discouraging. July and August seldom bring much into the treasury, but September ought to be the beginning of better times. Naturally the secretary looks anxiously to the future at this time of the year. He looks first to God to guide and direct. "Without me ye can do nothing, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," was one of the first texts the secretary preached from in the beginning of his ministry 45 years ago. In his own strength he has seldom undertaken anything; whenever he did, failure always attended the effort. He feels now more than ever the need of that help which God only can give.

But the secretary must look to the pastors, too, for help. God incline them to sympathy for the work! Some of these under-shepherds seem to think the secretary would have them to be only "money raisers"—every Sunday to life a collection. Nothing is farther from his mind. For years he has been pleading for organization, so as to relieve the pastor, "that there be no gatherings when the secretary, his agent or his appeal comes." In nothing he has ever done is he more certain of divine approval than in this.

With organization the pastor is relieved, the money for every object is raised in its own proper time, the special appeal is seldom necessary, the members are developed, and the several interests of the denomination are regularly supplied with needed funds, and borrowing becomes unnecessary.

Without organization all is confusion, nothing is satisfactory and little is done.

"The greatest year of our history" ought to be the next. Will the pastors help us to make it come true? Will they organize their forces?

W. B. CRUMPTON.

THE STRATEGIC POSITION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK IN AFRICA.

By T. E. Ray.

It is hardly possible to overestimate the urgency of the missionary situation in Africa. A study of the field reveals the fact that the Mohammedan religion is spreading itself over the continent of Africa with startling rapidity. One of the most gigantic battles Christianity is ever to wage is the stupendous conflict with Mohammedanism, and the front line of battle is thrown now across the center of the dark continent.

Another fact which should impress Southern Baptists especially is that our mission work is located in one of the most strategic positions along the line of this attack. Nigeria, where our missionaries are stationed, is one of the main highroads over which approach is being made to the vast and populous Sudan region. The railway, along which our missions are scattered, is already constructed from Lagos to Ilorin and is under construction to Zungeru, and which will ultimately have branch lines to Baro on the south and Kano on the north, is the western outlet to the Sudan. The Mohammedans recognize this, and are putting forth every effort to capture this Nigerian citadel. The battle is a severe one. It cannot last long. We must win quickly or the territory will be lost. How sorely do our hard-pressed missionaries in Nigeria need large reinforcements! We must send aid at once, that we may take and hold this critical position. If we can resist the Mohammedan advance on this position we shall accomplish much towards checking the progress of Mohammedanism in its sweeping march over Africa. Surely this is a challenge which should stir every heroic impulse in our Southern Baptist people.

The strategy of our position in Nigeria is very forcibly brought out by Mr. Zwemer in one of the chapters in his remarkable book upon "The Unoccupied Missions Fields." We quote several paragraphs:

"The strategy of time and place is even greater than that of race. On this account none of the unoccupied fields in Asia, not even Arabia, can compare in strategic urgency to day with the unoccupied regions in Africa, where the forces are assembling now for the great conflict between the Cross and the Crescent, and where the unoccupied fields are the battle ground. It is true that the population of Africa is comparatively small when we think of India or China, but no one acquainted with its history and observant of its resources can doubt that under more settled and propitious conditions the population will increase enormously. It is among the mass of dark, illiterate and degraded pagans, as well as among the semi-civilized peoples of the north, already Moslem, that the battle with Islam is to be fought. At present Islam is conquering, and nothing can stay its onward march or redeem Africa from its grasp but the carrying of the gospel of Christ at once into every part of the unoccupied fields. Paganism crumbles before Islam. The situation is critical, and the testimony as regards the urgency of this part of the missionary program is unanimous in its character, and comes from every part of the mission field. From Syria, Japan, the Philippine Islands, China, India, Burma, Ceylon, the New Hebrides, Sumatra, Arabia, Baluchistan and even Peru testimony has come that in the estimation of leading missionaries in these countries the most urgent missionary world problem is to meet and over come the Mohammedan advance in Africa. And this testimony concerns the unoccupied fields of Africa.

"There are centers of strategic importance, as Nigeria and the Sudan, where the land has not yet been wholly won for Islam. There is yet time for the Christian church to put up breakwaters against the oncoming wave of Islam, but what a sad thing it is to compare the little handful of Christian missionaries now in this great area with the multitude of Sanusiyah dervishes and Moslem traders who pour into the region year by year.

"The recent Moslem advance in Africa has been chiefly in three directions: from the Upper Nile, from Zanzibar into the Congo region and up the Niger basin. Formerly Islam followed in the track of the Moslem conquerors. Later the slave routes became the highways of Moslem propagandism. Today the movement is more general, more widespread, more insidious, without display or advertisement, but

EFFICIENCY AND EXPANSION

We are in the midst of an age that does big things. Nothing seems too big or difficult for the twentieth century man to undertake. Continents are cut, mountains pierced, lakes drained. Big business has for its motto efficiency and expansion. Great sums are not merely expended to produce goods at the lowest possible cost, but great appropriations are made to develop new fields. We are glad to note that the greatest business of all, that of Christian missions, is led by men who, while putting the emphasis on efficiency, have not forgotten to stress expansion. We demand efficiency in our boards, and we also want expansion to dominate their thought at home and abroad, but unless pastors are efficient and plead for expansion, there is little hope for efficient pews filled with individual expansionists.

It is easy for our leaders to adopt efficient methods and plan a campaign of expansion, but methods and plans will fail unless pastors co-operate and enlighten their people.

Southern Baptists are attempting big things in the Judson Centennial and to do what they ought to do. Each one of us must be efficient in service and each one of us must expand in gifts.

We are entering the constructive period in our foreign mission work which will prepare the way for years of tremendous influence and power.

We are but half worthy of the great opportunity that is before us we will turn every energy to not only raising the amount asked, but in using the campaign as a great educational propaganda.

Our prayer is that Southern Baptists will prove their efficiency by expansion.

strong and certain, and wide-sweeping as the rising tide. From Northern Nigeria the Hausa merchants carry the Koran and the Moslem catechism wherever they carry their merchandise. No sooner do they open a wayside shop in some pagan district than the mosque is built by its side. The haly are, in a sense, all preachers. Shop keeper and camel driver are proud of their prophet and of his book. If they cannot read it they at least kiss it, and wear it as an amulet, and carry it everywhere. All ranks of society are propagandists.

"Because the border marches are held by Christian missions we must cross over into regions beyond or away a Christless civilization and a rival creed to precede the church and pre-empt the ground. In the words of the Koran: 'Every nation has its appointed time and when their appointed time comes they cannot keep it back an hour, nor can they bring it on.' That time is now for nearly all the unoccupied fields. It surely is for those in Africa."

Richmond, Va.

WHY GO AT ONCE FROM COLLEGE TO SEMINARY.

By W. O. Carver, D. D.

First, because in that way you get the fullest advantage of your fresh study and accurate knowledge of Greek, Latin and other languages; of philosophy, sociology and other psychological studies; and of general history, which is the inevitable background

for the study of church history. There are so many branches of the college course that constitute a definite preparation for the seminary course that it is of very decided advantage for the student to go right on to the completion of the seminary course while he has these courses in full command.

Second, there is the fact that a man has now regular habits of study that it will be impossible and not desirable that he shall maintain in the same way in the pastorate, but which he would have again to acquire should he later attend the seminary. It is to be hoped that the preacher will always be a systematic student. But the system of the active pastor cannot be that of the school student.

Third, one thus continues the fellowships of the men who have studied with him in college and makes new friendships with many similar men fresh from the other colleges. There is thus an at-home-ness in his seminary work that will be missed if one postpones his course to later years.

Fourth, the college graduate is usually of an age to suggest that he ought to finish his school days and enter fully upon his life work at the earliest time possible consistently with the purpose to have a full preparation for his work. A man would better go to school at 40 than not at all. But the college graduate has no need, and so no right, to be going at 40. Let him go at once.

Fifth, There is the great doubt whether he will ever go if he does not go right on the next session after completing his college course.

There is a considerable number of men who have such a conceit of themselves that they do not think that they really have any great need of a seminary course. They would like to take one because it is expected of them in these days. But they are quite sure that they can more than make good without it. They are usually fine fellows that think thus, too. They can do good work, but they are making the good the enemy of the best, and wronging the kingdom and the churches in not getting ready for the greatest service.

But the college men most often lost from seminary courses do not come from this class of the self-sufficient. It is rather from that large number that for one reason or another, or from a combination of reasons, allow themselves to think that it will better to "drop out for a year or two and then go to the seminary." We who have had occasion to observe such cases can testify that not nearly half of the men who follow such a plan ever get to the seminary at all. In the large majority of cases the postponement of the seminary course results in its abandonment.

Among those who do take a seminary course later a great part take only a partial course, whereas they would have taken the full course if they had gone on at once from the college. The reasons for this are partly obvious, and cannot be stated now. The wise young man will profit by the experience and observation of others, and will not decide that he cannot go until he has learned from full inquiry all the facts in the case, and then will usually find that it can be made possible for him to go.

Dr. Jowett attracts all the greater attention when in England on his summer vacation because of the new prestige he has gained by his splendid position and success in New York. He preached on a recent Sabbath in Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, and the historic edifice was crowded as in the old days. A correspondent of the British Weekly gives an account of the occasion and of the sermon. The text was Psalm 119:117: "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe."

Dr. MacPhail was told a story by a minister, who vouched for its accuracy, of a lady missionary who was not long ago thanked at the close of a meeting for having explained what a "zenana" really meant. The lady who thanked her said she had always been under the impression that there was a tribe in India the men of which were called "bananas" and the women "zenanas."

Rev. Everett Gill, of Rome, Italy, one of our old seminary friends, is at Huntsville, Mo., enjoying a much needed rest. He supplies Calvary church, Kansas City, two Sundays in August. He is a thoughtful preacher and splendidly equipped for his work at Rome.

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"A MESSAGE OF LOVE."

As we pass along through life and have many and varied experiences with mankind, and with keenest interest watch the progress of our young boys and girls and young men and ladies and note the many trials and obstacles which confront one's life, we are compelled to stop and look around us and have opinions of our own and thoughts original as to the welfare and the future outcome of our nation and the oncoming generation that is pressing rapidly upon our heels, and it behooves us as often as we can, as loving brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers and leaders of mankind to be on the alert, to safeguard our boys and girls and with all the power possible instruct and guide them along life's perilous journey, for it is left alone with the upright and noble and loving fathers and mothers and older ones, who have had the experiences that come along with a life of thought and earnest endeavor, to tell what the future of our oncoming men and women will be, and as I see the great host of miserable and depraved beings, who are fast growing into grown-up men and women, to live either a life of nobleness and usefulness or a life of slavery and sin and shame, I feel that there is much for our workers to do and ample room for our fathers of thought, wisdom, power and strength to reckon, advise and ponder over when they see easily that the time is near at hand when they will have to give up all that this world holds dear and leave their dear ones in the hands of others, whether they are fitted for the trials and office and responsibility that will be their or not. And when we think of our own welfare, to say nothing of our neighbors', we are compelled to know that it stands us in hand to aid these fallen and depraved beings to live a life of nobleness and usefulness; if in no other way, by advice and example, and when we can and at all times we should urge upon fond parents, mothers, girls and boys to let no opportunity pass by that will aid them in securing an education and live lives of honor, power and usefulness in the land of freedom, where all things can be accomplished if we will only try. The trouble with many noble men and women is they underrate their ability to do and the brain power that is their to cultivate and educate resting quietly and sluggishly in the firm belief that the noble and learned people and leaders of our great country in all walks of life have a supernatural power and advantage over them that is impossible for them to attain and are willing to be slaves and ignorant of the beauties of life rather than bestir themselves and send their boys and girls to the great schools of our country that are daily or yearly turning out men and women who are trained and capable of making leaders and live lives of usefulness in their day and generation, and if the fact could be driven home to our parents and guardians and loving mothers and fathers could realize in a small degree the great benefit derived from even a small or limited education in a life of activity and usefulness they would willingly make every sacrifice possible to see that their

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Respectfully,
D. STUART.

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We have just closed a good meeting at Cedar Grove. The meeting began August 17 and continued until the 23d. The church was greatly revived. Brother Henderson of West Blocton, did most of the preaching, to the edification of the church. Four members were received by baptism. We take courage and go forward.—W. G. Hubbard, Eolline.

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Bristol, Va., Aug. 17, 1912.

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While the faculty of Howard College is sending a communication to you I am making use of the opportunity to say a personal word.

You know, of course, of the departure of Dr. A. P. Montague from Howard College and from Alabama. I am sure that you know also of the splendid success of his work as president of the college during a period of ten years. That the public generally misses him and that hosts of Baptists in all parts of the state deplore his departure is no surprise.

And now that the board of trustees is about to place the responsibilities of the presidency into my hands, I turn to the pastors of the Baptist churches of Alabama for sympathy and co-operation.

I think that I need not comment upon this decision of the board, why they made the choice they did, or why I have at last decided to accept the responsibility. I do not ask you to believe that the decision is a wise one, though many of you have been gracious enough to say as much. I am only asking of you what you would have a right to ask of men were you in my place and I in yours. Baptist ministers who stand together without any formal agreement to do so will know without any statement of details what my request is.

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Most cordially and fraternally yours,
JAS. M. SHELBURNE.

A CARD OF THANKS.

As director of music for the encampment I wish to express through the columns of the Alabama Baptist my grateful thanks to all who helped in the music, and especially to my choir, that stood by me to the end, and to Miss McCuller, our charming and efficient accompanist. The hill was steep, the weather hot, the program full, and opportunities for relaxation exceedingly scarce, and yet all these difficulties were overcome by the splendid spirit and enthusiasm of those who faithfully worked with me. As I recall it all now it seems altogether delightful, and the choir may rejoice in the assurance that came from very many of the encampers that our music not only gave pleasure, but added much to the spiritual and inspirational value of the program.

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FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of an indebtedness secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned, Elliott Knight, by Kate Rittenberry and husband, Baxter Rittenberry, on the 15th day of February, 1912, which mortgage was filed for record in the office of the Judge of Probate for Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 19th day of August, 1912, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell for cash, in front of the court house door of said county, on Friday, the 20th day of September, 1912, the following described property conveyed by said mortgage, to-wit:

The north 20 feet of lot 1 and the south 20 feet of lot 2, in block C of the survey of Ardis Heights, map of which is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate for Jefferson county, Alabama, in map book 8, on page 32; said property forming a rectangle fronting 40 feet on the east side of Twelfth street, South, and extending back eastward about 133 feet to an alley.

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

This, the 28th day of August, 1912.
ELLIOTT KNIGHT,
Mortgagee.
A. C. & H. R. Howze, Attorneys.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, August 23, 1912.

This day came Columbus Haskett, J. K. Haskett, Mrs. M. E. Quinn, R. E. Brasfield, A. C. Brasfield, P. R. Fredrick, Idella Fredrick, Pearly Fredrick, J. D. Fredrick, R. E. Brasfield, Ida Brasfield Harmon, Alice Brasfield Francis, Asa Fredrick and filed in this court their petition in writing and under oath, setting forth therein that they, together with Josephine, Elma, Verda, Blanch, Rufe, Aden Fredrick and Clara, Reba and Paylor Brasfield, own jointly as tenants in common certain real estate particularly described and set forth in said petition, which real estate cannot be equitably divided among the said joint owners without a sale thereof, and praying for such orders and decrees as may be necessary to sell said land for distribution of the proceeds thereof among the joint owners.

And whereas the 30th day of September, 1912, has been appointed as a day for hearing the said application, and it appearing from said petition that Josephine, Elma, Verda, Blanch, Rufe and Aden Fredrick and Clara, Reba and Paylor Brasfield are minors and reside at Smithville P. O., Monroe county, Miss.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day appointed for hearing the same be given the said Josephine, Elma, Verda, Blanch, Rufe and Aden Fredrick and Clara, Reba and Paylor Brasfield and all other persons interest by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in said county.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 29th Day of August, 1912.

Estate of Jim Johnson, Deceased. This day came Marion Allen, administrator of the estate of Jim Johnson, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 26th day of September, 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, Sept4-3t Judge of Probate.

Until two years ago it was flippantly said on the Pacific coast that none but coolies were Christians; now it is known that the highest in the land confess this faith.

FROM ENTERPRISE.

The work at Enterprise is moving along nicely, and the executive committee of the Coffee County Association is making greater effort for the needy districts than ever before. Quite a number of meetings have been held in the county, and with good results. The church at Enterprise has been and is still generously inclined toward this work. They have cheerfully consented that their pastor should devote some of his time to this work, and he has gladly accepted the opportunity. Last week he was out in the southwest portion of the county, and for a week held a meeting under an arbor. Here some two years ago a little band of 15 Baptists organized a church and called it "Bethel." They built an arbor and have been worshipping there since. An old brother, Cotton, some 60 years old, was asked to read for them once a month and conduct a service, as they were not able to procure a preacher. They have held on faithfully, and at the meeting last week Brother McDermot and I, at the invitation of the little band, held a week's meeting. It was a great time. Hungry souls came in large crowds, eager to hear the word of God. Friday morning I had the pleasure to baptize 10 candidates in the creek near by. Thirteen additions up to the time I left (Friday evening). Brother McDermot carried the meeting on until Sunday. Have not heard from the work since. At Cold Springs, a church which has not had a pastor for the past year, I held a meeting. Got the church united and the community alive to the necessity of a preacher. No additions to the church, but I had the honor of being called to serve them the next year as pastor. They appointed a committee to confer with the church at Enterprise and get their consent. This was cheerfully given last Sunday. I am now serving three country churches and will likely serve four—on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoons. These churches are from four to six miles out from Enterprise, and it necessitates my preaching at 11 o'clock here and at the country church at 3 and back to Enterprise at night. So it requires three services and the 20 miles ride every Sunday. We need some preachers in this county badly. We cannot use a man that is not qualified. The churches are demanding stronger men and are willing to pay far more than they have been paying to get them. Still they have not yet learned to pay enough to support a good man.

This year we shall make a strong effort to group some churches and locate some pastors on the field. This is hard to do unless the churches could see and know the pastor. It is hard to induce churches to take a mere recommendation for a pastor. They want to see him and hear him first. If a good man should come down next summer and spend the month of July with the people I think he would be pleasantly located in one of the very best sections of the state.

Our very efficient and faithful Sunday school superintendent, Brother J. E. James, has been in ill health for some time and has thought best to resign. His wife also, the very much

interested superintendent of the primary department, on account of the care of the home and interest in her husband, has tendered her resignation. The Enterprise church is not wanting in material for good workers, and they therefore elected Hon. O. C. Doster, Jr., as superintendent of the Sunday school and Mrs. T. D. L. Edwards as superintendent of the primary department, and also Mrs. O. C. Doster as assistant superintendent of the primary department. Each one of these is a faithful and well qualified occupant of the responsible position to which they have been called.

We are soon to have a house-to-house canvass and a religious census of the town. We will then have our own H. L. Strickland to come down and get us "a-go-in" on the right foot. Our B. Y. P. U. is in good working order, and the Sunbeam band is also doing good work.

The finance committee is efficient, and we will soon have an organized board of deacons. Little by little we are coming to organization that will be efficient. Ours is a loyal band, and we are not afraid of the effort to do good.

Fraternally,
O. P. BENTLEY.

FROM GROVE HILL.

The Grove Hill Baptist church has just closed one of the best meetings ever held in its history. The preaching was done by Brother W. J. Ray, of San Antonio, Tex., who by his deep spirituality and ability as an evangelist endeared himself to our people. His sermons were mainly to the church, and through his efforts it is now in a better condition than I have ever known it. Any pastor and church will do well to secure his services, and I can assure them that the church will be built up and the cause of Christ strengthened by his coming among them. It is to be hoped Brother Ray may decide to remain in Alabama, for we can ill afford to spare such men and preachers. I trust I may be pardoned when I say that if the State Board can secure his services again as an evangelist it will surely have the commendation of the Baptists of this section. May God bless and prosper him as he shall go about his "Father's business."

At the close of the meeting the church increased the salary of that prince of pastors, Brother J. O. Bledsoe, \$200. We consider ourselves peculiarly fortunate in having him, and if the church does not make progress along all lines it will not be his fault. With him as our under shepherd you may expect to hear from his work. I am glad to say that his good wife, who has been an invalid for several months, is gradually regaining her health and strength. I am sure this will be good news to her many friends throughout the state.

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

Estate of Lula R. Taylor, Deceased. This day came William W. Odum, administrator of the estate of Lula R. Taylor, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 26th day of September, 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, Sept4-3t Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 29th Day of August, 1912.

Estate of Bud Savage, Deceased. This day came Marion Allen, administrator of the estate of Bud Savage, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

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We had four services daily—at 9, 11, 2 and 8—and the writer spoke four times each day with the exception of four days out of the twelve. The Lord was with us in great power, and the entire community was shaken for God. There was not a single "shout" heard, but a deep work of grace was done of the Holy Spirit and more than a hundred bright and happy conversions. Eternity alone can tell the real results.

The people decided to make this a permanent thing, and invited the writer to come and conduct the meeting for them again next year. I never felt better in my life than when preaching four times a day, telling the simply "story of the cross," which, by the way, has lost none of its old-time power. Many of God's anointed can be found in and around Dixon's Mills, and we learned to love them because of their zeal for the Master.

A. A. WALKER.

For three weeks I have been in protracted meetings—Antioch, Causseta, Liberty—in which the Lord graciously poured out His blessing. At Antioch there were 30 additions by experience and four by letter; at Causseta one by letter and at Liberty one by experience. Antioch is a great old country church, with a membership now of nearly 300, and is one of my old charges, to which I have been recently recalled. Brother D. I. Purser, Jr., the LaFayette pastor, did most of the preaching there, and did it well. Brother J. L. Ramsay, of Riverview, did most of the preaching at Liberty. He is a young preacher, and has a bright future in the Lord's work. The meeting at Causseta was largely given to edification, and the church was greatly built up in the faith. Am sorry I could not be at the encampment. Fraternal—W. C. Bledsoe.

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"Know ye not that we are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?"—1 Cor. 3:16.

In my last article I tried to write my views on the passage in the third chapter of John: "Ye must be born again."

My subject this time is "House-keeping for God."

It seems that those Corinthian brethren did not understand their mission in the world after regeneration. I don't know whether Paul had to contend with people who claimed sinless perfection or not. Any way he had to contend with people who didn't understand the principles of Christianity the same as we today.

"What is this flesh?" after regeneration?" some one asks.

The same as it was before—the present dwelling place of the soul, only it is supposed to be cleaned up after regeneration.

When I begin to meditate on this scripture my mind goes back to the temple of the Jews. How careful they were not to defile their temple, not even allowing an empty vessel to be carried through it, not allowing any unclean person to go into it. Why were they so careful? Because God's spirit dwelt there.

Oh! if the Christians could realize that within their body dwells the soul, which Jesus purchased with His own blood on Calvary's cross.

Now for a very homely illustration.

We men folks have a right to expect the housewife to keep our dwelling place clean. "This home she can't keep it perfect, for perfection doesn't belong to this world; imperfection is written on everything here; but she can do the best she can, and if we are the right kind of husbands when we see she has done her best she will meet with our approving smile.

Well, Jesus expects us to keep our bodies as clear from sin as is possible for sinners by nature to keep them, and when we do our best His approving smile is on us.

When the housewife goes about housecleaning she removes the shades, opens the doors, so she can see the dirt and filth, and when she gets it cleaned she places a mat at the door, which mutely says, "Don't enter until first you have cleaned your feet." The dog mustn't gnaw his greasy bone in that house.

It does seem that we should be just as particular with the dwelling place of the pure soul which Jesus has cleansed.

But oh! how careless we are about the dwelling place of God's spirit.

We are struggling to keep sin out of these mortal bodies. There are difficulties to surmount, temptations to overcome. It is no easy thing to keep house for God.

But He will change the thing around some of these days. He will send His angels to the earth after the soul which has been purchased with Christ's blood, and carry it home and keep house for us forever. It does seem that we could keep house for Him without complaining for a few years when He has promised so much to us.


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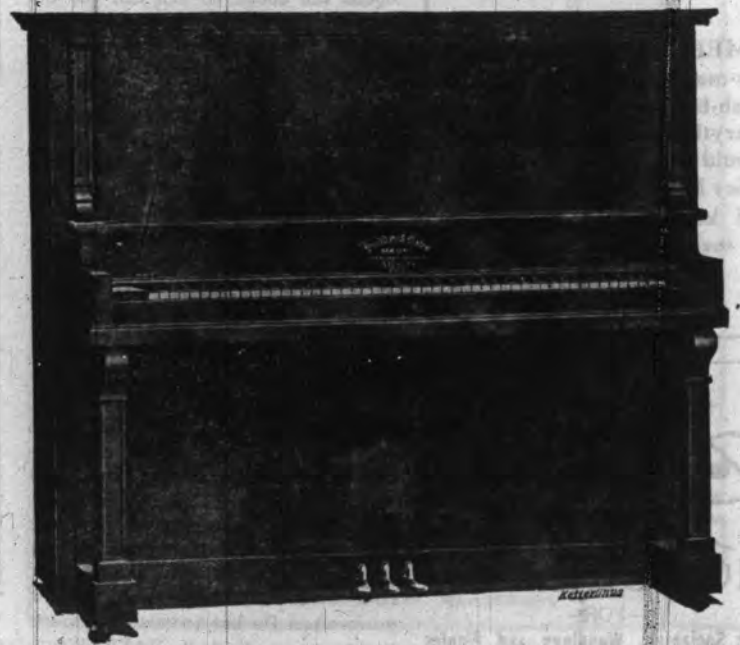
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