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Dr. Preston Blake will entertain Dr. William J. Williamson, pastor of the Third Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., during his stay at the Bible Training School. Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of comparative religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the guest of Brother J. W. Minor.

We are to organize our Baptist Young People's Union next Friday night. Mr. Jack Adair, who is a splendid young fellow, has consented to be our president. He is connected with the Journal of this town, and his motto is, "If it doesn't go it must go any how." We are expecting some splendid work from our young people, and hope that much training in church work may be the result.—M. W. Mims, pastor, Piedmont.

We have just closed a gracious meeting at the First Baptist church, of Gadsden. Have baptized 25, and have several more awaiting baptism. Fourteen were received by letter. We had with us Brother R. S. Gavin, of Huntsville. This is the second time Brother Gavin has been with us, and in both meetings the Lord graciously blessed us. I have never had a more efficient helper. He is so thoroughly scriptural in his preaching and sensible in his methods. The church is greatly revived.—J. G. Dickinson.

Dr. J. J. Taylor, of the First Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn., came to us October 14 and helped us in a series of meetings for 10 days. We never heard a more able and instructive series of sermons, which have been a great blessing to our church and town. Few men can preach the gospel as simply and helpfully as Dr. Taylor. Wish he had more time for preaching such sermons to many of our churches. We rejoice in the additions to our church by baptism and otherwise. There can be no hurtful reaction from Dr. Taylor's work and preaching. We thank God for sending him to us. His work is for eternity and not merely for time. Fraternally—Isaac W. Martin, Sheffield, Ala.

It is quite common for churches to use the columns of the Alabama Baptist to get in touch with available pastors. Occasionally we see such notices as "Help us get a pastor," or "Any pastor who is in a position to consider a call, etc." Now, this is all right. It is a splendid way for churches and pastors to get in touch with each other, but there is one thing I want to call attention to. When a church seeks a pastor or a pastor seeks a church in this way they should feel under obligation to answer all correspondence. I have known of several instances where pastors and teachers have answered such notices in the Alabama Baptist and the churches didn't treat them with enough common courtesy to answer their letters. Of all others who should observe the common rules of courtesy it should be churches and preachers.—Subscriber.



## What Constitutes Christian Baptism

We have arranged with Rev. R. S. Gavin, D.D., of Huntsville, for twelve short papers on baptism. Having given more than ordinary attention to the subject, Dr. Gavin is an authority on the subject.

There is a great deal of nonsense being talked by some of our pedo-Baptist papers on "Christian Courtesy." The Pacific Baptist says:

A Congregationalist says he would like to unite with a certain Baptist church in Oregon if he may be permitted to unite in his own way. In other words, he wishes his earlier reception by sprinkling into a Congregational church to be recognized by the Baptist church as valid baptism (we do not know whether that sprinkling was administered in his infancy or not). In support of his argument that the Baptist church should receive him without being immersed, he sends to the pastor the following statement taken from The Herald and Presbyter: "Presbyterians are, in many ways, among the most liberal and forbearing of all evangelical churches, although many speak of them in the very opposite way. For instance, although we do not believe immersion to be the proper form of baptism, we are willing to receive into our membership those who have been immersed if they come to us with certificates of membership from those churches which practice immersion. We think that this is right and Christian, and we would unhesitatingly receive for his own and selfishness if we did not do so, and certainly others would so upbraid us. Well now, on the other hand, it is only right for churches that practice immersion to receive our members on the same terms if they move to communities in which there are only such churches. Why should they be compelled to accept another form of baptism, repudiating their own earlier baptism, in order to become members of the church where they live? Presbyterians treat others with Christian courtesy. Why should not Christian courtesy be extended to them under similar circumstances? It is a matter which must have proper and Christian attention before the matter of Christian unity or fraternity can make much more progress."

In the Herald and Presbyter the quoted paragraph is headed "A Matter of Courtesy." We can here take the space only to insist most emphatically that this is not, according to the Baptist position, a matter of courtesy, but a matter of principle and conviction. Just there is the vital point at issue. If it were a matter of courtesy merely, the Baptists would indeed be bores not to meet half-way the "liberality" and "forbearance" of the other denominations on the point of baptism. Their logic would be correct, if we could grant their premise: "it is a question of Christian courtesy!" But we hold the assumption to be false. Baptists believe that immersion and immersion only of believers is baptism according to the New Testament and the practice of the apostolic church. With the Roman Catholic Church we assert that "the primitive mode of baptism" was immersion, but we deny the Romanist assertion that that church or any other has the right to change the ordinance. The etymology of the word baptizo, the symbolism of the ordinance, the description of New Testament baptisms, the records of primitive Christianity—all force us to the conclusion that immersion should be the initial rite of Christian churches and a fundamental principle of New Testament polity. The record of the unhappy outcome of substituting something else for immersion but confirms our confidence in this conclusion; upon the heresies of baptismal regeneration and infant baptism history lays the blame for the most distressing evils that have afflicted organized Christianity, and those two heresies are inseparably linked with the substitution of sprinkling for immersion. Therefore Baptist insistence upon immersion is a matter of principle, a matter of obedience to Christ. Charles H. Spurgeon, on reviewing after the lapse of forty years the facts concerning his baptism, wrote: "I read the New Testament for myself, and saw believer's baptism there, and I had no mind to neglect what I saw to be the Lord's order. If others see not as I

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Please change the address of my paper from Attalla, Ala., to Keener, Ala., and oblige, yours for the Master—J. A. May.

Please say through your paper that the Salem-Troy Association meets with Good Hope church, six miles from Troy, Wednesday, November 13 and 14. We would be glad to have ye editor with us. Any one wishing conveyance please notify C. C. King, Troy, Route 1.—J. L. Hand, pastor.

The protracted meetings have all been held throughout this part of the country. There were upon the whole very good revivals and considerable gatherings. I have not the figures at hand, but the churches all had some increase in members. Our Sunday school at Nance's Creek is the best we have ever had. Brother Melvin Johnson will pastor our church next year. He is a young man, and we think he is going to make a fine preacher. Sincerely yours—R. P. DeFreese, Piedmont, Ala.

Our young church, the West Blocton Missionary Baptist church, is now wrestling with the building proposition. Permit me through your paper to ask of any sister church the loan of cuts, plans of blue prints of church buildings large enough to have copies made of any we may desire to use. We will promptly refund registering charges and return the papers after seven days. Address undersigned—J. B. Davie, church clerk and treasurer.

On the fourth Sunday in October we closed a helpful meeting at our church here. Brother W. M. Anderson, who came to assist in the meeting, was taken sick after having preached two helpful sermons. Brother M. K. Thornton came to our rescue and preached a series of stimulating and helpful sermons. Four were received during the meeting, and those who attended regularly were greatly helped. We are now planning for the winter's work. I am yours fraternally—J. E. Barnes, Pratt City.

Will give your readers a few notes from North Alabama. The churches of Florence seemingly are in fine shape. The East Florence Baptist church is in good working condition; Sunday school is fine, B. Y. P. U. good, and the Ladies' Aid is the best in the history of the church. The Ladies' Aid has just completed painting the pastor's home; also the young ladies of the Sunday school have painted the church building, which makes both the church and parsonage very nice, and the pastor and deacons greatly appreciate what these societies have accomplished this year. Pastor T. M. Byrom gets better every Sunday in his preaching, and is loved by the entire church. Mrs. T. M. Byrom is president of the Ladies' Aid Society; Mrs. O. Romine is secretary. Yours fraternally—T. P. Anderton.

## ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

## SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR CONVENTION WEEK

And they were all with one accord in one place.—  
Acts 2:1.

## PRAYER FOR CONVENTION WEEK.

Rule o'er our sessions, gracious One  
Inspire our zeal, our faith increase,  
Unite our hearts in love like Thine,  
And fill us with Thy perfect peace!

## NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The nineteenth annual convention of our Alabama Baptist W. M. U. is now in session at Tuscaloosa. With our wise and able Mrs. C. A. Stakely as chief executive, and our capable and faithful secretary, Mrs. W. H. Samford, to record the proceedings, the session will prove an unusually interesting and profitable one to the many delegates and visitors in attendance from all parts of the state. The reports of the officers and committees will doubtless indicate "all obligations met for the year." Miss Kathleen Mallory, so near our hearts and the heart of our Master, in the providential absence of Mrs. R. V. Taylor, of Mobile, will have impressively conducted the opening devotional exercises and delivered an optimistic and informing address upon "Southern Union Work." The praise services have proven veritable ones. Happy words of welcome have been spoken by Mrs. Robinson Brown, of Tuscaloosa, and cordially responded to by Mrs. T. W. Palmer, of Montevallo.

Mrs. C. A. Stakely has delivered her strong and inspiring address as president of the union, and full and gratifying reports of the year's work have been made by the vice-presidents, Mrs. T. W. Hannon, Mrs. H. R. Dill, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Mrs. J. M. Kallin and Mrs. Fleetwood Rice; the state organizer, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton; acting corresponding secretary-treasurer, Miss L. L. Patrick; auditor, Mrs. M. C. Scott; press correspondent, Mrs. N. A. Barrett; college correspondent, Miss Harriet Bomar, and personal

The great state mission secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, has forcefully and powerfully addressed the union upon "State Mission Work." Mrs. C. M. Morris, of Cuba, has made the State Mission report.

Rev. V. I. Masters, D. D., editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, has proven himself a great introducer and masterful leader of the home mission study-class, with Mrs. E. N. Stewart, of Montevallo, to make the report.

A happy and bright innovation has been the "Young People's Hour," in charge of Mrs. W. J. Cox, of Gadsden, and will result in material changes in W. M. U. foundation work.

The social hour, spent in the Central College parlors, was a delightful occasion, when the hand-to-hand and face-to-face greetings of Christian workers were "like to those above" for delegates, visitors, hostesses and students.

Wednesday and Thursday also promise to be great days, with Dr. C. B. Graves, Dr. T. W. Ayers, of China, Rev. W. D. Quisenberry, Rev. L. O. Dawson and Rev. J. W. Phillips as speakers on the program.

## ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. MEETINGS.

## Bigbee.

The annual meeting was held at Epes, Ala., the W. M. U. of Sumterville uniting with the ladies of Epes in entertaining the many delegates present. The reports were fine. A number of societies had reached their apportionments. Mrs. F. B. Stallworth, the superintendent, made her annual address, which was encouraging, helpful and instructive. The talks on State Missions by Mrs. Sullivan, Home Missions by Miss McDaniel and Foreign Missions by Mrs. W. P. Stallworth were of much interest.

Mrs. Herring read some of the important facts in Miss Heck's address, and Mrs. Fleetwood Rice, of Tuscaloosa, emphasized the various points in our standard of excellence. She also told us of the State W. M. U. convention, which will convene in Tuscaloosa November 5-7, and the importance of a large attendance.

The talks and papers on the "Circulating Library," "Personal Service" and "Tithing" were profitable.

The Baptist ladies of Epes were then requested to remain a few moments, and Mrs. Stallworth, assisted by the secretary, organized a Woman's Missionary Society, with Mrs. Anderson, president, and Mrs. H. L. Mellen, secretary.

## Calhoun County.

The W. M. U. of the Calhoun County Association held its fifteenth annual meeting with Piedmont Baptist church, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, the beloved superintendent, presiding. The meeting opened with the doxology, followed by the Lord's prayer. The 27th Psalm was read by Mrs. J. M. McKleroy. After singing "To the Work" special prayer for the associational meeting, for our W. M. U. and for Miss Kathleen Mallory was led by Mrs. A. J. Johnson. A warm welcome was accorded the union by Mrs. T. I. Duncan, president of the Piedmont W. M. U., and happily responded to by Miss Arnold, of Jacksonville. The appointment of the various committees was followed by the Y. W. A. song, "O, Zion Haste," rendered by Miss Hannah Crook, which was indeed an inspiration. The superintendent, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, then gave her annual address, outlining the work for the year. She made a most earnest plea for every society to do its best—not to be satisfied with little things, to adopt Carey's motto, "Attempt great things for God." She said our aim and ideal should be every church with a missionary society and every woman a member of the society. Stress was laid upon the necessity for the organization of Sunbeams, which is the real foundation work, and then a plea for faithfulness in the attendance of our meetings at home, county and state. Letters were read from Mrs. C. N. James and several former members of this association. The poem, "Our South," composed and sung at the Oklahoma convention, was read by Miss Ethel Roberts. The reports from societies for missions and ladies' aid work were made, \$1,225.00 being reported for all causes.

for the year, which was encouraging, especially the increase in the organization of Y. W. A.'s.

Miss Hannah Crook read a most instructive and interesting paper on "Tithing," followed by Mrs. Landt, who was particularly interesting, due to the fact that she was reared a Catholic and had suffered persecution because she accepted the Baptist faith.

After a loving and earnest appeal for "Personal Service" by Mrs. J. B. Allen the meeting adjourned for dinner.

A delicious luncheon was served on the church lawn and a half hour spent in social intercourse.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Come Thou Fount." The 23rd Psalm was given in concert, followed by prayer led by Mrs. D. L. Langston. The first part of the afternoon meeting was a memorial service to Miss Julia Ward. A beautiful tribute by Mrs. O. M. Reynolds was followed by the reading of Miss Ward's last letter to the Alabama associations by Miss Hannah Reynolds, and then a special prayer for her loved ones and the state work by Miss Margaret Reynolds. Then "Sweet By and By" was sung.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson's report on Foreign Missions was instructive, comprehensive and most impressive. The orphanage was discussed by Mrs. D. L. Langston and a collection was taken for it.

One of the happiest features of the entire meeting was the "Children's Hour." After school closed the children came in, almost filling one-half of the church. The work of the Royal Ambassadors was presented by Mrs. Arnold, and the Sunbeams discussed by Miss Allie King and Miss Margaret Fry. The Sunbeam song was sung by the children, and the meeting closed with the singing of "Precious Jewels," followed by prayer by Mrs. T. I. Duncan.

A departure from the usual routine was the evening session, which opened at 7 o'clock with the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

"The Immediate Task" was most ably presented by Miss Margaret D. Reynolds. Following a beautiful quartette rendered by members of the Piedmont choir Miss Hannah Reynolds told about the "Training School." "Redeeming the Time" was the subject of

a talk by Mrs. Stephen R. Thompson. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Dr. George D. Harris made the closing prayer.

Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the superintendent called the meeting to order.

A well prepared and interesting report on State Missions was read by Mrs. O. B. Myrick. A most instructive report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. J. N. Snodgrass. After singing "True Hearted, Whole Hearted," reports of committees were heard. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Parker Memorial Baptist church, Anniston, was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A telegram of loving greeting and good wishes was sent to Miss Kathleen Mallory from the union.

The entire meeting was characterized by such earnestness and Christian love and enthusiasm as to demonstrate a growing interest in the work in Calhoun county.

MRS. S. B. THOMPSON.

## Union.

The Union W. M. U. met with Gordo church. In the absence of the superintendent, Mrs. Lyles, Miss Addie Cox presided.

After the scripture reading a special prayer for God's blessings on our meeting was offered by Mr. Newton, the pastor.

After the words of welcome and the response discussions followed on various phases of the work.

Mrs. Nettles told in an interesting way of our home work and what we did last year, and Miss Cox of the Foreign Missions work.

Though only a few societies reported, yet these made excellent reports, and every one went away with resolutions for greater zeal in the Master's work.

The union reached its full apportionment. Mrs. Isler was elected superintendent and Mrs. Newton secretary.

## Central.

The eighth annual session of the W. M. U. of the Central Association met with the church at Central, Ala., Mrs. A. L. Harlan, associational superintendent.

It was our pleasure to have with us Miss Laura Lee Patrick, representing the State Executive Board.

After scripture reading (John 15:1-10) Mrs. W. V. Thompson led in prayer that this associational meeting may be to His glory.

Beautiful words of welcome by Miss Gertrude Wideman were responded to by Mrs. Ida Martin Darden.

Committees were next appointed, after which came the annual address of the superintendent, outlining the work for the year 1912-13.

"Our Immediate Task," as emphasized by Miss Heck, was read by Miss Maud Martin.

"Redeeming the Time"—talk given by Miss Laura Lee Patrick, of the State Board.

## Afternoon Session.

Exercises for the children were conducted by Miss Patrick. Talk to the children by Dr. J. W. Shepard, returned missionary.

Song, "Stand Up for Jesus," as the children retired from the room.

General discussion: "State W. M. U. Library," led by Mrs. Mosely; "Standard of Excellence," by Mrs. Howle; "Personal Service from a Missionary Viewpoint," by Mrs. John McKenzie; "Our Apportionment Considered Monthly" and "Representation at the Tuscaloosa Convention," by Miss Patrick and Mrs. Mosely.

Representatives were present from eight societies: Eclectic, Alexander City, Rockford, Tallassee, Mt. Olive, Friendship and Bethlehem.

Reports were encouraging, the amount raised for all purposes being over \$700.

MRS. A. L. HARLAN,  
Associational Superintendent.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, who has just celebrated her 81st birthday, is now busy on her sixty-second novel. Mrs. Barr's first novel, "Jan Vedder's Wife," was written after she had passed her 50th birthday and while she was confined to her room by a broken ankle. "The Bow of Orange Ribbon" followed later in the same year and established her reputation as a writer of fiction.

## THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL AGENCY.

By Charles Steizle.

It has become quite a common thing among social workers and sociological professors to ridicule the church because of its alleged inefficiency in matters having to do with the social problem in any of its aspects. Much of this criticism is no doubt justifiable, for the church—like any other institution—is just beginning to grasp the fundamental principles which must be at the bottom of all sociological research and recommendation. In these discussions it is often forgotten that we have not yet mastered even the elements of the problem of society. Theories have been formed from the examination of groups of isolated facts; but life is complex. It is unfair to rush to final conclusions. Until the last item has been presented we cannot afford to be dogmatic. There are so many factors to be considered that no man has either the wisdom or the ability to pose as an infallible teacher of sociology. Therefore, the time has not yet come for any self-appointed body of social workers to respise what the church has done in history, nor yet what the church is doing today in matters of social reform.

A constructive criticism is always in order, and should be welcomed by every honest churchman, but the criticism that one hears in the average class in sociology is usually based upon narrow prejudice, which, however, is mistakenly termed "a liberal attitude" toward all religious forces, programs and doctrines. If the same scientific and impartial study that is advocated with reference to other forces in society were applied to the church there would be no cause for complaint, but ordinarily the professor will condone the greatest moral and mental obliquity in men and movements outside the church, while he will absolutely ignore the fine spirit which has animated the church and its adherents from the beginning of its history.

What is the church doing in the matter of social reform? Certain reformers coin its claims that it is rendering real service in this connection. It is true that the church is not a social reform agency in the sense that it makes this its chief function, but even a cursory study of the situation must convince the open-minded student that the church is an important factor in social service. It gives to every man the right to accept whatever economic theory he desires so long as its application does no violence to the rights of others and so long as it is in accord with fundamental moral principles. But the church has a positive position and work in this matter. It has undertaken important studies of social conditions throughout the country which easily match the efforts of professional social workers.

Several of the national Home Boards of the churches in the United States have long had "Bureaus of Social Service" or "Departments of Church and Labor," and they have been grappling with social problems in the city and in the country, employing experts for the purpose of making sociological survey and suggesting the most up-to-date methods for meeting the needs discovered. There are in the employ of these boards men who are regarded as authorities on these subjects, and who are consulted by the leaders in social work outside the church. The evolution in the thinking of men with regard to the function of the church concerning modern social problems has not caught these home mission agencies napping.

The church has come out in pronouncements upon certain economic conditions which might well have been set forth by the workers themselves. They could not have been more emphatic and concrete. But perhaps the chief function of the church in these matters is that of supplying the men and the women who are the leaders in social reform affairs. A study of over a thousand professional social workers to church affiliation shows that of those who were associated charity workers 92 per cent were church members and of general social workers 71 per cent were church members.

As a matter of fact, the church practically controls through its membership nearly every great philanthropic movement of any consequence. Glance at the list of directors and verify this statement. Practically all of the money that goes to the hospi-

als, orphan asylums, clubs and charitable institutions of various kinds comes from church people. Without them these could not exist. Recognizing that there is a great work to be done in the matter of social reform, which must reach down to fundamental things, let it not be forgotten that the wounded in life's battles must meanwhile be cared for. To these the church ministers freely. At the same time it is developing most of those who will fight for the bigger things in social reform.

## WHAT CONSTITUTES CHRISTIAN BAPTISM?

By R. S. Gain.

No. 1.

There are baptisms many; then there is baptism as a Christian ordinance.

Many claim that since the act of baptism does not save one, most anything will do for baptism. And these are right in part. No use of water as a part of a religious ceremony, and christened "a baptism," can save in whole or in part. Hence, from this viewpoint, anything will do for baptism, and baptism will do for anybody.

But baptism as a Christian ordinance was never designed by its author to be a savior. Jesus, its author, is the Savior; and He commands us to be baptized as the first act of obedience to Him as the Lord of our second-born life.

Hence anything will not do for baptism as a Christian ordinance; nor will Christian baptism do for anybody. It is for Christians, and Christians only.

In the present series of short articles I am to indicate the several items essential to Christian baptism:

## I. An Administrator.

One is not commanded to baptize himself, though some have done so. John Smyth, of Amsterdam, England, is sometimes called the "Se-Baptist" because he baptized himself. He claimed that the real apostolic succession is a matter of true faith and obedience, and not of formal ordinances and outward organizations. In an effort to begin the recovery of the real succession as he saw it, he first baptized himself and then near 40 others.

Roger Williams went John Smyth one better, for he first suffered himself baptized by Ezekiel Holliman, and then he, in turn, baptized 10 others.

Necessity, however, knows no law. John Spilsbury's axiom is apropos: "Where there is a beginning, some must be first." The commands of the New Testament are, "Go and baptize," and "Be baptized."

## II. The Authority of the Church.

Baptism, as a religious ceremony, becomes a Christian ordinance only when it is administered by the authority of the church. It is strictly a church ordinance, committed to her keeping by the great Head of the church, to be used as an outward sign, symbolic of an inward change. Hence, in order to a Christian baptism, the administrator himself must act as the servant of the church upon whose authority the ordinance is administered.

## III. Administered in the Name of the Trinity.

There have been baptisms from time immemorial. A baptism is a mere act.

The immersion of anything, or anybody, into water, is a baptism. But Christian baptism is much more than the mere immersion of the body of even a Christian in water. Unless it be performed in the name of the Trinity—the Triune Godhead—it is meaningless. The rite as a Christian ordinance is of divine appointment, and was delegated to the church, the Lamb's bride, to be administered, not in her own name nor for her own glory, but in the name and for the glory of Him who instituted it. And so long as we are willing to allow it to serve its divinely appointed purpose we must be willing to use it as the outward expression of a complete re-creation.

But it exhausted all the resources of the Triune Godhead to make that re-creation possible. God provided the ways and means; Jesus brought them; the Holy Spirit applies and makes them effective. The re-creation, of which baptism is the divinely appointed symbol, is all of grace, and cost the Godhead the whole of grace. "I baptize thee in (or into) the

name of the Father," etc., is more than mere form. It is essential.

## IV. Administered in the Spirit of Worship.

He who submits to baptism is doing exactly what Jesus both did and commanded.

Nor is it enough for the act to be proper, and "according to the pattern shown in the mount." The administrator himself performs a twofold work—a work of service and a work of worship. Baptism, then, to be an act of real worship, must be performed by one who can administer the ordinance in spirit as well as in truth. The administrator himself must believe in what he does.

Owen Johnson, the novelist, declares that the college men of today have no general knowledge, let alone real culture. Most of the colleges, he asserts, have become mere social clearing houses, whose students know only a few facts hastily crammed for examinations and promptly forgotten.

## Sick Sheep

The Good Shepherd says of His sheep, "And a stranger will they not follow; for they know not the voice of strangers." A traveler in Syria, seeing how shepherds could separate their own flocks from a mingled throng of several flocks at a watering place, and lead them away by the mere sound of their voices, decided to try an experiment. "Just give me your turban and crook," he requested of one of the shepherds, "and see if the sheep will not follow me as soon as you." Thus disguised, he used the shepherd's call, and imitated his tone of voice to the best of his ability; but not a sheep moved.

Interested in this striking verification of the Master's parable, the traveler asked the shepherd, "Will your flock never follow anybody but you?" The answer was significant and illuminating: "O, yes; sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anybody."

There are strangers intruding themselves among the Lord's sheep in our day. We hear voices artfully disguised to sound like that of the Shepherd. An alien comes all the way from the Mahometan East to say lovely things about a universal religion and the irreligiousness of the warring of all forms of faith with one another. And others call to the flock in words of the Shepherd Himself, glibly quoting His own familiar speech, to cover their errors and decoy the sheep from the fold of the Church. Others emasculate His deathless words of their most vital meaning and talk so fascinatingly of "a Bible, a Christ, a message recovered from the furnace, delivered from the parasites of human tradition, irresistible in their native beauty and power." All who would exploit humanity most artfully and gain a large following are working under cover of the words of Christ:

And some of the sheep hear them, and follow them. And why? "Sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anybody." One of the most characteristic offices of the shepherd is that of strengthening the diseased and healing that which is sick. He will cure the morbid sentiment of brotherhood through the surrender of truth and grace, the disease-craving for health and earthly betterment through the loss of atonement, the sickly longing for sensationalism, the infatuation for mere human dogmatism and assertiveness and the abnormality of restlessness and doubt.

And when the sick sheep gets well, he will flee from the stranger. The sound of the Shepherd's voice will be sweet to him as the welcome call from all danger and perplexity and the invitation to green pastures and quiet waters and the rest of the fold. Not one of His sick sheep will be led to his ruin or separated from Him by the voice of strangers. Thus we may comfort ourselves over some of the evils which disturb and weaken the visible Church of the present.



REV. J. J. JOHNSON, Birmingham.

We welcome Brother Johnson to the Birmingham district. He is now pastor of the Twenty-sixth Street Baptist church.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND THE PRESENT SITUATION IN WASHINGTON CITY.

By A. J. Barton.

The question is sometimes asked by Baptist editors, and others possibly, why Baptists do not have a larger number of men in important public offices. There are doubtless several reasons. Two of them may be mentioned. Baptists have not always been as keenly alive to public situations as they ought. Our fundamental of absolute separation of church and state has been wrongly interpreted. It does not mean the separation of good Christian men, even Baptist men, from civic affairs. Again, the devil and the liquor people, or somebody else, have made us believe that there is such a distance between the secular and the sacred, and that political affairs are so inherently secular and irreligious, so anti-religious, in fact, that good men cannot afford to be connected with or seriously concerned about such matters. A good and blessed thing it is for us, for the world at large and for the Lord's cause that we are learning—I wish I would write it, have learned—that the doing of duty is sacred always and everywhere; that it is as religious to vote right, to perform faithfully and religiously any and all duties of citizenship in their time and place as it is to go to prayer meeting.

Distinctly good it is that we are learning this in this day of increased menace from rum and Romanism. The way to drive back the rising tide of Romish prestige and power in American affairs is for Baptists and all other good men to do their duty as citizens. The way to rid our nation of the calumny and shame and blight and destruction of the liquor traffic is for every man of us to be at his post of duty, diligent and faithful as a good citizen of a great nation rightly prizing the benefits and privileges of citizenship and solemnly estimating its responsibilities.

The committee on temperance in the Southern Baptist Convention has authorized the writer, as chairman, to convey some information and to prefer a request to the Baptists of the south.

As announced in a former communication, the committee on the judiciary in the United States senate has acted favorably on the Sheppard-Kenyon bill to prevent the interstate shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry states and territory, adding some amendments to the bill which, in the estimation of the committee on the judiciary, strengthens the bill. In pursuance of this action the bill was favorably reported to the senate and, by formal action of the senate, made the special order on its calendar for December 16, proximo.

The writer and others closely connected with the matter have every reason to believe that the committee on the judiciary in the house of representatives will give favorable consideration to this bill not later than its second meeting in December. Thus we have good hope of early and favorable action by both branches of congress on this important matter, the

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most important measure, perhaps, that has ever come before congress on this subject.

Our committee feels, and others in Washington connected with that legislation feel, that it is highly important that our Southern Baptist people be represented in Washington during the consideration of this matter by members of their standing committee on temperance. For the accomplishment of this, and for the meeting of other expenses necessary in the prosecution of the work committed to us in harmony with the action of the convention conferring this authority upon us, we make this call for funds. We do not ask pastors to present this matter to their churches for collections; though we believe the matter worthy of a collection in any church, and though we believe a pastor can quite as well afford to present the cause and take collection as he can to have some free-lance temperance lecturer speak to his church and take a collection for himself. What we do ask is that every one that reads this and believes in the cause, and believes that Baptists ought to assume their rightful place of responsibility and influence, shall send to A. J. Barton, chairman, Waco, Tex., such personal contribution as he feels he ought.

The committee will very much need a thousand dollars this year. We believe and hope sincerely that this simple announcement will be all that is necessary to bring this amount. The denomination will be kept fully advised, and every cent will be carefully used and properly reported to the convention.

Prompt action will be a great virtue. Congress meets the first Monday in December, and the committee must plan in advance for representation and for the work that ought to be done to forward our cause. Let the responses be both prompt and generous.

Waco, Tex.

#### SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

A brother said to me: "You are writing notes to the Alabama Baptist that are doing good. Why don't you write on

##### Preachers and Debt?

It is disgraceful the way some preachers do. Every time they change fields they leave debts owing to anybody who will credit them, and the cause of religion suffers. They move to other communities and to other states, and remain in good standing."

There are two reasons I have not touched on that questions. I am in debt myself—always have been. It is a habit I contracted early in life in this credit country. I have never been in debt beyond my means, and have always been able to meet my obligations, but very many times it was most inconvenient, and always at a sacrifice. The debt making habit is the worst habit a poor man can fall into. It makes little difference with a rich man, but it is the ruin of the poor. It is a mighty good feeling a fellow has when he can go into a store and have the clerks begging him to trade. To make his selection without asking the price and march out without it's costing a cent, is to feel rich once. If pay day wouldn't come his good feelings would last; but, alas! like death and taxes, it is sure to arrive, and then the agony! What sleepless hours thinking of how to provide! What a temptation to promise, when he is very doubtful about coming then, or that other, to make a debt to pay a debt—swapping creditors. The LAST DITCH is not far away then.

It is pleasant for me to reflect: To this hour I have been able to meet all my obligations! But I am



REV. JOHN L. RAY, Victoria, Tex.

We regret to lose this good brother. He was always faithful to the organized work in Alabama.

ashamed to think of the interest money I have paid out. How much it would be for me now, when old age is creeping on! Then the worry of the thought: I NEED NOT HAVE MADE THE DEBTS. By scrimping and self-denial the debts could have been avoided. It would have been better for me and my children would have learned from their father a most important lesson.

#### Another Reason I Have Not Written on This Delicate Question.

So many preachers have told me of their financial condition I might be charged with a personal allusion if I should write. But now the question is opened, let's have it out. Let others write, for there are many sides. Many a poor fellow begins his ministerial life in debt—made it when he was in school. He gets the promise of a support from a church and then marries. If the salary is promptly paid he can get along without making new debts; but the old debts are pressing. Every dollar of the old debt he pays makes a new debt, for the church has carefully figured out a bare support for him. A fine man said only a little while back: "Five years have passed, and I haven't been able to pay a cent on my old debts. It takes all my salary to live." His church is able and willing to increase his salary, but they don't do it. Alas, for the preacher when the church don't pay what it promised! A brother wrote me: "I was promised only enough for a bare living, and they do not pay that. They owe me now \$500. I will not make any more debts; so I had to resign."

Not a word of excuse have I for a spendthrift preacher, who makes debts when he knows he will not be able to meet them—there are some such. But I have the deepest sympathy for those who are forced into debt by delinquent churches. It is a crime for a church to vote a bare support to its pastor; it is a worse crime for it to withhold the meagre sum promised. God will remember His servant in a case like that, and will visit His displeasure upon such a church; somewhere along the line the weight of His hand will fall.

My advice to preachers is, make the scriptural injunction yours: "OWE NO MAN ANYTHING, BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER." Let the churches know you will not go in debt, that you will expect your salary the first of each month; then make yourself do on what you get. It will often be inconvenient, but in the end it will be best. W. B. CRUMPTON.

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## A PAGE OF SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Covington, has accepted two churches in Alabama. No gentler or nobler man has graced our commonwealth. May his years be many.—Western Recorder.

Dr. C. S. Gardner, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is spending several months in study and investigation at the University of Chicago. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Though the law prohibits liquor, on any pretext, on Indian reservations, this prohibition is sometimes winked at, like some others. Now the Indian bureau has issued orders that the law must be strictly obeyed, that "employees must set an example" and that "there cannot be one rule for the Indians and another for the white people" in the Indian country.

Dr. C. C. Coleman, of the First church, Abilene, Tex., has accepted the position as field secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. He began work November 1. His headquarters have not been determined.

Excitement maintains the interest in our presidential elections. The people want noise. They like it. They gloat over the startling, sensational headlines in the penny papers. They applaud when rival candidates call each other names. This is the frame of mind in which we faced the burning issues of the hour.

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There are 531 votes in the electoral college this time, according to the terms laid down by the reapportionment act of 1911 based on the census of 1910. That is, the total is the same as the number of senators and members in congress, namely: 96 senators and 435 members. This makes it necessary for a candidate to receive at least 266 votes in order to win the election.

Rumors have for a long time been passed around quietly that Roosevelt is a victim of the drink habit. These rumors have not been definite enough to warrant the colonel's formally denying them, and yet it is known that they have done him much injury. He bided his time and when a paper called Iron Ore, at Ishpeming, Mich., specifically made the charge that he is "intemperate in the use of language and liquor," he directed that a libel suit for \$10,000 damages be at once filed against the editor, G. A. Newett.

The public health service has got out a popular bulletin on the wicked flea and how to destroy him. It seems the flea, or "Pulex Irritans" as his name appears in the scientific "Who's Who," resists practically every so-called insecticide. He utterly refuses to be downed in plain water; he becomes paralyzed by alcohol, but quickly sobers up; he grows fat on formalin, trekesol, phenol, etc., and the only ordinary thing which will reach his case is to plunge him in soapy water and hold his head under. He has as much antipathy for soap as a tramp has, and it fixes him.—Pathfinder.

Our old friend, Rev. C. P. Stealey, is publishing and editing the Baptist Messenger at Oklahoma City. He has printed only 17 issues, and yet at the head of his editorial column we find this in black letter: "Pardon this reminder, but, friend, if you owe for the Messenger, won't you make a special effort to send in the money this week? It is so easy to forget. Send it now." How familiar it sounds! And this, too, when the paper is just 17 weeks old. Just wait until the Messenger is 85 years old.—Religious Herald.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." The Psalmist knew where his chief dependence lay. It is well in life to know what to trust.

The Baptist Congress will meet at Ithaca, N. Y., November 12-14. The topics to be discussed are less theological and more practical than has sometimes been the case in former years.

According to figures filed with congress in obedience to law, the democratic campaign fund since the convention and up to October 12 amounted to about \$680,000. The progressive fund at the same time was stated as \$304,000 and the Taft fund as \$591,000.

The Tennessee Baptist State Convention meets in Murfreesboro November 13-15. A great attendance is expected, as Murfreesboro is the center of the state and easy of access. It is also the seat of Tennessee College for Women, the only school for women owned by the Baptists of Tennessee.

Rev. J. D. Gwaltney, of Alabama, has become pastor of the Central Baptist church, Winchester, Ky. He has landed upon the field and has been given a hearty welcome and reception by his church. He has decided speaking ability and has captured his new charge.—Baptist World.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones has given the finest description of a subscription to a newspaper that we have seen. Sending his own to the Religious Herald, he calls it "a hypodermic financial injection to stimulate the circulation." We trust that many brethren over our state will practice in a similar way upon us.—Christian Index.

The senate committee which has been investigating campaign contributions of this and other years has wound up its work for the present. An interesting unwritten chapter in political history was brought to light when T. F. Ryan, the New York immigration and trust organizer, told how he had given \$450,000 at one clip to help the democratic party out of its financial hole in the campaign of 1904. This is the biggest campaign contribution ever made by any one man in history, it is said.

Abraham Lincoln: "I do not pretend to be a prophet; but though not a prophet, I see a very dark cloud on our horizon, and that cloud is coming from Rome. The true motive power is secreted behind the thick walls of the Vatican, the college and schools of the Jesuits, the convents of the nuns and the confessional boxes of Rome."

Rev. E. H. Jennings, of Dothan, Ala., is preaching to the largest congregations he has ever had in his ministerial career. His Sunday school is excellent, under the superintendency of Prof. J. V. Brown, an old Georgia boy, a former student of Mercer University. If Brother Brown is as successful in Sunday school work as he used to be in playing football, we don't wonder at the growth of his Sunday school.—Christian Index.

Nearly 5,000,000 new voters are expected to appear at the polls this year, according to an estimate prepared for the republican national committee. There will be 3,650,000 male votes enfranchised by age alone and 1,350,000 newly enfranchised women and newly naturalized citizens. There will be 24,332,000 male voters. The number of women voters is estimated at 1,667,000, making a total of approximately 26,000,000 persons who may vote for president. In 1908 there were 22,617,500 eligible voters, but the number of votes cast was only 14,888,442.—Exchange.

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Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Savannah, Ga., is assisting Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, Ga., in a series of meetings.

The mission of the church is the establishing of the kingdom of Christ on the earth. For this mission the church has been instituted and is equipped. For the discharge of this mission every believer, every congregation, every denomination has a definite responsibility.

The little Balkan states, with Greece, had their grievances against Turkey long before Italy seized Tripoli, but it is doubtful if they would have come together as they have, and to the point of warlike action, but for Italy's course.

Rev. Spurgeon Wingo requests us to change the address of his paper from Dora, Ala., to Scottsboro, Ala. He has accepted the pastorate of the Scottsboro church. Scottsboro is in Northeastern Alabama, near the Tennessee line, and is an excellent field. We wish Brother Wingo the most abundant success in his new pastorate.—Baptist Reflector.

A million tickets printed in preparation for a "bull moose tag day" in New York were wasted, because the city authorities ruled that tagging is a technical violation of the law prohibiting begging on the streets. "Tag day" for all sorts of purposes, good and bad, have become a great nuisance in some places.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, has issued orders forbidding the singing of "Oh, Promise Me" and other popular songs at Catholic wedding and funerals, and Latin chants will be substituted. "Grave abuses have crept in," says the archbishop, until "the listener wonders whether he is taking part in a Catholic service or an altogether secular occasion."

The department of chemistry in the University of Chicago has had this year an unusually large number of requests for chemists from universities, the government, technical establishments, colleges and schools, the total amount of salaries involved reaching something like \$145,000. Its list of available candidates for advance positions was exhausted by the beginning of the summer quarter, 1912.

The sensational case against Police Lieutenant Becker, of New York City, which not only involves the question of how the gambler Herman Rosenthal came to be murdered, but the more important question of alleged blackmail and graft in the police department, has led to an early verdict. Lieutenant Becker has been found guilty of murder in the first degree for having hired "gunmen" to kill Rosenthal on the eve of his anticipated disclosure of police corruption.

At the 39th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held at Portland, Ore., Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens was re-elected president. An increase of 11,000 members was reported, bringing the total up to 300,000. Mrs. Stevens said that in the last year increased numbers of railroads had prohibited the use of liquor and declined to serve liquor on their cars, while life insurance companies had more sharply discriminated against users of intoxicants.

After Roger Williams' kitchen utensils, some of which are believed to have been discovered on the site of his old kitchen at Providence, comes the announcement that the brazier's anvil on which John Bunyan used to hammer as a blacksmith has been unearthed at his old home at Elstow. The anvil is described as spindle shaped, about 30 inches long, and weighs 40 pounds. It has a circular table-like top, about 10 inches indiameter, supported on a square beveled-edge shaft. Below the extended rim at the base is a shaft with a blunt end, which was driven into a heavy block of wood to hold it upright. On one side of the shaft the name J. Bunyan is rudely but plainly cut, in quaint capital letters. The date attached is 1647. That was before he was shut up in Bedford Jail, where he wrote the "Pilgrim's Progress."—The Watchman.

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

Last week we pointed out on our map the three streams that unite, a few miles above the Waters of Merom, to form the Jordan. We visited the source of one of these streams, a great spring, at Dan. Now we shall turn from Dan to the upper tributary, the Hasbany, which has its source far up among the heights of Hermon. At the point marked 89 on our map we shall find a bridge, part of which, at least, dates back to New Testament times. As the lines show, we shall be looking southwest.

**Position 89. Old Roman Bridge Over the Hasbany, on the Ancient Highway From Palestine to Damascus.**

A few rods before us we see the brook which, after winding down among these slopes, helps to form the Jordan. If we should see it in the spring, swollen by the rain and the melting of the snow on Mount Hermon, we should find it a river. Here we stand at the northern confines of Palestine and are looking southwest. Beyond these hills near us we can see dimly one of the broad, level valleys that leads down into Galilee. Beyond this hill at our left lies Nazareth, Samaria and Jerusalem. This slope on which we are standing belongs to one of the lower ranges of Mount Hermon, which rises to lofty heights behind us and to the east. How rough and stony is the road that leads before us to the bridge. This is just such a bridle-path, misnamed a road, as you will find everywhere among the mountains of Palestine. Now, let us look at the bridge—narrow, you perceive, for it was built for horsemen, not for carriages. There is no wall to protect the traveler on either side. How easy it would be for a horse to stumble and drop his rider into this stream! There is a bridge like this near the entrance to Caesarea Philippi, over another branch of the Jordan, which made me shiver as I rode across it, for under it rolls a surging torrent. Two days after I passed over it a horse and his rider fell from it into the water, and their bodies were found two miles below. If you look closely at the arches of this bridge you may perceive that at either end the stones are round, while those in the middle are squared. Those round stones are Roman masonry. They show that the Romans built a bridge here, which may have been washed away, and been succeeded by this structure.

This bridge has to us, as students of the Bible, an interest, though it is not named in the scripture. It stands on the ancient highway between Palestine and Damascus. Perhaps those early saints who were driven out of Jerusalem by that fierce young persecutor, Saul of Tarsus, made their way to Damascus, and planted the gospel in that city, walked over this bridge. It is more than likely that Saul himself crossed this bridge on that memorable journey from Jerusalem to Damascus—a journey that transformed a persecutor into an apostle, and opened a new chapter in the history of the world. If that ardent young Israelite had stumbled and fallen from his unguarded road into the swelling stream, how differently earth's history might have been written. It is very possible that Christ Himself walked over the Roman bridge at this point when on His way to Caesarea Philippi (Mark 8:27).

We also will cross the old bridge and go eastward until we come to Banias, which is the modern representative of Caesarea Philippi. First, we shall stand before the ancient gate of the city and look up to the mountain above it. See the number 90 on our map and the lines that branch north.

**Position 90. Old Gate to Caesarea Philippi, at the Foot of Mount Hermon.**

Here we look down into a deep gorge, which runs close to the wall on the southern side of Caesarea Philippi. If we could see to the bottom of the gorge we should see another one of the branches of the Jordan. It bounds forth from one of the largest springs in the world, not far from here, and at once becomes a powerful stream, able to sweep away a horse and its rider if they should fall over the low wall of this stone bridge that spans the gorge and leads to the city's southern gate. On the other side of the gorge and at the other end of the bridge we see part of the wall of the old city. What are those round knobs projecting from the wall? They are columns from an ancient building thrust in to com-



plete this structure, which belongs to the epoch of the crusades. No one can tell what tears and sweat and blood were poured out on these walls and others like them built by Turkish captives under the last of their Christian conquerors. This old city was rebuilt by Herod Philip, the ruler of this region in the time of Jesus (Luke 3:1). It was called "Caesarea Philippi," or "Philip's Caesarea," to distinguish it from another Caesarea, just south of Mount Carmel, on the coast, which was the Roman capital of Judea. Hither came our Lord for retirement during His year of opposition; and here, in sight of these mountains, Simon Peter uttered his great declaration, the platform of all Christian doctrine concerning Jesus (Matt. 16:13-16).

This old gateway we find before us is on the southern side of the city, so we are looking nearly north. Those rugged mountain heights that overlook the city are the lower spurs of the greatest mountains in Palestine proper, Mount Hermon, 9,000 feet high, and the only one on whose peaks the snow remains throughout the year, although some of the peaks of Mount Lebanon, to the north, rise 1,500 feet higher. You will at once remember that event which makes this one of the sacred mountains (Luke 9:28-35). On a height near the city, perhaps on one of those two domes now in sight, Jesus stood with His three chosen disciples and revealed to their eyes His heavenly glory, while the two greatest prophets of the older days appeared at His side, talking with Him of His approaching triumph on the cross. As we look on this mountain we seem to hear the voice from the sky, "This is my beloved son."

"Lord! it is good for us to be  
Where rest the souls that dwell with Thee,  
Where stand revealed to mortal gaze  
The great old saints of other days—  
Who once received on Horeb's height  
The eternal laws of truth and right;  
Or, caught the still, small whisper, higher  
Than storm, than earthquake, or than fire.

"Lord! it is good for us to be  
Entranced, enwrapped, alone with Thee;  
Watching the glistening raiment glow,  
Whiter than Hermon's whitest snow.  
The human lineaments which shine  
Irradiant with a light divine,  
Till we, too, change from grace to grace,  
Gazing on that transfigured Face."

—A. P. Stanley.

You can see the old bridge that Paul may have crossed and the gate to the city which Jesus visited by using the stereographs (89) "Old Roman Bridge Over the Hasbany, on the Ancient Highway from Palestine to Damascus" and (90) "Old Gate to Caesarea Philippi, at the Foot of Mount Hermon."

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Friends of Mexico and of President Madero's government will be glad to know that the Diaz revolution which began at Vera Cruz proved to be a mere flash in the pan. The federal troops marched into the city with no resistance and arrested Felix Diaz and his companions. The revolutionists say that they expected the advancing federals to fraternize with them and therefore did not fire. That was a happy mistake for Mexico. Several of the leaders have been court-martialed and sentenced to be shot. Efforts to save the life of Diaz are active and the temporary suspension of the sentences leaves some room for mercy. Of the revolted troops one in ten, selected by lot, is to die.

We regret to learn that Dr. J. L. White, who has served so effectively the Central church at Memphis, Tenn., and who has accepted a call to the Vineville church, Macon, Ga., to take charge January 1, and who came to Ruhama church, East Lake, to assist Pastor Edwards in a series of meetings, was called home by the death of a prominent member. Dr. White is one of the south's greatest evangelist pastors.

Dr. M. J. Rosenau, of Harvard, made the important announcement at the recent hygiene congress at Washington that the ordinary stable fly is the guilty party which is responsible for the spread of infantile paralysis. This disease is one that hitherto has baffled the doctors. Dr. Rosenau inoculated some monkeys with the disease and then admitted stable flies to their screened cage. The flies bit the monkeys and were then taken to another cage, where they were allowed to bite healthy monkeys. These latter soon came down with the disease.

Dr. Duff once told an Edinburgh audience that if they would give him the cost of that portion of their silk dresses that swept the pavements he would support all of his missionaries in India.

The man who writes about the passing of religion is sound asleep, and does not know that a new day is at hand, although the light is beating upon his eyelids.

"Bitterness in the taste of medicines used to cause wry faces. Good sense sugar-coated the dose or put it in capsules. But bitterness in human speech cannot be coated or capsuled."

Let us never presume to talk as though we knew all about God and His ways. There is a proud and final dogmatism which is as pernicious and poisonous as boastful unbelief.

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Caroline French Benton has packed into this volume enough suggestions to keep every woman in every community busy who wishes to raise money for a church, hospital, asylum or any other institution which needs money. We do not counsel the raising of money for churches by fairs, fetes or bazaars, and yet those who wish to do so will find in this book many suggestions. There are, however, other things besides the church which can be helped by adopting some of her various entertainments. The book is divided into five parts: Fair and entertainments for autumn, winter, spring, summer, and then little fairs for every day. There are really many clever and entertaining ways of beguiling the unwilling dollar out of the pockets of indifferent givers. The illustrations are striking and the book is well printed.

Dana, Estes & Co., Boston. \$1.25.

**"Little-Known Sisters of Well-Known Men."**

This is a delightful series of biographies, in which Sarah Gertrude Pomeroy has wandered far afield and collected interesting data from many sources concerning the lives of Mary Ann Lamb, Mary Sidney, Dorothy Wordsworth, Elizabeth Whittier, Sarah Disraeli and Sophia Torea. These sisters of American and English authors have heretofore been little known to the general public, with the exception of Dorothy Wordsworth and Mary Lamb. The author visited the homes of those she has written about, which accounts for the vitalized portraits which stand out so clearly in her sympathetic study. She found much of her material in the biographies of the distinguished brothers, in memoirs, magazine articles, or even in the pages of some yellowed newspaper. The pictures of the seven women are well worth being brought together and preserved, as they

are in this volume. We wish that Miss Pomeroy had included a chapter on the beloved sister of Ernest Renau, but this might have called for still others. The book is well printed and is worth while.

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**"The Victor's Excursion."**

This is the true story of 15 years between oceans by DuBois H. Loux, a descendant of a noted Huguenot family, who trained in Presbyterian circles after church affiliations with the presbytery for conscience sake, went to the Methodists and then got out of fellowship with them. It is the interesting story of a conscientious man who cares less for ecclesiastical machinery than he does for social Christianity. He is evidently much in earnest and a seeker after the truth. Having tried to find a religious home in two evangelistic churches, we hope that in his search for truth he will take the New Testament as his sole guide. In Baptist ranks he would not be hampered with "bossism," but come into true soul liberty. It is an interesting human document.

The Workers' Press, 108 Duane street, New York. \$1.00 net.

**"Old Four-Toes; or, Hunters of the Peaks."**

By Edwin L. Sabin.

A continuation of the story of the Bar-B ranchers, whose many interesting adventures have proved attractive to thousands of young readers. The Journal of Education says of this able juvenile writer: "Edwin L. Sabin writes books for boys in a way that fascinates every boy." This latest volume is among his best, relating hunting, exploring and Indian adventures in the foothills of the Rockies. Eight illustrations by Rowe.

Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York. \$1.50.

**"Rhody."**

This story by Frances S. Brewster tells of a woman's love. It is absolutely realistic to life, and distinctly visualizes this old-fashioned New England woman, showing how the love which dominates her life endures through all kinds of hardship and neglect, kept alive simply by its own fire. Her sense of humor helps her through many a trying situation and keeps her disposition sweet. The smile and the tear rapidly succeed one another as we read these humorous, pathetic pages. It is a story from real life.

George W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia. \$1.00 net.

**"Practical Agitation."**

In this book John Jay Chapman, an unusually forceful but discriminating writer, makes an attempt to follow the track of personal influence across society. The first three chapters discuss political reform, while the fourth chapter deals with contemporary journalism. His thesis is "that we can always do more for mankind by following the good in a straight line than we can by making concessions to evils. He works it out well. The Academy well says: "This is a brilliant little book. Mr. Chapman wields a razor-edge of forcible statement, and he is inspired by a moral passion that makes his utterance a breathing, vital thing."

Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. \$1.25.

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## "THE GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY."

A new society, "The Guardians of Liberty," has been launched. It represents in Cardinal Gibbons' eyes nothing more than "an attempt to revive the bigotry of the A. P. A."

But this new organization is supported by Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Major-Gen. D. E. Sickles, Rear Admiral G. W. Baird, former Congressman Charles D. Haines, of New York, and other patriotic Americans.

The following declaration of principles have a true Baptist ring:

"First—We unite as a non-sectarian, non-partisan moral force to promote pure patriotism and a sacred regard for the welfare of our country. It is our belief that every citizen should hold sacred his civil duties and responsibilities, and it is our desire and purpose that every office of the nation, state and municipality shall be held by men of ability, integrity and true patriotism. We hold that no citizen is a true patriot who owes superior temporal allegiance to any power above that of his obligation to the principles of the constitution of the United States.

"Second—As the fathers established, so are we resolved to maintain the complete separation of church and state.

"Third—We deny the right of any political or ecclesiastical organization to manipulate or control the sovereign citizenship of our people, or to dispose of their rights and privileges for political office or power, and we are determined that every citizen shall exercise those rights and privileges unmolested, answerable only to his conscience and to his God.

"Fourth—We unite to protect and preserve the free institutions of our country, especially our public educational system, against any foreign or menacing influence, and we particularly protest against the diversion of any public funds or lands to any religious purpose whatever."

The organization of the "Guardians of Liberty" is clearly one of many efforts now being made in America to ward off what is regarded by many as the Roman Catholic "peril." It gives corporate expression to the Presbyterian General Assembly's resolution of last year viewing "with serious concern the ~~of Roman Catholicism~~ and deploring "the apathy of all public men concerning this menace."

That it is a menace we have only to remember the saying of Archbishop Ireland to the effect that the church can never come into its own until there are more Roman Catholics in congress.

The pressure and demands of Roman Catholics for place and power in our American life is insistent. In several states they have succeeded in making a new holiday in honor of Columbus. Mr. Haines, in explaining the purposes of the organization, says:

"Cardinal Gibbons is mistaken in his statement that the order is an attempt to revive bigotry, yet if he and others so comprehend our declaration of principles then we proudly proclaim ourselves bigots in fact as well as in faith. We are of the blood that takes pride in our American citizenship."

## FIXED HABITS.

Personal habits are a most important part of one's life. They have much to do with the formation of one's character. Good habits accompany good character, and also largely aid in its development. When such habits are firmly fixed in one's self they make it comparatively easy for him to live an upright and forceful life. This is particularly true of one who has established within him the principles of a high type of morality. He is not likely to be induced to practice evil habits. He who is fixed in the best of good habits is thereby safeguarded against the influence of the bad habits of those who surround him. He who is habitually pure in speech is not apt to pattern after those who indulge in impure language. His own purity causes him to be repelled by the impurity of others. The company of profane ones is painful to such a person. His habit of reverential thought makes him detest irreverence toward God and sacred things. It is, therefore, evident that the professor of religion who has satisfaction in the company of profane and impure men is not a true Christian. His habits of thought are thus seen to be in the line of irreverence, impurity and immorality.

One of the great perils connected with the habit

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of one's being a religious formalist, and hence not a genuine Christian, is the strong tendency to hypocrisy. One becomes a religious hypocrite by the persistent habit of appearing to be a Christian while not one in reality. A mere profession of religion, if long continued in, is full of danger to the one who makes it. He may deceive other people by his sham profession, but he greatly deceives his own self. It is one of the worst habits than can be indulged in. There is no real hope for the salvation of such a person. The habit goes with him through this life, and continues in the future world. Let your habits be rooted in the life which is given by Christ in His redemptive power.

## COLLEGE PATRONS HAVE FOUND A SPOKESMAN.

Dr. Dawson's protest against lying and cheating in college athletics in a recent sermon receive an independent and striking emphasis in an article by Mr. Charles W. Green appearing lately in the Age-Herald. Mr. Green declares that football prospects at the University of Mississippi have been wrecked by finding men on the squad who are ineligible. He further declares that in many cases there is not even a semblance of conforming to the rules of the S. I. A. A., a fact known to the directors, athletes and others in authority.

We all feel like uttering a hearty "amen" when he says: "To have college athletes signing year after year statements which they know to be false is not, to say the least, calculated to encourage them in that development of honesty and truthfulness which is supposed to be one of the chief objects of every institution of learning." Mr. Green puts it mildly, and we may add that his remedy for the evil is superficial. The root of the matter lies much deeper than his diagnosis indicates.

Dr. Dawson has spoken the thought of hundreds of patrons, and we have not heard the last word on the subject. Most parents are submitting to our present abnormal athletics conditions because they have a feeling that they cannot help themselves. When they realize that in many cases their sons are not only demoralized, but actually immoralized by the craze "to win battles," they will make themselves heard in no uncertain tones. Meantime it is well to keep in mind Dr. Dawson's indictment of modern athletics, viz: the physical development of the great majority of students is neglected because the physical director gives his thought almost wholly to the "team," and these few are overtrained as much as the others are undertrained. Further and chiefly, that those signing false statements are encouraged to lie; that this lie is, or could be and ought to be, known to the faculty and trustees; that student bodies are expected to support the team, and so support the lie. Nor should we forget his word, that these men so trained are to be the rulers of the land.

## THE HEALTH PROBLEM.

Every now and then some one wants to know why we are always printing articles on tuberculosis and other diseases. We do it because we deem it a privilege and a duty. We believe that there ought to be a closer affiliation between the health departments of our cities, counties and states. Not only should they be co-ordinated in an effective way, but should rightly be controlled by the national health service of Senator Owens' bill becomes a law, for then water, food, quarantine and other health questions of an interstate character can be handled in their broadest aspects, and because industrial conditions so greatly influencing health are often controlled by "interests" more powerful than civic authority.

Just as community life is embedded in the life of the state and is modified by its hygienic conditions, so state life is embedded in the life of the nation, and cannot enjoy ideally hygienic conditions—unless those of the nation are ideal.

Individual states are particularly helpless in matters of quarantine involving the larger issues, as evidenced by the experience of California when the bubonic plague broke out there. That state was then

forced to call upon the national government for aid. In the same way Louisiana had to seek federal aid during a yellow fever epidemic. The conditions along the Mississippi river afford another example of the difficulties which states encounter in individual attempts at solving quarantine questions. The governor of Mississippi strongly urged the creation of a national department of health to help solve these difficulties.

At present the nation is allowing 1,500,000 to be lost annually, and 3,000,000 lives to be constantly incapacitated. The annual financial loss which this represents is estimated at \$3,000,000,000.

The conservation of our national minerals, as well as of our forests, our lands and our waters, is to insure a supply for the nation in future years. "Its purpose is to keep the resources of the world in sufficient abundance so that man may have a happy existence," says Charles R. Van Hise. But, as this same conservationist puts it, "if the conservation of our natural resources is for man, it is an obvious suggestion that man himself should be conserved."

## TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We have cordially supported all movements in Alabama to get better prohibition laws enacted, and in season and out have pleaded that pressure be brought upon all officers to see that they regarded well their oath and enforce the law without fear or favor, but we fear in our anxiety for restrictive legislation we have not stressed sufficiently the personal appeal, and now we urge churches of every name and creed, and all temperance organizations, and all right thinking people everywhere, to emphasize the necessity for individual abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks and the careful training of the young in the principles of abstinence.

The Randolph County Association met with Zion church, pastored by H. A. Landers, who stands foursquare for Baptist beliefs and practices. Rev. H. R. Moore was re-elected moderator and Nixon Lucas clerk in spite of their protests. The church is beautifully situated, and we greatly enjoyed being present. There were some fine talks. We heard the missionary sermon by Rev. A. S. Brannon, of Roanoke. It made a strong impression, and much feeling was shown. We also heard Rev. A. D. Glass, who preached in the open air most effectively. The association decided to organize a Baptist Sunday school convention within its bounds. Carter Wright drove us out and back to Roanoke in his Buick. We greatly enjoyed being with him. We spent the night with Brother J. T. Yarbrough, the man whose boys have made such reputation as educators. It was truly a joy to meet with the Randolph County Association. The pastors were gracious and friendly, and many good things were said in the interest of the Alabama Baptist. We got 70 new subscribers.

Jesus lived in Galilee, through which the highway of the nations ran. He heard daily news of Rome, from the caravans of traders, soldiers that marched hither and thither, governors, legates, traders, noblemen, and many other classes, that came and went from Rome to other places in the empire, and who stopped at night in the inns of the cities of Galilee. Jesus heard repeated from lip to lip the daily news of Rome's wealth, games, luxury, idleness, debauchery, plays in the amphitheatre, gladiatorial exhibitions to mortal combat, lions and tigers in the arena, the foul licentiousness of the private life of her inhabitants. It was well understood in Galilee that it was Jewish gold, which the Jews sorely needed at home, that went to swell the revenues that paid for such revelries in Rome.

Archbishop Colley, the eccentric Rugby clergyman who turned spiritualist, is dead. Last year he startled his congregation nearly to death by having himself carried through the church in his coffin. Like the Chinese, he kept his coffin in plain sight for years, in order to grow accustomed to the idea of death, which he regarded as only the gateway to another stage of existence. On his deathbed he dictated a statement saying: "Just going forward for a little rest in the beyond, before seeking another incarnation."



## BROTHER CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES.

Mention was made of the organization of a preachers' meeting at the Tennessee River Association. The Etowah had one already organized; the Muscle Shoals and others have organized. More and more our preachers see the necessity of these

## Get Together Meetings.

There can be no concert of action, no broad fellowship, no mutual benefits, social, mental and spiritual, without such meetings. Let the preachers in every county organize this winter and get in shape for the larger gatherings next summer at Pelham. That will be the crowning meeting of the year. Many a poor fellow has longed for, with no hope of ever attaining, a course in our school of the prophets at Louisville. Now the seminary is to be brought to Alabama. Drs. Carver and Sampey, of the seminary faculty, are to be our teachers.

Let the matriculation begin now. I will be glad to record the name of every brother who hopes to attend. If there are difficulties in the way I will engage to try to remove them by correspondence. Let every church in the state begin to talk it now: "Our pastor must go." They can make it easy for him to go. The time and the expenses will soon be figured out and published.

I have lost out on

## Associational Trip Notes.

But I will try to gather up a few of the impressions made upon me. The Muscle Shoals was one of the earliest associations organized in the state. It covered much of the magnificent country of the Tennessee River valley. It still covers Morgan and Lawrence counties. As I rode out from Hartselle to Danville, where the body was holding, my eyes fell upon some of the finest land in Alabama; \$50 per acre is not regarded as a high price. A brother right here once complained to the writer of being "land poor." I replied: "These lands are not always going to be without value. Why could you not give 80 or 100 acres to the Howard or Judson?" The reply was: "If a move like that were started you might up a hundred thousand acres, and it might become a great endowment." I put that before our trustees and begged them to let me undertake it as I traveled. It would not have cost them a cent. They could not see it; alas, for their blindness!

Here at Danville the Baptists once had a thriving academy, under the management of Dr. Shackelford and later under Prof. Tidwell. "Since the Baptist school went down we have had no school worthy of the name," said a Methodist brother. Here, as in most places, the association was in a rush. Beginning Friday morning, it closed Saturday afternoon. Many of the great questions were merely touched, and some not at all. Alas, that the preachers are in as big a rush to get away as anybody else! The Muscle Shoals has a great territory and a large membership. The great possibilities before it may be lost. It will be pleasant for Dr. Shackelford to know he was tenderly mentioned more than once in the meeting.

## The Unity at Maplesville.

I could attend but one day. It covers much of Chilton and most of Autauga counties. The Maplesville people in their commodious church building and in their hospitable homes entertained the body handsomely. F. M. Woods is a great moderator, and Ruddle is a good clerk. W. H. Connell gave us a great sermon in the beginning on "All Things Work Together for Good," etc.

An association is a country affair, and is seldom a success in a city. This was demonstrated forcibly by

## The Montgomery.

Which met with the First church. Not many of the outside people came, and the people of the city never knew it was there. The body was well entertained with "dinner and supper on the ground." Ginsburg and Shepherd, from Brazil, and Quisenberry, from the world at large, were there. Not many associations had such an opportunity this season. Our hearts were made sick as we learned of the great opportunities before the Baptists in Brazil and other parts of the world and the utter inadequacy of the means we are likely to raise. The hopelessness is in our inability to get these matters before our people. They will not read of them nor will they turn out to hear.

## At Midland City,

In the very heart of some of the most beautiful country in Southeast Alabama, the Dale County Associa-

tion met. The church has built a handsome home for Pastor A. G. Spinks. The town has erected a school building which would do credit to a city. Brother W. W. Morris, the long time moderator, was continued in that position, and Brother J. W. Malone is the efficient clerk. A two and a half day program had been arranged. At intervals through the second day they see-sawed over the question of closing that night, finally deciding to carry out the program; but that night it closed with a snap. The people who were to provide dinner for the next day were surprised to learn next morning that their guests had hid themselves away between suns.

## The Old Alabama.

Once covering Montgomery, Butler, Lowndes, Dallas, parts of Elmore, Crenshaw and Autauga, is yet in business, though one of the smallest associations in the state. The moderator's chair, occupied for many years by the sainted David Lee, of Mt. Willing, is now filled by Brother Grace, of Letohatchie. A great audience filled the new building at Antioch, six miles out from Greenville, on Sunday and heard me. It was a great joy to meet so many of the friends of years ago, when I was a horseback evangelist through this section.

The biggest thing in the shape of an association, perhaps, in the state is

## The East Liberty.

Covering Chambers and a part of Tallapoosa, which met at Camp Hill. Be it said to its credit, it is one of the few THREE DAY MEETINGS in the state. Every year I plan to miss the East Liberty because I am needed elsewhere, but as the time approaches I yield to the temptation and drop by one day. They are not only a great body in numbers, but they are great in their hospitality, their loyalty to the cause and in their appreciation of a visitor. The two church buildings wouldn't begin to hold the eager throngs at Camp Hill. The dinner table was the biggest thing of the kind I have ever seen. Brisco and his people proved themselves equal to the occasion. Little Jim Norman, the big senator from this section, was the moderator. No bigger man can be found in the state. No liquor interest need ever expect anything at his hands. *W. C. Bledsoe is not only a veteran clerk, but he is a prince. Accurate, prompt and wide-awake, he makes the best minutes in the state, and gets them out at once, an example that ought to be imitated by the other clerks. How many sins are laid on the belated clerks of our associations!*

## "Our Minutes Were So Late"

Is a common complaint. Said a treasurer, who kept the money until March: "I would have sent it sooner, but OUR MINUTES ARE JUST OUT." Said a pastor: "I want to work the schedule, but I never know UNTIL THE MINUTES ARE PRINTED what my churches are apportioned." Said a chairman of an executive committee: "The association instructed us to communicate with the board about a matter, BUT THE MINUTES ARE NOT OUT, and I do not remember exactly what it was." Another said: "We arranged for fifth Sunday meetings and prepared a program, but we have missed two fifth Sundays now BECAUSE THE MINUTES ARE NOT OUT."

Some of the excuses are very, very thin, but the clerks see how many things can be charged to their slowness in getting out the minutes.

## Collinsville.

Where the DeKalb met, is beautiful for situation. It nestles in Little Will's valley, between Lookout and Sand Mountains. What fountains of pure water spring out of the earth and pour down its streets! The church is rejoicing over their good fortune in securing the services of Brother Flemming, one of our Henry county boys, who was captured before he got back to his home from the seminary. They are erecting a handsome home for the pastor and have no dream of letting him go elsewhere. Brother E. Crawford, the old moderator of the association, was re-elected, and Brother Ventres clerk. These mountain people certainly love to hear. They crowd the house and remain to the end of the service. Here, as everywhere, the dinners were a great feature.

## The Second Session of Lamar County

Was held at Shiloh church. Its history is short, but eventful. Baptists never TIRE OF TELLING HOW THEY BELIEVE IN FREE SPEECH AND HOW THEY NEVER PERSECUTED. Alas, for their claim! In the good year of our Lord 1911 seven sovereign Baptist churches, against whom no charge had ever

been preferred, asked for letters from a Baptist association. The application was not only refused, but THEY WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR AFFILIATING WITH THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION. Of course such intolerance will not meet with favor in this age of the world among fair-minded people. The Lamar, though now a small body, will soon become an association of influence. The session was harmonious, a thing that could never be written of the old body from which they were excluded. There are two important fields right here which need pastors. When they are wisely filled a better day will dawn in Lamar.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

## THE WOMAN'S MEETING OF EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

The Eufaula Baptist Association met with Eufaula First Baptist church October 22, 24 and 25, the woman's meeting being held on Thursday, October 24, Mrs. W. H. Robertson, of Clayton, presiding. The meeting was opened with the song, "Come Holy Spirit," followed by scripture reading by Mrs. Fannie Thornton, president of the missionary society at Eufaula, and the devotional exercises were closed with a chain of prayers. Mrs. C. A. Locke in her own charming, happy way spoke the words of welcome. Mrs. M. W. Britt, of Midway, responded in sweet, tender words that we knew were from her heart. An address by Mrs. Robertson, the superintendent, was much enjoyed, and while she said she was not the person for the place, she filled it admirably, and we would gladly have had her another year.

We next enjoyed a most helpful talk on "Child's Missions" by Miss Forbes, one of our Sunday school specialists. Miss Forbes goes to the heart of things in her talks.

We were specially favored in the address by Mrs. W. B. Crumpton, of Montgomery, which was indeed fine. In her talk she spoke of a way of success, using three P's—pray, plan, pay. We were so glad to have Mrs. Crumpton with us, for her own charming self and to know the wife of our loved Dr. Crumpton of the State Board.

We also listened to an excellent talk on "The Standard of Excellence" by Mrs. Samford, another of Montgomery's gifted women.

The afternoon session was largely attended. It was called to order by Mrs. Robertson, superintendent. There was a scripture reading by Mrs. F. Thornton, followed by the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

A report on Y. W. A. work was made by Miss Clyde Blackman, of Eufaula.

A paper on State Missions by Mrs. T. M. Thomas, of Louisville, was very good, and that on Home Missions by Mrs. Johns, of Midway, was excellent.

Mrs. J. D. Holmes, leader of the Y. W. A. of Eufaula, presented Foreign Missions to us in a beautifully charming way, which won all hearts.

Mrs. J. F. Comer, of Midway, was unanimously elected superintendent, and Mrs. W. H. Cox, of Three Notch, secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

While our ladies' meeting has been one of pleasure and benefit to all, the earnest zeal of the few should stimulate each one in renewed efforts in the Master's cause. Still there is an aching void in our hearts for the one who by her earnest emotion and smiling face ever spurred us to press on to the mark of the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. Therefore be it resolved:

First—That we miss Miss Mallory, but what is our loss is the gain of the whole death southland.

Second—That while we grieve for Miss Ward, whom we hoped to know, "He who doeth all things well" will tell us the reason why she was taken in His own good time.

Third—That we sympathize with Miss Patrick in the extra burdens laid upon her by the death. May her hands be strengthened and upheld from the rising to the setting of the sun, as were Joshua's of old.

Fourth—That we thank the visiting ladies for their helpful talks.

Fifth—That from our hearts we thank the dear ladies of Eufaula for their cordial hospitality showered upon us in every way. MRS. T. M. BRANNON, Eufaula, Ala., Nov. 1, 1912. Acting Secretary.



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Default having been made in the terms of the mortgage and payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, which was executed by Dunreath R. McGlathery and F. S. McGlathery on the 20th day of August, 1907 to William C. Ward, to secure the indebtedness therein named, and which mortgage was filed for record and recorded in volume 474, on page 177, of the records of deeds in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 20th day of August, 1907. Mrs. Alice G. Ward, as executrix of the estate of William C. Ward, deceased, the present owner and holder of said mortgage and indebtedness thereby secured, will, under and by virtue of the terms and powers of sale contained in said mortgage, on account of said default, offer for sale and proceed to sell on Saturday, the 2nd day of November, 1912, before the county court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in the present city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots numbered four (4), five (5) and six (6), in block numbered fourteen (14), as shown in the survey and map of W. J. Vann, as recorded in map book one (1), on page 35, in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, lying one hundred (100) feet west of Gillespie street and fronting one hundred and fifty (150) feet on the north side of Fourth avenue, extending back therefrom of uniform width one hundred and fifty (150) feet to an alley, situated in Woodlawn, Jefferson county, Alabama; being the property described and conveyed in above mortgage.

**MRS. ALICE G. WARD,** As Executrix of the Estate of Wm. C. Ward, deceased. **Z. T. Rudolph, Attorney.** oct2-3t

**A COARSE WORLD.**

Will you please give me space to say a few words on the questions propounded to Brother Crumpton by the lady on the train with regard to the conduct of evangelists? I have no sort of apology to offer for evangelists who are guilty of the conduct she describes, but rather I agree with Dr. Crumpton that such conduct ought to be rebuked. Coarseness is unbecoming in any Christian, whether he is a preacher or not. Some years ago I was associated with a preacher in several meetings who was given to telling a great many jokes, and some of his jokes, I thought, were too coarse for a preacher to think about, much less to tell, and I rebuked him in a mild way. Many years after that I met that preacher at the Southern Baptist Convention, and he recalled the things which I had said to him years before that, thanked me for saying them to him, and said that I had been more help to him than any preacher he had ever held meetings with. I had entirely forgotten many of the things which he recalled, but you cannot imagine how rejoiced I was to hear him tell about how much I had helped him.

When I hear a preacher telling in the pulpit how mean he used to be with any degree of relish I decide at once that he is just as mean as he ever was. My experience with that kind of preachers has been that they usually go back to the world.

The Apostle Paul asked a very pointed question in the 21st verse of the sixth chapter of his letter to the Romans when he said: "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed, for the end of those things is death?"

If a man has repented of his sins he evidently is ashamed of them, and is not apt to speak of them with any degree of relish.

Now, let me say a word or two on the other side of the question. This is a very "coarse" old world that we live in and it likes coarseness. People will go to hear a preacher who uses coarseness that will not hear any other kind. Some evangelists have found this out, and, being anxious to draw a big crowd, they use coarseness to do it. I do not approve of it, but they do it.

Several years ago two noted evangelists began meetings about the same time in a small town in another state, and one of them decided that the one that acted the biggest fool would get the biggest crowd. So he let himself out and emptied the "other fellow's" tent. I repeat, this is a "coarse" old world, and it like coarseness. I have heard men say things in the pulpit that I would not say in my home before my own family. I do not undertake to say how much was accomplished by it.

Why do so many more people go to shows than go to church? Why does the Southern Baptist Convention so often meet in theatre buildings? The answer is easy. Because they are usually the largest buildings in the city. Why are they larger than the church buildings? Because more people go to shows than go to church. Why is that so? Largely because of the coarseness that is carried on there. Some people who are very easily shocked in church cannot be shocked in a show. I remember once a young man was

telling me about carrying a young lady to a certain show and how "coarse" the play was, and I said: "How in the world could you stay there and see and hear such things in company with a young lady?" He said: "Well, she stood it all right, and I thought that if she could stand it I could." This is a "coarse" world we live in.

Yours for service,  
**A. T. CAMP.**

Northport, Ala.

**ON RELIGIOUS BITTERNESS.**

It is better to leave some things alone. To be constantly poking sticks into the ribs of sleeping dogs is to court growling and produce snapping. Let the poor brutes sleep on. Wrapped in slumber, they are not to be feared. They bite only when awake.

Ministers, above all others, should as far as possible avoid stirring up religious bitterness. A supercilious and cantankerous preacher, or an indiscreet and tactless minister may easily disturb the peace of his church or the religious harmony that ought to exist among brethren. There is absolutely no need, except where principle is involved, to give offense. The common enemy delights over religious backbiting and bitterness. Worldliness, drunkenness, lust and gambling and avarice have a gay time when ministers in engaged in the unchristian and inglorious work of abusing one another. Religious strife is the worst of all strife. I have seen men at times become exceedingly bitter over politics. But if you ridicule a man's religious beliefs, or if you speak contemptuously or slightingly of his work or methods of work, or insinuate crookedness in conduct, you touch him to the quick. Nobody has a monopoly on the way of doing things. Strife ought never to be needlessly engendered. It is more profitable to emphasize points of agreement than to offensively obtrude ecclesiastical peculiarities, or seemingly intellectual superiority.—Rev. Samuel G. Neil in Baptist Commonwealth.

**DOCTORS AND PREACHERS.**

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**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT** The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Il. Chancery. Circuit Court of Jefferson County.

Roy Littrell vs. Peri Littrell. In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court, in term time, by affidavit of T. T. Jones, agent of complainant, that the defendant, Peri Littrell, is a non-resident of the state of Alabama and resides in Nashville, Tenn.; and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the defendant, Peri Littrell, is over the age of 21 years, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in the county of Jefferson, State of Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks requiring her, the said Peri Littrell, to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 22d of November, 1912, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against her.

This 16th day of October, 1912. (Signed) **E. C. CROW,** Judge Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Alabama.

Now, therefore, pursuant to said the said Peri Littrell is required to answer or demur to the bill of complaint, this publication is made and plaint in this cause by the 17th day of November, 1912, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against her.

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For a Baptist church to grow in membership and in the knowledge of God it is absolutely necessary that our peculiarities be taught in our Sunday schools and tried by the scriptural rule to see if a thus saith our Lord and Master is found.

I venture to say there are many thousands of our adults who enter our churches members, perhaps, of our best managed Sunday schools, who would fail to tell what a scriptural church is if they were called upon to do so.

There is one plan of salvation, and only one. How many of our young people could explain this plan and make it so plain that a wayfaring man could not fail to see it?

The Lord's supper as observed by Baptist churches is often criticised by our Pedo friends as bigotry, etc., and some will go so far as to say, "You Baptists feel you are better than we, or you would invite us to your table," etc., when in fact it is not our table, but the Lord's table, and He has placed rules around His table which our would-be critics have refused to obey. How many of our church members can tell why we observe the supper as we do?

So long as we fail to teach our children the reasons of our faith and practice, just that long will we fail in doing our duty to those committed to our charge.

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No thoroughbred Baptist will for a moment deny that we held the TRUTH in all its simplicity so far as salvation is concerned, and he who refuses or fails or neglects to turn on the true light before a Sunday school class assumes, as I see it, a responsibility I do not want resting on my shoulders.

I hope I am not captious or disposed to look for notes, but my earnest desire is to serve my Lord in a way that I may be a faithful witness of Him while I sojourn below. Through an eye of faith I have accepted Christ as my Savior, and I believe He will save me. I believe this as firmly as I believe in my existence. A home to me in heaven in mine.

J. R. McLENDON.

Naftel, Ala.

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that we, the members of the Holt Baptist church, greatly regret the removal of Brother and Sister Foster from our midst. We can cheerfully and conscientiously recommend them to the people to whom they have gone to live among as being good neighbors and high-minded Christian people.

Dr. Ezra Foster was born and reared in Tuscaloosa county, and for a number of years practiced medicine, and was considered among the foremost of this profession. Dr. Foster took an active part in Masonry and was often elected worshipful master of the different lodges to which he belonged. The latter years of Brother Foster's stay with us were spent in the mercantile business, and as a merchant he was quite successful. Brother Foster always took an active part and high stand in all public issues that came before his county, and he was always found on the right side. Brother Foster has been a member of the Baptist church for years. He is an offspring of the pioneer settlers of our county, who yet rank among our very best people.

We have not enjoyed the pleasure of having Sister Foster but for a few years, but to know her is to love her. Sister Foster is a splendid church worker in all the different branches of the church.

Resolved (1) by the membership of the Holt Baptist church, that a copy of this writing be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Resolved (2), That a copy be sent to Brother and Sister Foster.

Resolved (3), That in the removal of Brother and Sister Foster the county, neighborhood and church has sustained a great loss.

Resolved (4), That we all unite in a solemn prayer to God to remember and ever be with and bless Brother and Sister Foster in their home.

Done in church conference this, the 27th day of October, 1912.

W. R. RIGELL, Moderator.  
L. S. JOHNSON, Church Clerk.  
S. L. THOMPSON,  
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## SHADY GROVE ASSOCIATION.

The Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session Wednesday, October 23, with Shady Grove Baptist church, three miles southwest of Phil Campbell, Ala. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. James H. Chapman, assistant corresponding secretary of the State Board. At noon we enjoyed a good dinner. In the afternoon the body was called to order by the former moderator, J. A. Love. Letters from the churches were read and messengers' names enrolled, after which our honorable layman, J. W. Fairless, of Hodge, was elected moderator, and our former clerk was re-elected. In every respect I believe this was the best session we have ever held.

The association accepted its apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions and pledged ourselves to do our best to raise the same.

Thursday evening at 7 o'clock the executive committee was called together and heard a very favorable report from our missionary. He had done 62 days' work, for which the committee settled, and had a balance on hand of \$6 to begin our work next year.

I secured on renewal, one cash and one credit subscriptions for the Alabama Baptist and 19 cash subscriptions for the Foreign Mission Journal.

We failed to get our literature sent to us from the State Board, being sent to Hackleburg instead of Bear Creek, but I had a few tracts sent me from the Foreign Mission Board, which were eagerly received.

The spirit of God prevailed throughout the session. The next session will be held with Phil Campbell church, beginning the fourth Sunday in October, 1913.

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There was a ministers' conference organized in Fayette yesterday of about all of the Baptist preachers of the New River Association. There were seven preachers present. George H. White was chosen moderator and J. O. A. Pace secretary. The moderator and clerk were chosen for one year. The conference is to meet at 10 a. m. on Thursday before the first Sunday in each month. The following is the program for December: First, "The Greatest Need of the New River Association," G. W. Gravelle; second, "The Preacher and His Bible," J. R. Hallman; third, "The Preacher as a Man of Prayer," Frank Wilson. It is the desire of the conference that all Baptist preachers should attend these meetings, as they will greatly aid each one and make them more efficient in the Master's service—J. O. A. Pace.

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The Lamar County Association convened with the Shiloh church October 19, 20 and 21. Brother S. M. Waldrop, moderator, and Walter Hill, clerk. The spirit of the meeting was good from start to finish. We had Brother Crumpton, our secretary, with us, whose presence was welcome; Brethren Bell and J. M. McCord, from New River; Brother Longrier, representing the Orphans' Home; Brother J. B. Byrd, of Talladega Springs, representing the Alabama Baptist, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. The good spirit of the Lord seemed to have come with these brethren, and made them a great inspiration in the meeting. I hope the Lord will use them in other places as I believe He used them with us. I have been going to associations for a long time, but have never been at one where there was more harmony. Our next

session will be with Corinth church. We hope to have these brethren and many others next year.—W. C. Woods.

I am now engaged in a great meeting at Athens; have been here 10 days; will close Sunday evening. We had a great men's service last Sunday afternoon, and many men were moved and promised to lead better lives. Rev. H. Ross Arnold is a fine pastor and tireless worker. It is a treat to be with him, and his church growing rapidly. Yours in Christ—Curtis S. Shugart.

Before the next issue of the Baptist can reach me I hope to be on the new field of labor to which I have been called—Lanett, Ala. So you will please change the address on the label that you send Anniston, Ala., to Lanett, Ala. I do not want to miss a copy of the

Baptist; therefore I write you early of the change. Remember me in your prayers to the Father of us all and ask Him to use me and mine to His glory in the field to which He is sending us, that the work may prosper as He will. Will not forget my obligation to you as editor of our state paper; will pray for you and send some new subscriptions just as soon as I get adjusted to the situation there. Yours fraternally —A. C. Yeagan.

Please find check for \$5. My time is up this month. Under the old rule this \$5 would move me up three years. You will please move the date as far as you can. You are giving us a good paper, and I hope more would take it. Respectfully—H. L. Woolley.

(I will move him up three years. Anybody else want to go ahead?)



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The suggestion has been made that the L. & N. is used as a fictitious issue; that the agitation has been continued to supply self-seeking individuals an opportunity to pose before the people as laboring with might and main in the interests of the people.

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The Baptist church and community extend to the sorrowing husband and loved ones their heartfelt sympathy and commend them to go, who hath said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

May that One who was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief give comfort and peace to their stricken hearts and fold them with His own.

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**A COLPORTER'S WORK.**

After reading so many good letters from the ministering brethren of their meetings it gives us courage to do greater things for our Master. As colporter-missionary in the bounds of the Shelby Association I have had the pleasure of being in some glorious meetings this summer. I have just closed a good meeting held at Wilder's Hill school house. Brother Davis and myself did the preaching. The writer had the pleasure of baptizing two sons of Brother Elders at the close of the meeting at this place.

I have been holding a meeting at Keystone for the past week. There was great interest manifested before the meeting closed by both old and young.

May God help us to lift up our eyes and look over the fields, for they are write already to harvest.

E. M. JOHNSON.

Chelsea, Ala.

Dr. Jowett during his vacation preached at Whitefield Chapel, London. An interesting thing was the comment of the English papers on the change a year in America has wrought upon Dr. Jowett. One of them sums it up in this wise: "There has been a broadening of the effect aimed at, a bolder sweep, and there is an absence of any suggestion of finical play upon mere words."

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### PROGRAM

Of Tuskegee Baptist Association, With  
Tuskegee Church, November 12-13.

**First Day—Morning Session.**  
10 to 10:10. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
10:10 to 11:30. Reading letters and organization.  
11:30 to 11:45. Report of executive committee.  
11:45 to 12:15. Introductory sermon—  
Rev. M. P. Edwards.  
Dinner.

**Afternoon Session.**  
1:30 to 1:40. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
1:40 to 2:10. Discussion of report of executive committee.  
2:10 to 3:00. Report on Christian education—M. P. Edwards.  
3:00 to 3:15. Report on woman's works and B. Y. P. U.—J. L. Stough.  
3:15 to 3:45. Missionary sermon—J. P. Hunter.  
3:45. Report on Orphans' Home—J. P. Hunter and representative of Orphans' Home.

**Night Session.**  
7:00 to 7:10. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
7:10 to 8:10. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, with discussions.

8:10 to 9:10. Address by Dr. T. W. Ayers, of China.  
9:00 to 9:10. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
9:10 to 9:40. Miscellaneous business.  
9:40 to 10:20. Report on Sunday schools; address by Judge Lum Duke.  
10:20 to 10:40. Address by Miss Lillian Forbes.  
10:40 to 11:00. "Sunday School Superintendent"—Prof. R. P. Webb.  
11:00 to 11:30. "Organized Sunday School"—H. L. Strickland.  
11:30 to 12:00. Doctrinal sermon—  
Dr. C. Ross Baker.  
Dinner.


**Afternoon Session.**  
1:30 to 1:40. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
1:40 to 2:00. Report on religious literature—C. H. German.  
2:00 to 2:20. Report on deceased ministers; report on aged and infirm ministers.  
2:20 to 2:50. Report on laymen's movement—E. L. Mayberry.  
2:50 to 3:30. Report on temperance—  
C. W. Hare.  
3:30 to 3:45. Report of Treasurer Cameron.

**Night Session.**  
7:00 to 7:10. Devotional exercises—  
Rev. W. P. Reeves.  
7:10 to 7:20. Miscellaneous business.  
7:20. General discussion of state of religion.  
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