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We always enjoy the weekly visits of the Alabama Baptist, and think you are giving us a fine paper. With best wishes for your success, I am sincerely yours—Mrs. Carrie Fowlkes Hogue.

Enclosed please find post-office money order for \$2 to pay my subscription to our Alabama Baptist. We enjoy the paper so much each week that I feel it will be almost a necessity in our home in the future. Your sister in Christ—Mrs. T. E. Harris.

Here's wishing you and yours a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year—the best the Alabama Baptist has ever had. The old paper has been a weekly visitor in my home for 25 years. Fraternally yours—J. H. Pope.

We appreciate the Baptist very much, and we pray that your efforts to make it greater, more far reaching and better may be crowned with success. Wishing you and yours a happy season, I am sincerely your sister in Christ—Mrs. T. L. Hurlbutt.

Mrs. Riff and I were heartily welcomed by the First church here. We found "the parsonage" pantry well filled and a good supply of coal at hand. Our good people are showing us much kindness, and the work seems to start off well. Fraternally—J. H. Riffe, Blocton.

Please send me a few sample copies of the Baptist, and I will see if I cannot get a few subscribers here. I am going to speak a kind word for the paper as I pass along, for I am sure I have helped to build up the kingdom when placing the Baptist in the homes of the people. You may count on me, for I am a friend to you and the good paper you are giving to us. Yours and His—W. J. Ray, Siluria.

I am sending you \$2. This pays my subscription to January, 1912. I am over in the evening of life; was 93 years old August 1, 1912. I have been reading the dear old Alabama Baptist for many years. It's a comfort to me. I read of many preachers I have heard preach, besides the other good reading. Hope the money will help prove a Christmas blessing to you and your companion and little editors. Yours in His name—Mrs. C. S. Wallace.



Ye Editor, Frank Willis Barnett, wishes you a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year, and begs you to help him make the Alabama Baptist better during 1913.

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Wishing you and family a merry Christmas and happy New Year, bidding you all and the dear paper God's speed, I remain very truly—Mrs. J. W. Cherry.

Please change my paper from Springdale, Ark., to 608 Garland avenue, Hot Springs, Ark. I am pastor now of the Second church here. Will send you a renewal for a Christmas present. I enjoy reading your paper. Respectfully—J. R. Barnett. (Sorry to lose him.)

Please change my Baptist from Perote, Ala., to New York Hall, room 117. I shall need the news from Alabama while here studying for better service. Best wishes to you and the many readers of the paper. Yours very truly—A. E. Emfinger, Louisville, Ky.

You are giving us a good paper, and I enjoy reading it very much. I feel like your (or our) paper is a friend sincere to me. Wishing you a merry Christmas, I remain yours for the paper—Mrs. J. S. Poole.

I enclose \$2 as I am behind. I hope you will excuse me this time, as I have been an invalid for one year today. I hope you will pray for me, that I may walk again. I will aid you all I can in behalf of the Alabama Baptist. I remain yours truly—(God bless this good sister and restore her to health, is our prayer.)

Please change my address. I have resigned my church at take charge of the Comer Memorial church, Columbus, Ga. I am leaving Alabama reluctantly, but the Lord has opened to me a greater field for service here, and I came to do His will. My present address is 1805 Seventeenth avenue, Columbus, Ga. May the Lord bless you and the work in Alabama. Fraternally—T. M. Fleming.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following invitation: "1887-1912. Olive Judson Booth. Benjamin Franklin Giles. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Giles at home on Thursday evening, December 19, from 8 to 11 o'clock. Central College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. No presents." (We hope they will live to celebrate their golden wedding.)

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W. M. U. Watchword: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.—Matt. 23:20.

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

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.—Luke 1:32, 33.

SONG FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane, no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made
And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

—Isaac Watts.

DURING DECEMBER.

We study about China. We gather in our Christmas offerings for Him who was the first Christmas Gift to the world.

We make thorough preparations for the week of prayer.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Western District, of which Mrs. Fleetwood Rice is vice-president. The growth in this district last year was indeed good, but we are expecting even larger results this year as the result of the State Convention.

Our work in Antioch Association which has 16 churches and only 4 societies, Mrs. W. E. Bailey is the superintendent, living at Isney.

Our missionary, Miss Alice Huey, at Laichow-fu, North China.

Our students at the Louisville Training School. Misses Addie Cox, Maggie Hernen, Mary Keith and Birdie McCullough.

Our Christmas offering and the January Week of Prayer.

The reaching of our year's apportionment.

HELPS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Wednesday, January 8th we have the special China program for which we quote the following:

"In nearly every part of China there are signs that the stolid indifference and the proud aloofness of the past are giving way. Notwithstanding the opposition manifested by some of the officials and other influential men, there is among the people in general a large measure of open-mindedness to what the teachers from the west may have to offer. The native mind seems to be clearer as to the aims and motives of the missionary. This does not necessarily imply that there is a higher valuation put upon Christianity, but it does mean that there is certainly less hostility manifested toward its representatives. This is due chiefly to the removal of ignorance, prejudice and superstition by the dissemination of knowledge and to the influence of the lives and teaching of the missionaries. A missionary, writing from

a province of China which until recently was one of the most exclusive, says that he could not ask for greater friendliness than that with which he now finds among all classes of the people. He expresses the opinion that in no land is there greater liberty for the preaching of the gospel. One missionary, writing from one of the western most provinces of the country, says that in visiting 224 walled cities where he used to encounter opposition, he now finds none."—John R. Mott.

For Thursday the subject is "Judson, the Apostle of Faith and Work." In studying the life of this great hero let us not forget the part the beautiful Ann Haseltine had in doing the noble work in Burma. Mr. Judson and Dr. Price had been taken to the "death prison."

"Mrs. Judson, dressed like a Burman woman, followed them as far as the barred door, carried them food and medicine, and for long dreary months worked incessantly for her husband's release. She went from one official to another pleading, giving presents, answering questions, never yielding to despair. With her own hands she built a little bamboo hut beside the prison wall, into which she was allowed to bring her husband when he was ill. At another time, when a huge lion kept near the prison died, she secured the cage for Mr. Judson's use when he was racked with fever. A little daughter was born during those dreadful days, and the picture of the feeble mother holding the baby up to the prison bars that the father might see it is most pathetic."

Thus it is that the faithful helper known as "the missionary's wife" shares the hardships and sorrows, as well as the joys, of the missionary.

Robert Morrison, the "Apostle of China," baptized the first Protestant convert in China and ordained the first native Chinese evangelist.

MEETING OF SALEM-TROY W. M. U.

The day was clear and cool. The six-mile ride to the little church of Good Hope was one to be enjoyed, with the crisp tang of the autumn air fanning one's cheeks. The pleasure of choice companions in the ride and the knowledge that our mission was a good one made the day more pleasant still. For were we not on the Lord's business bent? So the Woman's Missionary Union of the Salem-Troy Association met on the good day of November 13. Eight societies were represented in person, while several more sent reports. We were rejoiced to have Miss Patrick with us, bringing words of cheer, instruction and encouragement.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of Troy. She read from the 15th chapter of John, and gave an earnest talk on love—love of God and of humanity, closing with a fervent prayer that as women working in the same cause, we be drawn together in closer bonds of Christian love.

The president then had a roll call of the societies in the association and reports of each. Committees were named for digest of reports, nominations and time and place of next meeting.

The secretary, Mrs. J. B. Wiley, gave a resume of Miss Heck's address at Oklahoma, "The Immediate Task," where she especially urges the emphasis being put upon the children's and young people's bands and societies.

The meeting then adjourned to give the women an opportunity to hear the association sermon by Mr. Nelson.

After the sermon all were dismissed for the noon hour. The customary bountiful repast was spread,

and the good women of that community proved themselves most excellent cooks and delightfully hospitable.

The women's meeting convened at the same hour of the regular association—1:30 p. m. Opened by singing "Work for Night Is Coming." Mrs. Searcy, of Spring Hill, led the scripture reading (Matt. 28), the ladies all joining her in reciting the watchword.

Miss Trotman, of Troy, Y. W. A., then read a digest of the reports.

Miss Mabson gave a report on State Missions.

Miss Peirson, with the aid of a map, gave a definite report and talk on Home Missions. Mrs. Bowles followed with a beautiful talk on Foreign Missions.

"The Entrusted Letter" was read by Mrs. Ophella Wiley.

Miss Patrick then gave a most impressive talk, "Redeeming the Time." This was followed by the superintendent's talk, clearly outlining the work and the plans for the coming year.

The various points in the "Standard of Excellence" were discussed by the following ladies: Mrs. Jernigan, Miss Defee, Miss Trotman, Mrs. J. P. Wood, Mrs. Watkins, led by Miss Patrick.

Mrs. Howell Griffin, of Brundidge, very kindly gave a reading, "Deacon Tubbs on Tithing." It was well rendered, and put the subject of tithing in a very forcible way. It would be well to have it repeated at similar meetings elsewhere.

After being solicited, Miss Patrick gave a talk on "Fruit-Bearing." The thought sank deep into the hearts of the women in that little band who listened to her. We trust her earnest words may bear much fruit in the lives and deeds of her hearers.

It was found that the W. M. U. of the Salem-Troy Association had more than met their apportionment, in spite of the fact that several societies had failed to send any contributions during the year.

The same officers were re-elected, but Mrs. Wiley declined to accept. Miss Trotman was elected in her place as secretary, Mrs. J. S. Carroll and Miss Luther remaining as superintendent and as assistant. The union is truly fortunate in being able to retain these two excellent workers, and doubtless another associational meeting will find much progress made. For truly the work is barely begun, and the fields are white for the harvest.

Troy was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and Wednesday, January 8, of the Week of Prayer, settled upon for a convenient time. A cordial invitation is extended every member in every society in the association to meet at this time with the women of the Baptist W. M. S. of Troy.

Resolutions of thanks were read by Mrs. Bateman, and after a fervent prayer and a recital of the passage, "The Lord watch between thee and me when we are absent one from the other," the meeting was dismissed.

A WORKER.

The Prayer Calendar makes a beautiful Christmas present. Only 15 cents. Order from the Mission Rooms, 624 Bell building, Montgomery.

"OUR MISSION FIELDS."

Twenty times one thousand subscribers to "Our Mission Fields." This aim be yours and mine to get them all in line by May, 1912.

Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., will celebrate its golden jubilee (1862-1912) December 1-8. Dr. S. H. Greene has been pastor for 33 years. This is a long time to hold a city pastorate.

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

The present condition of Straight street, which we saw last week, and all other streets in Damascus is unspeakably filthy, but a happy surprise awaits one when he enters the homes of the better class. Let us turn aside from Straight street, into a little alley, to a wretched entrance through a dirty passage, and see what is inside.

Position 99. The Inner Court of a Damascus Home.

Here a scene of beauty is before us. This is the home of a wealthy Jew. It is built we see around a square court in which we stand, and which is open to the sky. Just before us on our right, in the center of the court, is a water fountain, for water is abundant and cheap in this city. Flowers in pots stand on the wall around the fountain and on the beautiful tiled floor. More flowers in beds, and trees and arbors are ranged around the sides of the court. In the side of the court beyond the fountain we see three arches; they open into a covered court, a wide balcony with rooms at either end. The house is two stories high, and if we should visit the rooms, we should find them large and airy. If this were a Mohammedan home there would be no women in sight while visitors were present. But here we see the Jewish girls dressed in European costume, so far as oriental women ever wear it. Generally their waists fit and their dresses hang after a manner that would give an American lady the horrors. The younger woman by the pool has on the loose robe worn by ladies in the Orient in their homes. The court is the resort of the family by day, and at night it is often illuminated for an evening reception.

Some of the Jewish families here in Damascus claim direct descent from Ismael, the son of Abraham, and take enormous pride in owning pedigrees reaching back farther than any European royal family, in fact, thousands of years.

In an oriental court, possibly not unlike this one, Peter stood and warmed himself, when he denied his Lord at the palace of Calaphas, while Jesus was being questioned in an inner room (John XVIII:25, Revised Version).

Owing to special letters of introduction we shall be able to visit the reception room of one of the high Mohammedan officials.

Position 100. The Princely Reception Room of a Mohammedan Pasha.

Certainly no one could ask to see a more elaborately decorated room than this. The floor is paved with marble tiles and has an inlaid fountain in the center. This Mohammedan has become so Europeanized that he has chairs and sofas for his reception room; but it is more than likely that if we could penetrate to the harem of women's apartments, we should find the ladies sitting on the floor, as often as the couches. These decorations on the walls are exquisitely carved and inlaid with variegated marbles. Just before us is an elaborate chandelier hanging down from the ceiling. Those bulbs below it are not for electric lights; they are for ornament merely; and the light is from wax candles. The other hanging lamp we see beyond the chandelier is arranged for both oil and candles. This raised platform on which we stand is the divan, where a nobleman receives his guests. A small stand is upon it, containing trays of coffee cups. Fond as orientals are of smoking, there is a part of the year when you would never find a devout Mohammedan indulging himself in that way between daybreak and nightfall—the annual month-long fast of Ramadan cuts off smoking, coffee-drinking and every manner of taking food, within the usual daytime hours. The test of self-control is a severe one and usually faced conscientiously.

By the way, the hours are reckoned here in a manner different from our own. You see the little French clock on the mantel. If it is to show the time according to Moslem usage, it must be set every day—to be accurate, twice each day; for among them, as it was in Bible days, one o'clock is one hour after sunrise, and noon is six; sunset should be twelve; and the hours are never on successive days of exactly the same number of minutes. But that suits the oriental, for he is as inexact and careless in matters of time as he is in everything else.

It was in a home right here in Straight street,



Damascus, that Ananias came in trembling to lay his hands upon the much-feared Saul of Tarsus. It was in a house in this street that Saul's eyes were opened to the wonderful work to which he had been called (Acts ix:10-28). For this reason, if for no other, we should look with interest into this room in old Damascus.

Here fellow pilgrims, we end our journey. Together we came ashore on the strand of the sea at Jaffa and here at Damascus by the strand of the desert, we part. We have stood amid the hills of Judah, without the sepulchre of the patriarchs, and around the walls of Jerusalem. We have been together in the cave of the Nativity, and under the Dome of the Rock, and on the crown of Olivet. We have wandered beside Jordan, and over the Plain of Esraelon, and over the Mountains of Galilee. We have seen the paths trodden by Abraham, and David and Paul. We have seen battle-fields where Joshua, and Deborah, and Gideon led the hosts. We have looked upon Elisha's spring, and Jacob's well and Mary's fountain. We have stood under the trees in the garden where our Lord suffered, have looked up to the mountain where He was transfigured, and on the green hill where He died. The paths of patriarchs and prophets and apostles we have seen; we have traveled through the land from Hebron to Hermon, and from the sea to the river; and here at Damascus, where Paul began the work of converting the world, we end our pilgrimage.

Use the stereographs, (99) "The Inner Court of a Damascus Home" and (100) "The Princely Reception Room of a Mohammedan Pasha".

Editorial Note—In this department Dr. Hurlbut will take his readers to 100 places in Palestine, two each week. By means of remarkable stereoscopic photographs you cannot only see for yourself each of these 100 places in life-size proportions, but also you can get distinct conscious experiences of being in these places. Six stereographs, \$1. Less than six stereographs in one order, 20 cents each. The 26 stereographs for three months are \$4.33. The 100 stereographs for the year, in a cloth bound, gold-lettered case, with a guide book by Hurlbut of 200 pages (containing full descriptions of each place) and a series of seven locating maps, is \$18.75—scarcely more than an economical tourist spends for two days on an actual trip. Mahogany-aluminum stereoscope, \$1.15. Express charges paid. Send orders to Underwood & Underwood, Department Z, 12 W. 37th street, New York. Further descriptive matter sent on request.

PROF. CHARLES FOSTER KENT, Ph. D., YALE UNIVERSITY: The difficulties and expense of Palestine travel render a journey impossible for the majority of Bible students. Fortunately the marvelous development of that most valuable to modern education, the stereoscope and the stereograph, make it possible for everyone at a comparatively small expense to visit Palestine and to gain under expert guidance in many ways a clearer and more exact knowledge of the background of Biblical history and

literature than he would through months of travel. This is one of the greatest educational movements of the age".

Brethren J. A. Scarboro and C. R. Powell, both ultra Gospel Missioners, are in a heated personal controversy over some charges brought against Brother Scarboro by Missionary Yohannon, of Persia. Bro. Powell says: "If he (Scarboro) did what Yohannon charges against him, then Scarboro ought to be taught a lesson that he will not forget soon." It seems that there is trouble in the camp of our Gospel Mission brethren. They were not able to agree with us and so they went out from us, because they were not of us. And now it seems that they are not able to agree among themselves. Baptist and Reflector.

Cardinal Farley, of New York, visited Salt Lake City recently, and a parade of Catholic forces was arranged for. Some of those interested, it is alleged, arranged with the commandant of the United States fort to march the soldiers under him in this parade. The commandant agreed, and almost an entire regiment of United States soldiers marched in a Catholic church parade in honor of an ecclesiastic of that church.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 8.—Dr. Julius W. Millard, a well-known southern Baptist minister, died here tonight. Dr. Millard occupied the pulpit today at the Jackson Hill Baptist church. He was stricken with apoplexy this afternoon. Dr. Millard was for eight years pastor of the Utaw Place Baptist church, of Baltimore, Md. He was born in Goldsboro, N. C., 44 years ago. A widow, two children and a brother, Dr. David R. Millard, of Baltimore, survive him.

We are holding the Gavin, Jennings, Wettstein and Wetherbe special articles to use during 1913 in the hope that quite a lot of new subscribers will come in before January. We want the articles to reach the largest number possible. Please hurry in list of names on special \$2 offer to January, 1914 (cash or credit).

Did you get a statement for back dues? If so, please do not neglect the matter. The amount which each one owes is small to him, but in the aggregate the amounts become very large to us. Lest you forget, suppose you sit down now and send us check or money order for the amount you are due.

If our readers can put us in the way of securing high-grade advertising we shall be grateful. With the high cost of paper and labor no newspaper can live in our day without profitable advertising. Every subscriber to the Examiner gets more than his \$2 worth in the 52 papers he receives. The paper costs us more than the \$2 which we get for it. Good clean advertising is necessary to the life of every periodical.—Examiner.

The American Baptist Publication Society gets out much attractive literature, but in our opinion one of the best bits of advertising that we have run across for some time is its recent pamphlet which is attractively printed, called "A Light Upon the Path," in which its large and varied list of periodicals and helps are enumerated.

We tender to Dr. G. A. Nunnally, of Rome, Ga., our deep sympathy. The death of his wife, a lovely Christian woman, brought sorrow into many lives.

Dr. M. H. Lane died recently at his home in Georgia. He was the last president of Monroe Female College, now Bessie Tift College. He had many friends in Alabama.

Dr. R. M. Boone, formerly editor of the Baptist Chronicle, Alexandria, La., has accepted a call to the First Baptist church, Gloster, Miss., and entered upon his work December 1.

FROM FLORIDA.

We are having fine congregations at Blake Memorial church, and our prayer meetings outnumber our membership.

Next week the State Convention meets at Lakeland, but as I took in the Alabama State Convention I will stay at home with the children and let Mrs. D. go. Turn about is fair play. The preachers' wives should never be left out of all the conventions. Dr. Rogers will have a fine showing from the mission fields in the state. But I must not forget to say a word about an old Alabama boy—Dr. W. A. Hobson, of the First church, Jacksonville. He has been there now nearly 15 years. He stood there for truth and righteousness when the storms were terrific and opposers were many. But no man in Florida has more to show for his work than Hobson, and today he stands high in the estimation of all our best people. Recently he dedicated the Baptist church at Arcadia. This was W. L. C. Mahon's old church. Hobson has a strong grip on his people and the people of Jacksonville.

There are quite a number of changes in the state. Especially during the winter season many preachers come here and will work almost for their board just to make ends meet. Many more are here for their health, seeking a milder climate, not knowing that they are a little nearer the hot place.

But all in all we are doing something, yet in the formative state, and what Florida will be and what the Baptists will be 50 years from now is a problem. The Lord help us who are of today to be faithful to our trust. Russellism is afloat in the state and many other isms that would swallow us up, leaving not root or branch of the Baptists. For my part I never go into union meetings. I tried it once when a young man and got enough to do me. It means to sacrifice every inch of Baptist ground. I am not in at all. Dr. Bledsoe, of Lafayette, will bear me out that I am a Baptist; so will Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn. I have held meetings for both of these good men. It is true the evangelist gets more money by holding meetings with other churches joining in. I had rather go away poor, carrying my grip in my hand, than to ride in a palace car with a feeling that my own Baptist church has been let down. Just now it is quite warm.

G. S. DAUGHERTY.

Lake Helen, Fla.

Evangelist Walker preached to a large audience at Irondale last Sunday morning. The church and Sunday school both made offerings to the State Board of Missions. This is indeed a noble band of workers.

I can't afford to let the paper stop. Hope you will have great success. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am yours—J. C. Baker.

The Adventures of Two Alabama Boys

This story of great human interest by H. J. and W. B. Crumpton is divided into three sections, and each section is brimful of interesting things.

In part one are the adventures of Dr. H. J. Crumpton, of Piedmont, Ala., in his efforts to reach the gold fields in 1849, and they are true and full of excitement and hardships, and ought to be read by the rising generation, in order that they may know something of the hardships of the pioneers who settled the golden west.



DR. H. J. CRUMPTON.

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W. B. CRUMPTON.

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When the amount of the various appropriations made by our State Board to the Birmingham Association was made known it was seen that because of financial reasons the appropriations had in almost every instance been reduced, some receiving only half of the amount asked, thus necessarily, though unavoidably, entailing a real downright hardship on many of our most faithful and loyal workers. This information so stirred the heart of our associational evangelist, Brother A. A. Walker, that he immediately wrote Dr. Crumpton advising that his own appropriation be reduced \$25 per month and that this amount be divided among the missionary pastors of the association. This will be done as requested by Brother Walker. In this noble and unselfish sacrifice our evangelist has taken a new grip on the hearts of our people. It is indeed the Christ spirit, and will mean for him a still more tender place in the heart of every missionary pastor, whether he receives part of the amount taken from Brother Walker's appropriation or not. This is, or should be, the real spirit of the Christmas time. May we not all make a like offering to our Lord's cause during the month of December. It will make your heart lighter and happier for having done your very best for the Master.

The saints at Powderly report a good service last Sunday night, when Evangelist Walker dropped in on them and gave one of his heart-to-heart talks on the work of our board in reaching the unsaved of the state. The people of Powderly are very much in love with Brother Walker, he having held a great meeting there recently and won his way into the hearts of both pastor and people.

Rev. J. W. Southerland, pastor at Powderly-Lipscomb, preached to a splendid audience last Sunday afternoon at Fossil Mines. Brother Southerland preaches there twice every month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He is one of our "growing" preachers—you can almost see his grow. He is one who believes that a "preacher is a man who preaches." In his short pastorate at Powderly he has had nearly 50 accessions.

Dr. J. A. Hendricks preached a most helpful sermon to the Bessemer saints last Sunday morning—a soul-stirring message that moved the people to undertake more noble things for the Master than ever before. He will speak next Sunday morning in the Calvary church, on Fountain Heights.

Under the direction of the executive committee of the Birmingham Association work was formally begun in Corey last Sunday. Brother Walker has arranged to have preaching two Sundays a month there. Rev. A. S. Lee will be the missionary pastor.



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DURING the association campaign I observed with interest the efforts of Brother Barnett to get your name on his list of subscribers. I was surprised at the liberality of his offer. I believe he was animated with an earnest desire to benefit you and the cause of Christ. You have been reading the paper now for some weeks, and the time is near at hand for you to have the paper stopped or enroll yourself on the list of subscribers. I want to beg you not to order the paper stopped, but to send on the money and become a permanent subscriber.

Ask your wife, if she has been reading it, if she has gotten anything of value out of it. If your oldest children have been reading it, find out from them if it has profited them.

If you have read it yourself, you can ask and answer the same questions. Food for the mind is as necessary to our enjoyment and development as food for the body. It is poor economy to cut down the rations for the family. It will soon tell in the pinched faces and weakened bodies. It is equally true for mind and spiritual natures.

The reading of the Alabama Baptist for a whole year by every reading member of the family will be worth more than twenty times its cost invested in anything for the family's use.

If you have been reading these two months, how many names of good men you have learned! what a fellowship of goodly people you have come in touch with! With noble purposes and far-reaching plans for the furtherance of the Master's kingdom have come into view! What glorious possibilities for the oncoming kingdom have been pictured before you and how these have stirred your heart Drop the paper! No. Don't think of it. It will grow brighter and better with every issue, and very soon all the family will eagerly watch for its coming.

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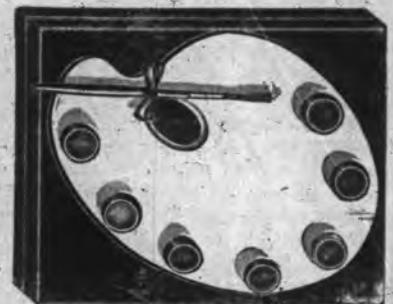


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"American Inventions and Inventors."

This is truly a worthy book to put into the hands of any live, healthy boy, for its authors, William A. Mowry, A. M., Ph. D., and Arthur May Mowry, A. M., have under the head of "Heat, Light, Food, Clothing, Travel and Letters" grouped enough interesting facts and biographical data about men who have done things to cause any ambitious lad to want to be and do something himself. It is really an educational volume, and will make a good Christmas present.

Silver-Burdett Company, Boston.

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON ON THE SAYINGS OF HIS CORRESPONDENTS.

"I would be glad to have 50 copies of minutes of the Alabama Baptist State Convention; also tracts concerning State Missions. I am preparing an address on the 'Primacy of State Missions.' I shall treat the subject from the point of view of our State Mission work. I would be glad to have any information you will send me. December is our State Mission month. If you come this way spend a part of one Sunday with us.

JAMES R. EDWARDS."

This letter sounds much like business to me. He keeps up with the calendar, knows beforehand what comes next, prepares his people for the collection by giving them needed information.

I couldn't send the minutes, but I sent the report of the board and a copy of "The Primacy of State Missions," a book gotten out by the secretaries. Do you want one? Send 25 cents to the State Board of Missions, Bell Building, Montgomery, Ala.

"Don't expect too much of us just now, but I believe that if the church will let me stay here in a year or so we can begin to do something."

Note the remark: "IF THE CHURCH WILL LET ME STAY." There's the rub with most of our Baptist churches. Alas! Alas! How much our pastors could do "in a year or so," if they could be allowed "to stay" by the job!

The pastors ought to get up a strike. A call to continue as long as both parties are agreed—three months' notice from either party being required in order to end the relation—is the best way.

"This is perhaps rather an early hour to write you, but in order that you may have plenty of time to look into the field and see what is possible, I am writing you at this time.

"After I finished my summer work I went home for two weeks before the seminary opened. In one of our mining camps I found a man holding a meeting and preaching things that a civilized people should be ready to resent. Perhaps you know them. They are called 'Holy Rollers.' There is only one way to prevent the spread of a thing like that among our miners, and that is by giving them as best we can the truth as Jesus teaches it.

"I would be glad to spend next summer at the work. The places to which I have reference are not supplied with churches, nor do they have preaching. What I want is to reach the places where none of our preachers preach. May God help men to go to such places and work if they don't even pay expenses."

This is from one of our seminary boys. A spirit like that in our preachers will save this old world. He is exactly right about the conditions in our mines. It is pitiable to see how they are being imposed upon. In some places where they have churches every religious fakir that comes along uses the church building, and the people are being led into all sorts of hurtful heresies.

"I appreciated your notes in the Baptist on evangelists, and especially that part that hit me. I am trying to improve all the time. If some of the preachers had talked to me instead of about me I would have changed lots of my ways long ago. But I have deserved most of the criticisms made on me."

What a beautiful spirit this brother exhibits! One of the brethren with evangelizing gifts wrote those words. That is good. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." How prone we are to criticize rather than to talk face to face with our brethren. I suppose the reason for this is so often the brother whose faults we wish to amend becomes offended. This ought not so to be; but we should thank any one who has interest enough in us to talk face to face with us about our shortcomings. What a beautiful spirit this, brother.

"Send me any mission leaflets or tracts. I am laboring in a field that is anti-missionary in spirit. I am doing all I can to lead them out and need some help mighty bad. Can't you help me? I would like so much to talk with you over the situation."

I wonder if any other denominations have anti-missionaries in their membership! It seems to me we have more than our share. The brother is doing the right thing: putting missionary literature in their hands. That will help; but the best way is for the

missionary part of our members to DO MISSIONS. I mean by that to GIVE THEIR MONEY FOR MISSIONS. That is the strongest argument possible to put before the anti-missionaries. It would be a regular eye-opener IF REGULARLY, PROPORTIONATELY our missionary members would pour their money into the Lord's treasury. The anti's do not believe we are in favor of missions when they see us take it all out in talk. AIN'T THEY MIGHTY NEAR RIGHT?

"I have been reading it with great pleasure, and I rather think the arguments presented are unanswerable. However, I am still open for conviction."

A brother secretary who doesn't believe in tithing put me on to a little book, "Christ Our Creditor," which I pronounce the strongest I have seen on the subject. I wrote him: "I am puzzled to know how the reading of the book impresses you." The quotation above is his answer. How hard it is to convince some people! "I RATHER THINK" . . . "however." Let's sing, "Almost persuaded, but—" Come across, brother, like a man. Lots of fellows are just like you; only they want a fair investigation. Away back yonder they got into their heads that "Tithing now would be bringing Judaism into Christianity."

W. B. CRUMPTON.

JUDSON NOTES.

The Judson had a pretty ceremony on Saturday—the planting of the jubilee roses. Pink and white being from old the Judson colors, pink and white Dorothy Perkins rose bushes were ordered; and each class, represented by one member who read or recited an appropriate selection, planted a rose bush. A bed of them was set out near the library, others by the auditorium, and a long line beside the east fence; so that, with the roses we already have, there will be plenty for the jubilee flower parade next May.

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. A. are quite active in their work, and they recently gave a dollar evening, which was very enjoyable. In different rooms there were contests of various sorts, as the dollar quiz, the dollar story, the dollar hunt, the dollar history. Miss Eula Pearl Egan won the prize for the best essay on "What a Dollar Means to Me." Miss Ethel Gillespie, Miss Eleanor Hall and Miss Elizabeth Meredith tied on the "History of the Dollar." After these contests all met in the gymnasium hall, which was beautifully decorated with fall foliage and fruit, and the prizes were delivered. Then music and refreshments aided to make a most pleasant social time for all present.

There is always a quiet, but strong undercurrent of religious life and interest in the Judson, encouraged by the ministrations of our devoted vice-president and pastor, Dr. Paul V. Bomar. He received into the church lately Miss Mildred Tichenor and Miss Margaret Gillis, who quietly came forward at the regular services, without any special meeting being held.

Miss Amie Vary, the faithful and efficient treasurer of the Judson, was called to Birmingham Friday on business. She will return Tuesday.

On Saturday evening, December 7, the art concours of the year held in the Atelier, to which some guests from outside were invited. A quantity of beautiful work was exhibited, in oil, water color, charcoal, china painting, pottery, clay modeling and leather, about 300 pieces, which made the studio look very attractive. The art class in a body recited Rudyard Kipling's "L'Envoy," from which their motto is taken:

"Observation our watchword,
Nature our model."

The most striking thing about the work is its absolute truth to nature and the accurate drawing of even the youngest student. The most showy and effective pieces were naturally the studies of pomegranates, the china painting and Judson sofa cushions in leather; but all the pieces were most interesting and showed faithful effort on the part of the students.

L. M.

Anarchy! There is no room for an anarchist in this country. The more quickly we awaken to the danger of the present situation, the better it will be.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Board has watched with interest and concern how the brethren have come up for State Missions in each state. We have been gratified at the spirit of progress and the substantial advance made in some states. In a few instances there has been a debt at the closing of the year, but even in these cases there has been substantial progress.

The Home Mission Board is also much concerned at its own financial situation. On November 15—five and one-half months of the fiscal year had passed. On that date the Home Board had received only \$5,384.57 of its apportionment for the year of \$412,000. It was found necessary at the July meeting of the board to appropriate the entire \$412,000 of the apportionment, so that every cent of the amount will be needed to enable the board to close its work for the year without debt. In fact, so great and varied were the needs and the applications for aid that it was with extreme difficulty that the appropriation was reduced to the amount of the apportionment. With nearly half of the fiscal year gone, only about one-seventh of the amount of money for which the board is obligated to its missionaries and workers has been received.

We have felt the need every month and every day, but we have retrained our impulse to write of the needs because State Missions had the right of way. Now we ask that the brethren everywhere shall give Home Missions the right of way, that they shall so come to our aid in their gifts and prayers that we shall not be compelled to come to the year's end next May in the midst of the harrowing and injurious uncertainty that will result from leaving to the very last whole-hearted attention to the great and constant needs of the Home Mission cause.

Up until November 15 the board had received from Alabama only \$2,948.39 of her apportionment of \$28,500 for the year. We beg that the brethren in Alabama will give earnest attention to this cause. Let pastors present it to the churches. Let our women remember our needs. We rejoice that the Sunday schools are more and more coming to our aid in this cause. We hope for their greater enlistment.

The indications were never greater of an enlarged need of Home Mission service and of an increasing interest in the cause. Our workers have never been more greatly blessed. They are the servants of the brotherhood, as is the Home Mission Board. Let every church come to the support of this cause.

Fraternally yours,

B. D. GRAY,
Corresponding Secretary.

JUDSON CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT WILL BE TAKEN UP LOCALLY.

Birmingham is to be brought into touch today, and during several days this week, with the great Judson Centennial movement, launched by the Southern Baptist Convention last May.

Dr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has charge of this movement, arrived last night, and along with him were missionaries J. W. Shepard, of Brazil, and T. W. Ayers, of China, and W. Y. Quisenberry, field representative of the board.

These men will present the matter to the churches of Birmingham this week. No public collections will be taken. They will speak in the First Baptist, Southside and Ensley churches this morning and in Woodlawn, East Lake, West End and Calvary tonight.

A meeting of the Baptist women of the Birmingham district will be held in the Southside church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be addressed by the missionaries.

A rally of the Baptists of Birmingham will be held Monday night in the First Baptist church.

The centennial movement is an effort by the Southern Baptists to raise \$1,250,000 for educational and general equipment purposes in foreign lands. Two hundred thousand dollars of this sum are to be spent on the publication of Christian literature, \$250,000 for the building of churches, missionaries' homes and hospitals and \$800,000 upon the equipment of their mission schools. All this money is to be spent for equipment. It is not to be set aside for endowment. This fund is to be distinct from and in addition to the regular annual income of the Foreign Mission Board, and the subscriptions to it are to be taken within three years.—Birmingham News.

THE BIBLE PLAN TESTED.

Our churches are continually seeking for financial plans by which to raise money for their own support and for objects outside. Some have tried one plan and some another; some have rivalled the restaurants with dinners and suppers; some have sold oysters and ice cream; some have entered into competition with the dry goods and fancy stores in the selling of all sorts of goods, and some have even run in opposition to the bake shops. Anything, everything to keep from simply going down in their pockets and giving the Lord His own. Others have eschewed these unworthy methods, and have decided to give out of their substance to the Lord directly. But many of them have found difficulty in enlisting all the membership. Here is the story of a church, the Haskell Avenue church, Dallas, Texas, which has been published at the request of the State Board of Texas. We give a few items:—Standard.

The church was organized October 4, 1908, by Rev. J. H. Snow, who was pastor for three and a half years, and was succeeded by Rev. T. G. Davis, well-known in our city and state. It started with sixty-two charter members, and now has 218. Seeking for a plan of operation, they besought the guidance of the Lord, and turning his Word concluded that they had discovered the right plan. The Scriptures which they quote as especially bearing on their action are:

Gen. 4:3-6, 14:20; Heb. 7:2-6; Gen. 28:22; Lev. 27:30-33; Deut. 14:22, 12:17-18, 28:22; Lev. 27:30-33; Deut. 14:22, 12:17-18, 14:23, 28, 29; Num. 18:26-32; Prov. 3:9, 11, 24, 25; Mal. 3:1-18; Matt. 23:23; Mk. 12:41; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

They organized under a financial plan which embraced all their members in a covenant to pay into the treasury a tithe of their gross income, through envelopes provided, or through any organization of the church that participated in its financial work. If for any reason some could not pay the tithe, they were to fix a definite sum, which they would give regularly, and report the same to the church.

Five per cent. of all sums received was to be set apart as an emergency fund, to provide for cases of sickness or death in the church.—The remaining ninety-five per cent. is apportioned at the end of each month, except such as may come through the organizations of the church, with request that they be used for special objects. Offerings above the tithe may be directed by the giver, but should always be reported to the church, that proper credit may be given both to the church and the giver, and all organizations of the church are expected to report monthly.

RESULTS: In the four years of the church's life it has never asked a contribution from outside people, and never resorted to any schemes, such as suppers, lectures, or others to get money. On their first anniversary they opened a thoroughly equipped Sunday-school building, costing \$18,000, on which they owe \$5,000. They received as a gift from the First Baptist church the mission property upon which their church was located, \$4,000, and voluntary offerings of \$300 came from the outside. The church received from the membership the first year, \$7,871.10; the second year, \$6,89.77; the third year, \$10,854.30; the fourth year, \$8,846.56.

GIFTS: The church gave to the objects fostered by the convention: The first year \$1,200; the second year, \$2,400; the third year, \$3,600, and the fourth year \$4,104.95.

Now, lest any one suppose that this was a rich church, let it be said that the members are of only average financial condition, the church emerging out of a mission at the time mentioned.

At the end of the tract, copies of which, by the way, can be obtained from Rev. T. G. Davis, 4223 Thomas Avenue, Dallas, Texas—provided you send stamp with your request—we find the following which we commend to our readers:

“One-tenth of ripened grain,
One-tenth of tree and vine,
One-tenth of all the yield,
From ten-tenths rain and shine.
One-tenth of lowing herds,
That browse on hill and plain;
One-tenth of the bleating flock,
From ten-tenths rain and shine.
One-tenth of all increase,
From counting room and mart;

One-tenth that science yields,
One-tenth of every art.
One-tenth of loom and press,
One-tenth of mill and mine,
One-tenth of every craft,
Wrought out by gift of thine.
One-tenth, and do thou Lord,
But ask this meager loan;
When all the earth is thine
And all we have, thine own?”

Only one question remains to be answered: **AFTER FOUR YEARS TRIAL HAVE ANY OF THE MEMBERS STARVED OR BEEN SERIOUSLY INCONVENIENCED ABOUT A LIVING?**

The Kingdoms coming brother, as sure as you live and tithing, or the recognition of God's claim upon our income; is going to have very much to do with hastening its coming.

Now, **BROTHER DON'T KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT IT, OR BROTHER AFRAID WE'LL BRING JUDIASM INTO CHRISTIANITY, OR BROTHER TITHING HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, OR BROTHER I CAN'T GET AT IT.** Won't you study the actual test as recorded for four years, and say if God's promise is not true today: “Prove me and see if I will not pour you out a blessing?”

W. B. C.

IS THE STATE BOARD WHIPPED?

By L. O. Dawson.

There has never been a day in the history of Alabama Baptists when there was more imperative need for an advance all along the line of State Mission work than there is today. The condition of our country field has grown to be alarming, while the cry from new towns and centers grows more insistent with every passing hour.

But in the face of all this the denominational note at the meeting of the board in Montgomery last week was “retrenchment.” The chairman of the finance committee said to me: “We may as well face the facts. We cannot honestly appropriate money we have no hope of getting. We must pay the debts we already have before making more.” And I agreed with him, and others agreed with him. It is sound common sense. I was not prepared, however, for the amount of retrenchment proposed and advocated by a number of the board.

As I thought of it afterward, and as I think of it today, I am not so sure that retrenchment is the best way even to “pay debts and to take care of the work we have.” When the cutting off process begins we never know where to stop. When an army begins to retreat it cannot say, “We will let the enemy drive us so far and then stop them.” So far as my experience goes an aggressive movement is always easier than a defensive one. Time and time again we have won in Tuscaloosa, not by curtailment, but by expansion. I am not much of a preacher, but I do know some things about “common business principles,” and I know that the work of the Lord is often not to be done as we do business of other sorts. In the kingdom of commerce cash is king, and he must ever be in sight. But in the kingdom of grace we must take faith into the calculation. If we wait for the money to be in sight before we move we will perish in the wilderness. The ten spies who brought in the majority report at Kadesh-Barnea were not without good reason from a “business standpoint.” So far as “common sense” went they were exactly right. The only trouble was they left God out of the count. They forgot their chief asset. It's God's way of leading His people, and they must follow. I sometimes wish He had chosen another way, but He didn't. William Carey would have been in London till yet if he had waited for “business sense” to sanction his enterprise.

I verily believe it would be easier to raise \$50,000 for State Missions than it would be to raise \$15,000 or \$20,000. It is always easier to do a big thing than a little one. It has been tried many times. We fail often because we attempt too little. I remember once when the Tuscaloosa church was routed, foot, horse and dragoons, in the effort to raise \$2,000. A daring proposition to make it \$10,000 rallied our fleeing forces and we conquered.

The man who maps out a program of this sort cannot afford to fail. If he does he will be pilloried as an impractical dreamer and damned for all the

ills that follow. If Carey and Judson and Teresa and Muller fall they are fools, and any one with common sense might have known it from the start. They have led us into trouble, where no one can help— they least of all! Better would it have been for us if we had remained in Egypt! But if Carey and Judson and Teresa and Muller succeed, then we will write their names among the great ones of earth and enshrine their memories forever in the heart of a grateful people. It has ever so been. It will ever so be. Crucifixion or crown—it all depends on how the enterprise turns out.

But mark this: The board that maps out a great program and then lies down to sleep will be and ought to be utterly destroyed. That is not faith—it is folly, and I almost said crime, for it will make many obligations that can never be met and will lead into a starless night.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that there needs to be in Alabama a new emphasis on State Missions. The conservative counsel that prevailed at that Montgomery meeting was entirely justified if we are to keep on as we have been in the past. But if the pastors can catch a vision of the railroad engineers feeling their way along our valleys, seeking for the gulf, if they can hear the clang of saw and hammer in village and town and city, if they can see the desolation present and coming in our country districts, if they can see the multitudes making their way to communities unprepared to care for them, if they can see the men delving in the mines and those others sweating at the forges of new enterprises, if they can feel all this in their souls and by God's help make their churches feel it, then we will not be deemed foolish if we plan work almost to the verge of recklessness, and God will furnish men and money to meet a situation that it without a parallel in our history. This is no hour to beat a retreat, but retreat it must be unless we put a new emphasis on State Mission work in Alabama.

Tuscaloosa, Dec. 4, 1912.

AN ARMISTICE GRANTED.

To the Turkish request for an armistice, addressed by Kiamil Pasha, the grand vizier, to King Ferdinand, the Bulgarian council of ministers decided to reply that the Bulgarian government would inform the other nations of the Balkan alliance of the step taken by Turkey and would give its reply as soon as possible after reaching an agreement with them.

And so the larger question of the peace of Europe is to the fore. Germany, Italy, and Austria, the triple alliance, confront England, France and Russia, the triple entente.

The readiness of some of the powers—France, England, Germany, Austria—for war does not make war more likely, for that preparedness means weight of voice in counsel as much as strength in the actual field or on the sea. Everybody's guns are counted, everybody's bank balance added up, before these great decisions are reached.

The situation is ably summed up in Harper's Weekly:

“The commentator who says that the German emperor holds the peace of Europe in his hand no doubt comes pretty near the truth. If Austria could have her way to Salonica, of course she would take it. But her venerable emperor is no hothead, and has great influence, and German William is past 50 and conscious of his responsibilities, and a war over the spoils of the Turk that would involve all Europe would be a more appalling chance than the stakes now on the table seem to warrant. It does not seem likely that any of the big players will dare to take it. A great war in Europe would cost far more than any settlement it might procure in Southeastern Europe would be worth.”

The annual lecture course on the George W. Norton foundation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be delivered this season by Prof. Giovanni Luzzi, D.D., of Rome, Italy. His subject will be “Modernism, or The Present Attempt Toward a Reform Within the Roman Church.” The lectures will be given December 5 and 6.

Courage and humor, and the habit of kindly excuse, are things we cannot do without, and the cultivation of bitterness threatens all three.

TWO MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE.

There are two important points in reference to our great Foreign Mission work to which we wish to call the attention of the Baptists of Alabama. The first of these is the fact that up to the present time our contributions to Foreign Missions are lagging far behind. Up to the middle of November the Foreign Mission Board reports from Alabama only \$4,951. This is only a little more than half the amount that was reported on the 15th of November last year. Why this startling falling off? The State Convention met months ago, and our people ought now to be giving earnest efforts towards this part of our work. In nearly all of the states the local interests of the denomination have had right of way. In the meantime the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board have been lagging thousands of dollars behind even the record of last year. Shall we not begin at once to change this condition so far as Alabama is concerned? The apportionment for the year suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention is \$38,500. Only about one-ninth of this amount has been contributed. It is a long pull up the hill if we are to reach the mark. We should not lose any time in beginning earnest and prayerful efforts.

The other matter is the Christmas offering for China. The Baptist women of Alabama have always had a worthy share in this offering. This year the importance of this offering seems greater than ever before. In a recent letter to the women of another state Dr. Willingham says:

"What is the best gift for Christmas? To whom shall you make it? And what shall it be? For years past the women of the convention have been making a live offering for the work in China. That work has marvelously developed in the last ten years. The changes going on in China have probably never been equaled in any other nation of the earth. Now is our opportunity. Ten dollars given for China today will perhaps mean as much for its Christian evangelization as ten times that amount given a few years hence. God has given us the blessed opportunity to help now. Missionaries and equipment are greatly needed. Many thousands are groping with partial light, asking some one to lead and help them. Shall we do so now?"

This opportunity, together with the thought of making a special offering for the Christmas season, ought to appeal to our hearts. We are thinking of the first coming of our Lord to earth. It seems that it is the fullness of time for His coming in the power of His gospel to China. Whether you are a member of a missionary society or not, join in making a real offering at this Christmas season for the evangelization of China.

Christmas comes on Wednesday, our publishing day. Ye editor, printers and postoffice employes all want a little rest, so there will be no paper until January 1. Kindly bear this in mind, and send only short items for publication, as we will be crowded for space in that issue.

A "country pastor," or one in a country village, speaking of the "problem" of the country church, told us, the other day, that, while he has many difficulties to meet, especially along the line of support, "if the greens only hold out till the rabbits come the country pastor can get along pretty well."—Ex.

It is yet believed in many parts of England and Wales that cattle kneel at midnight on Christmas eve. This idea is derived from a prevalent medieval notion that an ox and an ass, which were present at the nativity, fell upon their knees in an attitude of devotion.

"The Adventure of Two Alabama Boys," in three sections, by H. J. and W. B. Crumpton, will make a mighty good Christmas gift for a young man or for an old Confederate veteran or for any one who is not too grouchy to read a book that is just chocked full of good, true stories. It can be had in cloth binding for \$1 or in manila binding for 75 cents from W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery. Write and get a copy.



EDITORIAL

A BETTER PAPER FOR 1913.

If the brethren will help us we are going to make the Alabama Baptist a great deal better during 1913.

Already we have secured a series of special articles that are well worth reading. Those by Gavin and Jennings are already started, and now comes a series on "The Great Men of the World on the Great Problems of the World," by Carl Theodore Wettstein, of Milwaukee, and from time to time there will be special articles by C. H. Wetherbe, of New York, one of the most prolific writers for the religious press in America. These are some of the good things already under way. Now we want thoughtful short articles from a number of our busy pastors and active laymen, and we also want news items from hundreds of our friends.

God bless those who have helped us during 1912 is our prayer. With a heart full of love for our readers we wish each and every one a happy Christmas and a merry New Year.

WE ARE SORRY TO KNOW.

The following letter will explain itself:

"Dear Brother Barnett:

"I am still hard at it getting subscribers for the Alabama Baptist. But as usual, a preacher living here, and a good one, too, is one of the obstacles in the pastor's way. There are so many churchless pastors who do not seem to want any work, but are eager to 'nag' at those who are trying to do something for the cause and the paper."

We regret to know that there are preachers in Alabama who, unwilling to help pull our denominational enterprises, yet seem to find pleasure in trying to hinder those who are willing to strain at the traces in order to advance our Baptist institutions. But we are rejoiced to know that the Alabama Baptist has now on its lists 1,000 preachers who gladly do what they can to help circulate it and are in helpful sympathy with our organized work. We wouldn't swap them for any set of preachers on the face of the earth, for no set of men could be better to us than they have been.

THE BALLAD OF THE COMFORTING.

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now, why hast Thou left Thy play?"
"But to touch thy hands with my hands, mother,
Lest sometime there come a day
When I may not close them within mine own,
Though they fall as hurt doves may."

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now blind would'st Thou have me go
That mine eyes Thou hast closed with kisses twain?"
"My mother, I may not know,
But I fear a day when they look on pain
And I may not close them so."

Mary smiled on her little Son;
Close, close in her arms pressed He,
"O mother, my mother, my heart on thine
Lest sometime a day may be
When I may not comfort nor make it whole
Thought it break for love of me."

Now think you that by Calvary's hill,
Whereon her Son was slain,
She felt upon her eyes that touch
That veiled them unto pain,
And filled her groping hands, and bade
—Her torn heart beat again?

—Everybody's.

BROTHER CRUMPTON ON PROMISES.

No Promises.

"I have made no promises" is a common remark among candidates. In his administration of the office of corresponding secretary, he is often pressed to make promises of appropriations. HE NEVER DOES IT. He has no such authority—only the Board can do that. The most that the secretary can do is to PROMISE TO RECOMMEND, if the conditions of the treasury permit, WHEN THE BOARD MEETS.

Some brethren forget and censure the secretary if they fail to get what they ask for.

It is no easy job the secretary has. If the complaining brethren had it, he might do better; but he would not "float on flowery beds of ease."

Some More Promises.

Many of the brethren are writing me promising their co-operation in an effort TO MAKE THE GREATEST YEAR IN ALL OUR HISTORY. We can do it in spite of the \$10,000 debt. But it is impossible without the loyal help of the pastors. This I am depending on. Some "don't believe in debt"; nor do I, but it can't be helped some times.

It is not the secretary's debt; it belongs to all the Baptist people, or, at least, to that part of them who profess to be co-operating Baptists.

Georgia with a \$15,000 debt and South Carolina with a \$10,000 debt, wiped them out in a year and REPORT THEIR GREATEST YEAR. We can do it too.

Another Promise.

Is made by the secretary for himself and for all the force in the office and in the field: No effort shall be spared to keep the wires hot and the mails full of informing and encouraging words. Personally, our time shall be given, day and night, to laborious efforts to further every interest of the denomination in the State. Surely with all these promises, from so many sources, we must succeed! My prayer with every appeal and every letter is: "Lord incline his heart to hear and direct him to do."

The Executive Committee.

Had all the making of appropriations dumped on it by the Board at its meeting in November, with instructions to cut down everywhere and be very careful about assuming new obligations. It instructed too, that appropriations be made to extend only to April 1st, at which time there would be a called a meeting of the full Board if necessary. These instructions were carried out when the Executive Committee met.

WILL APRIL 1st FIND US IN ANY BETTER CONDITION? That depends upon the pastorate churches.

A Mistake Corrected.

Not often do I do it. One of your correspondents in a recent issue writing some well deserved kind words of Brother Walker, the evangelist in the Birmingham Association said: "The State Board requires our evangelist to make his own salary." The Board has never required that. We are always glad when the evangelists can do so, and some of them have done it, but it is never required. If the churches treat the evangelist right, not often will he fail to "make his own salary." W. B. C.

Cardinal Farley was recently at Salt Lake City and his local followers succeeded in getting the United States Twentieth Regiment to march in the parade in his honor. Just such foolish doings is going to be the undoing of these American prelates who style themselves "princes."

Mr. Carnegie's gift of a trust fund as an endowment for ex-presidents of \$25,000 a year has not been received by the country with enthusiasm, and grave doubts as to its wisdom have been expressed in Washington and other quarters.

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"The Authoritative Life of General William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army."

By G. S. Ralston, first commissioner to General Booth, with a preface by General Bramwell Booth.

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General Booth's importance in the march of humanitarian progress has yet to be estimated. This book tells from what lowly beginnings he achieved his unselfish greatness—it states the facts of his career and gives authority to many of the little known details which, up to now, have been only rumor.

George H. Doran Company, publishers, New York. \$1.00 net.

"The Story of Two Kittens."

This little volume by Henrietta Flint Swinnerman, with illustrations by Dorothy O'Reilly, will surely tickle the kids. It is surprising just what a joy a kitten is to a boy or girl. We never cease to wonder at the fun our two boys get out of their little kitten. We are sure they are going to enjoy this story about the tramp cat and gray brother.

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We consider this a valuable book to put in the hands of young people, and, by the way, it is surprising to know just how readable older folks will find it who are interested in the story of such great composers as Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schubert, Schumann and Wagner.

"Bunny Cotton Tail, Jr."

Laura Rountree Smith gives us in this delightful child's book the sequel to "The Tale of Bunny Tail." The story and the illustrations will please any child and give them a love for animals. Frank Willis, Jr., is just learning to read, and we are sure he will get lots of joy out of this little volume.

A Flanagan Company, Chicago. 25 cents.

"The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception."

By Max Henidel.

This book is a text-book of the Rosicrucian philosophy and teachings. The Rosicrucian Brotherhood is an occult religious society, with members in all parts of the world, and this is the first book to present them in comprehensive form and detail, and is therefore interesting as setting forth this religious cult. The author has devoted many years of his life exclusively to the study of Rosicrucian occultism.



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By Lord Avebury.

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The closing chapter is devoted to "The Peace of Nations," and is a strong presentation of the economic and ethical arguments in favor of universal peace. All thinking men and women will be glad to know the opinion of this distinguished man on a matter of such vital interest.

Grosset & Dunlap, publishers, New York.

"Stephen Mulhew—The Making of a Gentle Man."

By Howard B. Seltz.

This account of the evolution of Stephen Mulhew contains a story of childhood and innocence and the simple joys of playmate days, of youth and its aspirations and passions, all amid life as it was lived in a country village of Southeastern Pennsylvania during the few years immediately following the war of the sixties.

Victor Moret's Little Symphony, in E, for two violins and piano, edited by Eugene Gruenberg, has just been published by Oliver Ditson Co., Boston, at 75 cents, and the same firm has just issued C. W. Krogman's "Ten Little Morsels of Melody," at \$1.00. This ought to be good news for lovers of good music. We advise our musical friends to send on to these high-class musical publishers for one of their late catalogues.



"Don't Give Up the Ship."

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By Alice Brown. Illustrated by Sarah K. Smith.

Here is a fine, vigorous, interesting story for girls. Any healthy girl will follow with enthusiasm the four girls who form the clan that they call a tribe of Indians. They represent different characteristics and dispositions, but have a secret in common. An indulgent grandmother, an appreciative but gruff-appearing uncle and a sympathetic governess are excluded from the secret of the clan. Trouble seems to threaten the rioting youngsters, but it is averted, and all turns out happily. The illustrations are attractive, and altogether it will make a nice Christmas present for any girl.

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"Lieutenant Ralph Osborn Aboard a Torpedo Boat Destroyer."

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DALE COUNTY BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

The Dale County Baptist Ministers Conference which was organized in October in Midland City, at the Association held its first meeting with the Ozark Baptist church. Rev. E. H. Jennings of Dothan, preached the introductory sermon Monday night, and the conference together with the Executive committee was in session all day Tuesday. Several of the pastors and visitors were present and the day was spent very profitably, some live issues were discussed and steps taken to carry out plans submitted to the conference.

We have a live executive committee in Dale county, Association, they propose to place an evangelist in the Association, and especially in the rural districts, to hold meetings, institutes and rallies and wake up the strong country churches to a real sense of christian benevolence, and real aggressive christian work along all lines. We believe a better day is coming for Dale county Association. While we have not been in the Association quite a year, and it is hard to be an optimist, yet we hear optimistic strains floating in the air arising from every nook and corner of the Association, and we are hoping to greatly increase our offering to every object fostered by the Convention, and increase our efficiency as we move along.

The permanent organization was affected by electing Rev. M. L. Harris of Ozark, President, and S. E. Boroughs, Newton, Secretary, Rev. J. W. Malone of Pinckard submitted by-laws which were adopted, making every Baptist minister holding membership in the Dale county Association entitled to membership in the Ministers Conference.

It was decided to meet on Monday nights following the first Sunday in each month, and remain in session through Tuesdays. The next session will meet with the Pinckard Saints Monday night and Tuesday following the 1st Sunday in January.

The Executive committee will also meet with the conference, and we hope this will continue every month through these meetings we hope to sow the Association down with the Alabama Baptist, The Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, and literature giving information along all lines.

We extend a cordial invitation to the editor to visit us at any time it may be possible to do so.

Yours most fraternally,
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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from us our beloved pastor, we as brothers and sisters, members of the Second Baptist church do most keenly feel his loss.

The name of John Bass Shelton, who departed this life at his home, No. 116 South Decatur street, on October 25th, 1912, will ever remain fresh in the minds of his flock and others who knew him.

Whereas, one whose life was an illustration of every manly virtue and Godly in his character, is taken from our midst. It is a duty sad and painful it is true, to speak of those virtues which adorned his life, and offer a tribute to his memory. Such an one was this man, John Bass Shelton, whom we shall see no more on this earth, but will one day gather with him around the throne in glory.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That we mingle our voices together in songs of praise for having placed among us so noble a character.

Resolved further, That it brought joy to our hearts to know that he was reconciled to his fate, thereby placing himself in the attitude of the Blessed Master—"It is finished." The chosen vessel has gone from us, yet in the meantime, God has not severed the chord of love which binds us together. As we knew him here, we shall know him better there. We shall ever cherish the sweet memory of one who was held in such high esteem, and we shall ever "hold up the glories of Thy dead."

Resolved further, That we, as members of the Second Baptist church extend to his bereaved family a hand of heartfelt sympathy, and that we mingle our voices with them in saying:

"Good-bye until we meet again
Upon that blissful shore,
Where rests no shadow, falls no stain,
Where those we meet shall part no more,
And those long parted meet again."
W. T. PERRY,
B. G. FIKE,
V. E. HILTON,
Committee.

The Chinese government reports more than 40,000 schools under its control, and has primary and intermediate grades in every province, with total enrollment of 1,500,000 students. The mission schools are said to be far ahead in quality of teaching, and 75 per cent of the textbooks used in the government schools were prepared by Christians or under Christian supervision.

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E. B. FARRER,
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"Books that have helped me." In this connection I wish to say that I have been helped in a devotional way by reading "Steps Into the Blessed Life" by Meyer, and "The Revival of a Dead Church," by Broughton.

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Dr. F. A. Porter is at present assisting Dr. S. J. Porter of the First church of San Antonio, Tex., in revival meetings.

Enclosed you will find \$1 to pay my subscription up to January 13, 1913. Many thanks for the paper. It surely is interesting. Wishing you much success with your paper and hoping a merry Christmas to you and yours—Mrs. M. M. Huffman, Hanceville.

The Walnut Street Baptist church of Louisville, Ky., on November 17 celebrated the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. H. A. Porter. 1398 members have been added to the church in the last five years; of these 1013 have come into the central church and 275 through the branches.

Rev. Harmon R. Holcomb, one of our Home Board evangelists, has been invited to conduct a revival with the Calvary church during the latter part of February. It is understood that he will come. Brother Holcomb is a strong preacher, and one who brings things to pass. The first of February will be spent in Newport, Tenn., where he goes for his third meeting in two years' time. In his first meeting there he had 82 accessions; in his second he had more than a hundred, and we predict for him a still greater victory in this, his third effort there.

Former President Eliot of Harvard, recounting some of his impressions gained on a recent tour around the world, said, while speaking at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts No-License League, that he did not see a drunken Chinaman or Japanese in either of these countries. The race problem he said, must be studied in order to understand the alcohol problem. He referred again to the verdict of science that alcohol, like other drugs, is injurious to both body and mind. "Alcohol," he said, "is one of the most monstrous evils that afflict human society."—Florida Watchman.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Alabama Association will convene at Plano the fifth Sunday and Saturday before. Everybody invited. The executive board is invited to meet. Yours truly—G. R. Vickery, LaPine.

Our beloved brother and pastor of the Providence church, of Talladega, has left for school at East Lake. You know Brother T. E. Staley was made beneficiary of \$100 by the association on August 22, 1912. May God bless him in his work and at school.—O. M. Johnson, Talladega.

Our pastor resigned to take a course at the seminary, and we have been without a pastor for the last two months. Our flock is quite small, as the people are moving out to the railroad, but we have some talk of a railroad soon. The survey has been made, and our town may revive. If it does our church will, too. We have a large house, and once a flourishing church. Then the Alabama Baptist was taken by a number here, and now only one paper comes to this office. Pray for us that we may revive. Yours truly—J. E. Wilkins, Pickensville, Ala.

A WORD OF CONFESSION.

The label on my paper looks as if I might be among the crowd that are being talked about. I do not believe that any honest man or woman purposely intends to be disloyal to the paper. However, my good purpose will not run a paper. Neither will my good, honest intention keep the editor from complaining. Our good intentions and our honest purposes are like the locomotive engine—it is all right, but it takes steam to make the engine go. So with the above characteristics, plus our duty, will keep the Alabama Baptist coming.

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Sincerely yours,
MRS. C. W. BROWN.
Bridgeport, Ala.

We celebrated the pastor's fourth anniversary Sunday last with a fine attendance and a good musical program. The text was: "Brethren, pray for us."—I Thessalonians 5:25. No man needs prayer and sympathy so much as the minister. He needs it as a spiritual tonic; in his relationships with you; in order to power in the pulpit, that the word may grow and be glorified. If Christians would pray more and criticise less, what tremendous power the pastor would have with the people! The pastor has paid 4,739 calls, delivered 635 sermons and addresses. We have disbursed for church expenses and benevolences \$16,331.77. We thank God and take courage.—J. A. French, Eufaula.

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Beeson Academy is in a better condition than at any previous time. There are more than a hundred pupils enrolled, and the average attendance is good. Three pupils will take the state examination this month. One young man is studying for the ministry. One young man drives eight miles to school, and has only missed one day. We are getting along, oh, so slow, with the dormitory. If our friends would only help. Some day we are going to finish that building, and then we will give a house party, inviting the friends who have helped us to come and spend a few days that they may see what a beautiful mountain we have up here in North Alabama.

MATTIE BEESON.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, November 30, 1912.

Estate of Mrs. Nancy J. Cain, Deceased. This day came John G. Smith and filed his application in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Nancy J. Cain, deceased, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally effect the probate and records of said instrument as such will. And whereas the 6th day of January, 1913, has been set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of said instrument as such will.

And it appearing from said petition that the following heirs of said decedent are non-residents of the State of Alabama, viz: Mrs. Jessie Johnson, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Cooper Johnson, Tyler, Texas; T. C. Johnson, Rhonesboro, Texas; James Sansom, Big Sandy, Texas; and petitioner is informed that there are other heirs or distributees, but he has been unable to learn their names and addresses after making diligent search.

Notice is hereby given the said Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Mrs. Cooper Johnson, T. C. Johnson, James Sansom, and the unknown heirs of said decedent and all other persons in interest to be and appear in this court on the 6th day of January, 1913, to contest said application if they think proper so to do.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

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WHEN THE YEAR IS GETTING LATE.

By Jennie Harris, Oliver.

When election days are over
And the wind is screeching round,
When leaves forget they are holding on

And tumble to the ground;
When the cotton patch and cornfield
Are in a mournful state,
You may know that autumn's over
And the year is 'getting late.

When the moon comes sailing over
Before the sun's gone down,
And puts her big cheeks at him
And smiles and blinks around.
When the skies are bright as Jasper
And the blaze snaps in the grate,
While you pull your big chair closer,
Then the year is getting late.

When the farmer's pretty daughters
Are a-whapping up the trees
A-thinking as they're winding them
Their pa is hard to please,
And a-wondering if their sweethearts
Are a-waiting by the gate,
You may know that love is brewing
And the year is getting late.

When you see your barns a-bursting
And your apple bins are "riz";
When you're feeling sort o' lonesome
And you don't know what it is,
When you taste the ripe persimmon
With a freedom that is great,
These are many signs unfailing
That the year is getting late.

When the weeds have donned their
nightcaps
And the snow-quilt settles down
And your sweet old patient mother
Tucks the cover close around
And kisses you to dreamland
Where you'll snugly sleep and wait
Like the flowers for the morning,
Then the year is getting late!
—Joe Chapple's News Letter.

Thomas Carroll Sheffield died at his home at Pine Hill, Ala., after a prolonged illness, Nov. 23, 1912 at the age of 63 years. He was a life long Baptist having united with the old Pisgah church in Wilcox county at an early age. He married Miss Matilda Adaline DeWitt Sept. 15, 1869, and to their union were born Lelia, Carrie, Lovetta, Dorsey and Collier. His widow and four elder children survive.

Brother Sheffield was among the faithful and has gone to his reward. He loved the church and its Bible school, and was in attendance only two weeks before his death. L. E. S.

Recently at the First Baptist church of Dalhart, Texas, Mr. Charles Mundell, the boy evangelist, only 17 years old, was ordained to the full work of the ministry. He has been an evangelist for two years and since his determination to preach has taken two years in school, a part of which was spent in the Canadian Baptist Academy under Pres. R. E. L. Farmer.—Pacific Baptist.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by E. W. Youngblood on the 22nd day of August, 1912, and recorded in volume 686, records of deeds, at page 76, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in the same, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 6th day of January, 1913, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of lot No. 2, in block No. 4, in Eborn's Addition to North Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, said addition being platted and mapped and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, said premises being described as follows: Begin on the east side of Huntsville road at a point in lot 2 where Ora Donaldson's south fence touches said road; thence in a southerly direction along said Huntsville road to an alley as laid off in said block; thence in an easterly direction along line of said alley 159 feet; thence in a northerly direction to the east corner of said Ora Donaldson's south fence; thence along said south fence to the point of beginning, said lot fronting 50 feet on Huntsville road, extending back to an alley.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
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TENTH ANIVERSARY OF OPP CHURCH.

Early in the year of 1902 the church was organized with a small membership, and after revision of the enrollment we have more than a hundred and fifty on roll now.

The pastors are viz: Sims, Moseley, Barkley and Culpepper and the helpers employed in the different revival meetings are Cramer, Shelton, Bamber, (2) Martin, (H. L.), Hubbard, Dickenson, (J. V.), Faucher, Beese, (A. V.) Gwaltney, and James, (P. M.) and in all these meetings great good has been done in laying the foundation and fundamentals of the gospel for future harvests. And out of some of these meetings have we gathered a rich and glorious harvest.

Submit a little poem.

Opp Baptist Church and Her Pastors.
The church of Opp was found among the pines,
Here nature dwelt in beautiful sway
To put incentive into living vines
For golden fruit in eternal day.

She was born of vitality into life,
War-fare hard, for the right is her guest,
Conquest and victory is her aim in this strife,
And beyond the cold Jordan is her rest.

Her pastor the first, and Sims by name
A noble man of God is he,
Through two years toil, and a building came,
And in it we worship today.

Then Moseley, his eloquence and zeal,
In telling the old old story,
With him you rise with zephyrs and feel
You are sitting in the gates of glory.

Then onward through the march came Berkley,
With knowledge, culture and power,
Under his ministry thus saved the day
For God did bestow his power.

A space of five months and then came fire,
Grace, baptism, and the Lord's supper,
How saints preserved shall sing with the lyre
For God keeps his says Culpepper.
J. W. HOLLOWAY,

Opp, Ala.
Written for Mrs. Dr. T. E. Dalton, Opp Baptist church organist first ten years in Opp:

When we began she played with delight;
Her music melodious and sweet,
Today her music is our delight
And her service to us is a treat.

Others have come and gone by with the years
But she is teacher and organist still,
Still guiding young hearts His name to fear,
Who disembodied Moses on Nebo's hill.

A decade she touched the keys of the board,

And from then did the melody swell,
Enchanted we, like Herod and his lords,
At the music she rendered so well.
J. W. H.

C. T. Studd, who a few years ago was among the most popular cricketers in England, plans to go to work in the comparatively unknown parts of North Africa. He appealed to men at Cambridge University to go out with him as pioneer missionaries, to plant the Christian standard in the southeastern Soudan. Fifteen responded, and three will go out with him in January. Mr. Studd said that ever since the British held the Soudan, there had been the most wicked barbarism practiced, in the more out-of-the-way places and without the knowledge of the British authorities.

Dr. Robertson represented the Seminary at the Georgia State Convention. He said that the Georgia boys in the Seminary numbered twenty-eight; of these eight are not married yet. Georgia also has eight young women in the Training school; these and the young men get along pretty well together by keeping apart.—Religious Herald.

Heap on more wood.
The wind is chill,
But, let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our merry Christmas still.
—Walter Scott.

Lo! now has come our joyfulst feast,
Let every man be Jolly.
Each room with ivy leaves is drest
And every post with holly.
—Withers.

The Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church and the thirty-third anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. S. H. Greene, D. D., by a golden jubilee week, December 1-8, 1912.

Dr. Ryland Knight, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of Richmond, Va., offered his resignation on November 17th to accept the call to the First Baptist church of Clarksville, Tenn.

Polygamy has been revived in Utah, and the Mormon church is steadily gaining power in politics for the purpose of protecting the polygamists.

Dr. A. C. Dixon has been conducting an evangelistic campaign at the Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, in which he has preached 21 sermons upon one topic: "The Glories of the Cross."

O God give thy children in every part of the globe power to tell of Thy love. So those who hear will believe in Jesus.—St. John 1:12-15.

An estimate based on reports of government experts shows that 25,000 girls are trapped by white slavers each year—an average of 500 a week.

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This picture shows the mucous membrane tract of the nose, throat, and air passages. This is where catarrh germs live and where the disease spreads. The small black spot No. 1, shows where balms, creams, pastes, ointments, and such treatments reach by direct application. You can see that it doesn't reach more than 2 per cent of the disease.



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