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Please change my address from Jasper to Columbiana, Ala., and oblige—J. H. Longerler.

We had a good day at Cragford yesterday—a large congregation and a fine Christmas offering for the Orphans' Home.—M. A. Johnston.

Please send my paper to Ohatchee, Ala., until further notice. We are going to the country for a rest. My address will be Ohatchee, Ala., R. F. D. No. 2, for the next 30 days. God bless you and your paper. Write.—C. W. Henson.

This pastor and his family have been most generously remembered by the members of the church here and friends during the Christmas season. We feel deeply grateful for their kindness and appreciation of our labors. May the Lord bless the editor and his family during the coming year. Fraternally—I. N. Kimbrough, Camden.

January 5 Evangelist T. O. Reese and Singer J. P. Scholfield, of this city, begin a meeting with the Woodlawn church, Jacksonville, Fla., and on January 26 at Dade City, Fla. The first days of March they will be in Tampa. In April they will be with Dr. Arnold Smith at Alexander City, Ala.

Please change my paper from Odenville, Ala., to Vincent, Ala., R. F. D. No. 2. I think your paper has improved. We are sorry to leave the good people of Moody, as that valley is a desirable place to live in. We have one of the best R. F. D. carriers in the state. He is the president of the Sunday school association of the Third district.—L. M. Clinkscales.

The preliminary sketch of the program for the conference of the Southern Baptist Education Association, Nashville, Tenn., January 24-26, 1912, is out, and is a good one. The purpose of the conference is to unify Southern Baptist sentiment and conviction on the subject of denominational education and by mutual help to increase the efficiency of all our schools.

The Home Board evangelists did excellent work in Mobile. They reached the shop people more effectively than all other agencies. This city needs a great awakening—as in other years "Sam Jones" brought to pass. The last Sunday school census showed that the Protestants outnumbered the Catholics, and yet the latter control the newspapers and the politics of the city. This is detrimental to the religious interests of the people. Baptists are making progress. Six years ago, when I came to the city, we had only three white churches; now we have seven. The present pastors work in harmony, and the churches are prosperous. Bay Minette has received during the year 25 members, mostly by letter, some of whom are fine workers. The pastor received many substantial tokens of favor during Christmas from these excellent people.—J. D. Anderson.

"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY."



We hope that in taking the above for our "motto" during 1913 that it will not merely be a "motto," but that the "good turns" will speak for themselves. We take it for our motto, for we realize that we have in the state a host of friends who for more than ten years have been doing "good turns" for both the paper and its editor. We have appreciated every "good turn" which our friends have done for it and for us. Some have done "good turns" by taking the paper and paying for it. Others have taken it and got others to subscribe. Others have contributed worth while articles, while many have said good words in its behalf. And so as we sit here facing the new year we pray God's blessing upon every one who has taken the trouble to do it or us a good turn and by His help we purpose to do a "good turn" not only by our organized work, but if opportunity presents itself to do a "good turn" by every preacher, worker, and reader.

Now, dropping the editorial "we," I, FRANK WILLIS BARNETT, adopt the following prayer out of Men at Work as my prayer:

O God, save me from the Christmas spasm. Put the glowing warmth of the season in my heart like a steady fire. When the carols of the children have died out of the air and I hear nothing but the din of market noises, let me still sing on straight through the year like a happy man under an everlasting debt of gratitude. Prevent me from giving only according to calendar dates, lest feeling generous today, I forget the sorrows that recur to sicken the heart of the poor tomorrow and the day after. Without one bit of cynicism, let me deprecate the overdone Christmas giving that afterward justifies the conscience in withholding through long and hungry months. Help me to break through the zones of selfish friendships wherein I am apt to give only to those from whom I always get. May the love of my heart generously spend itself at home and rising to the piteous call of an unsaved world, fling itself in a sacrificial gift upon the altar of world-wide service in the name of our Christmas Christ.



REV. J. M. SHELBURNE, D.D.,
New President Howard College

We want the address of Brother J. C. Luncford. He is paid to January, 1913. We have been sending his paper to Central, but the postmaster says he does not live there.

Our little church at Friendship is pulling along as usual. Brother Register is our pastor. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, yours—R. Mills, Geneva.

The thirty-eighth international convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada, instead of meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., May 8-12, 1913, for special reasons will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15-18, 1913.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following wedding notice: "Mr. and Mrs. George Daniel Motley announce the marriage of their daughter, Eva May, to Mr. H. Ernest Graves on Wednesday, December 25, 1912, Gadsden, Ala. At home after January 1, Laurel, Miss."

I have resigned my work at Lineville and accepted the pastorate of Central Baptist church, New Decatur. Kindly send my paper here. I hope to do a great work here in His name and for His glory. Come to see us. Cordially and fraternally yours—H. B. Woodward.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following wedding invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hill Foster request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Edith Hill, to Mr. George Ray Boyd, Tuesday afternoon, the 31st day of December, 1912, at 2:30 o'clock, 503 Chestnut street, Wilmington, N. C."

Dr. W. G. Casey, of Birmingham, and Miss Annie Pearl Thompson were married at Alpine, Ala., the home of the bride, on December 26, 1912, at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. R. Stodghill officiating. Dr. Casey is a successful physician of Birmingham and an active member of Twenty-first Avenue Baptist church. Mrs. Casey is an intelligent and refined young woman. Both these young people have a host of friends. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Mobile and other points. After January 1 they will be at home to their friends at 2401 Twenty-sixth avenue, Birmingham.

Brother Jackson has moved to Atlanta, so our field of churches, namely: Seale, Hurtsboro, Pittsview and Glennville, called Brother E. S. Atkison, who has accepted and expects to be here by the first of 1913. He leaves Abbeville for this place and comes very highly recommended both as a preacher and Christian gentleman, and we expect to try to do great things together for the Master. Your paper gets better and better, and if the Baptists of the state would take and read it there is no telling what would be the result. Come to see us. Your brother in Christ—W. A. Bellamy, Seale.

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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.

WATCHWORD FOR THE YEAR.

Bring ye the whole tithe.—Malachi 3:10.

GREETINGS FOR 1913.

New Year, these are the gifts I ask of thee:
Strength for the daily task,
Courage to face the road,
Good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load;
And for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.

—Henry Van Dyke.

DURING JANUARY.

We observe the week of prayer for world-wide missions.

We also study the Home Mission Survey.

We gather in the Christmas offerings.

We complete the two-thirds of our year's apportionment, which is due.

IN OUR PRAYERS LET US REMEMBER.

Our work in the Northern District, of which Mrs. Henry R. Dill is vice-president.

Our work in the Bethel Association, which has 26 churches. In these churches are 12 women's societies, one young woman's auxiliary and eight Sunbeam bands. Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly, of Thomaston, is the superintendent.

Our missionary, Mrs. J. M. Justice, at Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

Our student, Miss Mable Williams, at Newton school.

Our Christmas offering and the January week of prayer.

The reaching of our apportionment by societies, associations and the state.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

Every member of the Woman's Missionary Union is familiar now with our special season of prayer in January for Foreign Missions, with a Christmas offering for China.

The observance of this and other special seasons is a mark of excellence, and from that viewpoint should be carefully observed by each society.

But I am sure that our women are constantly developing in the desire to "observe all things whatsoever He has commanded," and are willing to adopt any plan having for its aims the preaching of the blessed gospel throughout the whole world.

It is therefore a great privilege for us to be able to set apart a certain amount of time, thought and money in the very first month of the new year to be wholly consecrated unto the Lord. The rest of the year will be sweeter and our service more acceptable.

I call upon every member of the W. M. U. of Alabama to join in this service. Definite prayer means definite progress. United prayer means power.

MRS. CHARLES A. STAKELY.

One or two societies have written that they were planning to condense the programs and have only a day of prayer, instead of a week. Better one day than no day. Each day's program is so rich with good things that it is a feast in itself. But it will be a large blessing to every society which observes the week. And then it will be such a splendid thing for

each society to have observed this requirement in the "Standard of Excellence."

We ask that our dear sisters over the state respond to the call of our earnest president, the central committee in Baltimore and even our foreign sisters, who are stretching out their hands to us begging that we bear them to the Father in our petitions. Some of us are in the country, where the roads are rough and other obstacles are difficult to overcome, but in such a case can we not agree upon a certain hour and in our homes "meet around one common mercy seat?"

"There are people that put prayer first, and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer."

FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Dr. Willingham makes a special request of the members of the women's societies, and that is that they will all read letters from the missionaries in China.

For Friday the subject is "Faith in and Work for Our Young People." Surely this should be the most enthusiastic of all of the women's meetings. We all recognize the fact that the solution of the mission problem, both at home and abroad, lies with our young people. Let each society have a special prayer that Alabama may have her share of new Sunbeam bands this year. We are asked for 85 new bands, and ambassador orders and young women's auxiliaries in proportion.

On Saturday the Y. W. A.'s and Jr. Y. W. A.'s observe their program on medical missions. We hope every society will order the special leaflets from Baltimore without delay if these helps are not already in hand.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

On account of last week being Christmas vacation for our editor and his office force, our young people's page was necessarily omitted for December. However we will have a bright and attractive page the fourth week in January. Watch for it.

MEETING OF COOSA RIVER W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Coosa River Baptist Association held its first quarterly all-day meeting with the Lincoln church Friday, December 6. Mrs. F. C. Williams, superintendent, presided. Devotional services were conducted by Miss Hood. Song, "More Love to Thee." Theme, "Bring ye the whole tithe." (Mal. 3:10.) Prayer by Mrs. O. M. Reynolds. A most gracious welcome was extended to the visitors by Miss Lula Jones, which was responded to by Mrs. A. Hall. Only two societies responded to roll call—Lincoln and Talladega. The weather being so unfavorable very few delegates were present.

The meeting was blessed by the presence of Mrs. Landt and Mrs. Reynolds, of Anniston.

The superintendent discussed the plan of work for our association, saying so much is to be gained by these all-day meetings.

Mrs. Reynolds made interesting and suggestive comments on the Tuscaloosa convention, urging all who could to attend this convention next year. How we rejoiced over the great things accomplished there, of the pride we feel in the Baptist women of Alabama, who will build a hospital for women at Pingtu, Shantung, China, to be in charge of Dr. T. O. Hearn and to be named "Kathleen Mallory Hospital," an honor she richly deserves.

The program was not carried out in full, owing to the absence of some to whom the subjects were assigned.

Our superintendent then spoke of the necessity of fostering and encouraging our young people in their society work.

An earnest prayer was offered by Mrs. Reynolds for more consecrated leaders in our association.

Adjourned for lunch, which was a veritable Christmas feast, attesting the true hospitality of those good Christian women of Lincoln.

Afternoon Session.

Hymn, "True Hearted."

"Why Tithe?" Mrs. Landt held the attention of all present when she related in a simple, earnest manner her personal experience in tithing. Her Christian humility, her desire to serve her Master, her plea for systematic giving, her belief that no one is so poor but that she should tithe was forcefully presented. So impressed were her hearers that impromptu talks on this subject were made by the following ladies: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Powe, Mrs. Strock, Mrs. Cornett and Miss Jones.

Miss Embry's paper on "Preparation for Society Meetings" was excellent. She emphasized the importance of conducting our finances with method, prompt payment of dues—not even a religious organization can flourish without money.

Mrs. Reynolds gave edifying talks on various subjects on the program.

The superintendent extended an invitation to each member of each society to attend all the meetings the following year.

The meeting closed with a chain of prayer.

ELIZABETH HOOD, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO OUR JAPANESE MISSIONARIES.

By Rev. T. B. Ray.

What a thrill of joy must have been experienced by our missionaries in Japan when they received from the Foreign Mission Board a Christmas cablegram authorizing them to buy the lot in Tokyo to be used as the campus of our theological seminary recently established in that city. Wasn't it a glorious Christmas gift?

Some time ago the missionaries secured an option on a plot of ground which expired December 31. They were, of course, very anxious about it, as this was the very piece of land they desired. We felt deep concern also here in the board rooms. In our anxiety we approached a good brother and asked him to give us \$12,500 with which to pay for our half of the lot. He after looking into the matter guaranteed the \$12,500, and we were able to send the Christmas message. Our brethren of the Northern Baptist Board will pay for the other half. Thus our theological seminary for Japan is placed upon a secure foundation. May every succeeding Christmas record the widening of its blessed influence in the Island empire.

This was a glad message also for the board, because it gives the Judson Centennial a great impetus. It raises in our hearts still higher the belief which has been there all the time that many will be found who will contribute large gifts to this fund. There will be listed in the Judson Centennial fund many objects. This Japanese seminary is one of them. We are hoping to find many individuals who will take care of separate items in this list. There are many churches also that will do the same thing. May the spirit of our Lord direct us in finding them. Richmond, Va.

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

From Baalbek, where we were last week, found in the upper portion of our map, we turn southward and follow the western slope of the Hermon range. We find a deep gorge penetrating the mountain through which the river Barada flows, the ancient Abana (II Kings 5:12), and with it we descend to the edge of the great plain at the foot of Mount Hermon, on its southeastern side. At Position 97 we shall look at Damascus from the northwest.

Position 97. Damascus and Its Gardens.

This famous city which we see here before us, set down in the midst of its great fertile plain, has been called by the Arabs "the desert's reflection of Paradise." We are standing in a Mohammedan graveyard on a lower slope of the Anti-Lebanon range. Children are usually playing here; it is one of their favorite resorts. These are plastered tombs before us, each with a receptacle for flowers. They are made so high at one end that the corpse can sit upright in its coffin, when summoned by the angels to surrender its soul, on the second day after death and burial. The holes at the end, temporarily closed by small covers, are openings left so that the angels may call down to the soul and be promptly heard. As from this height you see the city encircled by green foliage and fields, with the white desert on one side and the gray mountain on the other, you appreciate its comparison—"a pearl set in emeralds." Mohammed stood on this spot where we are standing, gazed at the city which to him, coming from the deserts of Arabia, appeared the loveliest on earth, and said, "Man can have but one Paradise, and mine is not here," and turned away, leaving to enter it. That which made this a city at least 4,000 years ago has kept it through all the ages, and will keep it to the end of time, is the abundance of water which pours down upon the plain through the rift of Mount Lebanon, by which we have come from Baalbek. Scarcely a city on the earth has such a wealth of fresh, pure water. It turns the desert into a garden for miles around. One river runs through the city in a mighty tide; the other flows around it; and both are borne everywhere, into streets and squares, and mosques, and gardens, where they rise up in fountains. Damascus is the only city in the Oriental world where you will ever find water brought directly into many of the houses.

Through all history this city has stood prominent in the eastern world. When Abraham crossed the Euphrates river coming from Mesopotamia to Palestine (Genesis 12:1-5; Genesis 15:2), on that migration which has influenced the world more than any other movement of a family since time began, he must have passed through this city, for the caravan route from the Euphrates to the Nile has always passed this way. Damascus stood forth as a rival to Jerusalem and Samaria through five centuries, and was conquered by turns (II Samuel 8:5-7; I Kings 20:1-34). Over this road at our feet, perhaps, rode Naaman with his horses and his chariots, but wearing the skin of a leper under his lordly robes, on his way to Israel to seek a cure (II Kings 5:1-18).

Over this road I see a blind man walking with downcast countenance, led by his companions, groping his way toward the gate of Damascus (Acts 9:1-8). Can that be the haughty young Pharisee whom we met a while ago riding out of the Damascus gate at Jerusalem, on his way to this very city to blind and to scourge the disciples of Jesus? Yes, about a mile from here, on the right, just as the towers and domes of Damascus were rising to his view, a vision flashed upon that young man's eyes, a voice thrilled in his ears, and he is entering that city a seeker after the Savior whom he sought to destroy.

We will descend from the mountain side, pass through yonder forest of fruit trees and enter the city of Damascus. As we are students of the Bible, our search is for places connected with the Bible story, so let us go to the "Street called Straight."

Position 98. The Covered "Street Called Straight," Damascus.

We are looking toward the west. Stretching away before us is an arched roof running across the city. Under that is the "Street called Straight," where Saul not yet become Paul, waited in his blindness in



the house of Judas, for the coming of a man named Ananias, who should show him how to be saved (Acts 9:10-17). The street is one of the widest in the city, and extends across it from west to east to the old wall, roofed over with tin nearly all the way. In the warm days the shade overhead is very grateful, and there are windows here and there for ventilation. The postoffice is on this street, but it is not a very important institution. One mail a day brings a single small bag of letters for distribution among 300,000 people. You can judge from that how little Damascus people know or care about what is going on in the rest of the world today. On either side are shops to tempt the tourist; and the sales are carried on after the Oriental fashion, with a long time spent in "beating down" on one side and "beating up" on the other until a price is reached. They show "the house of Ananias," the believer who led Saul into the faith of Christ, a little to the left of this street, almost at its end (Acts 22:12-13). "Naaman's House," the name given to the leper hospital, is outside the wall (II Kings 5:1).

Just to our right is a minaret. How unsymmetrical is its plastered cupola, and how dilapidated is the gallery beneath! I doubt whether there is a window, or an arch, or a wall, built by an Oriental that stands absolutely plumb! Four times each day on every minaret in sight, and from 200 more in the city, at the same time, you will see the muezzin standing and repeating, as he faces in turn each of the four points of compass, "Arise and pray! I declare that God is God and Mohammed is His prophet! Come and pray!"

Along that street under the arch once walked Ananias, a servant of Christ, with mingled hope and fear, enquiring for the house of Judas and in its for one called Saul of Tarsus. In some synagogue yonder in the Jewish quarter, on the right, Saul, the new convert, "a wolf changed to a lamb," gave his first testimony for Jesus (Acts 9:19-21). Three years he was absent in the wilderness maturing his convictions (Galatians 1:15-17) and getting in order that mighty scheme of doctrine that was to transform the church from a Jewish sect to a religion for all the world. Then he suddenly appears in Damascus again and preaches salvation for all men, Gentiles as well as Jews, with such fervor as to excite wrath among Jews and alarm even among believers. Yonder in the distance is the old wall where he was let down in a basket to escape his foes, who were watching the gates (Acts 6:23-25). These are the memories that sweep over us as we look across these houses and the roofs of the "Street called Straight."

To visit this "pearl of the Orient" use the stereographs (97) "Damascus and Its Garden" and (98) "The Covered 'Street Called Straight,' Damascus."

Editorial Note.—In this department Dr. Hurlbut will take his readers to 100 places in Palestine, two each week. By means of remarkable stereoscopic photographs you cannot only see for yourself each of these 100 places in life-size proportions, but also you can get distinct conscious experiences of being in these places. Six stereographs, \$1. Less than six

stereographs in one order, 20 cents each. The 26 stereographs for three months are \$4.33. The 100 stereographs for the year, in a cloth bound, gold-lettered case, with a guide book by Hurlbut of 220 pages, (containing full descriptions of each place) and a series of seven locating maps, is \$18.75—scarcely more than an economical tourist spends for two days on an actual trip. Mahogany-aluminum stereoscope, \$1.15. Express charges paid. Send orders to Underwood & Underwood, Department Z, 12 W. 37th street, New York. Further descriptive matter sent on request.

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THE GREATEST MEN OF THE WORLD OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD.

Compiled and Arranged by Carl Theodore Wettstein.

Introduction.

L. A. Cauchy, one of the greatest mathematicians and physicists of France and professor of theoretical astronomy at the Sorbonne, in Paris, once wrote: "I believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the same as Tycho de Brahe (first secular astronomer in the world), Kapernicus (astronomer), Descartes (philosopher and mathematician), Newton (astronomer), Lermath, Leibnitz (philosopher), Pascal (astronomer), Grimaldo, Euler (mathematician and geometer), Guldin, Bascovitch (astronomer and natural philosopher) and Gerdlil—like all great naturalists, all great astronomers and all great mathematicians of the past centuries."

The following quotations contain, in their own words, the opinions of the prominent scientists, authors and statesmen on the Bible, Creator, belief in God, future life, religion, prayer, Darwinism, atheism, missions, etc. From them the reader can see that the above words of Cauchy are corroborated by the greatest men in the world:

John Ruskin (professor of history of arts at Oxford and Cambridge, one of the greatest masters of English prose)—"How strange it is that man could ever consider the study of nature as being in opposition to religion. Of course, the haughtiness of natural science, the same as all haughtiness, is in strict opposition to natural science, as well as religion. But true, sincere natural science, far remote from being hostile to religion, will always even the ways for the message of peace."

John Ruskin (professor of art history in Cambridge and Oxford)—"The more we study the works of the Creator the stronger will we be convinced that the true purpose of the Creator was to make His creatures happy."

Edmund Halley (one of the world's great astronomers, discoverer of Halley's comet)—"Comets must obey natural laws like every other of God's creatures, and I shall prove this to the world."

Robert Browning (in Fra Lippa Lippi)—"The beauty, the wonderful power, the form of all things, their color, light and shade—everything changes; it surprises us, and—God has made all."

Benjamin Franklin—"The Almighty God is the greatest mechanical engineer of the universe."

Wolfgang Menzel (German historian)—"To come right down to the point, the natural scientists do not talk any more about God, because it grieves them that God made all things and not they."

Count Ferdinand von Zepelln.—When some one said to him that God was an artist in the making and guidance of human hearts, because He had given him the thoughts to construct this flying machine he said: "Yes, God is the artist, and I am His tool."

Prof. Thigpen came in and brought the good news that the Brantley Baptist Sunday school recently sent \$150.14 to the Baptist orphanage. This was the Sunday after Brother Ray and ye editor were there. We do not take any credit for this great liberality, but we do rejoice with them.

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SALUTATORY.

Brother Barnett has offered the Sunday School Department of the State Board of Missions the use of a page in the Alabama Baptist during the coming year. We have accepted this offer. Now, then, the proposition is up to us to make it worth while. It will be manifestly unfair to the management of the paper and to the public to use valuable space without bringing something of profit to the reader. I want to give you in this article a brief summary of some of the things that have occurred to us as profitable for the consideration of the brethren and sisters.

Things of a practical nature are to have the right of way. We have lesson helps of every kind and description for our assistance in preparing for the teaching period, and while articles will appear from time to time from some of our foremost teachers, we feel that if during the year we can help those who need help to a broader conception of what the Sunday school really means to us spiritually, what it means to our churches and what it means to the kingdom of God, and then in some way help on to a realization of this great idea, the time nor the space, perhaps, will not have been entirely wasted.

A Teacher Training class will be conducted in these columns, beginning with this issue. Using the Convention Normal Manual, we will be able to get through perhaps in four months. In order to receive the diploma from the Sunday School Board this work must be done in the class in the local church under the direction of the pastor or some capable person designated by him.

A suggested program for superintendents will appear. We do not pretend to possess the "last word" in the knowledge of making programs, but many superintendents over the state have repeatedly said that they needed help in the preparation of programs suitable to the needs. We hope that some or all of these suggestions may be adapted, and thus prove helpful.

Plans for the building of churches will appear from time to time. The brethren in the country are beginning to realize that churches may be built for work—they are workshops wherein God's work is done. A part of His work, as He has directly commanded, is to teach His word, as well as to preach.

Miss Forbes will contribute helpful suggestions on the primary and junior work, and Brethren Stephens and Davie will tell us about what they are seeing and doing in the Master's vineyard. Oh, yes, there are a lot of things that can go on this page that might be helpful. Then a question box—a good place to ask and answer, to help solve the problems, to saw through the knots. I remember once to have been driving a long the public road when I came to an obstruction, perhaps a tree blown across the highway, and there was the trail around the tree, through

the brush, to the other side. And I thought, well they will never get the obstruction moved this way, and yet there it lay across the road. An hour's work would have moved it.

So now there it is. Let's make it go. Send all the questions and all the suggestions to me in Birmingham. If the page is worth anything to you and you are not a subscriber send your subscription to Brother Barnett. This is to be entirely a labor of love.
HARRY L. STRICKLAND.

Plans are being perfected for the Baptist State Sunday School Convention, to be held on Pelham Heights July 28-30.

Brethren, you know the first step in building up your Sunday school is to KNOW the folks who ought to be in it. There is only ONE way to know this—take a religious census. In city, town or country it ought to be done at least annually. Now is the time.

Old man Pessimist says: "We've tried that; it won't work." We agree with him; it won't work. We have never yet seen a piece of card board with a name written on it get up and go out after that individual. Somebody has GOT TO WORK IT. The same gentleman says, "I haven't got time." Yes, of course, he is the only busy man in the whole community. Everybody else is just sitting around with absolutely nothing to do. That is just a pretext. All the people who amount to anything are busy. Then is the Lord's work to go undone? Now, let's get that census this week and next week see what to do with it.

By the way, is your school connected with the church, or does it simply meet in the church building? Has your church organization awakened to the fact that it is responsible for that teaching service, and that great commission covers both teaching and preaching? And do the children and boys and girls, to say nothing of the adults in your school, make their offerings every Sunday with simply the belief that they are doing it in order that they may have a quarterly or a lesson leaflet or a map or a blackboard? Do you not think that the offerings of the school ought to go through the regular church channels to the benevolences according to the calendar,

thereby teaching every department the spirit of every phase of benevolence that we stand for? The church could surely buy the literature. I am going to give you some concrete instances of what this sort of work has done elsewhere. Let's talk about it and consider it in these columns this year.

H. L. STRICKLAND.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS.

A Word Prefatory.

We are to begin here a class in the study of the Convention Normal Manual, the first book in the course of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Things necessary are: The leader or teacher, the class, a copy of the manual in the hands of each pupil, a blackboard, a tablet for notes. A memory test of about five questions under each head will be given by the teacher. Questions to be furnished from this office and to be given at the end of each month. It is not necessary to answer the hundred questions in the question leaflet where this plan is followed. Pastors, organize your classes, order the books and let's get about a hundred classes into operation during January. Books may be obtained from my office. Paper cover, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

Suggestions.

To the Class: Read over and over again and study carefully chapters 1 to 5, inclusive (pages 13 to 24), of section 1, Convention Manual. Be regular in attendance upon the class meetings and ON TIME.

To the Teacher: Go carefully over the lesson, underscoring the things you want specially to emphasize. Have the class read with you the paragraphs you propose to teach. Endeavor to get home study. Then place the outline below on the blackboard and drill and review it (one chapter at a time) until the entire class knows it perfectly. Begin to get the things done in your local school.

LESSON 1—Section 1, Management, chapters 1 to 5, inclusive.

Blackboard Review.

(One chapter at a time.)

HAVE YOU READ CHAPTERS 1 to 5 in the Manual?

Marks of a Well Organized S. S. CHAP I.

1. Sustain Right Relation to Church.
2. Constituency should be Known, Reached & Held.
3. WELL ORGANIZED. EVERY MEMBER BUSY. EVERY WORK DONE.
4. Officers Willing & Capable.
5. School Open EVERY SUNDAY.
6. GRADED. (AGE BASIS).
7. GOOD MUSIC.

8. TEACHERS MEETING.

9. TRAINING CLASS
10. LIBRARY.
11. SPECIAL DAYS.
12. SYSTEMATIC OFFERING
13. REPORTS ON BLACKBOARD
14. APPLIANCES, PROVIDED
15. RESULTS

SAVE THE LOST CHRISTIAN BUILT UP WORLD WIDE VISION.

ATTITUDE

THE PASTOR
HOSTILE = DEAD S.S.
INDIFFERENT = POOR S.S.
IGNORANT = SLOW S.S.
WELL-INFORMED = GOOD S.S.

SUNDAY

MAY TRY TO RUN SCHOOL.
NOT TEACH A CLASS.
MAKE SPEECH
INTERRUPT CLASSES.

WEEKLY LEADERSHIP: SHOULD EQUIP FOR IT, IN THE CONDUCT TRAINING CLASS. WEEKLY TEACHER'S MEETING YEARLY CONFERENCE.

HE BETHERE. ON TIME
CAN STUDY CONDITIONS. SUGGEST.
HAVE INSTALLATION DAY.

THE SUPERINTENDENT CHAP III
QUALIFICATIONS = GET THE BEST AVAILABLE. WEEK DAY WORK. SEE
ON SUNDAY FIVE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES AHEAD OF OPENING HOUR—
THINGS CALL TO ORDER ON TIME.
PERMIT NO INTERRUPTIONS OF CLASSES.
CLOSE PROMPTLY.
WATCH FOR PLACES OF FAILURE.

OTHER OFFICERS. CHAP IV
HAVE AS MANY AS NECESSARY. SEE CHAPTER.
SECURING & HOLDING ATTENDANCE. CHAP V.
5 WAYS KNOW CONSTITUENCY, By taking Census.
MAKE PLACE, By GRADING SCHOOL.
GO AFTER, By ORGANIZING Classes & Departments.
SPECIAL DAYS, 3 or 4 GOOD ONES.
GOOD SCHOOL. PUT SOME Thought into it.

A happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year and a long life to you and yours. Cordially your friend—Lucie J. Kelly.

Brother J. N. Hurt sent us in renewals from Gaylesville to the amount of \$17. It is needless to say that we appreciate his Christmas work.

I enjoy reading the Alabama Baptist. May God bless His cause here in the world. Hope you a happy New Year.—T. D. Gregg, Boaz.

Best wishes for you and yours and pray that prosperity and progress will combine to make the fine paper better and better as the months roll by. Yours in Christian love—Mrs. John W. Dixon.

I am sending you \$2, which moves my figures to 1914. We enjoy the Baptist always. Hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for you and yours. Sincerely—Miss Laura Bishop.

I wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. God bless you and the dear old Alabama Baptist, as we could not do without it. Your sister in Christ—Mrs. C. J. Herndon.

Please change my paper from Delta, Ala., Route 3, to Lineville, Ala., Route 3, as I have moved near the latter place. Brother Barnett, you are giving us a good paper. May the Lord bless you and yours. Your brother in Christ—(Rev.) T. J. Preston.

I've waited a long time to send check, but your paper was a gentle reminder. I know I'll enjoy it more to know you have the money. Very respectfully—

(Yes, they generally enjoy it more when paid in advance.)

I hand you herewith check for \$2 to pay my subscription for 1913 to the Alabama Baptist. I appreciate the paper more and more. Verily you and Brother Crumpton are doing a great work for our denomination in Alabama. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, I beg to remain yours fraternally—G. J. Sorrell, Dadeville.

We would be glad to have ye editor with us at any time. Well, you are giving us a good example in your work in improving the paper from time to time. May we all make great improvement in all our work as the years come and go. I send you my renewal for the Alabama Baptist for the thirtieth year. It has been a great help to me, and I believe that others would be helped by reading the paper. God bless all of the readers of the Alabama Baptist and increase their number.—W. G. Hubbard.

I enclose my check for \$2 to be credited on my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I return thanks for the calendar with picture of yourself, together with Christmas wishes. I like your looks. Your face is handsome, your head full of brains and your heart of generous feelings. But you made one mistake in having that picture taken. Instead of a book you should have had a newspaper and a pair of scissors in your hands. With best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year, cordially yours—Paul V. Bomar.

I have been a reader of the Alabama Baptist for nearly 40 years and can't afford to do without it as long as I can get money to pay for it. You may think that I am rather extravagant in my assertion about reading the paper 40 years ago, but you will recollect that it was the Alabama Baptist and then the Southern and Alabama. I read it before 1876, and have always wanted to help hold up our own state organ, but am too poor to help much, but will send in what I am behind and some more. Enclosed find postoffice money order for \$4. Please move me up to January, 1914. Your brother in Christ—John M. Stewart.

Catherine church had a gracious revival in November. The preaching was done by C. W. Hudson, who delivered fine gospel sermons in a kind, affectionate manner. Only two united with the church, but I feel that much lasting good was accomplished. We regret that our pastor, L. E. Smith, has resigned. Yours fraternally—Theodosia DeWitt.



Kind Words

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and all success to your excellent paper, I am very respectfully yours—Louise Manly.

Hope you had a pleasant Christmas and that the paper will get better as she grows older. Fraternally—Z. W. McNeal.

Enclosed you will find check for \$1, for which please move me up. The Alabama Baptist is a very welcome visitor every week. Many happy returns to you for the new year. Sincerely—B. A. Sellers, Keystone, W. Va.

I enclose herewith my Christmas present in the shape of \$2 in currency, my renewal to the Alabama Baptist for next year. With my best good wishes for you and our paper, yours fraternally—Geo. W. Ellis, Montgomery.

I congratulate you on your success with the Alabama Baptist. I hope you will get many new subscribers and renewals before January 1, 1913. I hope you will have a pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year. Much love to your and all of yours. Fraternally—J. H. Creighton, Whatley.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Coosa River Association was to have met at Oak Grove church, but on account of the absence of the speakers we had no service. There was a fair crowd out, and we were disappointed. May God bless you and your work. Yours in Christ—O. M. Johnson, Talladega.

My Dear Brother: Herewith enclosed find money to pay to January, 1914. Our people in this section are having a hard pull, being surrounded by ants, but by the help of the Lord I hope to do something for the cause that will be to His glory. May this be the most pleasant Christmas of your life, and may you be used next year for more benefit to His kingdom. God bless you and yours is my prayer. Pray for at Tenbroeck, Ala. Your brother in Christ—M. Little.

Robert Lee Bains, vice-president of the Collier Drug Company, Birmingham, who wants to be fourth assistant postmaster-general, has had 20 years' experience in that bureau. His legal education and knowledge of postal matters eminently qualifies him for the place.

I thank you very much for your calendar which you were kind enough to send me. You certainly are very happy in your design, and it makes a very attractive picture. I hope you are closing a year of great advancement and success in the Alabama Baptist and that you shall even surpass it next year. I will count it a great joy to render whatever assistance I can. The Lord bless you in the things you have in hand. Fraternally yours—J. M. Frost, Nashville, Tenn.

If apologies would aid you in running the Alabama Baptist I might assist you. As I am due you the subscription of one year and as I love the paper and the editor and all its readers and the cause it represents and the valuable information I get through its columns, I cannot afford to let Uncle Sam stop it, so instead of an apology please find \$3.50, and let me wear a suit (the Baptist) for another year paid for, as I think it will be of more spiritual strength and comfort to the inner man. Our church (Reeves Grove) is moving up in the way of finance since we adopted the envelope system, and under the leadership of Brother Lackey, our pastor, we have a well organized Sunday school and training class, with Brother Watkins as superintendent; also a weekly prayer service. Good congregations attend each service. Wishing you a happy Christmas and God's blessings in your work for the Master, I am truly—J. M. Alman, Ashville.

Wishing you, the boys and mamma a happy Christmas and a long life, I remain yours in Christ—Rev. H. E. Key, O'Neal, Ala.

I wish you a happy, prosperous New Year and success for the paper. Your brother in Christ—F. M. Dunaway.

I thank you for your Christmas and New Year's calendar. It will help to keep me straight next year. Success to you and the best greetings of the season. Cordially yours—A. T. Robertson, Louisville, Ky.

Best wishes for a useful and prosperous New Year for the Alabama Baptist. Yours very truly—Mrs. F. B. Daniel.

(She sent the paper to a relative as a Christmas present.)

I am sending you \$2 for renewal for my Alabama Baptist. It is one of the greatest pleasures of my life. Wishing you and family a happy Christmas and a prosperous and useful New Year, I am, sincerely—Mrs. A. E. Carter.

I pray God's richest blessings upon you and yours and every effort that you put forth in making our paper better and increasing the knowledge and the truth in our people as it is in Jesus, our precious Savior. Yours fraternally—W. C. Bentley.

Please find the renewal of Mrs. M. Wooten's subscription to the Alabama Baptist. She is 76 years old, but still enjoys reading your paper when she is able to read. With all good wishes, I am yours truly—R. F. Wooten, Warrior.

Please find check for \$1, for which please move up my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. God bless you and yours. A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you and your readers. Fraternally—J. H. Wallace, Opelika.

Our church (Society Hill Baptist) is advancing some under the wise leadership of Rev. J. P. Hunter. Recently we appointed a committee to see every member and ascertain how much he or she would give monthly for missions. Quite a number responded favorably. Yours in Christian love—Mrs. J. B. Myhand.

We always enjoy the weekly visits of the Alabama Baptist and eagerly await the coming of each issue. Enclosed please find check for \$2. Move me up to January 1, 1914. Hope you have had a happy Christmas, and wish for the editor and also the Alabama Baptist the most prosperous year and the best you have ever had. May the Lord abundantly bless you in your good work. Yours sincerely—J. A. Dodgen.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find a \$1 bill as a renewal to our grand Alabama Baptist. May the Lord richly bless you in your great undertaking to give us Alabamians the news. Best wishes to you and the boys and especially your better three-thirds. A pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year.—A. P. Majors.

Please change the address on the copy of the Alabama Baptist which has been coming to my address, 416 South Broad street, Rome Ga., to present address—Lock Box 363, Attalla, Ala. We have just moved in and are "at home" among the good people of Attalla. Their reception has been so kind and cordial. It compensates in some measure for the separation from the many loving friends we left in Rome. Wishing you a happy New Year and praying this may be the best year of our paper, fraternally—(Rev.) I. A. White.
(Welcome back home.)

If Mrs. —'s subscription has expired and she has not renewed notify me and I will pay the subscription for her. She is a widow lady and my friend, and as I am not near enough to aid her will give her the paper as a reminder that I am still her friend, though far away. (She likes to read.) Wishing you and the paper much success, and that much pleasure is in store for you and family during the coming holidays and the New Year may find you each well and happy, is my sincere wish. May the Lord bless you and yours. Your friend—(Miss) Wyche Walton, Wetumpka.

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON ON SAYINGS OF HIS CORRESPONDENTS.

A brother of another denomination said to one of our Sunday school workers: "How you fellows make this work go I do not understand. Your man in Florida is having good success, and your Alabama work is known to be a success. We have tried it in both these states—Florida and Alabama—and our men say they can't reach the folks, and soon throw up their jobs."

I can tell him the "how" of it. We have nobody in this work except experts. Not one of them will talk 10 minutes before the people know he has a message, and they sit up and take notice.

One meeting advertises another. The word goes from mouth to mouth, and from neighborhood to neighborhood—presently everybody wants an institute.

Now note the last reason: Our preachers know a good thing when they see it. They want their people to have the best things going; so they write our Sunday school workers, advertise their meetings and send them on from one institute to the next. See?

"Mobile."

"We celebrated yesterday the first anniversary of my pastorate here, and we had a good day. The church has done well in a financial way. We contributed to missions 67 cents per capita, and for all purposes we contributed \$32.34 per capita. How many churches in the state beat that? We had only 37 additions to the church last year, but we had no protracted meeting. We had three additions yesterday and a good day. The church is on the up grade."

"WALTER P. HINES."

Good news that from Mobile—"32.34 per capita." That is good. "How many churches beat that?" What do the brethren say? Brother Hines is a great protracted meeting man. Brethren in South Alabama should use him.

"Send me a copy of some wideawake, up-to-date association. I want to introduce some up-to-date methods into our association. Of course, I do not expect any new methods to be adopted this year. I only want to introduce them and keep on introducing them until the brethren get thoroughly acquainted with them."

That is the way to start a reform in the association. Up-to-date clerks we have and they are making up-to-date minutes. Any clerk's ambition would be stirred to see some of the up-to-dates. Reforms come after agitation. The brother is right.

"Opelika."

"I have just attended for my first time a session of the W. C. T. U., which closed here yesterday. What a power unto God these noble women are. I feel so little, insignificant and ashamed that I have done so little in the Master's name in every way, but as I sat and listened to these women, session after session, seeing their executive ability, the uniqueness of their work, their faith, zeal and concentrated effort, and realizing the power of their organization, I could but thank God for what seems to me to be the dawning of a new day for the uplifting influences for our boys and girls, as the mighty monster of the liquor traffic might in early years be inevitably doomed."

"J. H. WALLACE."

In every good work our women are leading out. The W. C. T. U. is one of our very best. Any man needs only to see what Brother Wallace saw to throw up his hat for the godly women. When they get the right to vote, as they will, something is going to happen sure enough. Every booze paper, booze maker, booze dispenser, booze lover, booze politician and booze apologist is AGAIN woman suffrage.

"I am enjoying tithing and enjoy talking about it."

His letter brought \$10 to be credited to his church. The tithers are a joyous set. They have discovered the secret of cheerful giving.

A preacher in the office said: "I never knew what peace of mind was until I began to tithe. The responsibility has been lifted from my shoulders. The Lord is to decide whether I shall give little or much." ACCORDING AS HE HAS PROSPERED is the way to give.

"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR CUSTOM," are the introductory words to the most effective speeches I have ever heard in our church and association."

That remark is the end of all controversy. The debate had as well close right there. That other, "We've tried it," is a crusher when you are trying to introduce a change. The brother doesn't allow you to get through before he fires back: "We've tried it." You may go up like a rocket, but this brings you down like a stick.

At Greenville,

In Butler county, on a recent Sunday the church gave near \$300 for State Missions. It was interesting in the afternoon to hear the moderator of the association answering the pastors over the county, telling of what they had done. One reported \$25. The moderator replied: "You will get \$10 this afternoon I hope at M—"

A pastor who found out I was there said: "Tell Brother Crumpton I will get \$70 on my field." O, that moderators were all missionary! O, that they would feel that they were moderators the year round.

Brother moderators, much depends upon you. Inaugurate campaigns; get in touch with the pastors. Keep the wires hot, and success will be certain to crown your efforts.

A Baptist of Wealth

On being told of the embarrassed condition of the State Board said: "I had no idea of such a thing. I have been giving to— I expect it would have been better to have sent a part of it to you."

This conversation reveals a condition in Alabama which is distressing. Evidently this brother did not read the Alabama Baptist, and another thing equally evident, he had never heard anything about the board's condition from his pastor. Possibly he was not present when the pastor mentioned it, but it is probable the pastor hadn't spoken of it at all. This is not an exceptional case. The agents for other interests in their still hunts had found him.

HOME MISSIONS AND DENOMINATIONAL EFFICIENCY.

Paper Read by Mrs. W. B. Crumpton, of Montgomery, Before the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union.

Now and then through the years it is suggested that the Home Mission Board having finished its mission, might be abolished, and the work turned over to the mission boards of the several states.

Another suggestion akin to that is that the two boards be consolidated, having a Home Mission and Foreign Mission department. Most wisely, both suggestions have been rejected. When the Savior said: "Ye shall be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth," he recognized the different fields included in His great Commission, when He said: "Go ye into all the world." Our convention has appointed two boards to work in harmony in their different spheres, and each one cultivates the closest relationship with the mission boards of the states.

The multiplying of agencies, if they are harmonious, is not a source of weakness, but of strength. Both State and Home Missions are auxiliary to the Foreign Board. Every missionary, whether of the State or Home Board, in planting churches, is bringing into being an organization for world-wide evangelization. Thus, they are most efficient helpers to the Foreign Board. Then, the State Boards and the Home Board are supplemental to each other.

The large cities in the south, with all the vexing problems calling for large sums of money, cannot be cared for by the State Boards alone. Lots for buildings costing thousands of dollars, and in some instances costly buildings, are needed. The State Boards with their slender resources could not provide them, but the Home Board, like a big brother, extends its helping hand and it is done.

We have many examples of this in some of the great cities of the south and Alabama—Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile. Not until the Home Board with liberal hand went to the rescue of the Louisiana board did the Baptist cause in New Orleans begin to flourish. So of Memphis, Washington and Richmond and St. Louis.

The Home Board's work in the mountains, establishing schools, is perhaps the most far-reaching

work it has ever done. The states which embrace the mountain territory could never have done it quite so well. In our beloved state the board owns and maintains, without a cent of cost to us, four mountain schools: Eldridge in Walker county, Gaylesville in Cherokee county, Bridgeport and Pisgah in Jackson county. As the means are furnished other schools in our mountains will be established.

The startling statement is published abroad that there are 3,000 houseless churches in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Such churches must indeed be cast in heroic moulds if they continue to exist under such circumstances. In private homes, in school houses, in tents and under trees, to meet week after week and keep up the worship of God, will require a sublime faith.

The gift of \$100 and maybe the loan of another hundred, at a small interest, to secure the erection of a building costing more than a thousand dollars, demonstrates what a blessed thing is the building and loan fund. The effort now making to raise \$1,000,000 in the next three years for this fund is probably the best and greatest thing to be accomplished.

The very latest Home Missions news is that Dr. Arch C. Cree, of Moultrie, Ga., has been elected by the board to lead the new department of enlistment and co-operation. The very name of the department inspires us with hope that the great unreached and undeveloped multitudes of our Baptists hosts are to be reached and brought into harmony with the great scheme in the minds of the fathers when they declared in the constitution their purpose "to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the promulgation of the gospel."

FROM BROTHER ELLIS.

Orrville, Ala., Dec. 17, 1912.

To the Baptist Brotherhood of Alabama:

As announced by our worthy secretary, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, I am to assume the duties of office secretary to the State Board of Missions on January 1. The action taken by Dr. Crumpton (he having thought out and planned the whole arrangement) in nominating and the board in electing me to the position, carries with great responsibilities and solemn obligations that call for the best in man, for which I am profoundly grateful, and shall endeavor to the best of my limited capacity to merit the confidence-reposed in me. Having given the matter of church finances more or less consideration in my own local church and by reason of my connection for several years with the State Board in its work, I hope to be of some service to my denomination, who have been so considerate of me, and as far as in me lies to meet the responsibilities of the position and to relieve our honored secretary of the burdens of the office, that he may devote his great mind and heart to the weightier matters of the denomination.

I shall enter upon my duties with hopeful anticipations, trusting to the brethren and churches all over the state and expecting their co-operation in the relief of our board of the present debt that is crippling us in carrying forward the great work committed to us and in laying greater plans for the future.

For 15 months I have been located at Orrville, the home of my childhood, around which so many pleasant recollections of earlier days cluster, and in severing these relations in business, church and especially the family it fills my heart with sadness. I shall carry with me heartfelt appreciations of the many kindnesses extended during this short period, a praying God's richest benedictions upon each and every one of them. In taking this step I sincerely trust that my Master is only placing before me greater opportunities for usefulness in His kingdom, which fills my heart with hope and cheer.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. ELLIS.

Men and Missions prints a roll of honor of churches which raise more for mission work of all types than they spend on churches expenses. Among them are the First Baptist church, Richmond, \$19,003 and \$14,236, and the Eutaw Place Baptist, Baltimore.

Our friend C. E. Crossland, Howard college's Rhodes student at Oxford, spent his vacation in visiting fourteen lands on three continents.

WHAT IS RUSSELLISM?

By E. H. Jennings, Dothan.

No. 2.

Mr. Russell has figured out to a mathematical fineness the "divine plan of the ages." He states that the world's history is divided into definite periods, and gives the length of each. The millennium, he says, is the time of the setting up of the kingdom of God on earth. During this age Christ will reign over the world, and under his rule all the wicked dead will be given a chance to repent. The saints will reign with Christ. This kingdom of God and the saints is to be a political kingdom. It will be administered by such worthies as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, while the "overcomers"—the supremely faithful, including loyal Russellites—will overwatch this kingdom as "spirit beings." Already the millennium is on hand. Christ slipped secretly into the world in 1874, and in 1914 He will begin raising the wicked dead. At that time the kingdoms of this world will be broken to pieces, and will be superseded by the reign of Christ. This period of time between 1874 and 1914 is the harvest period, and we are not to preach to sinners to repent now, but to gather the "elect" from the various denominations preparatory to the kingdom of God that is to begin in its fulness in 1914.

Such is the teaching of Russellism in brief concerning the kingdom of God. All this is a conglomerated mess, for which there is no scriptural proof. If the Bible is properly read, only by fanciful and far-fetched interpretations of the word of God can such a theory be supported. Mr. Russell has read into certain passages what he would have them mean and made certain fanciful calculations, explaining away passages that contradict his theory, according to his own ingenious imagination. It would take too much space and needless effort to go into details; suffice it to show that such a thesis is unscriptural.

It is not denied by the writer that God has a plan for the ages. I do not deny the millennium—whatever that is—nor that the saints shall in some glorious way reign with Christ. In a sense there is a kingdom of God that is future—the consummation of the kingdom that now is. But Mr. Russell carries his conclusions too far.

He teaches that the kingdom of God is a future political kingdom. The word of God teaches that it is a present spiritual kingdom. The kingdom of God is the rule of God in the hearts of individuals and in society. Else how shall we understand certain passages of the New Testament? John and Jesus preached: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." When Christ came to earth He brought with Him the kingdom of God. He set it up in the hearts of men. The Jews expected a political kingdom. They were disappointed that Christ had no armies and royal state. In answer to their expectations He said, "The kingdom of God is within (or among) you." (Luke 17:20-21.) Not "is to be among you," as Russellism teaches. It was a present reality, and has been ever since. Wherever men honor the reign of Christ in their hearts there the kingdom of God is set up. In his conversation with Nicodemus Jesus said, "Except one be born of the water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." To say that the new birth here refers to the resurrection preceding the millennium, and that it means that one "must become a spirit being" to enter the reign of Christ during that age, is a most incongruous statement. The new birth is a real experience in the hearts of those who repent, by which they are made heirs of the present spiritual kingdom of God. Paul had this conception of the kingdom. (Romans 14:7.) "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking (material), but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." And in Col. 1:3 he indicates the kingdom as a present possession of believers upon condition of regeneration. "Who (God), translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love."

Nothing is more clear, if we allow the scriptures to mean what they say, than that the kingdom of God is spiritual; that it is already in the world—not in its fulness indeed, but in part; that it progresses onward with the spread of righteousness, and through the preaching of the gospel, like the leaven that leavens the lump and the mustard seed that grows

into a tree of gigantic proportions. It is the business of the church to spread the kingdom by converting the lost, till the end of the age, when the reign of Christ shall be brought to its full consummation. Then shall "His dominion be from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the end of the earth." Whether the complete triumph of Christ is to come before or after the second advent is a matter of small moment. It is ours to follow His orders, to obey His commands and trust Him to work out His purposes as He will. "Thy kingdom come" is to be the passion of our hearts till every man shall own Him and every nation crown Him. Shame upon us if we shall be diverted from our task into silly and worthless speculation about the millennium.

Two gross errors connected with this doctrine of the kingdom as taught by Russellism ought to be enough to set aside the whole theory. First, is the presumption that would set a date for Christ's return. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only," said Jesus. Nor did He indicate that they would ever know, or any one else. On the contrary, they were commanded to watch, to be ready for His unexpected coming. To know the time would destroy the full purport of the second advent. The very element of uncertainty as to the time is to be an incentive to faithfulness. "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." How dare any man, in view of these words, set a time for the coming of Christ?

But, more serious still, Russellism denies the glory of our Lord's return. To this new faith the second coming is a secret advent, to be recognized by few, whereas the scriptures say, "Every eye shall see Him, and they also that pierced Him." (Rev. 1:7.) Christ seemed to have anticipated this declaration on the part of false prophets of a secret advent, and so admonished: "Wherefore, if they shall say, Behold he is in the desert, go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers, believe it not; for as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Whatever this means, one thing is certain: The Lord's advent shall be visible and personal. It shall be recognized of the tribes of the earth. It shall be anything rather than secret. His coming "as a thief in the night" cannot mean a secret coming, but an unexpected coming. If language means anything, the New Testament teaches that Christ shall appear at an unlooked for moment, that His appearance shall strike the world with consternation and sorrow, but be greeted of the saints with becoming joy; and that such an event may be expected at any moment without presuming on any definite fixed time in the annals of men. "For one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

WHAT CONSTITUTES CHRISTIAN BAPTISM?

By R. S. Gavin.

No. 5.

2. Mark 1:9-10.

One of the most incontrovertible passages in the New Testament in proof of the proposition that baptism means immersion is Mark 1:9-10. Mark says that Jesus was baptized of John "into (eis) the Jordan;" and that "straightway coming up out of (ek) the water," etc. The English version of the Bible does not make this marked distinction. Beyond all question, however, the Greek of it is "into." The Revised Version goes the old King James one better, and in the margin says that the Greek of the English word "in" in verse 9 is "into." The Greek word "ek" in verse 10 has exactly the opposite meaning to the word "eis" in verse 9. The two prepositions make out a strong case in favor of immersion. John baptized Jesus into the Jordan, and straightway coming up out of the baptismal waters, etc. Now put the word "immersed" in the place of "baptized" and it reads: "And Jesus was immersed of John into the Jordan, and straightway coming up out of the water;" etc. But how is this: "And Jesus was sprinkled, or poured, of John into the Jordan, and straightway coming up out of the water;" etc.? It takes a great deal of bias to see anything in such an interpretation except utter confusion.

3. The Preposition "En."

In every other instance in the New Testament where a preposition is used to connect the word "baptism" with the element of means, the preposition "en" is used, and not "eis," as in Mark 1:9. I have good authority for the assertion that the element of means for the ministration of baptism is mentioned 16 times in the New Testament. In 10 of these WATER is named; in the other six, the HOLY SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit is, in every instance, in the Dative case, and always preceded by "en." Water is also in every instance, in the Dative case. In seven of the instances the word "water" is preceded by the preposition "en." Now, the Dative case in the Greek, in these three instances in which the word "water" is used without the preposition "en," expresses the sphere in which a thing is done, as well as the instrument, or means, of the doing. And the scholarship of the world, so far as I know, is a unit upon the proposition that the preposition "en," with the Dative case, expresses the "sphere in which," unless there are unmistakable reasons for giving it another and "secondary" meaning. Consequently, all the 10 passages in which water is named as the element of means for the ministration of Christian baptism are wholly in favor of immersion as the correct mode. And this becomes all the more patent when we remember that the Greek words for "with" and "by" are never used in such connections. It is bad English, and very confusing, to speak of "sprinkling, or pouring," in water.

We immerse a person in water; we sprinkle a person with water; we pour water upon a person. And here is a distinction that is not without a difference.

No Greek writer has ever yet been guilty of speaking of baptizing one with or by water, much less of baptizing water upon one.

4 Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12.

Christian baptism is pre-eminently a symbolic act; it is a symbolic announcement of one's death and burial to sin, and his regeneration to newness of life in Jesus Christ, the Lord. Eliminate the idea of death, burial and resurrection from the ordinance of Christian baptism and it becomes a meaningless performance. No use of water as the element of means in Christian baptism, except immersion, is in accord with Romans 6:3-5 and Col. 2:12.

G. Campbell Morgan (not a Baptist), one of England's foremost Bible students and an author and minister known all over the world, in one of his latest books, commenting on Romans 6:3-4, says: "In the right of baptism there are two movements, which may be described as immersion and emergence. Immersion is the symbol of resurrection and life; of that work of the Spirit there is no symbol so perfect as that of water baptism. The individual placed within its embrace is absolutely in the place of death. The same person emerging therefrom comes actually into the region of life." Mr. Morgan could not have stated the case more nearly in exact accord with our claim that immersion as the mode of the means of baptism is essential to the doctrine of Rom. 6:3-5.

John D. Rockefeller is becoming quite a "joy rider" in his old age. All through the fall he has been going to the schools around his great estate near Tarrytown, N. Y., and taking the teachers out for rides in his big auto.

Once upon a time a Wise Man penned a letter full of confidential statements, and at the end he wrote this line, heavily underscored: "Burn this letter!" Then, being a Wise Man, he took his own advice and burned the letter himself.

The report of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, for 1912 shows: Number of institutions, 71; value of buildings and grounds, \$9,130,156; endowment, \$4,637,940; students enrolled, 16,624.

Rev. I. G. Murray has resigned the pastorate of the church at Clinto, Tenn., to accept a call to the church at Ridge Spring, S. C., and will take up the work January 1.

A pastor to succeed must know men. If his pastorate is a success he must know how to manage them. It's a man's job and to hold it he must not go to sleep on it.

PAY THE DEBT SAYS THIS BROTHER.

"Dear Brother Crumpton: I feel bad about that \$10,000 debt. It is not your debt, but ours. Now, I have ten bales of unsold cotton. Rightly one of them belongs to the Lord. Others are doing the same thing—holding the money that ought to be in the Lord's treasury. Let us all bring up what we owe until this debt is canceled. I will send my check for \$50 on or before the 1st day of March, 1913, provided 200 others will do the same thing or arrangements are made to pay the debt in any way. Make the proposition and I will pay the \$50. May the Lord bless you in the effort."

He looks at it right. It is the denominational debt. It was not made because of waste or mismanagement, but the churches did not send the money, as we hoped and believed they would. He is right, too, in saying "One of his ten bales belongs to God." When a considerable number of our people begin to recognize God's claim on their incomes we will have no debts. But that "provided" is a mistake. Let the 200 be found if possible, but if only 50 let them pay all they can of the debt. No strings should be tied to our promises.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

TWO WAYS OF DOING GOOD.

One brother, a friend of the State Mission Board, wrote the secretary asking if the board ever furnished an automobile to its evangelists. Such a report had reached his ears. Of course, the answer was promptly given: "No; we never did, nor did such a thought come into the mind of the secretary or any member of the board."

To make inquiry when one hears anything in circulation damaging to the board is the Christian way.

Here is the other way: A preacher, a Baptist preacher, heard the same report, and he advertised it abroad, publicly asserted it as a fact, to show that the board was recklessly spending the money given to it, furnishing its evangelists with automobiles and sending them to the seminary.

There wasn't a syllable of truth in it, which he could have easily learned if he had asked; but he rolled that false rumor under his tongue as a sweet morsel to discount the board and its work. The board has no evangelists now. Brother P. M. Jones was the last to resign because of conditions in his family.

Automobiles are great machines, and I wish every preacher in the state could afford to own and operate one. Seminary training is a great thing, and every preacher ought to avail himself of any and every opportunity that comes his way to take it. But I fear this generation of Baptists and another will be in their graves before they will furnish their boards sufficient money to put its evangelists in possession of either.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

"Your circular letter of about the 12th, with Catechism on Missions, I have just received and carefully read. My honest opinion is that there would be a lot more given if there was some one at each church to keep the members constantly reminded of this."

This suggestion is a wise one, and I want to do just that thing. There are two things in the way. One is, getting the pastor to carefully consider the matter and send me the name of one who would be sure to serve. The other is, having a clerk in the office to look after this one thing. It would take all of one's time, and that one would have to be paid a salary. We are distressed about debt and must not increase the expenses of the office until after the debt is paid. Oh that debt! What a mountain it is in our path.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The following special from Selma will be read with regret:

"The friends of Dr. J. L. Rosser, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, are sorry to learn that he has decided to leave Selma. Dr. Rosser has accepted a call to the First Baptist church, of Bristol, Va., and will move to that city and assume the pastorate of the church on or about the first of next February."

Dr. Rosser is an eloquent preacher, a gifted writer and a man of charming personality. We hate to have him leave us. He has always taken an interest in the Baptists of Alabama and in the Alabama Baptist.



EDITORIAL

LIQUOR SHIPMENTS INTO "DRY" TERRITORY.

Leading temperance workers from all parts of the country have been gathered at Washington for the purpose of pushing what is known as Kenyon-Shepard bill, now pending in congress, to prohibit the shipment of liquors into any state or community where the local laws prohibit the traffic.

The supreme court decision of 1889 held that liquors in "original packages" could be shipped from one state into any other in spite of any local laws to the contrary, since such shipments are "interstate commerce" and come exclusively within the federal control. The national government has thus permitted a huge liquor traffic into the "dry" states to be built up and actually licenses it. Uncle Sam gets a rake-off on all liquor that is made, and as this results in an annual revenue of some \$300,000,000 he is not anxious to see the business interfered with. Advertisements of liquor men were quoted at the conference in which the open boast was made that "we are partners with the United States government." The liquorites and their allies are arguing that the proposed law is unconstitutional, but Attorney-General Cosson, of Iowa, declared that the argument that the proposed bill is unconstitutional will not hold water. Said he: "There is no doubt that the constitutionality of every law is determined in a large measure by the status of public opinion regarding moral questions. The time will come when the courts of this country will listen to the people and will frame their decisions in accordance with the trend of political advancement."

The liquor vote is very strong. It usually supports the political bosses, and it is "necessary to fight the devil with fire." If those who believe in temperance would vote for temperance as faithfully as those who believe in liquor vote for liquor the traffic would soon be suppressed. Temperance people must get into politics and stay in.

Only the friends of the bill who are in Washington can conceive the pressure against the proposed legislation brought by the liquor organizations and their allies. This is poured in not only upon those known to be friendly to their interests, but upon all, including friends known to be advocates of the bill. Every expedient and argument is being resorted to in the effort to prevent a vote.

To counteract this incessant, persistent work against the bill, we cannot too strongly urge its friends everywhere in the state to AT ONCE personally see their two senators and their representative in behalf of the bill if that is possible, but if that is impossible to write, earnestly urging them NOT ONLY TO VOTE for the bill, but to CO-OPERATE WITH OUR LEADERS in the two houses supporting their efforts and tactics to bring about early consideration and vote.

The bill can be passed during this session if its friends in the states make their congressional delegations realize that they are in earnest in urging the passage of this bill at once. Act promptly, courteously, but earnestly, for our leading statesmen, however progressive and outspoken they may be on other reforms, fight very shy of the whole liquor subject unless they are forced to go on record.

REV. J. M. SHELBURNE, D. D.

We cordially welcome the new president of Howard College, who during his former pastorate in the state was always the friend of every denominational interest of his people, and pray that under his leadership the institution of which he is now the head shall with the coming year take on new life. Dr. Shelburne deserves the support of every loyal Baptist. Personally we rejoice in his return, and as editor promise him a hearty support.

CONCRETE WORKER'S REFERENCE BOOKS.

Prepared by A. A. Houghton.

A series of practical monographs on popular concrete subjects, have just been issued. It has been the purpose of the author in preparing this series of monographs to present not only the usual types of construction, but to fully explain and illustrate molds and systems that are not patented, which are equal in value and often superior to those restricted by patents. These molds are very easily and cheaply constructed and embody simplicity, rapidity of operation and the most successful results in the molded concrete. Each book is fully illustrated and the subject is exhaustively treated in plain English, so all can easily understand the valuable ideas presented.

CONCRETE WALL FORMS. By A. A. Houghton. This work treats on an automatic wall clamp, which is superior to any on the market. The lifting of the forms causes the core mold to collapse and the outside wall molds to draw away from the concrete; when lowered into position again, the forms are automatically locked, ready for filling. This is easily and cheaply made and is not patented. Other types of wall forms, centering, clamps, separators, etc., are fully illustrated and explained. 50 cents.

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MOLDING CONCRETE CHIMNEYS, SLATE AND ROOF TILES. By A. A. Houghton. The construction of concrete chimneys by block and monolithic system are fully illustrated and described, with easily built collapsible core molds that permit their removal from the work with success.

The manufacture of all types of concrete slate and roof tile is fully treated, with working drawings of a simply constructed machine that is self-tamping, molding accurate reinforced concrete slate and tile with great rapidity. This machine may be easily built and will enable any plant to successfully engage in the manufacture of an excellent form of concrete roofing at a low material cost. Valuable data on all forms of reinforced concrete roofs are also given. 50 cents.

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The plans and designs for mausoleums and different styles of burial vaults are unlike those made with patented molds and systems, so the worker can easily build the molds for the work at a slight cost in comparison to those on the market. 50 cents.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by two mortgages—one executed to the undersigned, Fidelity Mortgage & Trust Company (now Fidelity Mortgage & Security Company), on the 14th day of December, 1908, by Kate Street, and recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in book 534, on page 132, and one to Equitable Realty Company (now Equitable Mortgage Company) on June 10, 1907, and recorded in book 462, page 54, which mortgage and debt secured thereby has been transferred and assigned to Fidelity Mortgage & Security Company, the undersigned, Fidelity Mortgage & Security Company, will sell under the power in said mortgages on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1913, at the court house door in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, State of Alabama, on the Third avenue side, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 7 in S. E. Thompson's subdivision of McClelland's land, as shown by plat recorded in map book 3, page 112, in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, said lot fronting 50 feet on the south side of Ninth avenue and extending back of uniform width 102 feet to an alley.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, said sale will be had and made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of said indebtedness secured by said mortgage, together with the cost of foreclosure, same including an attorney's fee therefor.

FIDELITY MORTGAGE & SECURITY COMPANY, Mortgagee.

By W. T. Hill, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned, Equitable Realty Company (now Equitable Mortgage Company), on the 30th day of July, 1907, by Ada Shade and husband, C. H. Shade, and recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in book 474, on page 77, the undersigned, Equitable Mortgage Company, will sell under the power in said mortgage on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1913, at the court house door in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, State of Alabama, on Third avenue side, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot number ten (10), in block number three (3), according to the present plan and survey of P. Rising (called Compton), as shown and designated on the duly recorded plat thereof in volume 1, page 83, records of maps, in office of Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, together with all improvements thereon.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, said sale will be had and made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of said indebtedness secured by said mortgage, together with the cost of foreclosure, same including an attorney's fee therefor.

EQUITABLE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee.

By W. T. Hill, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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JUDSON NOTES.

Although most of the Judson folk went away for the holidays, there are a few of us left, and we enjoyed the Sunday school entertainment at the church, which was different from most such occasions, in which the children receive everything. This time they gave for the benefit of the poor and the orphans. After they had recited and sung some songs in the body of the church all were invited down stairs into the Sunday school room, where tables were spread, and hot chocolate, cake and apples were served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

At the Judson we set up a tree in the parlor. Miss Seymour, of Cincinnati, was decorator-in-chief, and with the help of our Louisiana and South Carolina girls she made a beautiful tree. Thursday afternoon it was lighted up and the gifts distributed, and we all had a jolly time, including our honored president and vice-president and Mr. Powers, with their families.

Mrs. McColum is our good, kind house-mother during the holidays. Her son, J. W. McCollum, Jr., with his father's name, has also his noble spirit. During a big fire Tuesday night, when a large stable was consumed, he went in, with great risk and discomfort to himself, and succeeded in getting out 14 of the horses, which every one knows is a task of great difficulty. He was slightly burned, but not seriously injured in any way, and we all feel proud of his bravery and thankful for his narrow escape from danger.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Patrick gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Betz and Miss Betz, of Ohio, the mother and sister of Mrs. Powers, whose guests they are for the holidays. The president's beautiful home was decorated with sprays of smilax, and carnations adorned the center of the dining table. In the receiving line with Mrs. Patrick and the honorees were also Mrs. Powers and Miss Mary Patrick, and the guests were the Inter Se Club, with a few other friends from town, and the teachers of the Judson who were still here. It was a lovely occasion, and a pleasant social time was had by all, while the dainty refreshments of salad, raspberry ice and coffee were being served. The girls from Louisiana and South Carolina were invited to assist Miss Helen Patrick and Miss Esther Kendrick in serving.

L. M.

Just at noon Sunday, December 15, God spoke to the spirit of little Roberdean W. Drury, Jr., and said, "Come up higher; I have need of thee." The dear little boy came to live with his parents March 2, 1912, and stayed nine short months to bless the home. What an aching void is left in the hearts of mother and father that no more on earth will they hear the voice of their darling saying "Mama" or "Daddy," but they feel a stronger tie in heaven and know that the angels rejoiced at the entrance of their jewel. EVA D. VAUGHN. Flomaton, Ala.

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A CHRISTMAS WISH.

Another time is Christmas here, With joy and gladness, hearts to cheer.

To us it's been a happy time, Our thoughts revert to things sublime, And to the gift the Father gave The world from sin and death to save. So now in songs our voice we raise, And to His name we join in praise For life, and health, and food, and friends, And all the blessings which He sends.

We trust that you this spirit caught, And all your aims with good be fraught,

And what you do shall bring success, Yourself and others greatly bless; So when your days on earth are done, And all life's victories you've won, May He who "sees the sparrow fall" Accept your deeds, both great and small,

And when the roll is called up there May you and yours say, "We are here."

Since-ly yours,

R. E. AND W. E. PETTUS.

The following from a northern exchange is timely: "We are sincerely sorry for the white girl who has wed that sinister brute, the champion of the world in heavyweight fist fighting. It is folly enough to marry out of one's own race, but the folly of marrying this sort of a man, of any race, is unspeakable. With the recollection in mind of the first Mrs. Johnson—also a white woman, who found the isolation of a life in which neither white nor colored women would have anything to do with her intolerable and only a few weeks ago took her own life—such a marriage seems still more inexplicable."

Associate Professor Frederick Starr, of the department of sociology and anthropology in the University of Chicago, returned at the end of November from a six months' expedition to Liberia, the purpose of which was to investigate the social and economic conditions of that region. He was accompanied by Mr. Campbell Marvin, a graduate student of the university. Professor Starr made a walking trip of 150 miles into the interior after visiting the Liberian city of Monrovia. Mr. Starr was able to make many interesting observations on native life and to bring back numerous collections of photographs and objects of anthropological interest.

It is well to learn, at any age, the worth of a dollar. It is better to learn it in youth, before spendthrift habits are formed.

A pastor cannot use his time to better advantage than by going from house to house, if need be, persuading his people to take their denominational paper.—Examiner.

"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 care to read a book that is just chucked full of good, true stories. It can be had in cloth binding for \$1 or in manilla binding for 75 cents from W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery. Write and get a copy.

We are greatly indebted to our paper for its loyalty not only to the orphanage, but to all of our denominational interests, and we want it distinctly understood that "Our Children" is by no means a competitor of the Alabama Baptist. We greatly appreciate the reference made to our orphanage paper in a recent issue. Thanks, Brother Barnett. Our paper may never grow to be as large as yours, but we trust the subscription list will.

—Our Children.

(And we hope so, too.)

"The Williamsses certainly have made queer New Year's resolutions!"

"What are they?"

"Well, she resolved not to smoke any more cigarettes, drink any more highballs, or take any trips to woman's rights conventions."

"And he?"

"He resolved to make her allowance so small that she would be compelled to keep her resolution!"—Judge.

In New York City during a single year the Society for the Suppression of Vice seized 63,139 pounds of obscene books, 836,096 obscene pictures, 1,577,411 circulars, songs, etc., and arrested over 200 persons wrongfully engaged. They also seized the names and addresses of over a million persons to whom presumably this stuff was being mailed. It might be worth while to learn now and then what our boys and girls are reading, especially when we have the concrete proof that men are engaged in the business of putting obscene and vicious matter into their hands.

NEW CANCER BOOK FREE.

A revelation to Cancer Sufferers. Result of lifetime study and over 12 years' remarkable success treating cancer with medicines by one of America's most eminent physicians. Illustrates and shows absolute proof of permanent cures effected. Why cancer should not be neglected; symptoms of different kinds of cancer; valuable suggestions and full particulars of the Doctor's Combination Medical treatment, etc. The book is FREE while this edition lasts. Write for your copy today. Address O. A. Johnson, M. D., 301 Raymond Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by James H. Heath and wife, Angeline Heath, on the 19th day of June, 1912, and recorded in volume 648, records of deeds, at page 227, 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 3rd day of February, 1913, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in and to a lot of land commencing 120 feet north of the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 17, range 3 west, continuing north 50 feet on the west line of said section; thence north 88 degrees east 113 feet; thence south 3 degrees east 50 feet; thence west to point of beginning, and more particularly described as follows: Being 50 feet wide north and south, 113 feet long east and west, being the north 50 feet of lots 1 and 2, according to map of C. R. Cochran, as recorded in map book 3, at page 48, said lot being situated in the city of Birmingham, Ala., together with all and singular the improvements thereon or in anywise appertaining thereto, including one 5-room residence.

JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

Jan 1

Household Economy

How to Have the Best Cough Syrup and Save \$2, by Making It at Home.

Cough medicines, as a rule, contain a large quantity of plain syrup. If you take one pint of granulated sugar, add $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of warm water and stir about 2 minutes, you have as good syrup as money could buy.

If you will then put 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth) in a pint bottle, and fill it up with the Sugar Syrup, you will have as much cough syrup as you could buy ready made for \$2.50. It keeps perfectly.

And you will find it the best cough syrup you ever used—even in whooping cough. You can feel it take hold—usually stops the most severe cough in 24 hours. It is just laxative enough, has a good tonic effect, and taste is pleasant. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

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JUDSON NOTES.

The Christmas recital this year was one of the best the Judson has ever given. An expert who attended it was delighted with every number; the violin pieces captured the audience; and Miss Mittie Lou Edwards proved herself a scholarly performer on the grand organ, so brilliant was her technique and so masterly her command of the keyboard and pedals. The program was as follows:

Part song, "Spring Song" (H. Houseley)—Misses Townsend, Bell, Mickleboro, Hosselton, Vann, Block, Gillespie, Parks, Haynie, Pettus, Tate and Gray.

Piano, "Tarantelle" (S. Pieczonko)—Miss Annie Hall.

Song, "Love's Sorrow" (H. R. Shelley)—Miss McEly B. Scott.

Piano, "At the Wayside Inn" (A. Jensen)—Miss Lola Mae Byrd.

Violin trio, "Hope March" (J. Pavim)—Misses Mathews, Ingram and Hendrix.

Piano, "At the Spinning Wheel" (J. H. Rogers)—Miss Julia Long.

Song, "The Virgin's Lullaby" (Dudley Buck)—Miss Elizabeth Dickinson.

Piano, "The Close of the Ball" (E. Meyer-Helmund)—Miss Ann Watson.

Violin, "Mazurka de Salon" (J. Daube)—Miss Emmette Mathews.

Piano, "Butterfly" (E. Grieg)—Miss Marie Hogue.

Songs, "Merry Brown Thrush" (Dudley Buck); "Auf Wiedersehn" (R. Cole)—Miss Leta Hargrove.

Piano, "Arabesque" (E. MacDowell)—Miss Willetta Stringfellow.

Organ, "Ballade" (Gottschalk-Vincent)—Miss Mittie Lou Edwards.

Trio, "My Love, She Needs no Jewel Crown" (A. MacFayden)—Misses Hairston, Barclay and Blake.

Violin obligato—Miss Mathews.

Part song, "Sleeptime, Mah Honey" (C. T. Howell)—Judson Glee Club.

The school has scattered for the holidays—

"Some flew east, and some flew west," But a few are still in the Judson nest.

Dr. Bomar had the joy and privilege of baptizing four young ladies of the boarding department Sunday night, December 15: Miss Eleanor Anderson, Miss Ollie May Splers, Miss Vivian Fenley and Miss Dora Maude Johnson. Two others have joined, to be baptized later.

The Judson wishes everybody a merry Christmas and happy New Year, especially the editor, who is so kind and generous to give us space in his excellent paper.

The bazaar took place Monday evening, as arranged, and was a beautiful and successful affair. The halls and offices were decorated in holly and smilax, and the booths also in various styles and with a quantity of beautiful objects for sale. Out-of-town guests attending were Mrs. L. H. Watrous, from Grove Hill, and Mrs. Richardson, from Felix. After an hour among the booths the guests were invited to the gymnasium and refreshments were served—oysters and chocolate, which were so much in demand that the supply was almost exhausted while there were still hungry mouths. At 9 o'clock the auditorium was thrown open for the burlesque, which represented "A Day at the Judson in Sixty Minutes." This was a most clever "take off" on some

of the teachers and officers, and on the girls as well, beginning with the alarm clock at 5 a. m., and going through all the regular periods of work, meals and play. It was much enjoyed and applauded. The second part consisted of songs and dialogues, the most ludicrous of which was "College Chums, Judson and M. I." A goodly sum was realized from the evening, and those having it in charge have cause to be proud of their success.

Dr. Bomar went to Dothan to perform the wedding ceremony of Miss Frances Howell to Mr. Cleveland Brinkley.

On Friday evening the expression pupils gave a recital, with Miss Lucy Hairston, soprano, assisting by two lovely vocal solos. The performance of the reciters was in every way artistic and well trained, no ranting and tearing about the stage; but with well modulated voices and suitable gestures they produced their selections before the audience, who evidently enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of the young ladies. The following is the program:

Vocal solo, "Cherry Ripe" (Charles E. Horn)—Miss Hairston.

Reading, "The Boat Race" (O. W. Holmes)—Miss Virginia Harrison.

Monologue, "A Confidential Talk Especially Arranged"—Miss Blossom Crumpton.

Reading, "A Bear Story" (J. W. Riley)—Miss Irene Garrett.

Vocal solo, "Love Will Tell the Rest" (Fabian Rose)—Miss Hairston.

Scene from "Ingomar" (M. Lovell)—Miss Beulah Williams.

Sleep Walking Scene, from "Macbeth" (Shakespeare)—Miss Bessie VanDerveer.

Closet Scene, from "Hamlet" (Shakespeare)—Miss Elise Meadows, Miss Blanche Wooten.

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Let me feel when dull trials oppress me

And seem unjustly mine

The same great Ruler knows what is best

And governs with love divine.

For the innocent must suffer

With the One of the pierced side; Through "man's inhumanity to man" Christ is still being crucified.

—Kate Keene.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., December, 1912.

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And well it is, we cannot know
The bitter grief, the blighting woe,
The golden dreams, the fancies sweet,
That follow fast its gladsome foe.

But hope expectant lures and gleams
Down in the future's land of dreams,
And human hearts, all unaware,
Press on to what awaits them there.

And if the rosy dreams are dead,
And if the visions fair have fled,
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R. A. KIDD, SR.

Founders' Day exercises will be held in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 11, 1913. The speakers for the occasion are President E. M. Poteat, D. D., of Furman University, S. C., and Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D., of Texas. The regular annual course of lectures on the Julius Brown Gay Foundation will be delivered by Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., of Virginia, on January 29, 30 and 31. These lectures by Dr. Pitt will come at the very beginning of the third quarter. It is expected that many new students will enter the seminary at that time. We shall give them all a hearty welcome, and would especially urge that they try to be in time to obtain the benefit of the splendid course of lectures which Dr. Pitt will bring to us. Yours sincerely—E. Y. Mullins, President.

I have accepted the call to the Hartsboro field, recently made vacant by Brother J. L. Jackson, who went to Atlanta. It is one of the best fields in the state, and I am quite sure that I shall like it. I hate to leave Abbeville. The Lord has blessed me here, both during my former pastorate, as well as this one. There are some of the "salt of the earth here." Trust that the Lord will send them a pastor who will do great work in this field. After the 1st of January you can send the Baptist to me at Hartsboro. Wishing you a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, I beg to remain, cordially yours—Ed. S. Atkinson.

We are sorry to lose Brother E. C. Bostick from the Florida ministry, but we congratulate our sister state, Alabama, on securing him. Bostick is a noble spirit and a great worker. He goes to Tallahassee, Fla. He writes: "I shall still be interested in Florida Baptists and want the Witness to come right on." You are right, brother; keep up with your home state. We trust you will support the Alabama Baptist as you have the Witness. Editor Barnett couldn't ask no more.—Florida Baptist Witness.

The fifth Sunday meeting met with the First Baptist church at Blocton on Saturday, December 28. We had a good meeting; good interest from the beginning to the end. Brother Griffith, of Centerville, preached us a powerful sermon on the "Office Work of the Holy Spirit." We will meet at Centerville, in our next ministers' conference on Monday after the first Sunday in February, 1913.—W. G. Hubbard, Eoline.

GRAVES' CHAPEL.

Seven miles south of Birmingham, on Shades' Mountain, in the vicinity of White's school house, are the homes of a few good Baptists. Not satisfied with living so far from their churches, they met at White's school house on the second Sunday in December and constituted a Baptist church, to be known as Graves' Chapel. For some time, the community has had a good Sunday school, with Brother J. W. Boutwell, a man with a big heart and broad views, as superintendent. A presbytery, consisting of Brethren W. H. Sellers, D. A. Bailey, L. L. Smith and L. B. Stroud, was organized. L. B. Stroud and J. M. Boutwell were elected moderator and clerk pro tem. The church was then constituted, and Brethren J. M. Boutwell and J. H. Graves were elected deacons, and J. M. Boutwell elected church clerk. The presbytery then adjourned to meet on the fourth Sunday to ordain the deacons and call a pastor. On December 22 the presbytery reconvened and ordained the deacons to the full work of their office. The day being rainy, call of a pastor was postponed until the first Sunday in January, 1913.

L. B. STROUD,

Moderator pro tem.

J. M. BOUTWELL, Clerk.

The problem of greater efficiency as a means of greater service has been very effectively solved by the Baptist young people of Louisville in an Institute of Methods, which was recently held in that city. The meetings, nine in number, were held in the Walnut Street Baptist church, under the auspices of the City B. Y. P. U., an organization of about 25 local unions. The instruction was under the direction of Mr. Arthur Flake, field secretary of the Sunday School Board, and Mr. Louis Entzminger, state Sunday school secretary of Kentucky.

The Index Printing Company, of Atlanta, Ga., having a paid in capital of \$67,000, has bought the Christian Index. The present editors of the Index—Brothers Bell and Graham—will continue as heretofore. The paper is to be changed to magazine form January 1. The Index has had a long and useful career, and we pray God's blessings upon Brethren Bell and Graham, who have always stood for the best interests of the Baptists of Georgia.

Dr. S. M. Zwemer, the well-known apostle to Arabia, has been much impressed on a tour among such cities as Cairo, Calcutta, Bombay and others of the tremendous opportunities for work among the educated classes of those places.

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The Reese and Scholfield meeting, held with our church in December, accomplished great good. The weather was very unfavorable and the attendance was much interfered with, but we did not miss a service. Brother Reese is a strong preacher and does not falter when providential hindrances come. He has fine gifts as an evangelist and brings the people a message at every service. He grows in favor with his congregation from day to day. For the last day of the meeting he seemed to have reserved the best wine. His closing sermon on Baptist history was a master stroke, and our people were greatly edified. Brother Scholfield is a strong helper. He sings the gospel with power. The Home Board is doing a great work for our denomination and for the cause of Christ in giving the service of these men. I feel sure that this church henceforth will be ready to lend a helping hand to any enterprise fostered by the Home Board.

The Christmas tide brought many kind remembrances to the pastor and his family, and we turn our faces toward the new year with the hope that the kingdom of our Lord shall be greatly prospered, and may it bring many happy returns to the Alabama Baptist and its editor.

Fraternally,

J. R. STODGHILL.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the 1st day of December the spirit of Brother J. M. Taylor took its flight to the God who gave it. This marked the close of a long and eventful life, the influence of which will continue to be felt for good for years to come. He lived to be over 80 years old. His home at the time of his death was in Talladega county, and he was buried in the cemetery at Four Mile church, in Shelby county. He had been married twice. His last wife survives him, together with several children by his first marriage. In all the relations of life Brother Taylor was loyal and true, kind and generous in his home, faithful and true to his church.

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Will the wondrous carol cease.
—Lella Mae Wilson.
December 25, 1912.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His omnipotence to call on November 26, 1912, from our midst to eternity our beloved brother, Dr. G. E. Jarrell; be it therefore

Resolved (1), That in the death of Dr. Jarrell our Sunday school class at the Notasulga Baptist church has lost an earnest and faithful member, the wife a loyal and devoted companion, the little son a kind and loving father, the brother and sister an affectionate brother and the community a good citizen and successful physician.

Resolved (2), That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father, hoping to meet Dr. Jarrell again.

Resolved (3), That in testimony of our respect to his memory a copy of the proceedings be furnished Mrs. Jarrell, the Alabama Baptist, and the same be placed upon the minutes of our Sunday school.

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And now do listen while I whisper in your ear I am in a whole peck of trouble about our great missionary work. What? Don't tell nobody. If you do some great man will hit like a cyclone, and that will be the last of poor Critic. Well now, I believe with all my heart that Christ has made it the duty of his churches to preach the gospel among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, which is home with us.

And here is what troubles me: We are trying to give the heathen a secular education, attending him in his sickness with free doctor and medicine, building schools and dispensaries at an elaborate outlay of money, and are letting hundreds of thousands of our own country people go to the devil for the want of the gospel.

There are hundreds of thousands of children in our southland growing up in ignorance, superstition and crime. Twenty-five thousand white girls are sacrificed to the white slave trade in our land each year. Great God, Barnett, is it not time—yes, high time—that we awoke to the responsibility of providing for the needs of our own land first and most?

Some one who knows will please answer this question: Did Jesus Christ commission His churches to furnish food and clothing, education, doctors and medicine in order to get the heathen to accept Him by faith, or did He not rather tell them to preach the gospel to them?

I close with a question from the late J. R. Graves in his "Book on the Parables," page 309:

"I can nowhere find where Christ, our only Lawgiver and Guide in this work, has made it our duty to build school houses in order to educate the heathen, or to erect costly or uncostly church edifices in their great cities or towns for them to worship in. Nor do I anywhere read that Paul or Peter, in their life-time missionary work, ever built a church edifice or a school house and supplied teachers to educate the heathen; and until I am better informed I must be excused for saying, millions for the evangelization, but not a cent for the education of the heathen."

Now, Barnett, don't cast this in the waste basket and say that I am fighting Foreign Missions. I am not, for I tell you that I believe Christ's churches must preach the gospel in every nation under the sun.

CRITIC.

FROM BROTHER COWAN.

Some friends in Alabama may be interested to know that I am up again after an illness of more than a month. I preached yesterday (the 15th) for the first time since November 10. I have had a very stubborn case of intestinal indigestion. We are now in our new home, and are indeed delightfully situated.

There are two things upon which I should like most heartily to congratulate Alabama Baptists. The first is upon the selection of Miss Patrick as secretary-treasurer of the State W. M. U. The Baptist women of Alabama have made no mistake in placing her in charge of the work. The second congratulation is upon the employment of Brother George W. Ellis to have charge of the books of the State Board of Missions. He brings to the office experience and a conscientious desire to be accurate in every item.

The reports that come from the Southside church in Montgomery since Brother John F. Gable has taken up the work are all encouraging. He has found there a thoroughly united and aggressive church, and they are rallying to him on the first call. During this year they have supported a missionary on the foreign field and given liberally to every other object of the denominational work. They are rejoicing over Brother Ellis' prospective return to Montgomery.

We enjoy the Alabama Baptist out here even more than we did while in Montgomery.

Cordially and sincerely,

SAMUEL A. COWAN.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 16, 1912.

We are here in our new field of labor and getting hold of the work to some extent. "Viewing the land" is about all we have done yet, and have not done with that work yet. Have found some of the "giants" here, but have some of the best that the Lord has to go against them, and under God we will win the fight. The good people here gave the pastor and his family the most substantial "pounding" (wish some one would get a better word than that) it has ever been our good fortune to receive. About 4 o'clock p. m. they began to come, and they kept coming until 8 o'clock in the evening, and each one brought something that our pantry needed—flour, sugar, coffee, lard, fruits of various kinds and, well almost everything that we needed, and when they finished we had such a supply that we have not had to go to the grocer yet, nor will have to go for some time. Our prayers are that God's blessings and mercies may be as abundant to them as are their kindnesses to His unworthy servants, and may we be as ready to serve them in the things that God would have them use as they are in serving us in the things that we must use. You may expect some new subscribers to our paper just as soon as we get hold of the situation a little better. Not many here taking the paper now. Every one needs it, and I shall do my best for them to that end. Yours fraternally—A. C. Yeagan, Lantana, Ala.

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, December 11, 1912.

Estate of Orlando Champlin, Deceased. This being the day heretofore appointed for hearing the petition filed in this court by Nancy C. Champlin, praying for an order to probate an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Orlando Champlin, deceased; and setting forth in said petition that the following heirs of said decedent are non-residents of the State of Alabama, viz: Charles Champlin, a brother, resides in Oceanview, Cal.; Frank Champlin, a brother, resides in the State of Iowa; his postoffice address is unknown to petitioner; Horace Champlin and William Champlin, brothers, both of whom reside at Sandwich, Ill. And whereas, the 27th day of January, 1913, has been set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of said instrument as such will.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing the same be given the said Charles Champlin, Frank Champlin, Horace Champlin and William Champlin by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson county; for all persons in interest to appear in court on said 27th day of January, 1913, to contest said application if they think proper so to do.

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