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Rev. D. D. Head, of Oakman, called last week. He is in love with his new field.

Dear Brother Barnett: We are about to turn our face southward. Unless our plans miscarry we should reach Birmingham tomorrow about 10:20 p. m. I think I shall be glad to work along with you once more, though I am much taken up just now with the sorrow of leaving the friends I've made in Bristol. You may say for us that we will be at home in Lake Highlands to any of our friends who may care to call.—James M. Shelburne, December 31.

Readers of the religious press will be interested in an announcement which has just been made by the Moody Bible Institute in the columns of the Christian Workers' Magazine. It states that the Rev. R. R. (Bob) Jones, of Montgomery, Ala., has become identified with the Moody Bible Institute as one of the evangelists working under the direction of its extension department, and that the first meeting conducted under this new arrangement will be held in Scranton, Pa., where successive evangelistic missions will be conducted in two different sections of the city.

We had Brother Charles H. Turner, late of Colorado, but formerly of Georgia, with us the first Sunday at Collinsville, and he preached both morning and evening. Our church being without a pastor is treating with him for his services two Sundays. Asheville will likely call him for the other two Sundays. He will be a valuable acquisition to the preaching force of the DeKalb Association. I began today to preach each Sunday evening for a while at Shady Grove, two miles out from Collinsville. These services will be held in connection with the Sunday school, and the Sunday school lesson will be used as my discourse each time. By this course I hope to accomplish great good, as many of the young people are my pupils in the literary school.—E. R. Reed.

We have a sect in this county, who call themselves Advents, who claim that man has no soul; that the righteous are saved and that the wicked are burned up and go out of existence. And yet the hope of eternal reward and the fear eternal punishment have been the incentives that have stirred the hearts of men of all ages. They are working great harm and evil here, dividing Baptist families and sowing discord among Christian brethren and deceiving people who have little Bible knowledge, and yet there is not a line in the Bible to sustain their doctrine when it is thoroughly understood. I can answer them perfectly on all points of doctrine, but I need to know more of their history and origin, and would appreciate any reliable information along this line. Yours truly—H. J. Carlisle, Callaway, Fla.



Women Have a Voice in The Alabama Baptist.

Recently while visiting in Atlanta we lunched with Dr. V. I. Masters, Editorial Secretary of the Home Board, who is making such a marked success with our Home Field. He said, in effect: "Barnett, you have a glorious band of women workers in Alabama. I was simply charmed and amazed at the way they did things at their Tuscaloosa association—and the spirit of them was great." All along we knew the truth of his observation, for it took us only a short time after coming back to Alabama to become an editor that we made up our mind the W. M. U. was going to have a voice in the Alabama Baptist, so we gave them a page, not merely because they were women of refinement and culture, or because thousands of other women read the Alabama Baptist, but because we realized that they had definite ideas and were consumed with an ardent desire to do things for the Master.

These Christian women from week to week have something to say on their page that no one else, man or woman, could say with quite the same grace and force—that is why we give it to them. And what we believe our Alabama Baptist family needs we try always to get!

There is nothing of the wishy washy element in their page, for they believe in responsive, aggressive and efficient service. The readers of the paper have often commented on the excellence of the contributions to this department of our organized work. We take a special pride in the fact that no paper in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention has a woman's page which is better than the one in the Alabama Baptist. Masters was eminently correct in his diagnosis. Among the Baptist women of Alabama are many "elect ladies" and not a few of the finest "bachelor maids" in the land. God's blessings upon their page and upon them.

Our Slogan For Alabama

A Sunday school the year 'round in every church. Every member of every church in the school. Every member of every church a missionary. Every church using the schedule, wall cards and every-member book. A contribution from every pupil in every Sunday school, and every member of every church, every month, for: the support of the pastor and for benevolence according to the schedule. "Finally, brethren": Every Baptist home receiving The Alabama Baptist, The Home Field and The Foreign Mission Journal. How is that for the good year 1913?

W. B. C.



The Alabama State Horticultural Society will hold its next meeting on January 23-25, 1913, in Bay Minette, Ala.

During the past week we had a pleasant call from Rev. J. E. Barnard and his lovely daughter, who is attending school in Birmingham. Bro. Barnard is recovering the use of his foot, which for months has given him serious trouble.

At a special meeting of the sub-committee on state convention program of the executive committee of the Alabama Sunday School Association the invitation from the city of Huntsville for the next State Convention to meet with them was accepted, and the date was set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 15, 16 and 17. General Secretary Leon C. Palmer, who had just returned from a visit to Huntsville, stated that not only the Sunday school workers, but the business men in general in Huntsville, were greatly interested and enthused about the coming convention and making large plans for it.

God bless you in your work. You are doing much good through the dear old Alabama Baptist. I am starting my third year as missionary here. God has blessed my work. I have built two meeting houses on my field and organized a new association, of which I have the honor to be moderator. I am also a member of our State Board of Missions. I hope to return to Alabama in about a year to spend the balance of my life. Considerations of health brought me here, but the Lord has used me, for which I am thankful. So many whom I knew and loved have died since I left there. Still many are left whom I shall be glad to see should the Lord permit me to return.—J. M. Róden, Lovington, N. M.

Happy New Year for you and all yours. I have been thinking for some time that I would write something for the paper, but the facts are these: If one meets one-half of the demands made on him he has but little time to do anything else. And then in the second place everything moves so steadily and smoothly at Hunter Street till there is nothing worth telling. I thought, however, I would tell you about my Christmas present. I do not mean that I did not get but one; for I received quite a bunch of small ones, for which I am very grateful; but I want to tell you of a big one—something in the shape of a new church. I do not mean that the whole church was new, but I mean it looked like a new one. It was new inside: tinted walls, ceiling finished in water colors, carpeted, pulpit enlarged, pulpit furniture made new, and lighted almost as bright as noonday with four large Tungsten lights. This was presented on December 22 by the church and congregation as a whole, but more largely by the ladies. Wishing for you and yours again a most prosperous year, yours fraternally—L. M. Bradley.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous year, I am yours truly—I. L. Taylor, Brewton.

I like your paper very much, and would not like to be without it. Respectfully—Mrs. Leona Stapp, Alceville.

Please change my paper from Daviston to Newton, Ala. I am going to Newton to school and want my paper. Yours—Rev. W. H. Griffin.

You will please stop sending me the Alabama Baptists, as it does not interest me \$2 worth. I read the Baptist Flag, Fulton, Ky. Yours truly—

I love our paper. I have read it for many, many years, and hope to read it as long as I live. God's blessings upon our Baptist cause all over the state. Yours sincerely—Mrs. W. E. Welch.

Please change my paper from Vernon, Ala., to Carbon Hill, Ala. You are giving us a good paper. May the Lord bless you and your family and give you a happy New Year. As ever yours—Q. D. Haney.

May you live long to give us the dear Alabama Baptist, which gives us weekly visits to comfort us and cheer us on to nobler and higher things in the Christian life is the prayer of your humble servant—T. L. Elam, Maplesville.

May God give you a good and prosperous year in your service for Him and many subscribers for the Baptist is the wish of your friend and sister in His service—Mrs. W. C. Cleveland.

I am enclosing check for two new subscribers and four renewals for 1913. I am giving half time to general work in the Bethel Association, and shall be glad to send as many subscribers as I can secure, for we need your influence in our denominational work. I am still living at Pine Hill, and shall probably continue this as headquarters. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am yours cordially—S. E. Smith.

I am sorry that I am three or four days late in renewing my subscription, as it expired the 1st of January, 1913. So I enclose money order for \$2, which pays me up to January 1, 1914. I don't feel like I can do without the Alabama Baptist. Wishing you a prosperous year, I am sincerely your friend—Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Enclosed find \$2, which pays for the Alabama Baptist up to January, 1914. The Christmas holidays passed off nice and quiet with us. I enjoyed every day fine. I had the pleasure of having two of my brothers with me part of the time. One I had not seen in two years. Wishing you and yours a happy New Year and much joy and success and good health through life, your sister in Christ—Mrs. H. W. Craddock.

I am requested by Mrs. — to notify you to have her paper stopped when her time expires, which will be in a few days. She is a dear sick lady and feels like she can't live without the dear old Baptist, and her son told her he would pay for it, but he is in such poor circumstances that she hates to impose on him longer. What are we going to do about it? I had the paper sent to her for a while, and would again if I was really able. But I do hate to see the poor old soul deprived of her only real pleasure, as she reads and re-reads it all the time. Very sincerely—Mrs. —

(We just marked it paid to January, 1914.)

Please find my check for \$2 to pay for the Alabama Baptist. I feel like this is our paper, and if all of our Baptists could feel that this is our paper and try to help Brother Barnett by giving him the news from time to time and put forth more effort trying to put the same in all the homes it would add much to the cause. It would inform the world. Information is what we need. We feel as if we could not keep house without the Alabama Baptist. It has done much for many homes and would do as much more if we Baptists would do our duty. I pray that the subscription for the Alabama Baptist will double this year. I will write you next week telling you and the readers of the Baptist what God has done for me since I have been in South Georgia. May God bless you and yours.—Rev. Paul A. Caldwell, Climax, Ga.



Kind Words

My subscription is paid to January, 1914. I have always paid a year in advance.—C. S. Wallace.

It takes executive ability of a high order to be a pastor in a growing town or city.

We enjoy the paper very much and think every Baptist should read it. I am yours truly—A. N. Robinson, M. D.

May the New Year bring to you all the good things you deserve, and may you deserve a great deal.—H. J. Willingham, Superintendent of Education.

May the Lord in His wisdom guide and aid you in His work and make you a power for His glory, is my prayer. Yours—J. T. Watson.

We enjoy reading the paper so much, and hope to get others of our church to subscribe. Wish you a prosperous New Year—Mrs. J. Kay Bland.

Enclosed please find check for \$4 to pay for the Alabama Baptist to January, 1914. Wishing you and yours a prosperous year, I remain yours truly—A. P. Longshore.

One of our young preachers died last Saturday near Whatley. It was G. W. Duke. He was ordained last September and was serving one church as pastor. A happy New Year and a prosperous year for the Alabama Baptist. Best wishes for you and yours. Fraternally—J. H. Creighton.

Please change my postoffice address from dear old Geneva to Moulton, Ala. After a stay of five full years at this place I go to Moulton. Our ties have been very close, and it greatly pains our hearts to leave. A happy and prosperous New Year to all the Barnetts and the Alabama Baptist. Cordially—A. T. Sims.

It is now time for pay or stop the paper. So I haven't found it any benefit to me, so you may stop the paper. Yours truly —

(Only a few like this come to our desk. The great majority even when discontinuing the paper express regret for so doing.)

The paper seems to get better with every issue, and my prayer is that this year may be the greatest in the history of its publication, and it can be if the Baptists of the state will just take hold and help its editor, and I herewith pledge you my co-operation in making it better during 1913. Wishing you and yours a prosperous New Year, I am fraternally—J. H. Gunter, Ashford.

Enclosed find a \$1 bill, which will place my label from January, 1913, to January, 1914. I can't afford to read your most esteemed paper and not pay you for it, and if I did not pay I'd feel like I was a straggler and not trying to keep in line. Though a shut-in and tied up tight, as has been my misfortune, I want to keep in line. Blessings on you and yours. Very truly—Rev. J. J. Patterson.

China has the greatest undeveloped resources known in the world. And she represents the largest aggregation of able merchants, traders and bankers. These two factors taken together spell tremendous commercial potency. In the near future, with again five and a half million square miles of territory fully occupied and developed by one thousand million brainy, progressive people, it will not be a question of the six powers helping China, but of who can get her help abroad.

Dr. R. C. Buckner, superintendent of the Texas Baptist Orphans' Home, will be 80 years old on January 3, 1913, and Texas Baptists are planning a birthday offering of \$80,000 for the Orphans' Home.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell has served the Grace church, Philadelphia, as pastor for over 30 years.

Prof. Albion W. Small, of the University of Chicago, was the preacher at Harvard University on December 29.

Few men can be so cynically frank as was Jay Gould when, many years ago, being asked about his political leanings, he answered: "In a republican state I'm a republican; in a democratic state I'm a democrat; and I'm for Erie all the time."

Philadelphia women are wide-awake. Their Civic Club has a branch in every ward of the city about to make a serious investigation of the reasons for the high cost of living.

The papers are filled with praise of the convention sermon preached by Dr. John F. Purser at the recent Georgia Baptist State Convention held at Moultrie.

Dr. C. F. Aked stated while in New York that all additions to American Baptist churches for a generation past are only one-fourth of the birth rate of its own families.

One of our southern exchanges says: "The present subscription list of Missions, the Northern Baptist mission magazine, is reported at 53,000. The deficit for the current year is \$10,000. Yet the money used to cover this deficit is one of the best investments of the denomination."—Pacific Baptist.

The man: "I saw it with my eye." The physiologist: "It is not the eye that sees; it's the brain." The psychologist: "It is not the brain that sees; it's the intellect." There is no quarrel on. The three are in alliance, for seeing is a triune act.

On October 14 Councilman Foster introduced in the Cleveland city council an ordinance authorizing Mayor Baker to appoint a commission of 15 to investigate vice conditions in Cleveland. The ordinance was opposed by the administration, the claim being that the police were doing all that could be done to suppress vice.

A five-room model flat is connected with a new public high school in Newark, N. J., for the purpose of preparing girls to be intelligent home-makers. Besides instruction in the care of these rooms, the pupils are taught cooking, sewing, millinery, home sanitation and nursing.

There is a general feeling among the southern people as the result of the democratic victory that the south is now to come into its own. The president-elect is a southern man by birth and bringing-up, the speaker of the house and the majority leader in that body are southerners and most of the men who will be in control of the democratic policies are from that section.

All efforts to reduce the high cost of living are based upon ignorance of biology, ignorance of the laws of evolution, ignorance of the recent progress of medicine and ignorance of elemental economies. The high cost of living has always been with us. It is a blessing because it promotes human efficiency by killing so many. This is the gist of an article in the Medical Record by Charles E. Woodruff, of the United States army.

South Africa is worrying more and more over its race problem. According to the recent census the population of the union is 5,040,000, of whom 1,300,000 are Europeans and the rest belong to colored races. Friction between the white governing races and the natives has occurred at many points, and meetings are being held to take measures to avert the "black peril."

Secretary Knox and Ambassador Bryce have exchanged ratifications of the treaty providing for an adjustment between Great Britain and the United States of the North Atlantic fisheries controversy. The convention already has been approved by the senate. In substance it prescribes the boundary waters and provides an impartial commission to pass upon the reasonableness of local Canadian and Newfoundland fisheries regulations. These questions have made much trouble.

THE SINGING CHURCH.

By William Ben.

Speaking about church services, did you ever note the difference in the mode of worship in churches, especially in the singing? Many people consider the "fancy pieces" rendered by the choir the main proposition—that is, the anthems, Te Deums, solos, organ voluntaries, etc. All these are important and we might say indispensable in rounding out the pleasure of the service, and no well-regulated church would fare well without a well-balanced and enthusiastic choir. In fact, music is a very necessary factor in all churches, and should touch the heart of all people. Even way back in past centuries it was the custom to "praise Him with the harp, the psalter and the organ," and every generation since has striven to improve upon it. All this is well, and we glory in it. But what this article would speak of more particularly concerns that part of the music in which the congregation is directly, or should be directly, concerned—that is, the hymn singing—the congregational singing. We read in the good Book, "Sing praises to the Lord which dwelleth in Zion." How many congregations unite as with one voice in praise to God by singing the hymns, this glorious method of real worship, and that part of the music set apart for the special benefit? This one feature of church service usually marks to what spiritual plane a church as a body has attained. You never saw a cold, uncongenial, divided church that was a "singing church," and, by the same rule, you never saw a live, well-organized, harmonious church that was not a "singing church," and the observance of this custom is one of the surest methods of placing it "on higher ground." The simple reading of a grand old hymn calls to mind the sacred memories of the loved past—the songs made sacred by the associations of mother and home. Can it be doubted that thousands have had their first impulse to a better life through the reading of some noble song?

I have long thought thus along these lines, and they fit in the experience of my life to some extent. This article, however, is inspired by some incidents that have come under my observation from time to time on visits to cities great and small in different parts of our country, and comparisons, made from time to time, emphasize the correctness of my conclusions. To illustrate: On several visits to a great city it was my custom to attend on Sundays the services of two certain prominent churches. One of these was known far and wide for its eloquent preacher, who was also famed as a great reformer and author; also was this church known as possessing a most magnificent organ, and its choir was "accompanied" usually by a harp and other instruments. With all this array of talent, however, I always felt a disappointment at the services, surprised at the smallness of the audiences, the dullness and seeming indifference at the service. Fine preacher, fine choir, fine building—but something was always lacking. On one particular visit the place seemed unusually "cold"—the ushers moved around like automatons and an air of self-righteousness pervaded the scene. A grand anthem by the choir was followed by the invocation, a short scripture reading, and then the preacher announced in splendid voice, "Sing hymn number 69," and sat down. The organ pealed forth, the choir made their best effort, but down in the "chilly" audience probably a dozen or two voices were in a weak way following along. It dawned on me at once there was no real worship in song, the people expected the preacher and the choir to do their worship. So notwithstanding such fine surroundings the whole service fell flat, as far as real interest in the worship went. They came, they sat and they departed, taking no interest or part in those grand old hymns, which the preacher, good man that he was, did not even take the trouble to read. Again, you find these same conditions to exist in churches of much smaller caliber, but you always find the results to be about the same in proportion.

Attending a church for several services in one of our small cities I took note that the entire congregation would sit service after service with sealed lips, although the pastor would often entreat them to join in the singing. I had very few acquaintances in that church, but had managed to "catch on" to who were the leading members, and recognized a few of the deacons who "passed the plates." On one occasion a

special good old hymn was announced, and I essayed to sing. At the very first line one of the deacons, who was sitting directly in front of me, turned and gave me a look that I'll not soon forget. At the second he faced about and fairly stared. Embarrassed and confused, I closed the book and was silent. Several other individuals also directed their gaze at any one who was bold enough to disturb them with their song, and this in a church! No wonder things were frosty in that place.

The following incident is worthy of note, but mark the difference: The other church referred to in the first part of this article was also a magnificent building, with only an average organ and choir. However, the preacher was a man above the average, not specially known to fame, but consecrated and tactful, but was far from being the brilliant orator that the other preacher in question was. However, when you entered this church an entirely different air pervaded the place—a sense of cordiality, a warm greeting, ushers alert, and every one seemed glad he was there. On this special visit I was amazed at the greatness of the throng. Practically every pew was occupied, and every one seemed to catch the spirit of the occasion. Precisely on the hour the great organ pealed forth its silvery strains, the choir rendered their part of the program in proper style, and in due time the good man at the altar announced the morning hymn. He didn't say, "Sing number 163," and take his seat and leave the choir and a few faithful ones to drag through with it, but, in striking contrast to the other experience, he spoke thus: "Let everybody in this house join in singing that glorious old hymn, number 163."

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

And reading every verse, while the congregation sat in wrapt attention. When the organ began it seemed that every throat in that vast audience took up the strain and raised its voice in praise to God. We knew in an instant why this full house, why hundreds of youths, boys and girls, children of all ages were in attendance, why every one seemed interested in the other, why after the service every one lingered as if wont to leave. Worshipping in song gave them the right spirit, and the right handling of the songs and the encouragement to sing gave the young people an interest in the service and made them feel as a part of it. And let me say right here that the young people are the future dependence of the church, and if they are not attracted it's a bad state of affairs. Now, we won't mean to take issue with the preachers—God bless them—for goodness knows they, too, have their troubles; but we do say that the minister who fails to read the words of His hymns loses a great opportunity to strengthen some poor heart. To simply announce a hymn without reading it is almost like a dash of cold water, and why some preachers habitually say after announcing a hymn, "Please omit the third verse," or "Please omit the third and fifth verses," is beyond my comprehension; or on closing the service, "Please sing one verse of hymn number so and so," or possibly two verses. What a great incentive to worship, in spirit and in truth, when he rings out: "Let us sing that grand hymn, number 364—let all the people sing:

"My soul be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies."

And on through each verse. Now, this may not appeal to the modern preacher, who is bent altogether on his sermon, but every day observation shows that it is the "soulful" way, and there's no doubt in my mind that hundreds of halting ones have thrown off the yoke of the devil solely through the reading or having heard read the words of some glorious old hymn—words that have awakened some dormant resolution to lead a better life.

And speaking further of the young people, if we expect them to fill their proper sphere in the church or expect to lead them to Christ we must be up and doing. One way to do this and make them feel welcome and comfortable is for a singing congregation to sing songs that everybody loves and can join in

singing. Then will we dwell in brotherly love and draw the old and young together.

"If you'll sing a song as you trudge along,
You'll see that the singing will make you strong,
And the heavy load and the rugged road
And the sting and the stripe of the tortuous goal
Will soar with the note that you set afloat;
That the beam will change to a trifling mote;
That the world is bad when you are sad,
And bright and beautiful when glad;
That all you need is a little song
If you'll sing the song as you trudge along."

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Month.	Year.	State.	Home.	Foreign.
November	1908	\$2,668	\$3,864	\$1,222
December	1908	427	245	1,285
November	1909	1,638	733	601
December	1909	1,283	903	645
November	1910	1,807	994	783
December	1910	1,969	1,024	734
November	1911	2,036	1,010	1,312
December	1911	1,039	637	945
November	1912	1,178	1,443	1,657
December	1912	1,776	1,036	713

	State.	Home.	Foreign.
Apportionm't 1912-13.	\$32,000.00	\$28,500.00	\$38,500.00
Rec'd from May 1, '12.		6,055.32	8,103.30
Rec'd from July 1, '12.	8,048.00		

I hope the brethren will study carefully this comparative statement. The figures include only what has been sent to this office. We are within four months of the Southern Baptist Convention year.

A statement will be made each week hereafter.
W. B. CRUMPTON.

Four events will distinguish 1912 as one of the epochal years, viz: The transformation of China from a monarchy to a republic; the upheaval in Mexico, reorganizing the social and political condition of that country; the emancipation of Portugal from the incubus of Romanism, and the European downfall of the "unspeakable Turk," stung well-nigh to death by the Balkan States, which he has held in contempt and oppressed for centuries. Last and not least is the political revolution here at home, which changes the political map of our Union and introduces new policies demanded by the needs of the times.—The Christian Herald.

Of a number of English Baptist clergymen known for long and faithful service, three have recently died—Rev. J. Bunrham, one of Spurgeon's evangelists, who gave his services for 35 years during the summer months among the hop-pickers of Kent, England; Rev. D. Russell, for 49 years pastor of Lower Edmonton Baptist church, London, and Rev. Edward Clarke, founder of the Spezia Baptist Mission, Italy. The latter was in his 92d year, but his activity had not slackened, and the day before he died he preached with vigor and with pleasure to himself in the Casa Alberto.

"Who was Webster?" asked a member of the school board. "A statesman," said one boy. "An orator," said another. "But what is a statesman?" asked the captain. "A man who goes around making speeches," answered a small boy. "That's not just exactly right," said the gentleman, smiling. "Now, I go around making speeches once in a while, but I'm not a statesman at all." "I know," spoke up a bright little fellow. "It's a man who goes around making good speeches."

While Turkey was in the throes of transition and her administration, military as well as civil, at sixes and sevens, King Ferdinand and his able premier, M. Gueshoff, succeeded in forming a military coalition, and at a signal, given at a most opportune moment, Greece and Servia, Bulgaria and Montenegro, threw themselves upon the ancestral enemy so totally unprepared for the contest.

Two great events of the foreign world have been the abdication of the Manchu dynasty in China and the practical expulsion of the Turks from their European possessions.

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PASTOR AND SUPERINTENDENTS, PLEASE READ.

We want you to get ready for the Teacher Training class. The cut was inserted the first week in order that you might have an idea of how the class was to be conducted. Now, this same cut will be inserted the first week in February, and will continue on until the book is finished.

In the meantime get your class enrolled and get the books in hand, so that we may go on together. If you have had a class in the dim and distant past and it has "petered out," get them together and let us see if we cannot get through the Manual in good shape. Books can be obtained from my office or from the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

MEMORY WORK.

By Miss Lilian S. Forbes.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."—Psalm 119:11.

In a recent trip through the barren December country here and there we found patches of vivid green. And as we drew near them, one by one, we found that oats were coming up. Of course we knew at once that somebody had hidden away the good seed in the prepared soil.

At one home the husband was telling us of the fine crop of corn he had raised on a small piece of ground in the town where he lived. We knew, without his telling, that he had hidden away the good seed in the prepared soil.

He also told of how one part of the ground had been left unsown and how it had produced a great crop of weeds. And we knew, too, that the weeds had sprung up because the good seed had not been sown in the soil.

From God's great book of nature let us learn the message. If we would keep out the evil growth we must hide away in the heart and mind of the child the good seed, which Jesus himself says is the word of God.

The first essential thing is the preparation of the mind and heart to receive the word. The good Book tells us that preparation of heart must come from God. And the Bible is full of the spirit-inspired stories which may be used to develop the truth that is in the memory verse of each lesson. This development of the truth is the preparation for the hiding away of the seed. The seed is hidden away when the precious words of the memory verses are committed to memory. There it lies in the heart, ready to be called into life by the gentle, tender influence of God's holy spirit, which has been compared to "the tender rain on the grass" and to the "sun shining in his strength."

The best New Year resolutions which the Sunday school teacher can make is, "As for me I am going to put forth every endeavor to hide God's word in the hearts of my pupils."

If she is using the Primary Graded Lessons she will find the Primary and Beginners Superintendent's Manual of untold help. It has recently been com-

plied by Miss A. L. Williams, and is published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. (The price is 25 cents.)

Quoting from it as to memory work: "Do not fail to lay the greatest emphasis on the learning of the memory verses. It is our work to hide God's word in the heart of the child. It is the good seed which we are planting in the heart of the child. The Holy Spirit will use this word that is planted there in the mind and heart in His own good time.

"Let superintendents hold their class teachers responsible for teaching these verses and the correlated work, and then drill, drill, drill from the platform.

"Weave familiar verses into your praise, prayer, offering and missionary services, using every possible means to have the children make practical use of God's book."

If she is teaching the Uniform Lessons by all means have supplemental memory work. The manual mentioned above has such supplemental lessons for the primary department in the latter part of the book. The Baptist Sunday School Board issues a great series of graded supplemental lessons for the juniors and intermediates. There is a book for each year from 9 to 15. These only cost 5 cents per copy.

A great teacher said one day: "Time and trouble are two words we do not carry in our vocabulary as Sunday school workers." Henry Drummond says, "Nothing is a hardship to love, and nothing is hard;" and another has said: "It is not true that love makes all things easy; it makes us choose what is difficult." Having love for Jesus Christ in our souls, and love for the children and for the boys and girls, for whom Christ died, the teachers will choose to go out as planters in the Master's field, counting it no hardship, but rather a labor of love. They will remember, too, that if they fail to plant the good seed, if they hide not the word in the mind of the child even before he is old enough to choose to hide the word for himself, the weeds will begin their rank growth.

Turning aside from the analogy of seed planting, let the teacher bear in mind that giving the memory verses one time, or reviewing them at long intervals, will not accomplish that for which they are intended. There must be constant repetition.

Prof. Halleck says: "Memory involves a physical change in the brain. For lasting memory, perception must cause a permanent change in brain cells. . . . Images of memory gradually lose their intensity and distinctness. The more seldom they are reproduced the more rapidly does this change progress. . . . Whenever mental acts are often repeated their corresponding brain cells are made stable and vigorous by the same law that gives strength to muscles—namely, exercise." Therefore give their memories this exercise through frequent drills. Make these drills bright and interesting, for "interest makes acquisition easy and pleasant, and it makes retention sure."

NOTES FROM BROTHER B. DAVIE.

New Year's greetings to the beloved pastors, every one of whom made common cause with me in my work. Brethren Ralley, of Clayton; Hagood, of Andalusia; Dobbs, of Phoenix City, and Bentley, of Enterprise, not only gave me the use of their teams, but accompanied me to every possible point in their respective territories. Automobiles were placed at my service by Brethren J. R. Keyton and H. L. Floyd, of Dothan; T. B. Allen and J. L. Thompson, of Brundidge, and J. R. Shepherd, of Florida. And all of them without a single exception gave the helping hand and cheering word, which means so much to the hungry hearted worker.

I wish all your readers could know how kindly I have been treated at and to and from the various points touched by me last year. It keeps me in daily remembrance of the riches or grace in Christ Jesus that I have been a welcome guest in so many homes that never knew me; but because they had known my Lord and Master, and for His sake, they ministered unto me, giving me not only food and rest and fellowship and love, but taking me daily to my next appointment and bidding me Godspeed.

Have just finished an itinerary through the Coffee County Association. For the first two weeks the weather and roads were fearful; but notwithstanding this a number of new schools were organized and many already in organization received us gladly, in many instances bringing dinner and arranging for both morning and afternoon services. I was joined by Miss Lilian Forbes the third week. During this week the weather was ideal, and we were met with good audiences and dinner on the ground at every point but one. Needless to say we did our best, under the Master, for His glory.

If you want your paper stopped be sure and give the name of the post office where you get it. Frequently we get requests to please stop it, but can't do so as the party fails to give postoffice and often times the post mark can't be read. Write your name and address plainly.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the terms of the mortgage and the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, which said mortgage was executed by John F. Harrington and Hannah E. Harrington, his wife, on the 18th day of December, 1911, to the undersigned, M. B. Gafford, to secure the debt therein named, and which said mortgage was duly filed for record on the 19th day of December, 1911, and recorded in volume 663, on page 175, of records of mortgages, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama; said mortgagors having defaulted in the terms of said mortgage debt and failed to pay the interest thereon, amounting to \$108.00, due on the 16th day of December, 1912, and breached the other terms of said mortgage, the said mortgagee, M. B. Gafford, has elected to declare all of said indebtedness due, and does hereby, on account of said defaults, declare the entire debt, secured by said mortgage, due, and in strict accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will, on Saturday, the 8th day of February, 1913, before the county court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, at public outcry offer for sale and proceed to sell, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder therefor, the following described real estate, situated in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots nine (9) and ten (10), in block two hundred and forty-two (242) of the city of Birmingham, Alabama, according to the present plat of said city, as surveyed by the Elyton Land Company, said lots forming a rectangle fronting 100 feet on the south side of Avenue F and extending back southwardly along the east side of Twelfth street, of said city, 100 feet, and being the premises now occupied by the grantors herein, and being the property conveyed in the above described mortgage.

M. B. GAFFORD, Mortgagee.

Z. T. Rudolph, Attorney. Jan 8

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We are giving below the amounts paid, by associations, from May 1, 1912, the beginning of our Southern W. M. U. year, to December 1, 1912, as compared with each association's apportionment. This is done that we may see just how we stand and how much we have yet to pay before April 30, 1913. Please be careful in reading it over to remember that this does not include the December receipts. As we look at the figures may we receive a new inspiration to press forward "with a mind to work" for the Master as we have never done before. Besides these gifts by associations there was a gift of \$500 from a friend who wishes her name withheld. Of this amount \$300 was given to Foreign Missions and \$200 to Home Missions for a chapel building.

Gifts for Apportioned Objects Only, Namely: State, Home and Foreign Missions, Training School Enlargement, Training School Support, Training School Student, Margaret Home and Bible Fund.

	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Training School Enlarge.	Training School Support.	Training School Student.	Margaret Home.	Bible Fund.
Alabama—								
Apportionment	\$ 6 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	
Paid	7 60	1 00	15 00					
Antioch—								
Apportionment	13 00	16 00	24 00	1 00	1 00			1 00
Paid	12 45	2 55		1 00	20			
Bethel—								
Apportionment	44 00	67 00	95 00	6 00		1 00	6 00	4 00
Paid	22 50	12 35	18 35	2 00				1 00
Bethlehem—								
Apportionment	56 00	79 00	115 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	
Paid	48 85	19 25	22 52		3 00	2 00		1 00
Bibb—								
Apportionment	18 00	25 00	34 00	2 00			1 00	2 00
Paid	18 00	9 00	15 80					
Big Bear Creek—								
Apportionment	1 00	1 00	2 00					
Paid								
Bigbee—								
Apportionment	134 00	182 00	274 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	4 00	
Paid	118 55	39 00	44 40	7 00	2 00		2 00	
Birmingham—								
Apportionment	992 00	1375 00	2055 00	64 00	56 00	6 00	6 00	8 00
Paid	621 30	203 30	204 50	15 00	18 00	6 00		1 80
Blount—								
Apportionment	14 00	18 00	25 00	3 00		1 00	1 00	3 00
Paid	9 31	9 05	11 07	2 00				3 00
Butler—								
Apportionment	55 00	82 00	124 00	6 00	5 00		1 00	5 00
Paid	48 95	18 35	17 05					
Cahaba—								
Apportionment	124 00	162 00	249 00	11 00	8 00	10 00	2 00	3 00
Paid	73 15	16 60	22 15	6 00	2 00			1 00
Calhoun—								
Apportionment	296 00	396 00	528 00	16 00	34 00	19 00	3 00	3 00
Paid	233 20	6 00	36 00	6 00	14 00		2 00	1 00
Carey—								
Apportionment	37 00	49 00	69 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		3 00
Paid	24 95	16 10	22 10		1 00			
Cedar Bluff—								
Apportionment	8 00	10 00	15 00	2 00				2 00
Paid		2 75						
Centennial—								
Apportionment	79 00	96 00	149 00	6 00	7 00			
Paid	72 00	2 25						
Central—								
Apportionment	121 00	165 00	241 00	14 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Paid	109 40	14 00	9 50	1 75		25		
Cherokee—								
Apportionment	14 00	19 00	29 00	2 00		1 00		
Paid	8 00	4 00	8 00			1 00		
Chilton—								
Apportionment	13 00	16 00	22 00	1 00				1 00
Paid		2 50	4 05	1 00				
Clear Creek—								
Apportionment	5 00	9 00	13 00	1 00				
Paid	1 00							
Clarke—								
Apportionment	88 00	118 00	180 00	7 00		2 00	2 00	4 00
Paid	48 70	6 00	6 00			1 00	1 00	
Coffee—								
Apportionment	51 00	64 00	96 00	8 00		1 00		3 00
Paid	19 25	17 45	17 25					
Colbert—								
Apportionment	25 00	39 00	56 00	3 00		1 00		2 00
Paid	33 66	6 40	3 50			1 00		1 00
Columbia—								
Apportionment	71 00	118 00	217 00	12 00	5 00	1 00		3 00
Paid	32 01	28 50	76 00		5 00			
Conecuh—								
Apportionment	131 00	175 00	257 00	11 00	4 00	7 00		2 00
Paid	42 75	20 95	42 55		2 70	70		60
Coosa River—								
Apportionment	124 00	163 00	252 00	12 00	11 00	3 00		5 00
Paid	55 02	29 75	75 75					1 00
Crenshaw—								
Apportionment	7 00	8 00	14 00		2 00			
Paid	2 35	1 35						
Cullman—								
Apportionment	12 00	19 00	25 00	3 00				1 00
Paid	8 70	3 90	4 30	1 55				
Cleburne—								
Apportionment	1 00	2 00	3 00					
Paid								
Dale—								
Apportionment	26 00	32 00	50 00			1 00	1 00	5 00
Paid	19 31	8 50	3 00			3 00		
DeKalb—								
Apportionment	15 00	20 00	31 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		6 00
Paid	16 00	4 50						
East Liberty—								
Apportionment	134 00	186 00	268 00	7 00	3 00	9 00		3 00
Paid	115 03	13 05	4 65	2 00		5 00		
Elim—								
Apportionment	1 00	1 00	1 00					
Paid		4 20						
Escambia—								
Apportionment	59 00	83 00	128 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	5 00
Paid	38 90	20 00	10 00				1 00	1 00
Etowah—								
Apportionment	120 00	151 00	215 00	8 00	8 00	9 00	2 00	2 00
Paid	92 29	7 25	13 92	5 00	6 00	1 00		
Eufaula—								
Apportionment	63 00	86 00	129 00	4 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	1 00
Paid	55 15	3 90	10 00		1 00			
Geneva—								
Apportionment	37 00	58 00	87 00	3 00	5 00			1 00
Paid	24 00	6 00	7 00	2 00				1 00
Gilliam Springs—								
Apportionment	2 00	4 00	6 00					1 00
Paid			40					
Harris—								
Apportionment	89 00	118 00	213 00	7 00	6 00	2 00		3 00
Paid	59 55	38 91	72 16		1 00	1 00		5 80
Judson—								
Apportionment	22 00	33 00	48 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00
Paid	26 65		27 05					
Lauderdale—								
Apportionment	30 00	47 00	71 00	3 00	3 00	1 00		
Paid	14 98	6 44						
Liberty—								
Apportionment	118 00	154 00	235 00	6 00	5 00	7 00	2 00	5 00
Paid	62 59	11 89	38 76			1 75	36	1 80
Marshall—								
Apportionment	32 00	55 00	81 00	5 00		4 00		4 00
Paid	30 75	21 00	11 00	2 00		2 00		1 00
Mobile—								
Apportionment	206 00	311 00	469 00	10 00		14 00	1 00	6 00
Paid	126 41	88 67	174 94			1 00	1 00	
Montgomery—								
Apportionment	562 00	697 00	1034 00	44 00		18 00	5 00	5 00
Paid	329 14	61 86	180 73	16 00	2 00	9 75	2 45	1 60
Muscle Shoals—								
Apportionment	91 00	127 00	188 00	7 00		4 00	1 00	3 00
Paid	62 90	17 00	25 65	6 00		1 00		
New River—								
Apportionment	13 00	20 00	29 00	4 00		1 00		4 00
Paid	7 00	5 55	20 00	25				2 27
North River—								
Apportionment	43 00	58 00	84 00	6 00		5 00		5 00
Paid	32 00	9 00	6 90	3 00		1 00	2 00	8 20
North St. Clair—								
Apportionment	11 00	14 00	23 00	2 00		3 00		
Paid	2 55	1 00	2 00					
Pine Barren—								
Apportionment	138 00	186 00	271 00	18 00				
Paid	123 55	20 55	60 15	18 00	2 00			1 00
Randolph—								
Apportionment	59 00	86 00	128 00	6 00		2 00	1 00	4 00
Paid	48 00		5 00			1 00		1 00
Salem-Troy—								
Apportionment	285 00	372 00	526 00	17 00		18 00	1 00	1 00
Paid	202 68	60 55	72 01	1 00		4 00		
Selma—								
Apportionment	348 00	458 00	656 00	9 00		15 00	4 00	1 00
Paid	172 82	58 55	114 55	9 00	1 00	3 50		
Shady Grove—								

THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN IN ALABAMA

By Missionary Solomon L. Gingberg, of Brazil.

Blessed Experiences.

These have been days of joy as we have been enabled to go over this great Baptist commonwealth of Alabama, visiting our churches and meeting these great men and women of God, about whom we had heard and read and who have so nobly stood by us as we have toiled along on the great South American field. God's richest and choicest blessing rest upon all of you, dear Baptists of Alabama, for receiving us so heartily and entertaining us so royally and helping us so ungrudgingly. As we return to our loved ones in Missouri our heart's desire and prayer to God is that you might be more than ever filled with power from on high and used and blessed according to His riches in glory in Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Pastors We Have Met.

What a noble set of pastors are in Alabama! It did our heart and soul good just to meet them and know them, mingle in their homes and feel their hearts throb for the great cause of world-wide missions. How true we have found it, as we have gone from place to place, that just as the pastor is so also are his people. We have verified, as any one who wishes can do, that the fearless, courageous, self-sacrificing pastor not only leads his people in every good work, but also commands the respect, the admiration and loyalty of his people. We have also seen that the pastor who is afraid to lead and take active part in the great enterprises of the denomination is not only a failure in his field, but also suffers in the esteem and affections of his people.

But, thank God, the men of God in Alabama, know how to lead onward and forward, and are a perennial source of inspiration to the returned missionaries. It is impossible to mention all the pastors who have helped and inspired us, but we cannot leave this state without publicly acknowledging our gratitude for their kindness, their love and sympathy and help to dear Drs. Yarborough, of Anniston; A. S. Smith, of Alexander City; R. J. Bateman, of Troy; L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, and all the others. God bless them all and use them mightily in His great cause of saving the lost.

Men and Women We Have Met.

One of the greatest pleasures as we go about the field is to find so many persons that know us from reading the Alabama Baptist or the Foreign Mission Journal. Usually those that subscribe for the papers seem to be well informed about our work and plans. Unfortunately not all take the papers, and the difficulty of awakening in such an interest in the great cause of missions is truly great.

We have met with choice spirits—Baptists that have made us feel proud of belonging to a denomination that possessed such godly, self-sacrificing men and such noble, spiritual women. We have also met with some (thank God their number is limited) who have made our hearts sore and our spirit groan within us. God pity them, for, though their names may be upon a church roll, just because they happen to have the filthy mammon in their grasp, we are almost sure that their final destiny, unless they truly repent, will not be that of eternal bliss.

Just one example: As we were explaining the great centennial movement to a Baptist millionaire, upon whose bloated face the traces of secret vice could easily be detected, he, without even giving an answer, turned his back upon us and left us abruptly. Of course, we are poor and and of this world's goods we have none, but then we have a heart and a soul, and besides we are not begging for ourselves. Our gifts to missions exceeds far more than what a good many millionaires give. Take, for instance, the case of Dr. J. W. Shepard, the president of the Rio de Janeiro college. Without any difficulty he could obtain three times as much salary as the board gives him and not have to work half as much. The board pays him \$100 per month, and therefore he actually gives to the cause of missions \$200 every month, which means \$2,400 every year, and therefore has actually contributed in the last six years of his work in Brazil \$14,400. Therefore Dr. Shepard is not begging for himself as he goes about the country pleading for a building in which he can train his natives and thus

make his life and work count for something in this great work of saving Brazil for Christ and the Baptists.

Thank God the number of such men as the millionaire above referred to is very few indeed, and our heart fills with joy and gratitude to God as we remember the precious moments spent in company of such men of God as J. C. Wright, of Roanoke; F. S. Woods, of Troy; Governor Mallory, J. B. Ellis, R. P. Anderson, the Lamars and Welches, of Selma, and such noble women as Mrs. Burns, of Selma; Mrs. Purser, of Tuscaloosa, and many others.

Tithers.

One of the most agreeable experiences we have had in this campaign has been to meet the brethren who have adopted the tithing system as their custom of contributing to the Lord's cause. It is a real spiritual delight to talk to them about the Lord's work at home or abroad. They are perfectly acquainted with all the phases of the situation, and the only thing they need is time to calculate the amount they wish to subscribe. God's richest blessing is upon them, and they literally rejoice at the opportunity of giving something to the great cause of the Master. And with what interest they listen to your talk! They simply drink in every word you have to say. God bless the tithers, and may their number multiply not only in Alabama, but all over our blessed Zion of the great and mighty south. Think of the change, the glorious change, that would come over our denomination if all the Baptists would adopt the system of tithing!

Places We Have Visited.

From Troy we went to Union Springs, and found that the pastor had done some preparation work for our visit. We had a small gathering at the church building, but those present gave us excellent attention, and next day, as we went to see them, found most of them ready to take part in the great movement in which the Baptists of the south are engaged.

From there we went to Greenville, where the pastor met us at the station and took us into his own home. Here, too, the gathering was very small, but the attention excellent, and, thanks to the pastor's exertion, as he took us and presented us to his people, we left the place highly satisfied. God bless the good pastor and his good flock.

We then went to Brewton and, unfortunately, found the good pastor sick with malaria; but he had one of his consecrated deacons at the station to receive us and take us to the hotel and help us prepare for the stereopticon lecture at night. The gathering was fairly large and the interest intense, but on account of the illness of the pastor and the busy Saturday very little was accomplished except from a few tithers. But the good pastor promised to follow up our effort and in due time do his duty towards this great movement.

From there we made our way to Selma, where we found Dr. Quisenberry, the newly appointed field secretary of our board. We put in the whole Lord's day with the great First church, and we must confess that a better, more sympathetic and responsive crowd we had not had in Alabama. It did our whole soul good to tell them of the wonders of God's workings in Brazil, and all surely did listen! God bless them! They also came up nobly with their contributions in spite of the many heavy responsibilities that are already upon them. The pastor is justly proud of his church and considers it the hub of Alabama Baptists. It certainly is a great and mighty spiritual center.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8 and 9, we spent at the Montgomery Association, which met with the First church. There it was our privilege to meet for the first time with that great Baptist statesman, Dr. Crumpton, whose marvelous works we have followed for years with deep admiration. There also we met with Brother Barnett, the great Alabama Baptist editor and builder. There also we met with Dr. Stakely and his great helpmate. It was a real blessed time of communion with the saints, and it did us good.

From the state capital we went to Orrville, where we were royally entertained at the beautiful and enchanting home of the great Ellises. God bless them

all! It was a great privilege to know them and a real joy to be in their company. The pastor, full of love and zeal and consecration, had our meeting well advertised, and a full house greeted us and listened to our message with profound sympathy. None will be surprised to learn that next day we went away with our hearts and pocketbook overflowing.

Sunday, October 13, we spent with the saints at Tuscaloosa. At 10 a. m. we addressed a crowded house at the First church, where Dr. Dawson has built up one of the best spiritual work shops we have visited. Dr. Shepard spoke at the Monniss Memorial church to a house full. A telegram calling for his urgent return obliged Brother Shepard to postpone his stereopticon lecture at night in the First church, but Dr. Quisenberry took his place and satisfied the people with one of his great missionary sermons.

And now we are on our way back to old Missouri. God willing, we hope to stop over at Corinth, Miss., Jackson, Tenn., and St. Louis. By Saturday, October 19, we hope to be able to reach home, where we will remain for a few days.

Brethren, many thanks for your kindnesses, and please pray for us.

(This article was misplaced and has just been found.)

I had the privilege to listen to Brother C. T. Starks Sunday night. He is pastor of the Pisgah church, being called by the unanimous vote of the church. He is a faithful minister of the gospel. His great determination to live for Christ is uplifting to any one who is trying to live a Christian life. It is one of his great sayings that there shall nothing hinder him from doing God's work as long as he shall live. I always enjoy listening to him preach. I know that I am hearing something that is uplifting to me and will do me good and not evil all my days. He has a living influence wherever he goes. He is a man who is eager to live and ready to die. He accepted the call of a church in Martha, Okla., some four years ago, and upon his return to Alabama some one asked him if he was coming back to Alabama to die, and he replied, "No, I am coming back to Alabama to live." May God's blessing rest upon him and his family.—J. B. McCloud

John Wesley, the father of Methodism, spent not less than half of his life energy writing tracts, books, magazines and papers. He required his preachers to circulate them and his people to buy them and read them.

The naval year-book just issued by the senate puts the United States navy in the third place among the navies of the world. Great Britain is credited with a tonnage of 1,800,000,000 tons of battleships and armored cruisers, Germany with 828,000, the United States 788,000, France 704,000, Japan 566,000, Italy 370,000, Austria-Hungary 173,000.

From New York we learn that the last Sunday on which the battleships of the Atlantic fleet were in the harbor a company of 115 young people distributed 24,600 portions of the gospels to as many men on 32 ships, a handsomely engrossed copy of the Bible being given to Rear Admiral Osterhaus. Among other sailors in the harbor 15,000 volumes were distributed. Over 85,000 volumes were distributed among immigrants landing at Ellis Island, who carried the books into every state of the Union. Over 130 institutions were also supplied with Bibles by the New York Bible Society, which made the other grants also.

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

"The Inner Life and the Tao Teh King."

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Fifteen years ago the Tao-Teh-King was practically unknown outside a very narrow circle of scholars. Now there are several English and German translations on the market, all very different in value. No commentary on the Tao-Teh-King as a whole or in part has been published until the present attempt by C. H. A. Bjerregaard. His object has been to draw attention to that wonder life of simplicity which is the keynote of the book and which was lived by the ancients at a pre-ethical period. It was a life of mystic character as regards mind, and it was what we in our day call occult; that is to say, it dealt with nature's deeper life. The people "which were of old" did not dream mysticism or theosophy. They lived the mysteries.

Laotze, the author of the book, is a mystic and the very opposite of Confucius, who is the practical and political sage. Laotze deals with the people of "ancient days," that is, the sages who lived in communion with spiritual things, while Confucius gave rules for daily affairs and did not care for eternity. Laotze is therefore subtle. He never becomes trivial or prosy. He is the master mind. He is not merely looking out through the window; he lives in the open. Such a mind is of all ages, while Confucius is only temporary.

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Just from the press comes the most weird and startling book of the age, "The Underworld Sewer," by Josie Washburn, of Omaha, Neb. It lays bare the existing conditions of the dark side of human life commonly called the social evil. It shows in all its appalling reality the enormous traffic that is being carried on the world over in human slavery.

This book deals with cold facts, showing that in this Christian land, with its freedom and its privileges, its institutions of learning, its unparalleled advantages of every kind, there is today the foulest blot on the pages of its history, because those in authority, lawmakers, politicians, statesmen and men of affairs, whose business it is to suppress and eradicate immorality, have made concessions with the powers of darkness to shield the nefarious traffic, which are slowly but surely gnawing at the vitals of our nation. The writer of "The Underworld Sewer" proves conclusively that the evil could be forced out of existence were it not for the infamous system of "graft" that is back of every move, and this graft reaches like the octopus everywhere, its tentacles extend hither and thither and grab everything of consequence, leaving nothing but a miserable existence for the unfortunate victims, till finally they fill a dishonored grave. This book is edited by a reformed woman from the underworld, and is a volume of authentic reference and information. It treats in a thoroughly practical way the progress and problems that are of vital importance to every good citizen of America. The illustrations are original and have been studied out by the author or artist; they speak in a language of their own. "The Underworld Sewer" is a most timely book and should be read by all, as it will furnish text and theme for preacher and orator. One may not always agree with the author, but throughout the whole book one sees the awful picture of "white slavery," which needs to be blotted out. The writer proposes to set aside a



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FROM FAR AWAY CHINA.

Pingtou, Shantung, China, Nov. 12, 1912.

Dear Brother Barnett:

I want to say a few words about the work in our Pingtu field, and I desire to speak more especially about some trips which I have been making into the country during the past few weeks. Surely it can be said of this district that the fields are white unto harvest. The seed sowing still continues, but it is a time of rejoicing with us, for we have been permitted during this year to gather in an abundant and a glorious harvest for our King.

About one month ago, accompanied by our good and jovial Brother Leonard, of Laichowfu, I went into a neglected section of country some 20 miles north of Pingtu. I carried a good supply of medicines. Brother Leonard said he would preach them sick and I could treat them. I had the advantage of him, because I could not only preach, but could practice, and the latter counts for a great deal with the Chinese. A good fellow who lives in a little village nestled at the foot of a group of the highest mountains in this country urged us to occupy his guest room while we were sojourning in his neighborhood. This was quite a clean, spacious room, and in it we treated many

patients, and in the evening after supper the people of the village came crowding in when we would spend from one to two hours explaining the Word. During the day we visited the surrounding villages and spent part of the time climbing the mountains. It was a delightful week, and we returned to our homes feeling, as did Peter, that "it is good to be here." Most of these people had never before seen a foreigner, and what is more to the point, had never heard of their Savior.

My next trip was into the east country 30 miles. I carried with me an evangelist and a helper. We left home on Monday and visited many important villages, one of which had in it some 30,000 people. By Thursday afternoon we reached Tru-keo, 23 miles from here, and there on Friday we assisted in the organization of a church. Brother Newton, of our seminary in Hwanghien, was there and preached the first sermon to the new church. He is surely a great preacher. Seventy-nine members, all from our Pingtu City church, went into the organization. Following the organization nine converts were baptized, making the present membership 88.

We returned home on Saturday, and had a glorious day in the church here on Sunday. Why glorious? Because on that day I saw 73 baptized. Think of that! Seventy-three souls in heathen China baptized into the church in one day. Rejoice with us.

On the following Monday we started to Chang-hu-ten, 23 miles west of here, and there on Tuesday we organized another church, with 78 members. After the organization 22 converts were baptized, making the present membership even 100.

On Wednesday we went to our Wu-tank church and attended during the balance of the week our Pingtu Association. It was a great meeting. The spirit of love and harmony in the work was beautiful to see. Many important and forward steps were taken in the work. If you could have seen how enthusiastic the different questions were discussed and the amount of Christian zeal manifested in the whole work you would have decided that there were "progressives" outside of our beloved United States.

One action taken at this association is worthy of mention. We have, as you know, at Laichowfu a training school, where those who expect to be Bible women go for a course of Bible study. Of course a very small per cent of our Christian women become Bible women and get the advantage of this study. The others have never had any kind of school advantages and know nothing save what they have learned in one or more classes. It was decided to open two schools for women, the course to be two years of six months in each year. They will be taught to read the Bible and taught the essentials of the doctrine. Only Christian women will be allowed to attend, age 20 to 55. The aim of these schools is to prepare these poor ignorant women to be of help in their community in developing the church, and the hope is finally to have one such school at each of our churches. These schools are to be taught by the Chinese and financed with Chinese money. An other important action was the appointing of two evangelists. Next year we will have in this field more than 40 native evangelists.

On such trips we relieve much suffering, advertise the hospital and have rich opportunities of telling the story of Jesus and His love. I have treated this year on my country trips 1,053 patients. This year two pastors have been ordained, three churches organized, and so far 530 souls baptized. We now have 10 churches, with 2,126 members. Praise the Lord for being allowed to serve Him in China in this day. Why don't more of you pray, give and come to help in this glorious work?

I trust you will not forget our request for money from the Judson Centennial fund to build a hospital for women—\$3,000.

Yours for the salvation of China,

T. O. HEARN.

In the great hall of Chicago's newest hotel, bearing the name of La Salle, the Jesuit-trained pioneer explorer who led the way of empire westward to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi, the Protestant churches of America have just held their second "ecumenical council." This word term, used by the early church to describe those great historic councils representing every form of the common faith in every land on all the earth, deserves to be applied to this second quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

BULGARIAN SOLDIER—AMERICAN STUDENT.

Nine years ago the Turks were engaged in another struggle with the hardy people in the Balkan hills. A young man who then helped repel the invaders of his Macedonian home town today is studying in Dubuque, Iowa. He intends to be a minister. With his ancestry and his American training he will be able to reach his countrymen in a peculiar way.

Four years ago we noticed an electrician eating his midday lunch on a pile of lumber beneath a spreading oak on an adjoining lot to ours. Not knowing he was a foreigner we stopped and asked him a question, and upon his reply we said, "You have not been long in this country." He answered: "I am a Bulgarian." We then told him of a trip we had taken down the Danube during our vacation while a student at the University of Vienna, and tears came into his eyes as he said, "You are the only man I have met in Birmingham who has been to my country." From that we became friends. A short while afterwards we met him on a street car and asked him where he was going, as he was on a line not usually traveled by him. He said: "I am on my way to the Hillman Hospital to see a Bulgarian who is dying and no one can understand him, so they have sent for me."

It came to us at once. What an opportunity we have to reach these foreigners if we would go at it seriously. Yet there are those who say the Home Mission Board has no field. Right here in Birmingham there is plenty of work for a missionary who has the gift of speaking foreign languages. We often hear complaints against the foreigners for bringing in new ideas and customs and for breaking down some of our cherished traditions, but what can we expect if we merely exploit them in a business way and leave their spiritual natures untouched. It has been well pointed out that a friendly God—a God who bends down to help the struggles of the poor and means that life shall be something abundant to every man who lives it right, even the humblest—that God introduced to the immigrant in America will make the immigrant the nation's right-hand stay.

But there is only one way for that introduction to be effected—through friendly Christians, showing this same divine friendliness.

A CONSTRUCTIVE SURVEY.

Immediately after the Southern Baptist Convention closed in Oklahoma City committees were appointed in all the foreign mission fields, which were asked to go over the situation in every mission and report upon the conservative needs which should be met by the Judson Centennial fund. They were not to deal in general terms, but to state specifically each item, giving the maximum and minimum cost, the order of importance, as compared with other needs and diagrams, as far as possible. In other words, these committees were called upon to outline a reasonable and constructive program for each mission. The committees were to visit every station and then outline a report, to be passed upon by the entire mission. This full mission meeting would amend and add to the report as it willed. The final report, which was to reach the board, was to be the report of the entire mission.

These reports that are coming in constitute the most thorough-going and constructive survey ever made of our foreign mission work. They will enable the board to spend in the wisest way the money to be raised. Not all of the needs can be met by the centennial fund, but as far as possible the board will proceed very definitely, knowing well its ground. The Judson Centennial movement is leading the board into very definite missionary policies. The findings of these committees will be made public.

READING AND LIFE.

There is a very close relation between one's reading and his intellectual and moral life. This truth does not receive the serious consideration which it ought to have from parents, guardians and instructors of youth. It is one of the most important questions of the day. The character of the literature which is read by a youth is a determining factor in his life. It is folly to expect that a child whose reading is largely confined to literature of an unwholesome character will have wholesome morals. The newspapers of the land are daily recording a



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great amount of criminality among the youth. The number of cases of robbery and murder by very young men, and even boys, is appalling. The increase of youthful criminality is alarming. We would not say that this is wholly owing to the reading of vile and pernicious literature; but there is much reason for believing that such reading has been one of the main elements in producing those baleful results. Investigation has shown that many young criminals have confessed that they had been readers of "dime novels" and other bad literature; and the conclusion has been reached that there is a close connection between the bad reading and the bad conduct. And why should it not be so? It is a legitimate conclusion. Poisonous reading poisons one's character. It corrupts personal morals. Then, too, aside from such a consideration, look at the weakening effect of silly and sensational reading upon the mind. Shallow reading makes shallow minds. Literary trash, constantly read, produces trashy thinking. What, then, is needed in the place of such reading? Obviously a much better class of reading; and parents, pastors and teachers may do much toward improving the state of things. It is a duty.

NO COLLECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN.

A pastor when urged to do his best to get his laymen to attend a certain convention humorously said: "It can't be done; they are 'convention shy.'" When asked for an explanation he answered: "They are afraid of collections."

For the benefit of those who may fear collections we wish to state that the first Baptist Laymen's Meeting of the South, which will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., February 4 to 6, is not to be a meeting directly for money-raising, and therefore no collection will be taken.

The committee is planning for at least 2,000 laymen and 1,000 preachers. The object of the meeting is to give inspiration, information and method. Live topics will be discussed by men who know how and can do it. Some of the greatest business men in the south are earnestly taking hold of kingdom affairs.

It is earnestly hoped that a great many of our business men in Alabama who love God and His cause will lay aside business a few days and engage with their other business brethren in the great counsel at Chattanooga. Vigorous men, and men who have mastered the great commercial and financial problems and have themselves been mastered, by a passion to see Christ crowned as King over the everyday life of men, will be there to share with us their wisdom.

THE STATE BOARD ASSISTING CHURCHES.

F. M. McConnell, in the Primacy of State Missions.

The policy of assisting weak churches in the support of their pastors has been much criticised, but when there is a probability that those churches will become strong, it is so sane and righteous that it is no longer questioned by reasonable men who desire the advancement of the cause of Christ. But there are difficulties in the way of wise assistance.

When is a church able to be self-sustaining? That depends upon the number, financial ability and liberality of the membership. The difference between churches in this respect is surprising. Some churches with as few as thirty members, none of whom are wealthy, pay a pastor for full time, while other churches with ten times that number very poorly support a pastor for one-fourth time. Can there be such a sentiment created among the churches as will make possible a nearly uniform rule of solving the question of when a mission board should cease to help a church? Why should churches in the midst

of a population which could be reached with the gospel, by earnest evangelistic efforts, continue year after year to apply to the State Board for help? No church under normal conditions should be assisted longer than four years. Two years should be long enough for the average. It should never be the policy of a mission board to make it easy for any church or pastor. An easy time in Zion is the abomination of kingdom of desolation. Any church and pastor receiving help from mission funds should conscientiously feel that they are honor bound to reach self-support at the earliest possible date. They should not be supersensitive, for it is right for strong churches to help the weak; but there are so many churches actually needing the help that every one receiving it should "pass it along to the next" as soon as possible. For the strong church not to help the weak is wrong and cruel, but for assisted churches to contentedly lie down in their dependence on a board is deadbeating in the name of religion. No self-respecting pastor will agree to it, and no self-respecting church will do it. I crave to be understood here. I think it is just as righteous for a church that actually needs the assistance to ask for it as it is for one that reaches the point of self-support to refuse it. But a missionary board and the superintendent should constantly look out for manifestations of selfish, ease-loving weaknesses of human nature, in mission churches, and "wean" them at the proper time. No child will be healthy and strong if it depends too long upon its mother for nourishment. It may get mad and cry awhile, but the weaning process is for its good.

Whenever a church has reached the point that by reasonable liberality, it can go forward with its work, pay its pastor a living, or such proportionate part of a living as it uses his time, improve its property, or keep it in such repair that it is suitable for the work, and gradually increases its offerings for denominational object, that church has reached the point of self-support and should not receive further assistance from a board.

This rule should be faithfully applied to every missionary board in the world. The superintendent should co-operate with pastors of assisted churches in bringing those churches up to the point of reasonable liberality. It can be done in a normal, healthful way and the church launched out on a career of continued usefulness in the kingdom.—Baptist Standard.

A sign of the sharpness with which the Roman Catholic church is taking position on industrial questions is found in the speedy transfer of a Roman Catholic priest of Malden, Mass., for his alleged interest in the cause of the elevated railroad strikers in Boston. Mr. Mitchell's activity does not seem to have extended very far. He believed the strikers were right and said so in public, though not from his own pulpit. The archbishop immediately intervened and transferred him to a remote country parish.

The London Baptist Times says that its advices from Russia show that the rescript for religious toleration (which was forced from the Czar in 1905, with other promises of reform, in the fear of the overturning of the throne by revolution) is being gradually withdrawn. Rev. W. Fetter writes that when he was to have held his first meeting in the new chapel at Riga he found the doors guarded by police, with a notice that the government had prohibited all meetings.

Custom decrees that it is "correct" to have neatly printed or painted mottoes hung about a business office, the "den" at home, or even a lady's boudoir. The same spirit has invaded the congressional offices in Washington. Congressman Victor Murdock, whose hair in years gone by was of a somewhat sandy hue, has a sentiment tacked on his wall that reads as follows: "The man who happens to leave his footprints on the sands of time must have the sand to begin with."

Efforts to help college girls choose a vocation other than teaching are multiplying. At a recent conference of deans and presidents of women's colleges Dean Matthews, of the University of Wisconsin, and Dean Talbot, of the University of Chicago, were appointed to work out a plan for employing an expert on vocational training to go from one college to another to inform students concerning professional and business openings.

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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,
jan1 Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Rachel Moon to T. A. White on the 24th day of January, 1911, and recorded in volume 556, record of deeds, page 243, in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, default having been made in the payment of indebtedness secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will offer for sale at auction before the court house door of said county, on the 3rd day of February, 1913, within the legal hours of sale, the following property, to-wit:

Lot 6 in J. B. & G. A. Gibson's subdivision of block 4, in Fulton, Hood and Wood's survey, a map of which subdivision is recorded in volume 3 of maps, page 60, Probate records of Jefferson county, Alabama.

T. A. WHITE,
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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. jan1-3t

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Old Judson Catalogues.
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Please send them to Miss Louise Manly, Judson College, Marion, Ala.

FROM ENTERPRISE.

We are entering into the shadows of the old year. The gray streakings of the dawn of the new year may be seen. The past year has been a glorious one for us at Enterprise. We are thankful and with gratitude of heart we turn our faces to the future with faith in God and in the brotherhood that the coming year will tell the glad story of increased zeal and effort in our Lord's cause. The fidelity of the brethren and sisters of the Enterprise church has been beautiful. Their courage and faith has been tested, and they are not afraid to undertake great things and do great things. Really their pastor is in love with them.

We shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming of the Baptists hosts of Alabama to the State Convention next November. Notwithstanding it will be in the winter season, our winters here are not so severe as they are in the northern part of the state, and besides we are preparing to give you a warm reception and a warm entertainment.

Coffee county is undertaking greater things in the Lord's cause. We have had with us for some weeks Brother Bunyan Davie, a very prince of missionary zeal and tact. Davie is bringing great returns for the amount expended, and the State Board is to be congratulated that they could secure such a consecrated heart and head as Davie. He is unquestionably the right man in the right place. It is refreshing to see the tact with which he is able to meet and hold the good attention of the rural folk and to impress them with greater ideals. He always leaves a blessed memory. Also for a week we had with Brother Davie Miss Lillian Forbes, than whom we think there is none more versatile, energetic, energetic, consecrated, tactful and efficient in the work. With what uncomplaining, happy hearted zeal she rode from country church to country church, working and teaching, teaching and inspiring the young people. Truly her life is "a channel of blessing." We gave them a whole day, morning and evening service, at Enterprise, and may I suggest that any church will do well to do the same? These good people are a blessing to every home that they enter. Every home that entertains them gets more than that home gives. Practically every church in Coffee county has been visited by these good workers (I mean Baptist churches, of course).

This is a great step for the State Mission Board. May the time soon come when they may add even two more to this class of workers. With two more workers the entire state could almost be covered in a year. Every church visited and helped. That is what the Baptist people need in the rural district especially.

My four country churches are doing splendidly. I look for good things from them this year. They seem to be encouraged and are taking regular monthly collections for missions. Some are using the "Every Member Book," pledge cards and envelopes. All use the schedule—that is, take collections according to the object mentioned on the card for the particular month. Calvary has some of the Lord's elect, who are not satisfied with what they do the year before, but each year they want to do better. Coal Springs has been almost defunct—no pastor last year; berated

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 foreclosing, same including an attorney's fee therefor.

EQUITABLE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee.
By **W. T. Hill,** Attorney for Mortgagee.

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.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.
Jas. M. Russell, Attorney.
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by some until they had almost lost hope. A new heater, regular monthly collections for missions and payment of the pastor's salary are the things they are now doing. Mt. Pleasant, large and growing, has some of the salt of the earth in her. The association was held with her this year and left great inspiration for better service. Brothers Crumpton, Barnett and Ray were a blessing to us. New Home, with a new heater, splendid young people and a score or more of older people who encourage them, is coming to the front. We are going to do things there.

To my brother pastors throughout the state: Here is my hand and my heart for the very best year's service of my life. My motto for this year shall be, "Less of self and more of Thee."

Lee, of Elba, is one of God's very best. He has wrought well in this county, and he is an untiring, consecrated worker, whose patience and humble spirit is above par. God bless him. He is a true yoke-fellow.

To all those of my former churches in other parts of the state, may I say that I have not ceased to pray for you and for the splendid consecrated pastors who are leading you?

With love to the brotherhood throughout the state, I am,

Affectionately,

O. P. BENTLEY.

TIME AND ETERNITY.

Time at the longest is only of short duration. Eternity is never ending, is everlasting. Time belongs only to this life, and is moving swiftly along. Eternity belongs to that great, vast life beyond. Time is spoken of as past, present and future. The past we cannot recall, change nor live over. The present is all the time that we really can claim as our own. The future is not ours. Many neglect the present and live with their minds either in the past or in the future. Time with some lasts much longer than with others, but with all sooner or later time comes to its end, while eternity goes on and on forever. Oh, long eternity. Where shall we spend it? Time is given us to prepare to meet God. Eternity is given us to spend with God. Eternity will be just as long, however, to those who neglect salvation as it will be to those who accept it. Whosoever will may enjoy eternal life, but all who will not must suffer eternal damnation. Oh, let us think of time and eternity.

J. L. ROWE.

Duncanville, Ala.

Brother Alford Smith departed this life on the 5th day of December, 1912, at his home in Tallapoosa county, Alabama, in his 58th year. Brother Smith leaves a wife and two sons, Willie and George, to mourn his death. Brother Smith was a member of County Line Baptist church; was a kind and loving husband, an affectionate father, a good, generous neighbor and a loyal, peaceable, debt-paying citizen. He will be missed in the community where he lived.—T. B. Fargason.

The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others, in my eyes, are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength.—Robert E. Lee.

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AN OBITUARY.

Monday morning November 18, 1912, at Pollard, Ala., the spirit of Brother Arthur Burnett withdrew from its earthly home to its heavenly home. He only spent a few short days at home with his father and mother and brothers and sisters before God called for him.

A young wife and a little baby girl are left behind to miss his love and tender care as a husband and father.

Brother Burnett was a Christian, having given his heart to Christ when but a mere boy. His home training was guided by a godly mother and a loving father. He died fully trusting in Christ as his Savior, and he dreaded not death because the tender, loving Shepherd's staff was with him to comfort him in that hour.

May the dear loved ones who mourn his departure weep not as those without hope, but may they receive comfort by the thought that God doeth all things well, and that He is still present with them to comfort and to give peace.

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IRA L. JORDAN,
Pastor.

The Baptist rally of the Butler County Association was held with the Starlington church on December 28 and 29. The crowd was not as large as usual, by reason of the bad roads and the holidays, but the meeting lost nothing in interest and enthusiasm. Saturday was given to the discussion of the Sunday school and plans of church work; Sunday morning to missions, and Sunday afternoon to woman's work and miscellaneous matter. The 11 o'clock sermon on missions was delivered by Brother W. A. Tharp, who has recently come into the association to take the pastorate of the McKenzie field. Brother Tharp handled his subject in a logical and forceful manner, and was recognized by all as a splendid asset to the association. One-half of the collection on these occasions is sent to State Missions; the other half is kept in the association to carry forward the work. A pleasant incident of the meeting was the presentation of a gold-headed walking cane to Brother J. G. Reynolds, the tireless and efficient moderator. The cane had engraved upon it his name, as coming from the pastors and executive committee. It was presented by Brother J. C. Dunlap, of the Forest Home field, and was responded to by the moderator in an impromptu but appropriate manner. The fellowship and good will among the brethren was an inspiration.—L. L. Gwaltney.

We are a band of Sunbeams of a little more than 100 members in the northern part of our state. The band had been disbanded for nearly a year when we reorganized, January 29, 1912, with Miss Arrie Moody as our leader. The special offering of the Sunbeams at Thanksgiving amounted to \$25. We shall try to be better Sunbeams for the year 1913. Wishing your paper and every Sunbeam of Alabama a successful year, I am, yours truly—Rhoda Hargett.

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WATCHWORD FOR THE YEAR.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"Workman of God, O lose not heart—
But learn what God is like;
And on the darkest battlefield
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Thrice blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field, when He
Is most invisible."

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Eastern District, of which Mrs. O. M. Reynolds is vice-president. She has done years of efficient service in this field.

Our work in the Bethlehem Association, which has 27 churches, 12 women's societies, one Y. W. A. and four Sunbeam bands. The superintendent is Mrs. B. B. Finklea, of Monroeville.

Our missionary, Miss Willie Kelly, who is at Shanghai Central China.

Our students at the Louisville Training School—Misses Cox, Keith, McCollough and Herren.

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

GREAT MEN'S MEETING.

We wish to call special attention to the Laymen's Conference to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., February 4-6. Secretary Henderson is preparing a rich feast for those who will be at the meeting. We need to have laymen and preachers to be present. Special rates have been made on the railroads and at hotels and boarding houses, so that there will be a minimum of expense. If we succeed in having a large number of laymen it will be necessary for our leading brethren to talk about this meeting, impress the men of influence with the importance of their being present, and get them to arrange beforehand their business affairs so that they can attend the meeting. Brother J. T. Henderson, of Bristol, Va., will be glad to furnish information to those who desire it, so that they can work up an interest in the meeting.

By all means go, brethren. It will be a blessing to your churches as well as do good in the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Foreign Mission Rooms, Jan. 1, 1903.

SCHOOLS OF THE FAR NORTH.

By Julia Fraser.

"Seward's Folly," the "National Refrigerator" and similar derisive epithets, terms in common use in 1867, show clearly what the people then thought of Secretary Seward's purchase of Russian Alaska for \$7,200,000. This unknown land of solitude and of mystery then began to be called Alaska—a name of uncertain origin, but generally believed to mean "Great Land." If this be the true meaning of the word it is particularly apropos to the vast northern territory under the stars and stripes, yet which lay for so long unexplored and unprotected.

Geographically its main features may be briefly summarized: It is one-fifth the entire area of the United States, with a coast line so remarkably indented that it about equals the circumference of the earth. Two of the most wonderful archipelagoes in the world are found on the Alaskan coast, one extending so far "west" that it is no longer "west," but part of the mystic "far east," as Attu, its most distant island, is farther west from San Francisco than Cape Cod is east of San Francisco. Continental mountain ranges, surmounted by mighty peaks, the greatest river in North America, active volcanoes, extinct volcanoes, glaciers moving with terrific momentum and "dead" glaciers, great plateaus and endless prairies, thousands of islands and marvelous

bays and fjords, are some of the geographical features which lure to Alaska scientists from all parts of the world.

Financially one has but to refer to countless government reports and note the place given to Alaska in all monetary publications to show its vast material wealth, because years before "Klondike days" the revenue from furs alone had more than paid the original purchase price. Surely Alaska has proved a Yankee bargain!

But it is not the country, vast and mysterious as it is, or its material resources, apparently inexhaustible and alluring as they are, but of the native people of Alaska that we are now chiefly concerned.

How has it been with the native people, who, unasked and unwilling, came with the land which undisputed had always been their fathers' until 1760, when strange white men appeared among them, established forts, exacting tribute and service, and then for "a consideration" passed them with their land on to other foreign masters! How has it been with these, our country's "snow children?"

When America purchased the land in 1867 the stars and stripes replaced the Russian colors; then, according to reputable authority, a deeper moral darkness than ever settled down over this vast twilight country, for the good in America forgot all about the new territory and the added responsibility and left it alone!

But Christian patriots on the Pacific coast, notably in Portland, Ore., began agitating—writing, talking, appealing for schools and churches, hospitals and laws for the natives of Alaska, which resulted in creating a public opinion which in 1879 carried a brave Christian woman, Mrs. A. R. McFarland, to Wrangle, the southeastern extremity of Alaska. Mrs. McFarland was no novice in missionary service, as with her husband she had 10 or 12 years earlier gone by the famous Santa Fe train to Santa Fe, N. M., where they started a mission school; but the altitude proving disastrous to Mr. McFarland's health, after a few years they pushed on to the North Pacific coast, where among the Nez Perce Indians of Idaho they did heroic service until Mr. McFarland's death. Then his widow went to friends in Portland. Therefore, it was no sentimental novice in missionary work, but one who had "made good" in two difficult fields, who undertook the heroic task of establishing the first English school in all Alaska. Mrs. McFarland had a brave man for her companion, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, who made the trip with her, helped to secure a house, but was obliged to leave on the return trip of the steamer, the last one "out" for that year!

Of the loneliness, the hardships, the danger to life which the heroic Mrs. McFarland endured that first winter, when she was alone among those natives, no words can ever describe, but such was the beginning of school work in the far away north country.

After about a decade of pioneer church mission schools the government was finally aroused to its responsibility and began establishing government public day schools, and now has about 80 in various parts of Alaska for the natives. As the government day schools were made effective the various churches gradually changed the day schools they had supported into boarding schools, hospitals, orphanages or some other form of helpful ministry.

With the exception of the Sheldon Jackson school, at Sitka, all the boarding schools are small and have limited equipment, but the new plant of the Sheldon Jackson is commodious and well equipped for first-class industrial training.

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In considering educational work among the native people of Alaska special mention should be made of

the unique work of William Duncan at Metlakatla. In 1856 Mr. Duncan went out from London to teach the Canadian natives of the far northwest. He was the pioneer white man in that portion of the country. After many most thrilling adventures and narrow escapes, when it would seem as if his life would surely be sacrificed, through the grace of God he reduced these barbarian savages to civilization. They established a village, built saw mills and canneries, a village school, a public meeting house and a large stone church. Then because of enactments and encroachments, both ecclesiastically and politically, they decided to emigrate and establish themselves under the stars and stripes. To legally safeguard all interests, Mr. Duncan went to Portland, Ore., and retained the services of a very fine lawyer. Together they went to Washington, and after much delay secured absolute title to Annette Island, one of the larger islands in Southeastern Alaska. Then began not the flight of a Tartar tribe, but the removal of a tribe of 1,000 people from one country to another, carrying with them all the portable belongings which could be stored in their great canoes and thus transplanted to the new home, but leaving behind them a great stone church, public meeting house and buildings of all sorts! Such a flight has no parallel on our continent in historic days, and in time to come another de Quincy may rise who will so sing this song that it will live forever.

It is the writer's privilege to have known Mr. Duncan many years, to have been present when the flag was raised over the new Metlakatla on Annette Island and, after an absence of 20 years, to revisit the scene and note the wonderful advance of the people. A day school has been established for the people, and Mr. Duncan, now nearly 90 years old, is the beloved and revered patriarch.

It is reported that when Secretary Seward was nearing the end of his great career he was asked what he considered his most important public act. Without a moment's hesitation he replied: "The purchase of Alaska; but it will take the American public a generation to find it out." How true a prophecy!

I have been trying to find time to thank you for the Christmas remembrance of the calendar and to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. I am grateful to be remembered among your friends at this Christmas tide, and I do most heartily wish you great blessings in this year 1913. May the Father's gracious hand lead you every step. Fraternally yours—W. J. McGlothlin, Louisville, Ky.

Give us once more "Knights without fear and without reproach," who will take King Arthur's oath, as expressed by Lord Tennyson:

"To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
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To honor his own word as if his God's
To lead sweet lives in purest chastity,
To love one maiden only, cleave to her,
And worship her by years of noble deeds."

Maltbie D. Babcock voiced his thought of the providence which gives us our daily bread in lines now widely known:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour the mill;
And back of the mill is the wheat, and the shower,
And the sun, and the Father's will."

Here is one of the useful rhymes that every youth should store in memory:

"Maintain your rank, vulgarity despise;
To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise."

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A Talk to Mothers

Every good mother is something of a doctor. She is called upon almost daily to practice medicine in the lesser ailments of the children. Frequently she is forced to use her skill on more important diseases until a doctor can be secured. Hence every mother should be as well informed as to advanced methods of sanitation and medical practice as possible. Here are some valuable medical facts which every mother ought to know.

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God gave him to his father and mother, brother and sister as a token of His love to them. He withdrew him at the young and tender age of 15 years, three months and three days to show His mighty power. His short life's work was finished on earth; God could use him best in heaven.

O, how sad to part with loved ones;
O, how much of grief we bear;
But in the bright land of glory,
We shall be united there.

Here the home ties oft are broken,
Here is left the vacant chair,
But in heaven we shall meet them;
There will be no parting there.

O, how sweet the thought to ponder,
O, the day—sweet happy day,
When we all shall meet up yonder,
And shall ever with them stay.

O, how sweet will be the meeting,
When we cease on earth to roam.
What a happy, happy meeting,
When we all are safe at home.

Whereas, a shadow of gloom has been cast in the home of our brother and sister by the removal of their only son, Joseph Alexander, be it resolved:

- First—That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.
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RESOLUTIONS ABOUT PRESIDENT SHELBURNE.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Resolutions adopted by the First Baptist church of Bristol on the occasion of a farewell service held just before the departure of Dr. J. M. Shelburne from the city after tendering his resignation as pastor of the church:

Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Shelburne, has tendered his resignation to this church to accept the presidency of Howard College at Birmingham, Ala.; and,

Whereas, the congregation of the First Baptist church, now in session, must say "farewell" to him who has been both pastor and friend... and as it is fitting on this occasion that the people who have followed under his Christian leadership shall publicly acknowledge their profound appreciation and testify to his splendid worth as a man and citizen, as advisor in our moral welfare, as counselor in our spiritual growth, and to whom every one, from the smallest to the greatest, from the poorest to the richest, might go in the hour of doubt and with the problems of life, confident that the way would be illumined; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the First Baptist church and congregation reverently bow to the will of Almighty God, who creates all things and rules all destinies, believing that however great may be the sadness of parting, the new work upon which our pastor is to enter will give him a broader field for carrying forward the divine plan and for sowing the seed of godly enthusiasm in the hearts of young men who are to go out into the world and push forward to a greater and more rapid expansion of Christian influence and civilization; be it further

Resolved, That the First Baptist church of Bristol has found in Dr. Shelburne a man of superb leadership, of vitalizing and energizing ability, whose poise, splendid judgment, wise planning and tireless energy have reorganized and regenerated our church and Bible school, and made them units of force and courage in the Master's work; and be it further

Resolved, That this congregation recognizes in Dr. Shelburne not only a lovable pastor, but a profound scholar, a superb organizer, a man of deep piety and of the highest and broadest Christian culture, whose philanthropy goes out with equal force and loyalty to humanity everywhere, regardless of race or station; be it further

Resolved, That we recognize in Dr. Shelburne a leader in laboring for the moral uplift of the community and in striving for civic righteousness among the people; and that in returning to the state of Alabama after a short sojourn of three years with us, his character and personality and force will continue to impress the minds of the best men and women; and in going from us we feel that we have not only lost a leader whom it has always been a pleasure, a profit and an inspiration to follow, but that the intellectual and social life of this city and community will likewise sadly miss him; be it further

Resolved, That we testify to our appreciation of Mrs. Shelburne and her strong qualities as organizer and leader in women's work, for since her advent into our midst she has proven herself a true pastor's wife, at all

times tactful and sympathetic, one who has given inspiration to the women of this congregation and led many into effective service. We witness her departure with many regrets, praying that she will ever find in Christian service that contentment which comes from work well done. We have enjoyed the presence of the beautiful children who have partially grown up in our midst and in our Bible school, and shall miss their merry voices and smiling faces.

Resolved, That our prayers and best wishes accompany Brother Shelburne and his family to their future home; that his work may be successful and pleasant; that his true worth may be appreciated, and that God may bless his labors in great abundance.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our church, and that they be published in the Religious Herald and Herald-Courier, in order that the public may know how profoundly we appreciate the service of Dr. Shelburne; that a copy of same be forwarded to the secretary of the board of trustees of Howard College at Birmingham, and that a copy also be presented to Dr. Shelburne.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. HOWELL,
F. M. RUNNELS,
J. A. CROCKETT,
MRS. W. P. HAMILTON,
MRS. JOHN B. REDFORD.

This is to certify that the above preamble and resolutions were read at a special meeting of the First Baptist church of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., on Sunday evening, December 29, 1912, and were unanimously adopted.

A. K. BROWN,
Church Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS ABOUT BROTHER LONGCRIER.

Whereas, Rev. J. H. Longcrier has resigned his pastorate of the Jasper Baptist church and moved from our midst, and accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Columbiana, Ala.; therefore be it resolved:

First—That it is with profound regret that we see our beloved brother and his consecrated wife and excellent family leave us.

Second—That his stay in our town of three years has been a great benediction to our church, our city and all the surrounding country.

Third—That it is the sense of this church that Brother Longcrier is a man of deep piety, a strong preacher and an excellent pastor, and that Mrs. Longcrier is one of the most devout, faithful and efficient church workers the church has ever known.

Fourth—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this church, that a copy be forwarded to the Alabama Baptist for publication, and that another copy be forwarded to Brother Longcrier.

W. H. MOORE,
Moderator.

W. D. MANASCO, Clerk.

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