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If you are paid to January, 1914, and are able to pay in advance we will greatly appreciate it, as it helps us to carry quite a number who are unable to do so.

The evangelists of the Home Board are now engaged in a state-wide evangelistic campaign in Louisiana. Six of the evangelists and four of the singers are in Shreveport, and the other evangelists and singers are out in the state. Evangelists Reese and Scholfield, of this city, are assisting Dr. Freeman at the Park View church, Shreveport.

The French Broad Avenue church is booming—54 additions during the month of December. We are in the very heart of 5,000 people, and hundreds of them non-church members. We have the best, the most beautiful and most central church lot in this section of the city. Wishing for you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am yours truly—John E. Barnard, Asheville, N. C.

We are beginning to erect a Baptist church house at Pelham, Ala., and are soliciting funds from every one we think might help. If you think it would do any good would thank you to make it known to the public through your paper. May God bless you and yours during this great new year.—S. A. Taylor (Pastor), East Lake.

(We hope a number will send contributions.)

The Rubama Baptist church passed a series of splendid resolutions about Prof. Spright Dowell, who for 10 years had been the superintendent of the Sunday school. Brother Dowell with his family having moved to Montgomery, where he has accepted the position as chief clerk in the department of public education. He and his family will be greatly missed from the Birmingham district.

Recently seven boys 14 years old were found with copies of obscene poetry in their pockets. When the Young Men's Christian Association secretary talked to the boys on the matter of personal purity every one testified that neither his father nor mother had ever spoken a word to him of the meaning and care of the body and of the mystery of life; and yet all of the boys were from what we call successful homes.

Five thousand clergymen throughout the country, members and correspondents of the Social Service Commissions of the various churches, have just received from the National Child Labor Committee a reminder that the last Sunday in January is Child Labor Day. The committee is also asking several hundred college presidents, school superintendents, principals and teachers to bring the subject of child labor before their students and pupils on Monday, the 26th of January. To all who wish to observe Child Labor Day three pamphlets will be sent upon request, free of charge, by the National Child Labor Committee, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York City.



REV. WILLIAM R. SEYMORE,

Who Has Accepted and Is Just Beginning His Pastorate at Highland Avenue Church, Montgomery. Welcome Back Home.

THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTIST LAYMEN.

Is open in Alabama now. From the start I have wished to enlist them and put them in the lead in our debt-paying campaign.

The money must come from them largely, and the energy to make it a success ought to come mainly from them. They are busy, of course, and so is every man who is bringing things to pass. I am sure

THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION

Has never taken hold of them: Some of our preachers are in the same state of mind. This is not an ordinary appeal for benevolence, which will be repeated time and again through the year. Not in the lifetime of many of us—maybe never again—will an appeal like it be made. If we succeed 100 years from now it will be cited as one of the great achievements "of the fathers." If we fail it means:—I decline to picture the results. I cannot bring myself to believe our people—preachers, laymen and good women—are going to allow it to fail.

The laymen in every church

SHOULD DO SOMETHING NOW.

Let them call themselves together at once and take action. Let them fix a liberal amount they are going to try to raise. If they need information, they can get it here. If they and the pastor feel that a speaker from the outside is needed, let them invite one, fix a night for his hearing, work him up the best congregation possible and provide for his entertainment and expenses. BUT IT IS BETTER NOT TO WAIT FOR A SPEAKER. Get the best information attainable and then see what can be done at once FOR CASH OR IN 100 DAYS. Let the "willing hearted" take it up. Converts will be won by the speaker when he comes, but "those whose hearts God has made willing" are the chief dependence.

We have done well up to this time, but we must move faster, for the time is limited and the hardest part of the road is before us. By March 1 we hope the whole amount will be pledged. We hope no county will fail to be represented with a creditable sum.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Brother Crumpton's appeal to the laymen ought to bring results. It is impossible for him to go everywhere. Pastors are busy and can render but little aid outside their fields. Let the laymen consider this:

Only 12 counties have been touched so far in the canvass. The results are: Thirty thousand dollars subscribed, more than a third of it paid in and the balance declared by our leader "as good as cash," and nearly \$30,000 more "undertaken."

This statement ought to impress every business man. In two months the laymen, if they will follow Brother Crumpton's suggestion, will provide every dollar to meet the debts which so oppress us.

If you are paid to January, 1914, and do not care to pay in advance, but are willing to pay in the spring or even next fall, do not stop your paper, but let it come on.

Rev. P. J. Soyars, of Richmond, Va., has accepted the care of the First Baptist church in Phoenix, to the delight of the members and others as well. We hope for great things in the future with this good man as leader. Fraternally—F. M. Flanigan. (We welcome him to Alabama.)

Our people at Alexander City greatly appreciated and much enjoyed the services of our wide-awake field secretary, Brother H. L. Strickland, the second Sunday in December. Brother W. W. Campbell can greatly stir our forces if he gets into the field. Our white gift service for the Sunday school on December 21 was successful and resulted in a goodly sum for the orphanage.—A. S. Smith, Alexander City.

I had my brother, A. D. Glass, to pay me a visit, and we spent the time holding services at Pleasant Hill and Friendship churches. The brethren and sisters seemed to be glad that he came. We decided at Pleasant Hill the best way to celebrate our Lord's birthday was to have a meeting and to be engaged in worship. We are planning to have an Elmore county association. Our intention is to organize on the fifth Sunday in March. Everybody seems to favor the county association, as the Central is so large.—T. W. Glass.

I see it is time for me to renew my subscription for the Alabama Baptist. Of course that is the thing for every Baptist to do at the right time. It is in our hearts to pay the balance on our church debt by next July. It will be a struggle for us, but we hope and pray for victory. That will put our church on a good basis for the great work to be done in North Alabama, especially Sheffield and Colbert Association. If any of our friends and former members who read the above want to hearten us by helping on the debt we will appreciate it and wisely use the money. Send any help to E. S. Little, treasurer. Fraternally—Isaac W. Martin, Sheffield.

Please grant me the privilege of introducing to the brethren of Alabama Rev. P. O. Soyars, who has just accepted a call to the First church, Phoenix City, Ala. Brother Soyars comes from East End Baptist church, Richmond, Va., where for a number of years he has been doing a splendid work. The Phoenix church is very fortunate in securing him for her shepherd. It was my privilege to know him very intimately at the seminary and to labor with him in the Old Dominion. I take great pleasure in introducing him to Alabama Baptists as a man of God, a pastor and an evangelist. When the brethren need help in meetings they will find in Brother Soyars the very best. He is a power in meetings.—W. P. Reeves, Tusculum, Ala.



A DEFENSE AND A PLEA



By H. B. WOODWARD

I want to read three passages of Scripture.

Acts 4:19-20: "But Peter and John answered and said unto them: Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Gal. 1:8-12: "But though we be an angel from heaven preach unto you any other gospel than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Jude 3: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."

"This vile world is set a friend to grace" nor is it friendly to those who preach salvation by grace through faith. It cast Peter and John into prison, turned the sleuth hounds of persecution loose on Paul while it preached the gospel of tradition and ceremonialism, and threatened in Jude's day to destroy "the faith." "The faith" in that Scripture means the body of doctrine taught in the word of God, centering in Christ and His work.

I am fully aware, my brethren, that in dwelling upon a theme which has been the general topic of five former sermons I may have been to some of you merely as "a voice crying in the wilderness." I have not been deaf to the call of "fraternal sentiment" to tread very softly. But I have been walking on the King's highway "where many saints have trod;" I have gone without limping and with a clear note of assurance in my words.

Error has captured many important citadels by putting upon its cohorts the uniform of truth. These it held in former years by the sword and the firebrand. Now, as these weapons are no longer possible for its use, it has run up high on the ramparts of these citadels the flag of truce, upon which has written large these and kindred mottoes: "Fraternal Sentiment," "Liberalism," "Modern Scholarship," "We All Understand Each Other," "We Are All Striving for the Same End," "Charity." So it has come about that when any one but a Roman Catholic dares to announce in a clear, frank way some of the distinctive doctrines for which his denomination stands he is branded at once as "a bigot," "narrow and ignorant." The result of that plea, if heeded, will undenominationalize every great denomination and give the world a devitalized Christianity. Error will be overlooked, condoned and finally endorsed. The doctrines which made the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists great in America will be declared obsolete, and, mark you, all of this in the name of charity. But the word of God (I Cor. 13:6) says, "Charity rejoiceth in the truth," and I may add, yes, and in the triumphs of the truth.

I make a simple, yet bold and as strong a plea as I am capable of doing for a consistent attitude and practice on the part of Baptists and evangelical Protestants. How can we send missionaries at great cost in money and lives to Roman Catholic countries to set at liberty the bodies and minds and souls of men who are held in the iron grip of Roman Catholic tyranny through priestcraft and keep our peace while Rome invades the United States with her un-American ideas and her un-Christian doctrines and keep her yoke of ecclesiastical power upon the necks of 12,000,000 Americans, while some of her prelates command her communicants to hiss if they should ever find themselves in a patriotic concourse of people who were singing

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing."

If Roman Catholic religion is not good enough for Europe, South America and Mexico, is it good enough

for the United States, for Alabama, for New Decatur?

If Rome's religion cannot save the souls and lives of men in these countries, can it save them in our country? If, as many of the foremost Christian thinkers and writers say, Roman Catholic religion is responsible largely for the unspeakable condition of the people in these countries, socially, morally and religiously, can we expect it to do better for our people in our beloved land? If we are expecting it to improve upon what we are standing as a ground for such a hope? As fast as Rome dare do it, she is checking the power of God's holy book by her traditions and priestcraft. As fast as she dare do it she is founding her secret institutions which after hundreds of years of toleration have been driven out of every country where they existed by the civil law. By her intrigue she drowns the Baptist voice bearing the Bible message of Christ formed in every man's, woman's and child's heart "the hope of glory," and God's holy book in every home as the "lamp unto their feet and the light unto their pathway."

In a sermon preached by a Roman Catholic clergyman in this city on October 31, 1913, a part of which appeared in the Decatur's Daily of November 1, 1913, the theme of this discourse was touched upon, and the paper states that he "took severely to task the Protestants concerning some of their doctrines. He arrogates to himself and the Catholic church all the correct knowledge of the Bible, and then dares to offer any Protestant in town \$10 who would correctly define the Roman Catholic position on the superstition of 'the communion of saints.'" Though I am not a Protestant, yet like my blessed Lord and Master I will answer the challenge by making one. Let any Roman Catholic in town or elsewhere answer: Is "infant baptism," "sprinkling and pouring for baptism," "transubstantiation," "Roman Catholic doctrine of purgatory," "masses for the dead," "praying to saints," "infallibility," the granting of "indulgences," "baptismal salvation," "extreme unction," etc., etc., from God or of men? If they are not found in the word of God, let any Roman Catholic show they are not in open violation of the following Scriptures: Deut. 4:2: "Ye shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall ye take away from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah, your God, which I command you." Deut. 12:32: "Every word that I am commanding you, that ye shall observe to do; thou shalt not add to it nor take away from it." Matt. 15:6: "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your traditions." Rev. 22:18-19: "I testify to every one that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, if any one shall add to them God shall add unto them the plagues that are written in this book; and if any one shall take away from the words of the prophecy of this book God will take away his part from the tree of life and out of the holy city which are written in this book. I John 2:4: "He that says I know him and keeps not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him."

What I say unto Roman Catholics I say unto all who trifle in any way and to any extent with one of God's commandments. Moreover, let the Roman Catholic hierarchy first cleanse her skirts of the "bloody inquisition," when she persecuted unto imprisonment, bodily torturing and death thousands of God's own dear children; and explain the unspeakable poverty, ignorance, superstition, vice and immorality in every land where she has held sway. Let her look at Italy and the other countries of Southern Europe; let her look at poor, bleeding Mexico; let her look at South America, where a great per cent of the children are born out of wedlock—one out of two in 185,000 population in Cuba. I repeat, let Roman Catholicism pull the beam out of her own eye before she sends one of her prelates to our town to pick the supposed mote of our ignorance of some of her gross superstitions falsely called Christian doctrines.

With that word and this little prayer—

"If I am right, thy grace impart,
Still in the right to stay;

If I am wrong, oh, teach my heart
To know the better way,"

I go on, knowing there is no pleasure comparable to that of standing on the vantage ground of truth; and since truth and the will of God are my guests and the word of God is my guide I will not "confer with flesh and blood," realizing that this I must do or "woe is me." The creed in the defense of which I have pledged my life is not like an heirloom, handed down from grandsire to son, but rather

"Like iron dug from central gloom,
And heated hot with burning fears,
And dipped in baths of hissing tears,
And battered by the shocks of doom—
To make it fit for use."

You ask me why I thus speak? "Hush! Be still and listen! All through the Christian ages—from dark and noisome dungeons, from the lone wanderings of banishment and expatriation, from the roarings and sickening conflagrations of martyr fires—there comes a voice—shouted here, whispered there, sighed, sobbed or gasped elsewhere—a Baptist voice, clearer than a silver trumpet and sweeter to me than the chimes of a thousand bells; a voice that freights and glorifies every breeze and gale that bears it. Oh, earth, hear it!" And ye "soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb," wheel into line and lift high the Bible as the all-sufficient rule of faith and polity and shout as ye march along: "Christ Himself set up His kingdom. Christ Himself established His church. Christ Himself gave us the Christian law. And the men whom He inspired furnish us with the only reliable record of these institutions. They had no successors. The record is complete. Prophecy and vision have ceased. The canon of revelation and the period of legislation are closed. Let no man dare to add to it or take from it, or dilute, or substitute for it. It is written. It is finished." Remember, ye blood-bought and blood-washed, the Captain of our salvation has sent forth this command: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo! I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Plant that banner high on the breastworks where error has taken refuge. Expect to see the walls fall, whether they be "Baptist Usage," "Methodist Discipline," "The Westminster Confession of Faith," "The Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England and Her Prayer Book," "Roman Catholic Idolatry and Superstition," "The Key to the Scriptures," "The Book of Mormon," "Russellism" or "Campbellism."

Lay the axe to the root of the trees and take up the voice of the first Baptist preacher: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire." Each soul must be born again. Each soul must repent for itself. Each soul must believe for itself. Each soul must obey for itself. These are the weapons of our warfare, which are not carnal, but spiritual. But as the carnal weapons, be they sword or battleship, are only effective when wielded by the trained hand and commanded by the trained patriot, so are these effective only when used by the true soldier of the cross. The "Thermopylae" of the Christian faith is the verbal inspiration, the infallibility, the authority, the all-sufficiency of God's holy word. Here let Baptists take their stand, and if they must, let them, like Leonidas and his 300 heroes, give their lives in its defense; and as above their fallen heroes the loyal Spartans wrote: "Oh, stranger! tell the Lacedaemonians that we are lying here, having believed and obeyed their words," the emancipated world will one day do so much for us. Or better still, like Paul, the bond slave of Christ and apostle unto the Gentiles, we ourselves will able to say: "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith," and we can hand down to those who are to follow the word of God untarnished and unhampered by the traditions of Rome and unshadowed by her priests.

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SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.—Eph. 6:10.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

All the strength of the world and all its beauty, all true joy, everything that consoles, that feeds hope or throws a ray of light along our dark paths, everything that makes us see across our poor lives to a splendid goal and a boundless future, comes to us from people of simplicity, those who have made another object of their desires than the passing satisfaction of selfishness and vanity and have understood that the art of living is to know how to give one's life.—Charles Wagner.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our missionary, Mrs. T. W. Ayres, of Hwang-Hien, North China.
Our seven Alabama girls who are in the Training School.
The ingathering of the Christmas offering.
The quarterly meetings of the associations.

THE 1914 PRAYER CALENDAR.

Every member of a missionary society should have a copy of the W. M. U. Prayer Calendar. Especially do we expect the Alabama women to be interested in it this year, since it was compiled by Mrs. R. V. Taylor, of Mobile. Have you a copy? If not you may order it from the mission rooms in Montgomery for 15 cents. Order before the supply is exhausted.

THE GIVING ALPHABET.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.—1 Chron. 29:14.

Bring be all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Mal. 3:10.

Charge them that are rich in this world . . . that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.—1 Tim. 6:17-18.

Do good unto all men.—Gal. 6:10.

Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity.—II Cor. 9:7.

Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8.

God loveth a cheerful giver.—II Cor. 9:7.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—Prov. 3:9-10.

I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.—II Sam. 24:24.

Jesus . . . said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20:35.

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.—Eph. 6:8.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.—Matt. 6:20.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.—I John 3:18.

Now concerning the collection for the saints, . . . upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.—I Cor. 14:1-2.

Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.—Gen. 28:2.

Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where on thine approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.—Luke 12:33.

Quench not the spirit.—I Thess. verse 19.

Render . . . unto God the things that are God's.—Matt. 22:21.

See that ye abound in this grace also.—II Cor. 8:7.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.—Hag. 2:8.

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.—Luke 12:48.

Vow and pay unto the Lord.—Ps. 76:11.

Who so hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?—I John 3:17.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—II Cor. 8:9.

Zealous of good works.—Titus 2:14.—Friends' Missionary Advocate.

BETHLEHEM W. M. U. MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethlehem Baptist Association was held at Zion church, Axle, Ala., on Friday, December 12. Our faithful superintendent, Mrs. Finklea, was present and presided over the meeting.

Opening hymn, "Joy to the World."

Watchword, "Serve Jehovah with Gladness."

Mrs. N. B. McNeil led the devotional exercises of the morning.

Welcome address—Mrs. Weston.

Response—Mrs. Finklea.

Roll call of societies, with brief reports of past quarter.

Mrs. Sam Nettles made a splendid report of the Sunbeam band.

Y. W. A. report—Miss Julia Lambert.

Digest of the address of our president at the State W. M. U. Convention in Tusculumbia—Mrs. Joe Nettles.

"Am I Really Interested in Missions? If Not, How May I Become so?"—Miss Lucile Carter.

Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

"Our Literature"—Miss Callie Faulk.

We had the pleasure of having with us Mrs. Bouldin, a returned missionary from Japan. Her talk was most interesting and greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bouldin had with her many curios she had brought over from the foreign land.

A delicious lunch was served by the good ladies of Axle at the noon hour.

Hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

"Our Mission Love Chain"—Each giving the name and some account of a missionary, with request for prayer.

"Japan as a Mission Field Today"—Mrs. Bouldin. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tunnel Springs in March, the date to be announced later.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Finklea.

MRS. L. J. BUGG,
Recording Secretary.

COOSA RIVER W. M. U.

A band earnest women met at the First Baptist church, of Talladega, on Friday, December 5, to hold the regular quarterly all-day meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Coosa River Baptist Association. Following is a report of the proceedings:

Morning Session.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by the superintendent, Mrs. John C. Williams. All joined in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The spirit of praise filled the hearts of all attending.

Devotional service; theme, "Joy in Giving" (146th Psalm)—Mrs. P. M. Rowland.

Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Words of welcome extended by Mrs. J. M. Thomas.

Response by Mrs. J. B. Russell, of Alpine.

The meeting was blessed by the presence of Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, of Anniston, vice-president of the East Alabama District, and four of her co-workers—Miss L. J. Martin, Mrs. J. M. McKleroy, Mrs. J. H. Snodgrass and Mrs. J. F. Landt, of the Anniston W. M. U.

"Personal Service"—Mrs. J. A. Edwards spoke earnestly on this subject. She is well fitted to advise and instruct on this vital question. Her days are spent in this work.

Miss Martin and Mrs. Snodgrass, in brief talks on the same subject, said: "We must be doers and not hearers. We must minister to the physical needs before we can reach the heart. Loyalty is the keynote of personal service."

Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Our apportionment was discussed by the superintendent.

Mrs. Reynolds, beaming with love and loyalty for Christ and humanity, says the work of personal service is close to the heart. She gave a digest of the address of our president, Mrs. Charles Stakely, at the State W. M. U. Convention at Tusculumbia.

Mrs. J. T. Watt read in full the report of the Tusculumbia convention by Mrs. Yarbrough.

Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

The program was in charge of the Y. W. A's. These young women are a tower of strength in the upbuilding of the kingdom.

Prayer by Mrs. Landt.

Song, "More Like the Master."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. James Ivey. Theme: "Consecration." Mrs. Ivey paid a loving tribute to our dear departed co-worker, Mrs. Essie Dean, whose life of consecration was worthy of imitation.

Song, "Draw Me Nearer."

"Am I Really Interested in Missions?"—Miss Maude Edwards.

Prayer—Miss Vesta Baker.

Mrs. J. S. Ganey, of Sylacauga, read a paper on the subject, "How to Win the Other Woman," giving several reasons why a Christian woman should belong to the W. M. U.

The following societies responded to roll call: Mt. Ida, Sylacauga, Talladega, Willsonville and Winterboro, all giving encouraging reports of work accomplished, each having met their apportionment.

Mrs. Landt interested all on the subject of "Tithing."

Open parliament was conducted by Mrs. Reynolds. A number of ladies spoke on different topics at this time.

The use of the expense fund was explained by Mrs. Reynolds.

Prayer by Mrs. S. F. Seals, of Willsonville.

Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie."

The Meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. The Sylacauga representatives asked not for delegates, but for every one from each society, who could, to attend the next quarterly all-day meeting. Place: Sylacauga. Time: Friday, March 6, 1914.

ELIZABETH HOOD, Secretary.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION.

Nearly 4,000 students, professors and other representatives of 155 institutions of higher learning of the United States and Canada met at Kansas City December 31 to January 4 in the seventh international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. Two hundred and seventy-nine secretaries, missionaries and other representatives of the Foreign Mission boards of North America; 53 editors and special correspondents of the religious press, 245 special delegates and guests, and 150 laymen representing the Laymen's Missionary Movement, made a total registration of 5,011, exceeding by nearly 800 the attendance at any previous convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. The number of institutions represented was also in excess of any of the earlier quadrennial gatherings, while the presence at the convention of nearly 200 Oriental students—Chinese and Japanese for the most part—contributed a new and unique element to the convention personnel.

The purpose of the convention, as of its predecessors, was to bring together the leading Christian students and professors of North America and the leaders of the foreign missionary enterprise for helpful association and conference; to consider unitedly the problems of the evangelization of the non-Christian world; to gain inspiration and a vision of the foreign missionary responsibility of the church, and to pray and earnestly to resolve to enter with greater consecration upon the work of extending the kingdom of Christ among the non-Christian nations.

The great themes of the convention turned upon the larger discovery of God; a greater appropriation of the spiritual resources available to every worker in the kingdom; the tragic and compelling needs of the nations of the earth; especially those pre-eminently non-Christian; the characteristics, equipment and training of worthy workers for foreign service; the message they are to deliver; the development of an adequate financial base at home, and the significance of the general outreach of North American social, intellectual and commercial life, as well as that distinctively missionary.

There were a number of notable addresses.

The present status and the future task of the Student Volunteer Movement were set forth in the report of the executive committee of the movement as read by its chairman, Dr. John R. Mott. Here are some of the most significant paragraphs:

The distinctive purpose of the Volunteer Movement is to secure student volunteers who will actually go forth from the United States and Canada and spend their lives in non-Christian lands in the work of establishing Christ's kingdom. The supreme and only sufficient test by which it should be tried and judged is its efficiency in this vital respect. It is a ground for sincere gratitude, therefore, that within the lifetime of the movement 5,882 of its members have sailed. They have gone out to the foreign field under the auspices of over 70 missionary agencies, practically all being connected with the recognized missionary societies of the various Christian communions of the United States and Canada. They are distributed throughout the non-Christian world as follows: Africa, 638; Arabia, 26; Central America, 49; China, 1,729; India, Burma and Ceylon, 1,122; Japan and Korea, 743; Latin and Greek countries of Europe, 28; Mexico, 163; Oceania, 67; Persia, 51; Philippine Islands, 163; Siam, Laos and Straits Settlements, 104; South America, 359; Turkish empire, 221; West Indies, 177; other countries, 225. Total, 5,882.

Most gratifying is the fact that during the four years which have elapsed since the Rochester convention 1,466 volunteers have sailed. This is a far larger number than have gone out during any preceding quadrennium. It exceeds the number who sailed during the first 12 years of the life of the movement.

WE NEED GREASE.

We haven't time, space or knowledge to describe the new currency bill, but we know nearly all business in this country is done on "time" and that denominational newspapers are largely operated in this way. The amount of credit or time allowed varies in different businesses. We can run you for one year under the postal laws. It is estimated that less than 5 per cent of the total volume of business is done with actual cash, and we know that we handle mighty little of it. The cash is really used only to make change with; it merely greases the wheels of trade and industry. So long as there is credit there is prosperity and general confidence, business goes along very smoothly, but when anything occurs to interrupt or disturb confidence then there is not enough grease to go round. Credit that is not gilt-edged then becomes of no avail, and no matter how badly people may need cash to tide them over it is often impossible to get it, and we have frequently found this the case. Then there are failures; one concern brings down another, like a row of bricks stood on end, and we have known of religious papers that were forced into liquidation on account of delinquent subscribers.

Now we are willing to extend one year's credit to any Baptist in Alabama for the Alabama Baptist, but our presses are beginning to squeak, and it will take a whole lot of axle-grease to keep the wheels going round.

Here is a significant fact which was brought out at the recent Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City:

During the last year the colleges and seminaries secured \$220,804 for missionary objects, of which about one-half was contributed by the students themselves, and the rest was secured by them from the professors and immediate friends. This is, of course, in addition to what the students and professors give in connection with the churches they attend. Among the institutions which are giving most largely are Yale, Princeton, the University of Toronto, the University of Pennsylvania, Oberlin, the University of Michigan and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is gratifying to know that by far the larger part of the student contributions is given through the regular mission boards.

HAVE YOU GOT \$5.00?

We suppose only a few will have this much cash on hand after New Year, but to the fortunate ones we make the following offer:

All those who send us \$5.00 at once will be credited with three years' subscription, whether it be a new or an old subscriber. If you are one year behind the \$5.00 will pay that and put you two years in advance; or if you should happen to be two years behind it will pay that and give you one year in advance. This will save you \$1.00 and the trouble of sending in each year, and it will save us money in the way of agents' commission.

KIND WORDS

Please mark me up with the enclosed \$5 and oblige—Mrs. J. T. Barnett.

I must express my appreciation of your valuable paper. I wish you and yours a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Mrs. M. E. Thomas. (Pays ahead.)

May the Alabama Baptist have the best year that it has ever experienced. May God bless you and use you for His glory. Fraternally—J. H. Pope. (Pays ahead.)

My subscription is not quite out, but I will send you \$2, which will pay till January, 1915. I don't feel like reading it on a credit. I am well pleased with the paper. I wish you a happy New Year and much success.—Mrs. L. J. Thompson.

I am going to make a tour of my field and see if I can get you some new subscribers and collect some back dues. You can expect to hear from me inside of two weeks. Yours fraternally—Chas. H. German. (Wish other pastors would do likewise.)

I am glad that I am in the race to help you all I can. The Alabama Baptist is a leader for all the good. I am pastor of three churches, the membership of which is about 300. I want the prayers of the righteous. May God keep you all.—J. H. Hunt.

May you receive sufficient encouragement to give us a better paper each passing year. Every Baptist should take it. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous year. Fraternally—J. M. Head. (Pays ahead.)

When I was converted, several years ago, I began taking the Alabama Baptist. It has been coming to me ever since. I like it and enjoy reading it. I am trying to finish at the seminary this year. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, fraternally—J. S. Hartsfield.

I am not likely ever to make my home in Alabama again, and I sometimes think of stopping the paper, but it is such a blessing to me and I have so much confidence in its editor I can't stop it yet. So let it come on. Yours truly—H. J. Carlisle, Calloway, Fla. (He sent \$1.)

I spent last week with the Local saints. We expected to have a revival, but on account of sickness and moving we had to postpone it. They gave us a pounding—hogs, corn, potatoes, syrup, chickens, canned fruit, etc. May the Lord richly reward every one of them.—J. W. Jones.

Find enclosed \$4 to pay my subscription for 1913 and 1914. Thanking you for credit for 1913, and wishing you a happy New Year and good success in 1914, is the desire of a Baptist.

(This from a good sister. Will not others be as kind?)

Am sending you \$5 for three years' subscription to the Alabama Baptist. We appreciate your paper and your faithfulness to the cause of Christ. When convenient stop over. We are especially anxious for you to visit our school. Wishing continued blessings upon you and your work, I am yours truly—T. D. Morton, Newton.

This makes the seventy-second Christmas that I have passed. I found an old darkey, whose name was Tom Dozier, who was in need of food and clothing. He is 107 years old. I got busy in his behalf and sent it to him by the Santa Claus route. Yours respectfully—J. T. Watson. (And he paid ahead.)

I like the paper and do not want to do without it as long as I can pay for it. Wishing you a happy New Year and a long and prosperous life, that 1914 may be the best year in the history of the paper, and that God may bless you and yours, I am yours truly—G. H. Mayton. (Pays ahead.)

Please stop my paper on account of the price. I think the price is too high for the paper. I can get advertisements cheaper than I can through your paper. If I am due you anything let me know and I will send it to you. Yours truly—
(Glad he was honest enough to want to pay back dues.)

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The date printed at right of your name on address label indicates the month with which your subscription to the Alabama Baptist expired or will expire. Many, many hundreds of subscriptions expire at this time of the year, and we ask you to look at your address label and if your subscription has expired to forward your subscription direct to us and thus save us the expense of notifying you by letter of the expiration of your subscription. We are planning to give you a better paper this fall and winter and you can help us a great deal by seeing that we receive your renewal subscription promptly. Do it now!

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IN CLARKE COUNTY.

It was my happy privilege to spend last week in Clarke county, dividing the time between Jackson, Grove Hill and Thomasville. In each place we had good meetings.

At Jackson Rev. A. P. Moore is pastor. Brother Moore has been there since August, and is leading his people into greater things. He seems to have the love and co-operation of practically all his people and is planning for the best and most modern for every department of his church. He and Mrs. Moore will be a great help to the town and to the Clarke County Association. Dr. G. S. Chapman, who is superintendent of the Sunday school, requested that the school be graded Sunday morning, which was done. Sunday afternoon we made a house-to-house canvass of Jackson, and Monday morning tabulated the returns for use of pastor, superintendent and teachers. Departments were organized, new teachers were provided, and I confidently expect to see the average attendance doubled within the next three months.

It was a pleasure to be a guest in Brother Moore's home and also to be in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chapman for a meal. On Tuesday morning as I was leaving Dr. Chapman "Old Jim" and I had a race for the train, winning by a safe margin.

Tuesday and Wednesday were spent at Grove Hill, where that energetic and big-hearted veteran of 21 years' service in the county association, Brother W. D. Dunn, holds sway as superintendent and where the equally

FIELD FORCE:
HARRY L. STRICKLAND, Secretary, Birmingham
MISS LILLIAN S. FORBES, Birmingham BUNYAN DAVIE, Clayton
A. L. STEPHENS, Phil Campbell



BEGINNERS AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS AND MOTHERS' CLASS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Miss Alice Hale, Superintendent.

While the departments are being taught in classes, Miss Hale teaches the mothers' class. This is an admirable arrangement.



FOURTH GRADE JUNIOR BOYS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST ON A "HIKE."

Class Name, "Light Bearers"—Teacher, Mr. Hubbard Stamps.

Brother Stamps is a lover of boys and their work, and withal a capable leader and teacher. Mrs. W. L. Rosamond is the superintendent of the junior department.

ned for the Birmingham district, makes an enlargement of floor space necessary. And while we have a much better office, with room for our actual needs, it only entails an extra expense of \$5 per month, by reason of the fact that the building managers give us a special rate.

Brother J. D. Ray, who is in charge of the various forms of associational work in the Birmingham Association, has been invited to share the office with us. We hope he will accept, thus making the rooms headquarters for this section. Visitors from in and out of Birmingham are cordially invited to call and to make use of the office for the purposes for which it is intended.

L. S.

BEGINNERS' AND PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING OF THE PARKER MEMORIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Each Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the beginners' and primary teachers meet at the home of the assistant superintendent of the primary department to hold a weekly teachers' meeting. This meeting always closes promptly at 11 o'clock, never lasting over one hour. A special prayer is always had for the teachers and pupils of these departments. The first 30 minutes are spent in the study of a book helpful to teachers of little children. On last Thursday "Talks with the Training Class," by Margaret Slatery, was completed. This book gave much practical help and gives many fine suggestions for a real individual study of each child in the department. This class was conducted by the assistant superintendent of these two departments. Six of the teachers will receive seals, several making 100 per cent on their examination.

The last 30 minutes is conducted by the primary superintendent, who calls for a report from each teacher of the number of pupils absent on the past Sunday and the cause of their absence, which the teacher has found out since Sunday. The names of any new scholars are handed in and the department secretary reports them to the general secretary of the school the following Sunday. The teacher finds out if the new scholar intends coming regularly before she reports a new pupil. Different books helpful to the mothers of the beginners' and primary departments are given to the teachers, and they leave them with the mothers for a certain length of time and then call for them. New plans are discussed and any new ideas helpful to the teachers are suggested. The teachers are more interested and are doing more real earnest work since the teachers' meeting has been held than ever before.

V. H. BOWCOCK,
Assistant Superintendent.

Despite the cold weather we had good crowds at Bear Creek No. 2 Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$3. Rev. A. L. Stephens will teach three training schools in our association this winter. We are so glad to have his noble man of God come into our midst. He is now located at Phil Campbell. Fraternally—J. A. Love.



MISS LILLIAN MICKLEWRIGHT.

Miss Micklewright is a teacher of intermediate girls in the Central Baptist Sunday school at Argo, Ala. For three years she has not been absent, has not been late and has not failed to bring an offering. This would be a remarkable record in a city where sidewalks afford easy travelling in bad weather, but is all the more remarkable when the disadvantages of the average rural district are considered. Mrs. Stella Sassnett, superintendent of the secondary division in this school, sends the photo and the evidence of the appreciation of all connected for the faithfulness of this consecrated teacher.

enterprising and lovable brother, J. O. Bledsoe, is pastor.

We held four services, each of which was well attended. Of course we found the school there well organized, and they had just recently made a canvass of the town. On Wednesday night a training class was organized with an enrollment of nine. Others will no doubt join. Every courtesy was shown the visitor, who with the pastor, Brother Bledsoe, enjoyed old-time southern hospitality in Brother Dunn's home for a noonday meal.

The last engagement was at Thomasville and included two services. Brother J. F. Brock is the pastor here. He is much interested in the advancement of every department of his work, not only locally, but in the association and elsewhere. The physical equipment at Thomasville is very fine. They have a large and commodious building, and certainly I have never spoken to a more interested audience anywhere in Alabama. Arrangements were made to take a religious census

there and organize a new training class in the new Convention Manual.

Brother William Kerridge, who for upwards of 20 years has worked in Bethel and Clarke County Associations, was with us for both services.

I am also indebted to Brother J. H. Creighton, who for many years has been clerk of the association, for courtesies extended.

Final arrangements were made for four associational schools to be held the first part of July.

For kindnesses and courtesies many and hearty I return my sincere thanks to all, with the hope that God may bring an abundant increase in Clarke county during 1914.

HARRY L. STRICKLAND.

IN NEW QUARTERS.

We remain in the same building and on the same floor, but change from room 514 to rooms 504 and 505 Farley building. The mass of work accumulating from over the state, together with many new features plan-

HOW SHAKING HANDS DIMINISHED THE CONGREGATION.

After introducing Mr. Roberts to each guest Mr. Dodge explained to his friend the several subjects which had been covered by the speakers, and said that they were about to hear from the Rev. Gideon Bennett, who would speak concerning recent developments in his church.

The minister, however, replied to his host: "As I think it over, Mr. Dodge, I really must ask to be excused, for I see clearly that this is a laymen's meeting. I am enjoying myself immensely, and my notebook is full of many valuable suggestions. It seems to me, however, that my deacon, who was born and brought up in the town where our church is located, can tell the story better than I can. Indeed, what has been accomplished has been very largely because he has stood by me faithfully, in many trying experiences. How many times I have heard him say to me, 'Pastor, don't mind what they say; you know you are right; therefore go ahead.'"

"Well," said the deacon, "perhaps it would be better for me to tell about it, for my pastor wouldn't give you more than half of what ought to be said."

"Be careful now, deacon," said the pastor. "Don't add any tassels to the story."

Mr. Roberts broke into a laugh at this reference to the tassels, and the deacon replied:

"Don't worry, pastor, for the barrel that I am going to open has the same kind of apples at the bottom as it has at the top."

This was indeed a very felicitous introduction, for the pastor said:

"And I can certify to the fact that the deacons in our church get the highest prices for their apples in the New York market of any that are sent from our town."

"Well," replied the deacon, "I will tell only the truth, all of which these people ought to have."

Then he took a long breath and said: "I really don't know where to begin, for there is nothing the same as it used to be in our town except the natural scenery. We were all discouraged and everything was running to tailings for many years."

"If the two ministers will pardon me, I will say that we had a pastor who stayed with us for more than seven years, and he was one of the best men who ever wore a white tie, but the trouble was he never wore any other kind, and sometimes that didn't stay white. Then, too, he wasn't a good mixer, and he was high and mighty in his manner and very careless in his dress."

"When he shook hands the women used to cringe, but he never seemed to notice when they winced. I myself have a pretty good grip, but I've had my fingers ache for an hour after meeting him at the church door."

"Do you know I believe that awful vise-like grip cut our congregation down one-third, for he had a way of reaching the door first, and few ever got by without getting that fearful squeezing."

"Yes," resumed the deacon, "and when he shook your hand he jerked it up and down as if he had hold of a pump handle, but some Sundays he shook hands with a side motion in a way that was very laughable, and people used to say, after the benediction, as they were passing down toward the front door, 'Do you suppose it will be up and down today, or sideways?'"

Mr. Roberts at this moment caught Mr. Dodge's eye and both led the general merriment again.

"Well, after a while he resigned and went to farming, and I understand has recently taken a pastorate again."

"He was a very earnest preacher, but he spoke so loud that most of the time you couldn't hear what he said, and then every once in a while he would drop to a whisper and talk so low that you could simply see his mouth go."

"Yes, yes," said Dr. Jenkins, "and that is an awful fault in a preacher," as he laughed heartily.

"But we got used to that after four or five years," said the deacon, "and we had about a dozen deaf people in our church, and he was a very popular preacher with them, for when he shouted they got a part of it, and when he whispered the lip readers got the rest."

"The worst thing about this good man was, however, that he seemed to care no more for missions than he did for the sea gulls, and my wife said to me one day that she really believed that Mrs. Water-

bury must have had some such man as our elder in mind when she told of the man who didn't know the difference between a Telugu and telephone."

"After the minister preached his farewell sermon a paper in a neighboring town had a wonderful account of it. The last words which the writer had sent were these: 'Without doubt Brother Dearborn's last year was the crowning year in the history of the church.' The editor, however, was a born wag, and he left one letter out in the word crowning, so that it read, 'Without doubt the last year was the crowing year in the history of the church.'"

"Well, listen, my friends; it is a long road that doesn't have a turn, and when our new minister came the finances for several years had been pulling very hard, and we were getting at last \$175 assistance from the convention."

"The first thing our new pastor, who is here with us today, God bless him! said to our committee was that it was his ambition to have the church free from the convention within three years. Some of our members you know had heard about the large amount of money that the convention had left to it and wanted to get some of it, as well as some of the other churches, about which they learned at the meetings of the association."

"Well, the first spring after our minister came he began to talk about repairing the church. He said they all knew he didn't have any money, but he offered to give \$100 in labor by working at least one day a week. It appears that he had learned the carpenter's trade before he became a minister, and so we knew that offer meant a good deal. Others promised work, lumber and money."

"We first built our horse sheds with sliding doors, so that the horses would not freeze the next winter while the saints sat in the warm church; but to make a long story short, in nine months we had collected in work and money \$1,700, and our church looked as slick as a whistle. The outsiders that had never paid much attention to us began to come in and the congregation grew, slowly, but surely. The new minister, too, knows how to shake hands right, and we can hear him when he preaches."

"On the first Sunday in September the pastor said, without consulting any of us, 'Brethren and sisters, I believe our church can drop \$50 of the help of the convention this year.' And do you know we voted to do it that day, and the next September we voted to drop \$50 more, and the third September \$75 that was left wasn't asked for."

"But the missionary end of it was the best of all. Under the inspiration of our new minister, who was working with his hands as well as with his head and heart, we began a weekly envelope system for current expenses, made the pews free after it was discussed in at least a half dozen adjourned church meetings, and canvassed the people for weekly collections for missions also."

"The response was wonderful. Everybody seemed to help, and we have increased the amounts each year since then. That was three years ago, and the first year we raised \$130, the second year \$160 for all missions; last year we increased our pastor's salary \$100 and added \$40 to the missionary funds, bringing them up to \$200."

"Our minister now also preaches in another church four miles away that used to pay \$500 and parsonage. When they asked him if he would preach for them he said: 'Yes, if my church is willing, and on one other condition, and that is that you will give up the \$200 convention money that you have.'"

"The plan has been working a year, and that church has sold the parsonage and put the money in a bank as a fund to care for poor people."

"Our pastor also introduced into that other church the same plan for missions, and last year they raised \$78, and expect to get up to \$100 next year. Our minister came to us at \$600 and parsonage, and now he gets from both churches \$1,000 and parsonage, and it is one of the best charges in the state."

"We have no rich people in our town and there is not one person in either church worth more than \$5,000, and many of them haven't their farms paid for yet."

"The funny part was that during all that time, when both churches thought they were so poor that they must have convention help, the sisters in both parishes for over 20 years had their Home and Foreign Mission circles and some time in each church they raised as high as \$20 and once over \$30 for each of their societies."

With these words the deacon concluded, and Mr. Dodge inquired if any one had any questions to ask or remarks to offer.

This is a chapter from "Lincoln Dodge, Layman," by Charles L. White, and it can be obtained from the Mission Press, 23 East Twentysixth street, New York City, at 15 cents a copy or 10 copies for \$1, postpaid.

CATHOLIC ATROCITIES.

Whenever a Catholic begins to talk about the blessings of Catholicism read the following taken from the fourth chapter of "The Struggle for Christian Truth in Italy" written by Giovanni Luzzi. It deals with the history of the Waldenses, beginning with the conversion of Peter Valdo (1173), through all their vicissitudes, their struggles, persecutions, sufferings, martyrdoms, heroisms—scarcely paralleled in the history of the world. Here is his description of the massacre, which, because it took place on Easter (April 24, 1665), was called "Le Pasque Piemontese," the Piedmontese Easter:

"The infamous outrages and terrible tortures inflicted on men, women and children before they were put to death cannot be retold. Such an escape died in great numbers on the mountains, where the snow was still deep, whilst the soldiers of the Roman Catholic church were setting fire to churches and houses, uprooting trees and vineyards, and reducing the whole country to a wilderness, strewn with naked and mutilated corpses. When the soldiers had satiated themselves with slaughtering, nailing up and flaying their victims, they dragged those who remained into prison, for the purpose of giving up some to public execution for the benefit of the inhabitants in the plains, and of leaving the rest to die of hunger in fetid jails. The children, dispersed all over Piedmont, were brought up in the faith of those murderers. A cry of horror arose from the valleys which was heard throughout all Europe; Cromwell intervened with threats; even Louis XIV interposed to stop the inhuman massacre, the memory of which Milton transmitted to posterity in his immortal sonnet:

"Avenge, O Lord! thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold;
Even them who kept thy truth so pure of old,
When all our fathers worshiped stocks and stones,
Forget not; in thy book record their groans
Who were thy sheep, and in their ancient fold
Slain by the bloody Piedmontese that rolled
Mother with infant down the rocks. Their moans
The vales redoubled to the hills, and they
To heaven. Their martyred blood and ashes sow
O'er all the Italian fields, where still doth sway
The triple tyrant; that from these may grow
A hundred-fold, who having learned thy way
Early may fly the Babylonian woe."

"But Louis XIV, advanced in age, was getting anxious about securing absolution from the church for his impure and scandalous life; and to make certain of getting it, he revoked the Edict of Nantes; that is to say, he let loose the fierce fanaticism of one church of Rome against Protestants. He did not want to have all the glory of such an iniquitous undertaking for himself; and, therefore, he asked Victor Amadeus II, Duke of Savoy, to share it with him; and the duke on the 30th of January, 1686, published an edict of persecution, in consequence of which blood flowed freely again in the valleys, 14,000 Waldenses were dragged into prison, 2,000 children were forcibly confined in houses and monasteries in order to be taught the Roman catechism, and a remnant of armed peasants had to go into exile. Of the 14,000 who were imprisoned 11,000 perished of hunger, fever and infection in the darkness of their damp and pestilential jails. Of the surviving remnant only 2,500 arrived by the end of April, 1687, in hospitable Geneva, while 500 others during that severe winter died of hunger or cold and marked with their dead bodies the via crucis of their exile."

In the table talk at a banquet a popular preacher said: "The world is surely growing better; my audiences are increasing every year." "And so are mine," said a prison chaplain.

We sympathize with Dr. A. J. Barton, secretary of the Education Commission of Texas, who recently returned from a trip to find that his home and household goods had been destroyed by fire. The insurance by means covered his actual losses.

ALABAMA BAPTIST MINISTERIAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Enterprise, Ala., Nov. 19, 1913.

The Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society held its eleventh annual meeting in the Baptist church, Enterprise, Ala., November 19, 1913. President W. B. Crumpton and Secretary-Treasurer W. J. Elliott read their annual reports, which were unanimously adopted, as follows:

Financial Statement.

The statement of finances for the year and four months ending November 15, 1913, is as follows:

Received.	
Cash on hand July 15, 1912.....	\$ 498.99
Membership fees.....	521.00
Assessment No. 16, Rev. F. M. Woods.....	604.00
Assessment No. 17, Rev. W. V. Vice.....	560.00
	\$2,183.99
Paid Out.	
General expenses.....	\$ 256.12
Assessment No. 16, Mrs. F. M. Woods.....	600.00
Assessment No. 17, Mrs. W. V. Vice.....	550.00
Dues and assessments Rev. A. Y. Napier.....	5.00
Cash on hand November 15, 1913.....	772.87
	\$2,183.92

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Secretary-Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of W. J. Elliott, secretary-treasurer, and find the same correct and supported by vouchers.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Auditor.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 15, 1913.

The Eleventh Annual Report.

Dear Brethren:

All are aware of the loss by death of two of our beloved brethren, W. V. Vice and F. M. Woods. Death claimed one of our honored honorary members, Brother T. U. Crumpton.

We are sorry to report the loss of 20 members for non-payment of dues and assessments. The families of some of them, no doubt, will greatly regret their action.

Since our organization, 11 years ago, we have lost 17 members. Those of us who have been in from the beginning have paid out an average of \$4 each year. Certainly a very small per cent on a possible \$500 our families would have received had any of us died.

Besides the very cheap insurance we have been carrying for the benefit of our families, we have aided 17 families left, in some cases, almost penniless. Who would want his money back? It is gratifying to know we have a net gain of 36.

Many of our laymen would gladly become honorary members with us if the matter were explained to them.

Out of the 1,200 or 1,400 ordained ministers we have in the state surely we should have more of them members of our society.

The secretary-treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$772.87. Why should not some of this money be placed where it would be bringing us an income? I would suggest that the executive committee be instructed to loan it out on good security or deposit it in a savings bank.

At this convention let every one of the members go out and "compel them to come in," if any are found eligible outside of the fold. Let's have 200 at this meeting. We can if we will.

Respectfully,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

W. J. Elliott and others discussed the work of the society, after which the following officers were re-elected: President, W. B. Crumpton; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Elliott; executive committee, president, secretary-treasurer, C. A. Stakely, J. A. Cook and J. H. Bush.

At a call meeting of the society Thursday morning at 8:30, Dr. Crumpton presiding, the constitution was amended so as to read as follows: "Any ordained white Missionary Baptist preacher under 65 years of age, having charge of a church or churches, or any other white person engaged exclusively in denominational work in reasonable good health," etc.

Rev. J. H. Longier was requested to confer with the program committee and ask them to give us a suitable place on the program of the Ministers' Meeting next year.

W. B. CRUMPTON,
President.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Elliott endorses the suggestions made by Brethren Dunaway, Stewart and Dickinson, and stands ready to receive and receipt for any money sent in by churches or individuals to be used along the lines suggested by them.

B. Y. P. U. ANNOUNCEMENT.

The board of managers of the B. Y. P. U. of America have officially invited the B. Y. P. U. of the South, through its officers and field secretaries to join with them in the Kansas City convention, July 2-5, 1914, styling the convention, "The twenty-first convention of B. Y. P. U. A., held jointly with B. Y. P. U. South." The program committee, advertising committee and general committee of arrangements will be equally

divided between representatives of B. Y. P. U. A. and B. Y. P. U. South.

Pursuant of the call of the chairman, the executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. South met in Louisville, Ky., Monday, December 15. The committee sought and secured the attendance and counsel of the corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board, Dr. J. M. Frost. After a full and frank discussion of the invitation of the B. Y. P. U. of America it was unanimously voted to send Chairman B. A. Dawes and Corresponding Secretary Thomas J. Watts to Cincinnati on December 17 to sit with General Secretary W. E. Chalmers and E. T. Clissold, of the B. Y. P. U. of America, in the capacity of a joint program committee. To Chairman Dawes and Secretary Watts was given power to act with reference to the whole matter as they, after a full conference with the representatives of the B. Y. P. U. A., should deem wisest and best. This conference resulted in the acceptance of the invitation of the B. Y. P. U. of America in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. of the South, the selection of a general committee of arrangements and the blocking out in a tentative way of the program of the convention.

BOOK REVIEW

"Brothering the Boy."

By W. Edward Rafferty.

Creed and crime of gain persist. But the brother himself is painfully aware of the cry of his brother's blood, and sinews of body and soul become tense with effort to transform age-long social failures into success at last. These pages tell of art nobler than that of Praxiteles, science with farther reach of results than that can boast which builds a staircase of water over the Panama barrier—the art and the science of brothering your boy and the other boy to such purpose that God need not be ashamed to own Himself their Father.

Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia. 75 cents net, postpaid.

"Stewardship Among Baptists."

By A. S. Vail.

God supremely shows Himself God by giving. The supreme expression of the Christian as God's child is in giving according to the natural law of the life God has given his son. Dr. Vail seeks to arrive at a statement of this law, taking first a critical review of interpretations and practices that have found acceptance, then essaying a constructive treatment of the material afforded in the teachings and spirit of the New Testament. 50 cents net.

American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia.

"The Immortal Seven."

By James L. Hill, D. D.

A well-written, captivating account in the form of sketches of Adoniram and Mrs. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newell, Luther Rice, Gordon Hall and Samuel Nott—"The Immortal Seven" who were the first foreign missionaries who sailed from North America 100 years ago. In this book of 150 pages the author has presented a mass of material in sketches of these early missionaries, which is sure to prove absorbingly interesting. Cloth, 50 cents net; postage, 8 cents extra.

American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia.

A WORLD-WIDE EFFORT TO SAVE AFRICA FROM RUM SLAVERY.

At the fourteenth International Congress Against Alcoholism, in Milan, the discussion on liquors in Africa was closed with the following address by Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, D. C., superintendent of the International Reform Bureau:

"The chief problem we have to consider in discussing this and every other aspect of the anti-alcohol movement is how to make effective the tragic facts and practical suggestions that are presented in congresses and conventions like this, first in public sentiment and then in national and international action. The Archimedian lever to 'move the world' to protect the weaker races against the white man's intoxicants is already in our hands in the ghastly facts about Africa, for example—how in face of the appeals of wise chiefs for liberty to prohibit the drinks that debauch and destroy their tribes the sale of liquor goes right on increasing despite the illogical efforts of world parliaments to retain their liquor revenues and at the same time 'restrict' the consumption and consequences of drink. The work before us is to find the place where

this lever may be set to move the world to action—the world that in its last parliament on this subject in 1912 failed to unite on any adequate or decisive action. The desired place is in the brains and hearts of the people, now 'the power behind the throne,' or in place of the throne in every civilized country of the world, since Russia, China and Turkey have established parliaments. We must use the press and pulpit and platform and correspondence and conversation to make known the facts that ring like firebells about the wrongs now being done in Africa by so-called Christian nations because their Christian voters have been less active in influencing governmental action than those who seek muddy and bloody gold by the sale of gin and rum to uncivilized and half civilized and recently civilized races. Permit me to give you the watchword which Secretary of State John Hay, 'the golden rule diplomat,' gave to our American native races deputation—a decent regard for the opinions of mankind.' Secretary of State Elihu Root also recognized the imperative need of public sentiment in this crusade for native races, when he said to me as I was starting for outside work at the Brussels conference of 1906. 'My part is diplomatic; your part is AGITATION.' It is the part of government officials to make and enforce needed laws to protect Africa from the new slavery of drink, worse than the old slave trade, because it destroys body and soul; but our part as philanthropists is to arouse and inform and express national public sentiment, first to secure right action for protection of all native races under our several national flags, and also international public sentiment, the mightiest thing this side of the throne of God, to influence world parliaments.

"The final reason why the Brussels Congress of 1912 failed to do justice to Africa was that the Christian and humane citizens of so-called Christian nations failed to influence their governments as they had the ability—and therefore the responsibility—to do. 'The sacred right of petition' has been expanded in this age beyond national parliaments, for the Brussels Conference of Nations in 1906 officially received a petition which I presented, endorsed representatively by 19,000,000 of Americans, asking that wherever native races are a majority of any area the policy of entire prohibition should be adopted as in Indian settlements of the United States, and to an increasing degree in the areas in which negroes are numerous, though not a majority.

"In our 'agitation' we should appeal to commerce as well as to the churches, to intelligent self-love as well as altruism, remembering that international prohibition in the Congo was decreed by 17 nations, as the treaty says, because of the MATERIAL AND MORAL INJURY WROUGHT BY THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC AMONG NATIVE RACES. In the United States petitions to the United States government and to world parliaments for total prohibition of the sale of intoxicants to native races have been endorsed not only by missionary societies representing nearly all the churches, but also by many commercial bodies, including the Baltimore Board of Trade, the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association of New York, on the ground that the trade in intoxicants among native races is the foe of the honest trade of every nation. In the name of conscience and commerce we set up our banners."

More than 150,000 children will be concerned in the outcome of the ten legislative campaigns to be conducted this year by the National Child Labor Committee, according to Owen R. Lovejoy, its general secretary. He says also that all but two of the 12 states whose legislatures will meet in 1914 are far below standard in their child labor laws. Not one of the ten has the eight-hour day for all workers under 16 years of age, and three of them—Georgia, Maryland and Virginia—allow children to work at night.

The second annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Educational Association will be held in Nashville, Tenn., January 23-25. This meeting was determined upon at the close of the enthusiastic conference of a year ago. Representatives from every southern state were present, and never before were the vital interests of all our Baptist schools brought so completely into the focus of attention. One college president writing of the discussions says: "Nothing else has figured so largely in the transformations at our college the past year."

Benjamin Franklin says: "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person."

Asceticism means a sum of renunciations—it requires only a sum of performances that are meritorious. But the gospel requires the full surrender of the whole man to God and to the Lord.

To bear testimony to the redeeming death of Jesus—what it has done for us and made of us—to set it forth in the light of personal conviction and as a great ethical reality, this is the honor permitted to the preacher in the church of God.

On moonlight nights when the mocking bird wakens you he seems to say that life and the beautiful moonlight are far too worth while to be slept away, and you will awaken and believe it, and after the concert sink gently back to pleasant dreams.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, the author of 60 novels and of hundreds of poems and sketches, who is young at 83, declares in her new autobiography: "There is a freshness all its own reserved for the aged who have come uphill all the way, and at last found the clearer air."

The most difficult problem in the world, it is often remarked, is the problem of how best to deal with sexual vice and prostitution. At the present moment the world is ringing with discussion of the various aspects of this question. We are witnessing, as Jane Addams puts it in her latest book, "a new conscience and an ancient evil."

A farmer in a one-shack in South Dakota, the emperor of Russia in his palace, a newsboy in Toronto, the head of the United States Steel Corporation—these and 50,000 other men and women all over the world and in every walk of life—rich and poor—have bought the new Encyclopaedia Britannica.

At 22 years Spurgeon was the most popular preacher of his day. While he was preaching in Surrey Gardens Music Hall the congregations numbered from 7,000 to 10,000 people. In 1857 he was appointed to preach in Crystal Palace on the day of national humiliation for the Indian mutiny, and 24,000 people gathered to hear him.

Charles Johnston says: "Though criticism has reduced the 'four centuries of silence' between the close of the Old Testament and the first events recorded in the New to 160 years, the chasm between the two nevertheless remains, and our Bibles hardly even suggest the two great facts that bridge this chasm: the influence of Greek culture on the Jewish world and the Roman dominion over the east."

Among the practices of the Roman church which the reformed tradition has taught men to regard with detestation is the practice of asking the prayers of saints who have passed into the unseen world. As a matter of fact the practice has ceased completely among bodies distinctly Protestant, and is revived only surreptitiously and sporadically in the Anglican communion.

"If a divine providence does not provide over human affairs," excellently says St. Augustine, "let us say no more about religion." Christians know that this power is personal, and adore it, together with the Father and the Son, under the name of the Holy Ghost. His name, His teaching, His person, have been the pivot of the spiritual world, the critical point about which men have, as of necessity, divided into two groups. It is even today no otherwise: the fundamental religious choice, for most of our contemporaries, is between taking sides for and against Jesus.

After conferring with some of the leading Sunday school workers of the country, including Mr. Marion Lawrence, secretary of the International Sunday School Association, the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, will hold a Sunday school week, June 15-21, 1914, preceding the International Sunday School Convention in that city. This will be a splendid opportunity to come in contact with the Sunday school forces of America and to visit the institute founded by the great evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, all of whose work will be in full force at the time.



EDITORIAL

PREACHERS AND A LIVING WAGE.

It is a lamentable fact that the salaries of preachers have not been increased in the same proportion that the cost of living has. The government report showing the depreciation of the purchasing power of the dollar during the last decade is an indictment of the churches which have refused to raise their pastors' salaries. When we consider the standard of living required of the ministry their incomes are so low as really to be pitiable. The preacher is expected to be well dressed; he is expected to attend the conventions of his denomination, and to buy books to keep in touch with the questions of the hour. At 50 the lawyer or doctor is in his prime, but when a pastor reaches that age, and oftentimes sooner, his members begin to wonder if he is not too old for further usefulness and to suspect that his methods are not sufficiently up-to-date to hold the young people. Now is the preacher, on small salaries, to lay by in store for himself anything for the inevitable shelving to which he is rapidly going?

We call upon our fair-thinking and consecrated laymen to do more praying and paying, and see that their pastors are paid a living wage.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

Sunday school teachers have a great opportunity this year in teaching children. It has been well said:

The great question is how are ideals of right living to be impressed upon the child? It is believed that the best means is through the intimate acquaintance with those who have lived beautiful lives and who have achieved the highest ethical ideals. Character in its primary principle and groundwork is self-control and self-giving, and the only practical method of enforcing this upon the habit of children is to keep before them examples of self-control and self-sacrifice. Childhood is self-centered and selfish; but to every child there comes a time of awakening, when he realizes that there is in the world somebody else besides himself, and something to do for others, and he feels a stir and a desire to do some good thing. The first great object in teaching character is to awaken this realization, and then to foster and strengthen this sense of obligation. The practical and effective means of doing this is through concrete illustrations of self-devotion, self-sacrifice, etc., exemplified in others. Through these examples ideals are held up for inspiration and imitation. Embodied ideals are the supreme molders of youth.

One of the best text-books for character teaching is biography—which is example; and the importance and value of biography are acknowledged by all educators. Biography brings out the beauty of character, and makes righteousness contagious. Dr. Jowett, the head master of Balliol College, Oxford, has stated that "in future morals will be taught only through biography." And the reason is that biography is concrete example—with the added quality of reality. Gladstone has said that one example is worth a thousand arguments.

And with what confidence ought teachers to bring before their pupils the greatest exemplar the world has ever known—Jesus of Nazareth.

Adult attendance and membership in the churches will diminish rapidly if recruits are not made of the children in the church. In Great Britain the urgent need of holding the children of the church to the church has been realized most forcibly. Here in America we have not yet fully awakened to the vital necessity of saving the children to the membership and the work of the church. It is not necessary to emphasize the importance of ministering to the children—every pastor carries that obligation upon his heart.

There are 800 motion picture show places in Greater New York, with a daily attendance of over 700,000.

Henry Grady once remarked: "General Sherman was a bit careless with fire, and for this reason, among other things, he has never been a popular man in Georgia."

The Alabama Baptist frequently publishes articles with which the editor is not in accord. It is responsible for the kind of writers admitted to its pages, but the writers alone will be responsible for what appears over their own names.

For those who believe that human destiny is not left to the forces of chance, but directed to the good by a spiritual and beneficent power, there is in the witness of the Spirit a precious indication independent of every system of philosophy.

The procession of working children in America, if placed 12 feet apart in single file, would reach from San Francisco to Boston and thence to New Orleans, so it is stated by the National Child Labor Committee. In other words, the working children of America would make a line 5,000 miles long.

To prove the reality of His mission Jesus of Nazareth appealed to His Father and to the works which He did in the Father's name. Nevertheless Jesus appealed to still another testimony—the testimony of the Spirit: "These things have I said while I dwelt with you; but the Paraclete, the Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He it is who shall teach you all, and shall recall to you all that I have said." (John 14:25-26.)

The first comprehensive law in the United States for the regulation of motion picture theatres has been passed in New York City, and went into effect August 12, 1913. For three years Mayor Gaynor, Ralph Folks, of the board of aldermen, and various social institutions worked and fought for a law that would do away with the danger to the audience from fire and panic, from inadequate ventilation and sanitation, and for a supervision that would abolish immoral practices in "movie" theatres.

"Amid all the forms of life that surround us," says Maeterlinck, "not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us. A few creatures fear us, most are unaware of us, and not one loves us." With this latter statement there are many of the human species who do not, probably could not, agree; but there are those, too, who know and feel that the dog's love for man is instinctive and unselfish, not craven or mercenary; that it is akin to man's own love for his Creator.

For a number of years the Student Volunteer Movement of the United States and Canada was the only organization of its kind in all the student world. Under the influence of one of its founders a similar movement was later developed as an organized force in the British universities. Still later the volunteer idea was transplanted, either from North America or from the British Isles, to many other lands, such as the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Australia and South Africa. The North American movement has never lost its deep interest in these sister movements, but continues to follow their development with keen and prayerful interest.

The fifth century of the Christian era has been described by Charles Kingsley as "a very hideous, but a very great century." It was the century in which the classic world died and the modern world was born. The century in which the culture of Egypt and Greece faded away, passing over the high bridge of Roman compromise and concession into what we call modern civilization, and sometimes boast of as the "Christian era." The capital of this complex century was Alexandria, the great melting-pot of Europe and Asia. Alexandria was the half way house between the old and new. At Alexandria Abraham and Helen were wedded and brought forth a progeny neither Judean nor Greek. In Alexandria, during these ages, Plato and Paul, Socrates and Jesus, Isis and the Virgin Mary, Euripides and Isaiah, contended with each other. And it could not be determined at this particular point in the history of the world which was triumphant, so did the lines overlap and interweave.

THE NEW SCHOOLMASTER.

Are you ready for "Nineteen fourteen?"
Are your pencils in order? slates clean?
For he'll set you some sums, as soon as he comes.
Not easy to answer, I ween.

"If two little boys are at play,
How many are needed," he'll say.
"A quarrel to make?" You'll make no mistake
If you work this the Golden Rule way.

"If idle Penelope Pratt
Wastes her study time teasing the cat,
How long will it be ere a dunce you will see?"
Can you give him an answer to that?

"If every kind word that you speak
Were added, the end of the week,
Would their sum be ahead of the cross words you've
said?"

Here is surely a problem unique.

"If Algernon Chesterfield Gray
Gives half of his goodies away,
How much of the joy that belongs to this boy
Will be doubled on every new day?"

"If work that dear mother must do
Were always divided by two,
Would the quotient of this be a glad, rested kiss?
And would it be given to you?"

Are you ready for "Nineteen fourteen?"
With his questions so searching and keen?
If you answer aright, his smile will be bright;
And a year of content that will mean.
—Pauline Frances Camp in January St. Nicholas.

A BIT OF ROYAL DISCIPLINE.

The following story is related of a bit of insubordination on the part of King Edward VII when a child:

One day, at Windsor Palace, he stood at a French window looking out upon the gardens, when he should have been studying. His governess remonstrated with him, but to no avail. Finally she told him that if he did not learn his lessons she would have to put him into a corner.

"I won't learn," answered the youngster; "and I won't stand in a corner, for I am the Prince of Wales!" At this he kicked vigorously at the window, and broke two panes. The governess at once sent for his father, the prince consort, and told him the whole circumstance.

"Sit down there," said Prince Albert to his son, pointing to an ottoman, "and wait till I return." When he came back he carried a Bible. "Listen now," he admonished the boy, "to what the holy Apostle Paul says to you and other children in your position." He then read Galatians 4:1-2: "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father." "It is true," continued Prince Albert, "that you are the Prince of Wales; and if you conduct yourself properly you may become a man of high station, and even after the death of your mother you may become king of England. But now you are a little boy, who must obey his tutors and governors. Besides, I must impress upon you a saying of the wise Solomon in Proverbs 13:23: 'He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.'" At this he gave the heir to the British throne a tingling chastisement, after which he stood him up in the corner, saying: "You will stand there and study your lesson till Miss Hilliard gives you leave to come out. And never forget that you are now under tutors and governors, and that hereafter you will be under a law given by God."

I am sending you postoffice money order for \$2 to pay for the Baptist to January, 1914. Please stop the paper until I renew, as I don't care to be a delinquent subscriber and read what you publish about delinquents. Thanking you for sending the paper the past year, I am fraternally—

(He ought to have just skipped that part, like many others do.)

A good joke provokes laughter; a bad one provokes friends.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

Young People's Column

JUST THINK OF IT.

A little boy once said to his schoolmates, "I don't make any more mistakes in my music." This little boy had such poor eyesight that he could not read letters three and one-half inches square more than six feet away from him and yet he had been repeatedly punished by his violin teacher for making mistakes while taking his lessons. Just think of it; punished for making mistakes when he could not see his notes plainly!

How did he find out that his eyes were weak? His school teacher had been making tests of the sight of her pupils and had discovered that this boy could not see well. She reported the fact to his parents, who got glasses that made him the happiest boy in the school, saved him many undeserved punishments and caused him to say, "I don't make any more mistakes in my music."

This boy did not know, nor did his parents know, but that he saw as well as every other boy, and his mistakes were thought to be from carelessness and inattention.

This same boy afterwards became a noted violinist, was educated abroad and played before royalty. His glasses enabled him to see his notes plainly and he made no more mistakes in his reading music.

There have been thousands of just such boys and girls in our public schools in the past who have been stumbling along, hating their lessons, scolded and punished by their teachers and parents, just because they had a defect of vision of which they and their parents and teacher were ignorant.

Parents, do you know that your children have good eyesight? Do you know that they are not "long-sighted," "near-sighted," or color blind? Do they often complain of being tired, or of having a headache when they return home from school? Do they dislike school? Are they sleepy and dull when trying to learn their home tasks? Is it hard for them to keep up with their class? Are they inclined to "play hooky?" Then do not punish and scold them until you first find out if there is not some physical cause behind it all, so that you may not regret later and blame yourself for neglect or injustice to one of your own.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse to the law-breaker in court. Ignorance is no excuse for neglect of your children. Fifty per cent of the blindness caused by separation of the retina (the sight seeing membrane within the eye) occurs in people who are near-sighted. Many of the headaches of children and others are the result of eye-strain caused by the attempt of the delicate eye muscles to overcome the defect. This overtaxing of them strains the eye muscles, then the letters blur or run together, the child feels tired and the eyes pain or headache follows.

Do not neglect your children's eyes.

John Ruskin in *Sesame and Lilies* says of the bishop's pastoral office: "Their office is not to rule, though it may be vigorously to exhort and rebuke; it is the king's office to rule; the bishop's to oversee the flock, to number it, sheep by sheep, to be ready to give full account of it." Down that back street, Bill and Nancy knocking each other's teeth out! Does the bishop know all about it? Has he had his eye upon them? Can he circumstantially explain how Bill got into the habit of beating Nancy about the head? If he cannot, he is no bishop—he has sought to be at the helm instead of the masthead; he has no sight of things. 'Nay,' you say, 'it is not his duty to look after Bill on the back street.'

That is not our idea of a bishop. Perhaps not; but it was St. Paul's, and it was Milton's.

We are always anxious to get our paper, and enjoy reading it very much. I haven't full time in church work, but hope the time may soon come that I may have full time, as church work engages my mind more than anything. I will try and get some subscribers. Wishing you and yours a happy New Year—
—W. T. Hall, Bridgeport.
(Pays ahead.)

We hold the right of private judgment in matters of religion to be equally sacred in others as in ourselves.

THE OLD PASTOR'S DISMISSAL.

"We need a younger man to stir the people
And lead them to the fold."
The elders said, "We ask your resignation,
Because you're growing old."

The pastor bowed his elders out in silence,
And tenderly the gloom
Of twilight hid him and his bitter anguish
Within the lonely room.

Above the violet hills the sunlight's glory
Hung like a crown of gold,
And from the ancient church the organ's anthem
Adown the stillness rolled.

Assembled were the people now for worship,
But in his study chair
The pastor sat unheeding, while the south wind
Caressed his snow-white hair.

A smile lay on his lips, his was the secret
Of sorrow's glad surcease.
Upon his forehead shone the benediction
Of everlasting peace.

"The ways of Providence are most mysterious,"
The elders gravely said,
And wondering-eyed the frightened people crowded
About their pastor dead.

"We loved him"—wrote the people on the coffin,
In words of shining gold,
And above the broken heart they set a statue
Of marble, white and cold.

The End! Ah, no; the undiscovered country
Somewhere in brightness lies,
Though only space and stars may be discerned
By man's short-sighted eyes.

—J. T. Pollock.

YOU WILL HAVE TO SHOW ME?

The committee appointed by the Missouri Baptist General Association to consider the promotion of The Word and Way in a statement and appeal to Missouri Baptists among other things said:

"It is tremendously hard—almost impossible—for any paper, at any price, to secure a paying patronage large enough to provide income enough to pay the cost of publication. We are sure that the time has come when our people at large must have a new standpoint and a new conscience concerning the publication, value and support of the denominational weekly newspaper. It has come to this: A paper, in order to survive and improve and give good service, must either be endowed as are our schools, or receive direct contributions as do missions; or a greater number of the people must take the paper and pay for it. There is no question any more as to the need and value of the denominational weekly to our denominational life, activities and progress.

"Our mission secretaries who are intimately acquainted with the conditions on the field testify that there is but little denominational development beyond the point reached by the paper.

"As is the case in almost every phase of kingdom work and advancement, so it is in this case—the pastor is the key man. We are satisfied that the pastors of our state, if they will recognize the value of the paper to our common work and take hold of it as they take hold of missions and other questions, and press it upon their people, can greatly increase the circulation and usefulness of the paper; and in so doing greatly help their own work. We beg to express the hope that the pastors of our state will take up the matter of the circulation of the paper in their churches, and that we shall have a state-wide and continuous campaign in the promotion of this interest."

We were greatly shocked to hear of the death of Rev. Henry Trawick, who died in Montgomery on Sunday, December 21, after an illness of about a week. While attending the recent board meeting we had a pleasant talk with him. When editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate his office adjoined ours, and we saw much of him and learned to love him. At the recent conference he had been appointed presiding elder of the Dothan district. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

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RESOLUTIONS.

God in His infinite wisdom saw us to take from our midst on July 23 Sister Bern May, who was a devoted daughter, a loving sister and a devout Christian. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. We know that God in His infinite mercy and love has for some cause unknown to us plucked one of the brightest flowers from His garden. Realizing that He doeth all things well, we bow our heads in humble submission to His divine will.

Sister May was devoted to her church, loyal to her Master's cause and a never-tiring Sunday school worker.

To add to the grief of her dear father and mother she was away from home at the time of her death. She was at the State University preparing to fight the battles of this world's uneven ways when she was called to a mansion prepared by God's own hand, where there will be no more sorrows, but joy and peace forever. Therefore be it resolved:

First—That we extend to father and mother and other loved ones our earnest and heartfelt sympathy.

Second—That we pray the God of the universe which she loved and served continually will bless and comfort them in their bereavement.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our record; a copy furnished the bereaved ones and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist.

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But while we are enjoying reports from other places where pastors have come and found a kind treatment, let this pastor report what has been done here. Brother Joe Driggers, of the Liberty church, took his wagon and went around to most of the members of the church and loaded it with good things for the pantry, consisting of potatoes, meat, meal, lard, collards, turnips, syrup, flour coffee and sugar. These good things helped the home to be more cheerful at the table. A good brother of this same church has loaned us a cow. Another brother took the little (?) family into his home for about two weeks, when a good citizen gave us the use of his vacant home until a permanent home can be secured. He has also given us fire wood. (But it is not cut! Ha! Ha! But this can soon be remedied.) In fact these people here have been more loyal to their pastor in their consideration of his needs than he deserves. But to God be all the glory.

There is a movement by the Mt. Zion church to get the other churches mentioned and those contiguous to aid in the building of a pastor's home. This is a thing which is badly needed, and a good woman of this locality has consented to give five acres for the building of the home. A committee from the Mt. Zion church has been appointed and will have their first meeting soon. More about this later.

It was the pleasure of this pastor to join in happy wedlock Mr. Cleveland Tillery and Miss Mattie Lou English the night of December 15. They came about night to the pastor's home, and only the pastor's family were witnesses. They are a fine couple and have the well wishes of the entire community for their future. They went at once to housekeeping and are at home to their friends. This is the first couple this pastor has married since his residence in the state the last time. May the blessings of God rest upon them.

Please allow this to be my bow to the Baptist hosts of Alabama, and at some future time I may have the pleasure of meeting you and have a fuller introduction.

Yours for service,
REV. RUSSELL R. ROCKETT.
Inverness, Ala.

CALVIN AUGUSTUS KEELER.

On December 21, at his home in Montgomery, Ala., the above named subject passed away. He was 68 years old, and had been conductor on the L. & N. between Montgomery and Mobile for 49 years. He united with the Clayton Street Baptist church about 14 years ago. Immediately after his baptism he made his subscription to the expenses of the church, to missions and to the Alabama Baptist. He was loyal to every call from his church and at the time of his death was a deacon. He will be greatly missed by his church, by the men who worked with him and by the town.

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On Sunday, January 4, 1914, a presbytery, consisting of J. G. Lowrey and Brother Waldrop, of Huffman, having been previously invited, met a large congregation at the new church house. Two deacons—Brother Franklin, from New Prospect church, and a deacon from the Huffman church—were invited to sit with them and form a part of the presbytery. After singing and reading the Scriptures Brother Waldrop led in prayer. The object of the meeting was then stated, and those bearing letters from sister churches by request presented them. The letters of 27 brethren and sisters were presented, read and approved. A covenant was read and adopted; also articles of faith. The bond of fellowship and recognition was extended, and a charge delivered by J. G. Lowrey. The name chosen is Center Point Missionary Baptist church. A church conference was held and officers elected. Three deacons, who had served in that capacity in other churches, were chosen; also a secretary and treasurer. J. G. Lowrey was chosen pastor. Three members were received by letter. A collection to pay off a small indebtedness was taken and \$45 in cash was given. Adjourned to 2:30 p. m., when the church met and proceeded to organize a Sunday school. Superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary and treasurer and teachers for four classes were elected. Thus closed a great day for Center Point. A weekly prayer meeting is to be started as soon as the house is lighted. This new church is launched under the most favorable conditions. Being composed of warm-hearted, zealous Christian men and women, located in a thickly settled and rapidly growing community, surrounded by a large circle of noble young people, she has only a bright future. May God richly and abundantly prosper His cause there and in all places, and to Him be all the glory.

J. G. LOWREY,
Chairman.

M. FRANKLIN, Secretary.

I have accepted a call to the work in Forsyth, Ga., and will take charge the first of February. Of course I will want the Baptist to come to me there. The Lord bless you and the work in Alabama. I am very truly—C. A. Heard.

(He will have a delightful pastorate at Forsyth. It was there ye editor spent two of the happiest years of his life. It was there he found his wife.)

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I shall always love Alabama and feel the deepest interest in all that concerns our denomination there. I am very pleasantly located in one of Baltimore's lovely suburbs, Govan's. My health is good, my sight restored, and I am useful, therefore happy. We have had an epidemic of resignations in Maryland. Dr. O. C. S. Wallace, of the First church, went to Canada, and Dr. Robert Stewart MacArthur is to succeed him February 1. Dr. C. M. Dodd, of Eutaw Place, went to Philadelphia, and that pulpit is still vacant. Dr. John Roach Straton resigned the Seventh church, and Rev. C. S. Pinchbeck, of Pennsylvania, comes in February. Rev. H. B. Cross, of Lew Street, is my successor at Staunton, Va.; the pulpit is still vacant. Rev. Mr. Eaton, of Patterson Park, has gone to New York, and Rev. F. W. Puttney, of Easton, succeeds him. Rev. O. L. Owens resigned Tempus church; still vacant. Rev. F. W. Hall went to Philadelphia from the Second church; no pastor yet called. Rev. C.

E. Hewitt, of the Fourth church, went to Harrisonburg, Va., and was succeeded by Rev. R. A. McKay. There are 19 other churches in Maryland pastorless.—O. F. Gregory.

On December 18 we moved from Sulligent to Guin. Last year I had two Sundays at Sulligent, one at Guin and one at Hamilton. This year I am giving half time to Guin and the other half to Hamilton. The people of Guin gave us a "pounding" soon after our arrival. We have had lots of good things to eat, and, by the way, it keeps going on. We hope to be worthy of their kindness, and with them, led by "the Head of the church," build the kingdom. Pray for us.—W. A. Darden.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following wedding announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace Hargrove announce the marriage of their daughter, Leta Emily, to Mr. Jasper Cunningham Hutto, Wednesday, the

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EXPRESSION RECITAL AT THE JUDSON COLLEGE.

The Christmas recital of the expression department of Judson College, which took place Wednesday evening, December 17, was a very pretty and successful affair. Part I consisted of five stories about Christmas by the best modern writers, well recited by Misses Elizabeth Hollingsworth, of South Carolina; Virginia Harrison, of Birmingham; Beulah Williams, of Louisiana; Katherine Meriwether, of Demopolis, and Faye Kerlin, of Louisiana. These young ladies were graceful in their movements, distinct and pleasant in voice, and seemed to have a thorough understanding of their selections.

Part II represented the Yuletide in Old England: The Lord Mayor of London (Miss Allena Hunt, of Birmingham), ushered in by a page (Miss Audrey Jett, of Bangor), and accompanied by his lady (Miss Sunshine Kirkland, of Mississippi), with the master of ceremonies (Miss Wanda Shepherd, of Florida), entered the great hall of an English mansion, with its big fireplace at one end. The revelers, dressed in green and red, followed, and four of them went out again and brought in the huge oak Yule log, preceded by the page with a flaming torch held high. The log was laid in the fireplace and lighted with the torch, and continued to brighten the scene all the evening. The Yule dance was then given before the mayor and his lady. Then the Wassail dancers came in, attired in long white gowns, with blue, yellow or red trimmings, and the page brought the Wassail bowl, crowned with holly, presenting it to the mayor and the lady and the master of ceremonies. The Wassail dance followed. Then the Mimmers came in, with masks and gay dresses, and gave a short dance. All this was as graceful and jolly and light-hearted as one could imagine.

After the whole party had filed out of the great hall the Waits gave their beautiful carols outside, bringing vividly before us the picture of the carol singers in old times going from house to house in the snow and brightness of Christmas Eve.

"God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Christ, the Lord, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas day."

The Y. W. C. A. had a beautiful Christmas service in their hall on Sunday evening, consisting of readings, hymns, talks and recitations, with a specially delightful little practical sermon by our president, Dr. Bomar.

L. M.

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SEMINARY NOTES.

Our regular monthly missionary meeting was held January 6. The program of our Alabama meeting was one of real interest, Brother Purger speaking on "How to Keep Sunday School Pupils at the Preaching Service" and Brother Robinson on "The Black Belt Problem." Promptly at the time appointed we retired to Norton Hall, where students from all the states come together for the consid-

eration of missionary endeavor.

After the regular business of the day was finished the meeting was given over to delegates to the Kansas City convention, who brought us some delightful and inspiring "echoes" from the convention. Speeches were made by Brethren Poteat, of South Carolina; Gardner, of Arkansas; Knight, of Virginia; Turner, of North Carolina, and Williams, of Alabama. All of these addresses were good. Brother J. O. Williams spoke "Some Special Features of the Convention." One of the best thoughts he brought to us, I think, was the deepened impression he had received of the world's need—not simply any one country, but the lines go out from our own America to all the earth.

Brethren J. M. Rogers and J. O. Williams attended the Kansas City convention.

We miss our Brother Seymour, but rejoice to know that he is located on an important field in Alabama.

We regret the loss of our Brother Littlejohn from our midst also. He was called home on account of sickness in his family.

I close now with hearty New Year greetings to the Baptist and a humble prayer for the success of all the forces that work for the more perfect establishment of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus in dear old Alabama and for the spread of the gospel of the kingdom throughout the world.

Fraternally,

W. H. BLACK.

WELCOME BACK HOME.

Rev. William R. Seymore, whose picture we print on the front page, has accepted and is just beginning his pastorate at Highland Avenue church, Montgomery. Brother Seymore is a native Alabamian, having been raised at Plantersville, and is welcomed back into the Alabama work by his many friends and college mates. He is a graduate of Howard College, with the degree of A. B., and of the seminary, with Th. B. He has been preaching for several years, though a young man, and gave up a pastorate of four years at New Albany, Ind., to accept the pastorate in Montgomery. The church forwarded a series of splendid resolutions, but lack of space prevents their publication.

The Highland Avenue church presents one of the largest and most promising fields in the state, occupying a thickly populated territory, which is growing, composed of a very intelligent class of people. The church has grown steadily in numbers and interest and has an exceptionally bright future before it.

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Will you please make the following correction? In my note in your issue of January 7 you make me say, "We are just beginning our new church building here, and I have to leave." I said I "hate" to leave. I am not going to leave, but have declined both the calls—the one to Jackson and the other to Covington, La. We are now at work on our new building. May God continue to bless and use you as powerfully in the future as in the past. Fraternally yours—W. E. Fendley, Meridian, Miss.

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"The railway, as a corporation, has no voice in the selection of those who frame and administer the laws for its regulation. Its physical property, extending in part through sparsely settled sections and through wildernesses perhaps, is the most defenseless property that exists. In the very nature of its existence, therefore, it can find safety only when, in the darkness of the night watches, in times of stress and peril, and in the enactment of laws for its regulation, the invisible sentinel of public opinion stands guard over its rights and property."

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 11st Day of December, 1913.

Estate of William F. Evans, Deceased.
This day came Frank L. Ward, administrator of the estate of William F. Evans, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 15th day of January, 1914, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
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A HAPPY "COUNTRY PASTOR."

I notice occasionally some one writes an article with reference to the country church and country pastors. No doubt both these would be in better condition today if more attention had been paid them in the past.

I am a country pastor, "if pastor I may be called." Twenty years ago I had a hard struggle in the way of preaching. My salary was hardly sufficient to buy feed for my horse. I taught school in the country and struggled on as best I could, and never have received one cent from a board in the way of support nor any assistance offered in the way of a position. I have preached State, Home and Foreign Missions, and my people have always contributed to this work.

I have been on my present field for 14 years. The field was composed of three churches when I took charge of the work and paid me in the beginning only \$350 a year. I preached to another church at that time 25 miles away which paid me \$100, and I had no train nor auto car to travel in. Not long after I moved on the field we organized another church with a few who drew letters from one of the churches already on the field.

These same people with whom I began work 14 years ago are now paying me a salary of \$775, and the extra fees generally amount to more than \$25. So the field that 14 years ago paid me \$350 is now paying me \$800, and it is always paid. We have a pastor's home, and the good part about it is this home belongs to the pastor and his wife, and it was not a donation either. We use all the milk and butter we need, which is produced by our own cows. The hams, bacon, eggs, chickens and turkeys are raised by us on the hills which surround our home. We don't have to take a collection to get a horse when the old one is worn out. We simply go to the pasture, catch up a colt and begin to use it, which has cost but very little.

My field is composed of some of the very best people in all the world. They are a people of pride and ambition, and with few exceptions hearts full of love for the Master's cause.

I am in hopes the churches in the state will adopt the plan suggested by Brother J. W. Dunaway a few weeks since—that of supplementing the Preachers' Benefit Association fund.

Fraternally,

J. A. MCGRARY.

Augustin, Ala.

RESOLUTIONS

Of the Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society of Friendship Baptist Church, Pine Apple, Ala.

Our society is called upon to mourn the death of our oldest member, Sister Nancy Mathews, who died November 26, 1913, at the age of 82 years. She was true and faithful to her church. She had adopted tithing, and has happy to give the Lord a tenth of all she received.

Be it resolved, That we will always remember her in our work. We honor and commend her zeal and devotion. We ask that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society and published in the Alabama Baptist.

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BROTHER DUNAWAY'S SUGGESTION.

Touching the suggestion that the churches become honorary members of the Baptist Ministers' Mutual Benefit Society, Brother Dunaway writes:

Marion, Ala., Dec. 30, 1913.

Dear Brother Stewart:

After compliments to you and family I wish to say please accept thanks for your letter to the Alabama Baptist in regard to the churches of Alabama becoming members of the Ministerial Benefit Society. Also I wish to say that I am in possession of your personal letter and that I am willing to surrender all of my plans to any one who has better plans.

I have been impressed to believe that as soon as the Ministerial Benefit Society had received a large number of the names of the churches as honorary members of the society that the next thing suggested would be to enlarge our fund as an office fund, so that we might remunerate our office man who looks after this business, for I am sure that it would be just as cruel to work an office without a salary as it would be to work a pastor and not pay him for the service rendered. My intention has been to so enlist the brotherhood of Alabama that we would put this enterprise on a sure basis; then at our early convenience we would formulate plans that would keep us harmoniously moving on to greater and better things. During the past year I have been so burdened with this important matter that I could not get relief until I talked about it and wrote about it, and promised myself that I would lay this great enterprise as heavily as possible upon the heart of every Baptist of our beloved state; and I do appeal to you and all the brethren of Alabama to help me see this thing put into effect.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. DUNAWAY.

The Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth now has total resources of \$931,525. Notwithstanding all this abounding prosperity, the Baptist Standard was reported to be \$40,000 in debt. The convention raised money to pay this debt, and decided to take over the paper and run it as a denominational enterprise. This is one of the leading papers of the south, and yet it has been little appreciated and poorly supported. It has been the strongest force in building up our denomination in Texas, yet it has been allowed to suffer. It is a shame to starve the denominational "pack-horse."—Watchman-Examiner.

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On December 8 Mrs. Cowan and myself left Bonham, Tex., for a few weeks' vacation in Alabama. We went directly to Jackson, to visit my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cowan. It was a delight to be home again, though father was quite ill while we were there.

I was delighted to see how Pastor A. P. Moore is leading the Jackson Baptist church. The people are rallying to his support in a very gratifying way. The Baptist church urged him to give them one Sunday each month, but the Jackson church did not feel they could spare him. He lives in a nice home owned by the church. He was expecting H. L. Strickland at an early date to assist in more thoroughly organizing the Sunday school.

We were in Montgomery four or five days, and with Pastor John F. Gable and his people at Southside on December 23. To say it was a delightful visit to Southside expresses it very mildly indeed. It was gratifying to note how the Southside people are moving on under the leadership of Pastor Gable. If ever any man had a truly loyal force he has in those good people. Brother J. F. Doster is now the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school, and they are all happy in the work. Fellowship has for a long time been at a premium, but on this last visit it seemed to me to surpass the record of former years.

Cordially and sincerely,

SAMUEL A. COWAN.

HOWARD COLLEGE NOTES.

During the past week George Pappas, a prominent Greek, of Athens, has entered Howard College. Young Pappas has a great desire to learn the English language, and no doubt he will make excellent marks. George was a bookkeeper in the Bank of Athens before he came to this country, about two months ago.

Howard is at present wrapped in mid-winter sports, of which basketball and tennis are the most popular. At present there are 15 tennis teams trying to win the school championship. These teams have a regular schedule, and a correct standing is kept of the results of the games played. The team winning in this contest will represent the college in the intercollegiate meets. Basketball is also very popular, and the rivalry between the class teams is very intense. The class teams will begin playing on the 15th, and each class is wrapped up in their team's success.

Rev. A. E. Hulbert as missionary evangelist in the Mobile Association has had a very good opportunity to see religious conditions in Mobile and Baldwin counties, and has found a need of religious effort in many places. By his plain and fearless gospel preaching he has incurred the enmity of some whose sins he has exposed. He has done more, however, than to stir the wrath of the wicked. One Sunday a banker took him out in his auto and he preached upon repentance. In his sermon he said there were people in the churches who never paid their debts. If they had true repentance they would show a disposition to pay them. After the service the banker was in his car waiting for him, when a man walked up to him, handing him \$35, with the statement

Alabama Baptist Piano Club

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The Advertising Manager of the Alabama Baptist and the Manager of the Club take this opportunity to jointly express their appreciation of the confidence and enthusiastic support which they have received from the readers of this paper during the past year. We are glad to be able to report that we are more than pleased with the splendid success of the Club and that we begin the New Year without a single complaint or case of dissatisfaction on the part of the Club members. All have expressed themselves as DELIGHTED, and this, of course, makes us delighted.

We wish to thank old Club members for the many kind things they have written about the Club, the Club's instruments and the Club's management. Whenever we can be of further assistance to you or your friends, we hope that you will not hesitate to call on us.

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the west of the place where his bank is located, as he shows by his willingness to take Brother Hulbert out the Sundays he preaches.

The ministers of the Liberty Baptist Association met at Huntsville

January 6 at the First Baptist church and carried out a previously arranged program. Before adjourning they organized the Pastors' Association of the Liberty Baptist Association by electing Rev. J. J. Johnson, president; Rev. S. T. Hacker, vice-president, and J. S. Holland, secretary.