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If you are paid to January, 1914, don't stop your paper because you do not feel like paying in advance. We are glad to credit those who are not able to pay ahead.

We had a call from Brother J. C. Tidwell. He came in not to kick, but to pay up. As a rule the payers are not kickers.

Rev. J. O. Colley, pastor of the Twenty-seventh Street Baptist church, in the four months since he came back has received about 40 new members.

After the 1st of February, 1914, please change my paper to Collins, Ga. I have accepted a pastorate there and will move the 1st of February. Fraternal yours—G. H. Carr.

"Modern Spiritualism Briefly Tested by Scripture" is a timely study on a question which is rapidly getting a hold on many weak minds. This little booklet by Algernon J. Pollock can be had of Charles C. Cook, New York, for 10 cents.

Well, we are pleasantly located at the parsonage in Luverne. The people gave us a cordial welcome, pounded us splendidly and generally, making it pleasant for us. Pay us a visit. Fraternal yours—W. M. Olive.

Please change my paper from Birmingham to Nicholville, Ala. Am getting started in my new field, among the best people under the sun. If I stay here as long as I have been taking the Baptist (38 years) we will make some kind of a record. I miss the pastors' conference.—S. D. Monroe.

From my bed of pain and anguish I wish to congratulate you on last week's copy of the Alabama Baptist. I my opinion it was uncommonly good. Please send me \$1 worth. Sincerely yours—J. W. Phillips, Mobile.

(We are doing our dead level best to improve the paper, and are glad our friends are appreciating our efforts.)

Rev. Carter Helm Jones writes from Seattle: "I surely do appreciate the splendid paper which comes to me every week and keeps me in touch with kingdom affairs in Alabama as well as elsewhere. I am more and more in love with my work in this great northwest empire and this beautiful city. With every good wish for you and your work."

The American Interchurch College, at Nashville, Tenn., has recently opened a bureau for religious and social workers. The object of the bureau is to aid workers in finding suitable positions and to assist churches and other institutions in securing properly qualified workers. Superintendents of institutions such as settlements, orphanages, churches and other organizations engaged in social work, would do well to communicate with the bureau whenever they need qualified workers. Address American Interchurch College, Nashville, Tenn.



EX-GOVERNOR MALCOLM R. PATTERSON

Be sure and hear this remarkable man, who will speak in Alabama at the following places and times:

Wednesday, February 11, Grand Theatre, Montgomery, 7 p. m.; Thursday, February 12, Huntville, opera house, 10 a. m.; Thursday, February 12, New Decatur, Masonic Theatre, 7 p. m.; Friday, February 13, opera house, Gadsden, 10:30 a. m.; Friday, February 13, Anniston, Noble Theatre, 8 p. m.; Saturday, February 14, Selma, court house, 2 p. m.; Saturday, February 14, Bessemer, school auditorium, 8 p. m.; Sunday, February 15, Birmingham, Bijou Theatre, 2:30 p. m. There will be no admission fee.

Mr. Patterson speaks not merely a good word for temperance, but also speaks a good word for his Savior. Here is a part of his testimony:

"My life has had deep sorrows. My soul has been tossed on the waves of angry seas. I have seen the trail of liquor everywhere. Going through life I have seen it drag down many of the associates of my boyhood, blasting their hopes and consigning them to untimely graves. I have seen its forked lightning strike my first born, the child of my young manhood, and I have borne with him the suffering and tried to help him in his brave but sometimes melancholy struggle for redemption. At last I have felt its foul and stealthy blow as it turned upon me its deadly and shaming wrath—upon me who had pleaded before the people for its very existence.

"All this I knew and felt without a revelation of the deep pathos and the meaning of it all. I needed help, for I was groping and my feet were stumbling in the dark. Deep in humiliation, tortured and condemned in my own esteem I thought of the oft-repeated phrases about the power of the human will to resist temptation and I found them as unsubstantial as the fabric of a dream.

"When logic failed and reason gave no answer I cast aside all pride of opinion, all thought of what the world might say or think, and went to the throne of Almighty God. There, on bended knees, I asked for light and strength, and they came. The curtains of the night parted and the way was clear. I arose a changed man. An invisible hand has led me on to where the vision is unobscured. From a critic of others, I looked within. From an accuser I became a servant in my own house to set it in order. From a vague believer in the guidance of divine power, I have become a convert to its infinite truth. From an unhappy and dissatisfied man, out of tune with the harmony of life and religion, I have become happy and content, firmly anchored in faith and ready to testify from my own experience to the miraculous power of God to cleanse the souls of men."

A number of pastors who sent in names on our credit offer last spring are collecting and forwarding to us. We thank all of those who have done this, and hope others will be so kind.

Rev. J. R. Bean held on the third Sunday an inspiring and helpful meeting for men and boys at Shady Grove, in the Mud Creek Association.

We were glad to have a visit from that useful layman of Montgomery, W. B. Davidson, who for 21 years has faithfully served the State Board of Missions as recording secretary.

Brother M. Gilchrist, a prominent layman of Brantley, called by to see us. He had many good things to say of his new pastor, Rev. W. A. Lusk. We are glad to have Brother Lusk and his good wife and manly sons back in Alabama.

The evangelistic campaign in Shreveport, La., and vicinity conducted by the evangelists of the Home Board resulted in about 800 accessions to the churches participating in the campaign. Evangelists T. O. Reese and J. P. Scholfield are now at Ruston, and will go next to Lake Charles.

Rev. J. R. Bean has succeeded recently in having one of his churches in the Mud Creek Association observe the Lord's supper after having failed to do so for 26 years, and one other which had never done so since its organization four years ago, and hopes to have still another have communion at the next meeting, after having allowed it to go unobserved for a score of years. It seems Brother S. O. Y. Ray had some data to go on when he made his talk at Enterprise.

I am now in William Jewell College, where I am working toward my A. B. degree. This is a great school, and the Baptists have a right to feel proud of it. Unless my present plans change I expect to come back to Alabama for a visit this summer, spending the last two weeks in June and the first two weeks in July with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davidson, at Montgomery. With best wishes, I am—Blount F. Davidson.

(Will be glad to have him back in Alabama settled in a pastorate.)

It will be sad news to many of the readers of the Alabama Baptist to know that Brother J. G. Reynolds, vice-president of the Baptist Convention, president of the State Board of Missions and moderator of the Butler County Association, is very ill at his home in Greenville. A letter just at hand from L. L. Gwaltney, his pastor, says: "Brother Reynolds is resting quietly today, but is still in a serious condition. He is thinking more about the cause even in his sickness than he is about his own business. He has tried to talk matters over with me, but I won't let him." Let devout hearts everywhere ask the good Lord that His devoted servant may be spared to us.—W. B. Crumpton.

(We feel sure that many prayers will be offered in behalf of this worthy and consecrated layman.)

THE BAPTIST MESSAGE TO CONTINENTAL EUROPE

An Address Given Before the European Baptist Congress, Stockholm, July 23, 1913, by Henry C. Mabie, LL. D., Boston, U. S. A.

It is a pathetic fact that even until now, throughout Europe, Baptists are understood to be mere proselytizers—supposed to be chiefly occupied in detaching adherents from one party of religionists for the sake of attaching them to another.

This chronic misunderstanding is largely due to the fact that in Europe particularly politics and political habits of mind are so closely interwoven with religion. It would seem almost impossible for state-churchmen to conceive of a spiritual religion, pure and simple.

That there is also a temptation always besetting religion, to exalt zeal for sect above devotion to truth, is certain. Of this our Lord sternly warned His disciples; and the Apostle Paul admonishes us that wherein we fall to saying "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollus," we become "carnal," ere we are aware. It is easier to make out a case in debate than to impart a grace. Zealotry often outrages spirituality.

An organized corporate form of some kind, i. e., a church, there is sure to be, as man is a social being. But this organization must be a secondary matter and its subordination to deeper truths later considered in this paper. Hence it will neither be an end to itself nor primarily sectarian.

In this brief discussion we can only emphasize fundamentals. True, the things emphasized will be ultimate in religion; and we ourselves have but party attained. Many besides ourselves are aspiring to the same ending and we must ever be patient, for in the early stages of religion but few grasp the deeper things.

The question of immediate moment is whether the truly representative Baptist when stripped of all denominational conventions and externalisms is in possession of certain ideals and values which are vital to religion itself for himself and his fellows. If so he may claim to have a truly ecumenical message—something worth imparting, and which he must impart. Otherwise he dwindles to a mere sectary, and is sometimes an impertinence in a realm probably already better occupied.

But the typical Baptist is far from this. And in justifying this claim I shall show that certain principles while pre-eminently Baptist, are also humanity's new birthright in Jesus Christ.

By the Baptist message then I mean no mere party cry, but rather the message of such Christians by whatever name called, as starting from first hand interpretation of the Scriptures, have had a legitimate normal development which entitles them to speak to their brother men who have had less original experience than themselves. This message for three centuries in some parts of Europe, notably England, but mainly on the North American continent and in foreign mission fields, has been finding itself. It embraces fundamentally the message of Congregationalists, and of many other Christians besides, whose religious thought and life have been wrought out under freer conditions than Europe anywhere yet affords. Baptists claim no monopoly in this message.

It is not enough to be mere protest-ants against other cults. The movement for which I speak must be constructive and reconstructive. Said Sir Oliver Lodge not long since: "Always mistrust negations; they are only safe when thrown into the form of positive assertions. Mankind generally needs to be shown the better way, and not merely complained of. In order to this, a form and periods of protest is often necessary, but never final. The irrefragable minimum of principles for which Baptist generally stand which lift them out of the ranks of mere schismatics and to the level of real constructives are at least three:

I. The Sanctity of Personality in Christ Jesus. Or the potential worth of the individual soul. One may travel the world over, comparing one type of religion or civilization with another, and he will find that the one element which differentiates the better from the worse is the degree in which reverence for personality is held.

This reverence, as President King, of Oberlin College, U. S. A., after an uncommonly thoughtful world tour, he said, is "the guiding principle in all the multiple problems of our time in things personal, social, economic, political, international, religious and racial: it is this that most clearly distinguishes the modern world from the ancient, and the Occident from the Orient."

Says another high authority, "It is the lack of this reverence which is the source of the greater part of the social immorality in the world, and it accounts for nine-tenths of all the world's trouble." The caste restrictions, persecutions and tyrannies of mankind are due to the lack of this reverence. And Booker Washington, the American ex-slave, is ever insisting that "One cannot hold another down in the ditch without remaining in the ditch with him." That this reverence for personality is the deep need of the whole pagan Orient will be seen from a reference to Japan. President Harada, of the Doshisha College in Kyoto, writes that "the majority of non-Christian Japanese scholars with all their progress in the arts and crafts of civilization, and with all their friendly, new towards Christian ethical standards, still look contemptuously on Christian philosophy as far inferior to Buddhist." This fact is connected with an-

other deeper fact; that such Japanese "have no clear conception of a personal God, nor even of personality in man himself; they have never attained to an adequate conception of the worth of the individual."

The sentiment that up to 1890 became so clamorous for "cosmopolitanism" has become not even Buddhism, but "Shintoism." The supreme veneration is again for the Shogunate and the Mikado, in lieu of the worship of the one and only real spiritual God. It was an appeal for revival of this sentiment for which General Nogi died.

Yet this whole conception of the divinity of political ancestors is a purely mythical fiction, and in lieu of a doctrine of that eternal and absolute God, which the rational soul of man intuitively affirms.

No wonder then that this aforesaid mythical fiction so long as it dominates the Japanese mind holds it to a pantheistic and agnostic attitude, and besides renders it hopelessly provincial. There exists no basis whatever for any sound philosophy, for a true ethic or a real theism. Much less is there left any ground for a true science, inasmuch as all science is dependent for its basic axioms, as in mathematics, on the personal rational mind.

You can have none of these without a true anthropology, and at the root of such an anthropology is the primary self-conscious ego—the rationally self-evident starting point of valid thinking on any subject. There is much ground for what one of America's real sages, President Henry G. Weston, of Crozer Seminary, used to say, "There is in this universe but one truth; namely, personality; and but one lie: the denial of personality."

As between Pede-Baptists and ourselves, for example, infant baptism, besides being a relic of medieval superstition supposed to have saving efficacy, logically annuls personality, assuming to stand in lieu of the original grace of God, and to repudiate which in maturer years upon one's own personal profession of faith is considered by Pede-Baptists a sacrilegious act. All forms of human sponsorship in place of the essential Christ, who is logically anterior to any child's relation to earthly parentage, becomes an impertinence, as in so far it insulates the soul logically from God.

Every conception of so-called "sacramental grace" ignores personality, putting some mechanical device in its stead. While the papal system makes a complete finish by cutting every bond of individual first-hand connection of the soul with its God.

This personality conception, however, does not exclude a proper doctrine of the church—an organized social institution, with some simple officers. This church, however, must have its sole Head one only ruler: namely, the risen Lord. But this Kingship is of such a sort that when exercised, instead of suppressing individuality, it brings it to its highest own in a spiritual and democratic equality among its members. Hence the paradox that the church on one side of its nature is a pure monarchy, and on another side a pure democracy. All hierarchy is thereby absolutely excluded.

How our Baptist fathers attained to this profound idea is indeed a marvel; for they were not reasoned philosophers, but simple humans. I suspect it was due to the fact that their persecutions drove them to reflection, to the Bible and to God; and in their prisons and solitudes the Spirit whispered them in the ear His secret. Of course it was the Christ, the supreme historic personality, their spiritual head who taught it them.

In the simplicity of this idea of the sacredness of the individual so philosophically profound, and yet so elementary, our fathers wrought their work. And they went to the ends of the earth to recover to the same ideals apparently hopeless, even outcast peoples. And thus eventuated their extraordinary missionary career.

II. The Centrality of the Experimental in Religion. This is a matter so deep and vital that nothing short of these apparently contradictory truths of the Bible called—the paradoxes—are equal to its expression. For these paradoxes are the deepest things in Christianity. Experience indeed is impossible to abstract doctrine, as a mere mental concept, because an experience belongs to the whole rational soul; and the soul is more than intellect. Hence it is that the unsophisticated but living child knows more deeply than the speculative philosopher. The heart loves, the conscience judges and the will chooses; and to this composite state the Holy Spirit unveils God and His mysteries become open secrets. Nor can God disclose Himself to the fragment of a soul. The biblical paradoxes therefore which describe experience reach to man's center, because like his God he is a person. Paradoxical truths are soluble only to personality. This is so because personality is the one thing in the universe that can so change its relations as to act variously from diverse centers and yet maintain its identity. That is to say, personality is a unity that has in it more than one attribute as some say—I would prefer to say pole of moral ac-

tion; it may have several. The greater the personality the more complex and multifiform the being. God Himself, because He is the supreme person, is the supreme paradox. All redemptive truth is paradoxical, because it implies the deepest things in Deity. Thus it is able to go to the roots of the problem of sin, and apprehend a method of salvation from it. Just because these redemptive truths are so deep, they are not discernible by the natural man; "neither can he know them (mentally)," although they embrace the highest divine wisdom.

Man also, like his God, is "a bundle of polarities," as Prof. Deissmann says of Paul in his recent book on the world apostle.

It is Paul who describes himself as "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body;" "As dying and behold we live, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things." And Tennyson, at his highest sings, "We rise on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things."

Of course all this involves the mystical element in Christian experience. This simply means that life is too deep for definition. The central meaning of baptism is mystical: it implies a process in the soul which the immersion in water and the correlative emergence from it does not effect, but signifies; it symbolizes the historical death and resurrection of our Lord and describes a similar subjective process in the soul. The emphasis is of course not on the water, but rather on the pictorial representation, which a certain use of the water is adapted to convey. "Thus," saith Jesus to John, by a process of dying and living again which this act symbolically suggests—"it becometh us to fulfill (or fill full) the sum total of evangelical righteousness."

But the paradox implied in baptism is only one of many. The Bible is full of them. Every one of the Beatitudes is a paradox and every parable. Each step in real spiritual living implies a paradox. And some one must interpret and apply these. Even we Baptists have thus far only dealt with the A. B. C. of this deep matter.

The most earnest attempt to do so in Germany, since Luther, was that led by Ritschl; and which survives in many forms in Europe and America. True, the attempt was distorted by its scorn of miracle and by a false metaphysics in its very attempt to avoid all metaphysics. It should have found a better metaphysics as Eucken has, when he says: "In Christianity all the ethics is metaphysical, and all the metaphysics is ethical."

In the deliverances of all competent religious thinkers today great emphasis is placed on experience. With some, indeed, the term experience is the "Christian consciousness," is indeed lightly used, and placed out of just relation and proportion to the real objective, always an indefinitely larger quantum than any single man's spiritual consciousness has ever subjectively realized or can realize. But the instinct which emphasizes the genuine experiential in its place is sound; and it is the result of deeper thinking than once prevailed; and it works out in far deeper vitalities.

But how came our Baptist fathers to discover and apply this profound experiential teaching? Doubtless it was incident to the peculiar trials to which they were driven in the period of their crucial protest. The Holy Spirit taught them first-hand, because susceptible.

The Baptist, therefore, has always stood for the consonance of the paradoxical language of the Bible with the deepest working of the divine Spirit in the soul. The Baptist has no fear of the paradoxes. If such truth as Jacob's conquest of Esau through his own crippling, life gained through losing it, Paul's strength perfected through weakness, or salvation through a self-humiliated Messiah, were not in the Bible we should know that the book was superficial. Whereas, the Bible is a revelation so profound that it is only through living out its truths that the book itself can be verified. The Baptists therefore, because freest from traditional trammels, and because consistent also with the deep import of their initial ordinance are pre-eminently the people to apply to others truths consonant with the meaning of that ordinance.

III.

The third element in the Baptist message is the reality of redeeming grace, but in a peculiar and explicit understanding of that grace, a matter much obscured in the modern mind. What is this grace—that central thing emphasized in the New Testament in 153 different passages?

This grace also is something grounded in the paradoxical God: it is the consummate expression towards sinners of that God whose unity is composed of plural polarities (not mere attributes divided one against another) existing in one and the same being. If God were simply or primarily a unitary being, as He is unhappily represented as being by those who make Him chiefly power, or holiness, or love, there could be no grace. For grace is the synthesis of all divine attributes. As related to the sin problem particularly grace is the synthesis of God's judicial holiness and His sympathetic benevolence. The mat-

ter of grace for the guilty is therefore the deepest thing revealed to us. This grace was achieved through the voluntary action of the suffering, vicarious God-in-Christ, who thereby dissolved the animosity in His own being which the sin of men had weakened. This work was historically revealed on Calvary, but was really a timeless reality, imminent in the whole Deity, in the Father as well as in the Son. This is the meaning of "the Lamb foreknown (as slain) from the foundation of the world." Grace is therefore a boon wrought out and conferred on us by the same governing authority which found and adjudged us guilty. It is therefore something to be construed from the standpoint of a true monotheism rather than from a quasi-tritheism. This grace has in it the principle of the unique "juvenile court" in which the judge through vicarious suffering righteousness becomes also savior. The judge is vicarious, and he is vital also. The fact is the unity which is in God is more than the unity of the mathematical circle with but one center; it is rather the duplex unity of the ellipse in which two foci mutually condition each other, and so unite in that concrete reality we call grace. Thus it is that "mercy and truth are met together," that "righteousness and peace have kissed each other." The two moral poles cohere in a unity below the surface, through the timeless sacrifice of our Savior-God. It is this mystic unity that forms the keynote of the praises of the redeemed so dominant in the songs of the Apocalypse.

Accordingly the atonement is a cosmic reality; that is a matter embracing the relations of time and eternity and not a mere temporal episode; and yet it became historical in time. And Baptists must better learn how so to preach the atonement as a cosmic eternal dynamic. Had this been done generally in Europe since Luther, the Reformation had not been so arrested. Nor perhaps would earnest moralists like Eucken have felt prompted to protest against the atonement altogether. With Eucken, however, the atonement is merely the traditional time-episode conception. He is profound enough and true to reality also, when he insists of history that history is a movement on a time-plane "established within an eternal order," implying "both a transcendence of time and an entry into time;" and that every historical event "has a cosmic reference."

Then why should not Eucken and his fellows of a really deep philosophy be hospitable to the idea that what Jesus manifested in His earthly life and dying (a voluntary dying, John 10:18) was but the objectification of the inmost and eternal heart of God; namely, the cosmic reconciliation? This content of revelation we Baptists of today should see more clearly than Luther in his time perhaps could have been expected to see. And if Europe is to have a doctrine of salvation that will go to the roots of the maladies and woes of our time, Baptists and their spiritual kinsmen particularly must furnish it.

The only ethics that are at all adequate either to the standards of God or the conscience of man are such as are conceived as a response to grace. Repentance and faith, and prayer, and stewardship and missions that are really Christian, are such a response on man's part to something redeeming and objective in God. Indeed the whole world exists under an Aegis thus constituted. Our entire race and the cosmos are potentially redeemed already by the grace of God—revealed in Jesus Christ, His Son. What is now needed is that men be acquainted with this action on the part of God, and be moved to respond to it.

This some of our fathers, especially since the time of Carey and Andrew Fuller, managed wonderfully to do. But we should improve even on them. The presumption of all our initial positions, longer tested by time, commit us to it. Our conception and practice in the matter of the Christian ordinances, our supposedly experiential and habitual dying to sin and self, and our first hand relation to our risen Lord, apart from every notion of sacramental efficacy, predispose us to preach atoning grace. Only it must be a cosmic grace, that atonement which is the very rationale of our universe, and no afterthought in it; that timeless work of the whole God in which the universe has its constitution, despite the foreseen episode of sin.

In this truth of grace incipient in the universe and at its basis, we find likewise our motive and method for all social service, reform, upbuilding and solidarity. You never can get men right towards one another without an ethical doctrine of the cross—until they first get right with God in Christ, in whose image they are made.

All nostrums that seek to work social reforms apart from the timeless atonement are foredoomed to failure and self-mockery.

Here also is the basis for all real missionary passion. We rejoice to own ourselves children of the resurrection. But Christian missions are pre-eminently the resurrection errand promulgated only after Christ's own resurrection and to disciples prepared by 40 days of special instruction and divine self-manifestation to go upon the errand of the risen One. Shall not, then, we, the heirs of the apostles, and heirs also of modern apostles like Carey and Judson, and Grenfell and Ashmore and Oncken and Wiberg and Kohner, make haste to complete that errand, we who have had such seals set on our ministry among the nations? It will be granted in this presence that even in European Christendom there is need to correct much narrowness in the church, to re-energize its ethics, to recover from rationalism, to

direct wisely the currents of social unrest, and to secure better international understanding and sympathy. Then let the truth I have striven to impress be uttered by whosoever is competent, be he Conformist or Non-conformist, and in the spirit of the Author of all grace, and we shall hasten the coming of the kingdom of our God. Only let it ever be remembered these truths must be deeply lived likewise, and not simply preached as abstractions. Our efforts are not to be estimated by their mere adaptability to create in Europe or elsewhere a so-called "denomination," or sect, for its own sake, but by that which is far greater; namely, the fitness first to renew and sanctify ourselves, then to bless every denomination in Christendom, and in the end to help men the world over to deeply share our own experiences of the manifold grace of God.



J. B. GAMBRELL.

Being out of the city we failed to see Dr. Gambrell. We always like to sit at the feet of this great Baptist. We have never been able to decide as to whether he talks or writes best. When we read after him we think that writing is his forte, but when we come under the spell of his voice we are sure his best gift is his power of oratory. Texas is an empire and needs him, but every now and then we think that Dr. Gambrell is too big for any city or state and that Southern Baptists ought to syndicate him. In all seriousness we wish that a way might be found for him to spend the remainder of his life in just going up and down the south, visiting our schools and colleges, and churches, and associations and conventions as an "inspirer." He needn't quit writing his inimitable editorials for the Standard. We are ready to subscribe to a fund to incorporate him and let him wander at will as the guest of Southern Baptists.

NOTES FROM ALABAMA

It was this editor's privilege to look in on Howard College en route to the meeting of the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on Efficiency, held last week in Chattanooga. There is an excellent and growing college spirit, and President J. M. Shelburne has the support of a vigorous faculty and of a worthy student body. There are some 40 or 50 young preachers. Prof. Hendricks, an ex-Texan, teaches the Bible, helping the young preachers. There is a fine body of young lady students in Howard. There should be more, and will be, no doubt. Five or six seniors will study medicine. We will be glad to have them in Baylor College of Medicine next fall. Some of our very best students in the seminary at Fort Worth are Howard men.

Secretary Crumpton is leading in a campaign for \$100,000 to clear everything in Alabama of debt and set the Baptists out for a new era of progress. He was deep in this work and we missed seeing him. He is, strictly speaking, our sort. He and this editor fought, suffered and flourished in Mississippi, side by side, heart to heart, years ago. Everybody says he will win in this campaign. Of course.

We heard Pastor Dickinson preach a unique and enlightening sermon on ministerial education. His expositions gave us two new sermons, which are now in the making. This may be good news to Texas.

On the wall of the First church, Birmingham, is a tablet to the memory of our life-long friend, David Ingram Purser, under whose labors the church grew into strength. He made a strong impression on Bap-

tist affairs in Alabama. It was an uncommon pleasure to be in the home of Capt. Frank S. White, who was among the very first, if not the first, to challenge carpet-bag rule in Mississippi, and who was in the forefront of the young men who delivered the state from that unspeakable band of plunderers. We were his pastor more than 40 years ago. He is a deacon in the First church and stands by the church, as he has always stood for righteousness in public and private life. It was the moral and religious element of the south that led in the heroic work of reconstruction. It is the same virile moral element that is creating in the south a base of operations from which forces are to move out in a campaign of moral regeneration for the nation.

In the Birmingham, Alabama, Pastor's Conference an intelligent negro pastor said that Jefferson county, in which Birmingham is situated, has 300 negro Baptist churches. The negro Baptists of Birmingham want the Southern Negro Baptist Theological Seminary located there. It seems to us there could be no better place for it.—J. B. Gambrell.

THE WORLD'S INDEBTEDNESS.

In these days of high prices for so many of the necessities of life the average individual may count himself fortunate if he is able to make both ends meet, and he who comes through the year with his debts paid and a little surplus stored away for a rainy day is fortunate in the extreme. For those who have been unable to meet all their obligations and who find themselves at the beginning of the new year with the balance on the wrong side of the ledger, it may be somewhat consoling to read of some of the world's big debtors and to note how cheerfully and hopefully these debtors face the future.

From figures recently issued by the United States department of commerce we learn that the national debts of the world total \$42,000,000,000. The interest and other charges on the world's debts in 1912 amounted to \$1,737,000,000, an average of a trifle more than 4 per cent, though a few of the stronger nations were given rates materially lower than that. The world's debt 10 years ago amounted to about \$32,000,000,000, the increase in the past decade amounting to about 20 per cent. The debt 40 years ago was about \$20,000,000,000, having doubled in the past four decades.

The republic of France, with a debt of \$6,284,000,000, heads the list of the world's big debtors. Then follow, in order, the United Kingdom, including British India, \$4,961,000,000; the German empire and the German states, \$4,914,000,000; Russia, \$4,553,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$3,753,000,000; Italy, \$2,753,000,000; Spain, \$1,815,000,000; Japan, \$1,242,000,000; and bringing up the rear of the great powers comes the United States, with a debt of \$1,023,000,000. But we are not worried about what they owe. The thing that keeps us awake at nights is worrying about that \$2 you owe us.

We are in receipt of a copy of resolutions passed by the First church of Columbus, speaking in highest praise of the retiring pastor, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who becomes secretary of the Convention Board. The rule of our office invariably adhered to prevents of course our publishing the resolutions in full, but we join the committee, Brethren Whitfield, Harrison and lines, in commending him to the brotherhood of the state in the work to which he has been called. They specially mention his interest in civic matters, pulpit ability, soundness in faith and efforts in the Sunday school, also the assistance of his worthy wife.—Baptist Record.

(We, too, are frequently compelled to cut down resolutions for lack of space.)

Prof. Ernest D. Burton, of the University of Chicago, and a member of the board of managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was recently appointed a member of the continuation committee of the Edinburg Conference, which has just held a meeting at The Hague. It will meet again next September.

Dr. A. S. Hobart, of Crozier Seminary, has retired from the board of managers of the Home Mission Society, after a continuous service of 24 years.

The Arkansas Negro Baptists took seven cash collections during their recent State Convention and got over \$8,300 in "cold cash."

STORY OF THE CONVERSION OF EX-GOVERNOR
HAM PATTERSON.

Under God, Governor Patterson's chance to become a Christian came through a man who, in his own modest words, "writes a good many letters." That man is John Langston Weber, a quiet, soft-spoken South Carolinian, who is now pastor of the Madison Heights Methodist church in Memphis. Mr. Weber has a favorite pastoral method; he watches the papers and listens to the gossip of men in his town for news of any great sorrow or great joy which has befallen any fellow citizen of his. Especially does he note cases where the sins of men have found them out and brought them to humiliation. And into every such opening in the worldly armor or reserve that men wear Dr. Weber skillfully seizes the opportunity to thrust straightway his gentle sword of gospel appeal. "The Lord has blessed you greatly; will you honor Him?" or "You have fallen into great trouble; will you not turn to Christ for succor?"

So it was that when the papers of Tennessee were telling broadcast how ex-Governor Patterson in Nashville had been connected with an episode of sensational disgrace, others jeered, but Dr. Weber wrote a letter. Something after this manner its persuasion ran:

"Dear Governor Patterson: I have never met you, but I sorrow greatly for your humiliation through sin. Yet may not your day of shame become your day of blessing through your turning to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? Perhaps you will resent this; you have a right to. But I can't help writing."

And the ex-governor sent back word:

"Resent it? Never! You are the first minister who ever spoke to me about my sin. Come and see me." Many a long hour of talk and prayer, with politician and minister shut away from the world together, followed this exchange. Out of these long conferences Governor Patterson went to confess his faith at the altar of the Idlewild Presbyterian church in Memphis, where Dr. Crowe is pastor—sent there by the Methodist pastor himself because his mother, who has been praying for him all these years, is a Presbyterian, and "there is where he belonged."—*Presbyterian Sentinel.*

"HELL DO IT."

The Danger of Over-confidence.

"I hear it as I travel and get word in letters, most everybody is saying after hearing me on the debt-paying campaign: 'He'll do it.' Many a battle has been lost by over-confidence.

The work will be done if everybody will help, and help right now. The prospects are bright. Some few are doing nobly, but so many manifest but little interest. I am hearing from a few of the hosts of Judson women and Howard men. We ought to add \$50,000 in pledges in February. If we do "we will make the landing." W. B. CRUMPTON.

As a great humane and patriotic institution, devoted to the mitigation of suffering for the sake of humanity and the upbuilding of a strong and vigorous people, the American Red Cross, through its nursing service, is carrying into the homes of the people such simple instruction in hygiene and home care of the sick as will aid in the improvement of living conditions and the prevention of illness, and make it possible for women to render intelligently such care to the sick in their own homes as may safely be entrusted to them.

Mere action, kindly though it be, unaccompanied by the sense of fellowship with God, leaves the life incomplete. "The enthusiasm of humanity if divorced from the love of God is likely to degenerate into mere serving of tables." The habit of being troubled with many things may become mere motion, rather than effective action in the Master's cause.

WHEN OUR PARENTS ARE SICK.

(From Century Magazine.)

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| When Pa is Sick. | When Ma is Sick. |
| When pa is sick, He's scared to death, An' ma an' us Just holds our breath. | When ma is sick, She pegs away; She's quiet, though, Not much t' say. |
| He crawls in bed, An' puffs an' grunts, An' does all kinds Of crazy stunts. | She goes right on A-doin' things, An' sometimes laughs, Er even sings. |
| He wants "Doc" Brown, An' mighty quick; For when pa's ill, He's awful sick. | She says she don't Feel axtry well, But then it's just A kind o' spell; |
| He gasps an' groans, An' sort o' sighs; He talks s' queer, An' rolls his eyes. | She'll be all right Tomorrow, sure. A good old sleep Will be the cure. |
| Ma jumps an' runs, An' all of us, An' all the house, Is in a fuss. | An' pa, he sniffs, An' makes no kick, Fer women folks Is always sick. |
| An' peace an' joy Is mighty skeerce— When pa is sick, It's somethin' fierce. | An' ma, she smiles, Let's on she's glad— When ma is sick, It ain't s' bad. |

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The year 1913 has been one of great advance for our board in money receipts and in the success which has attended our efforts to advance the Sunday school movement throughout the south.

The most notable event of the year has been the completion of our handsome and commodious new building, which, with the property on which it stands, cost about \$220,000. We expect to dedicate it next May free from debt, when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Nashville. It provides for our business, editorial and administrative departments and gives us room for all the new Baptist interests of the city. With this new building our assets will go over \$500,000. All this has been accumulated from the business of the board during the 23 years of its existence.

Our teacher training work has gone forward with great strides. We have now some 22,000 holders of first diplomas, and some 3,800 who have in addition completed a course of from four to eight books. Nearly 200 men and women are each month joining the number who hold these advanced diplomas. We have completely revised our normal manual and have laid the foundation for a considerable revision of our entire course.

During the year we have introduced the graded lessons for the intermediate department. This completes our own graded course for the first 13 years of work. This intermediate course was revised by our Southern Baptist Lesson Committee and is the most direct and effective course of Baptist lessons ever given. The graded lessons are constantly growing in circulation and usefulness.

L. J. VANNESS,
Editorial Secretary.
Nashville, Tenn.

As goes America in the twentieth century, up or down, so will go the whole wide world. The American people are now called to the moral leadership of the human race that through us peace, prosperity and civilization may spread over all the earth.

Galveston, Tex. alone exports nearly twice as much as all the cities on the Pacific coast combined.

"OUR BROTHER IN BLACK."

We recently received a paper entitled "An Appeal to the People of America," signed by a number of well-known and honorable colored brethren. The paper is a sane and forceful presentation of facts made in a diplomatic and Christian manner, and is worthy the serious consideration of every right-thinking white man who believes in justice. We Baptists have a great opportunity and will be held accountable if we withhold the mental, moral and spiritual help needed by our "brother in black." We ought also to treat them fairly in business and see that their rights are safeguarded in our courts. We are the dominant race, and we ought to help the weak. The following letter gave us genuine pleasure:

Fayette, Ala., Jan. 13, 1914.
Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Birmingham, Ala.

Please find enclosed money order for \$2 for renewal to the Alabama Baptist. Please pardon me for being a little behind the proper time. Owing to serious sickness in my family I had to meet a doctor's bill and several other expenses. It is true I am not a member of any church, but it is a pleasure to me to read good Baptist papers. I regret to say that I cannot induce my race to read the paper. They say the price is too high; but it is very strange to me that my race of people cannot get money to pay for a good paper, but can always manage to get money to buy whiskey and have big drunken sprees. I feel like if my race of people would give the time they waste in idleness to reading good church papers they would be better law-abiding people and then would make good colored citizens. M. J. WAMMACK.

Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention, says: "The progress of negro Baptists during the 50 years since emancipation shows that the membership has increased from about 400,000 in 1863 to 2,440,000 in 1913. Schools and school property from zero in 1863 to 150 high schools, academies and colleges with a property valuation of \$2,000,000. The valuation of church property as shown by statistics is \$27,000,000. The most significant matter now before the convention is the establishment of a national Baptist theological seminary, which has been greatly encouraged by the proposal of a committee, representing the Southern Baptist Convention, to give \$50,000 in aid of this much needed enterprise, and it is hoped that our Northern Baptist friends will give a like sum."

Sir Charles Dilke in his recollections of the war of 1870 and the commune relates the following interesting incident about the day on which Bismarck nearly starved: "He told me that he had with him at his lodging the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg and General Sheridan, the American cavalry officer. Bismarck had gone out to forage, and had succeeded in finding five eggs, for which he had paid a dollar each. He then said to himself: If I take home five I must give two to the Grand Duke and two to Sheridan, and I shall have but one. 'I ate,' he said, 'two upon the spot and took home three, so that the Grand Duke had one and Sheridan had one, and there was one for me. Sheridan died; he never knew—but I told the Grand Duke, and he forgave me.'"

A man may even possess genius and yet fall in his life's work unless he has that rare quality which Mr. Edison calls "the genius for hard work." The student that comes to school just a little ahead of his classmates, and who stays a little later, and by so doing puts in a few more minutes of hard, earnest work each day, will in the end be far ahead of those who do no more than they are compelled to do, and the result is that such a student will outstrip the others on the race course of life just as naturally as water seeks its level.

Of French thrift, apparently, there is no end. It is founded on racial habits rooted in industry and intelligence, and of a sense of proportion as universal to the Gallic race as its feeling for beauty.

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THE BUSINESS WOMEN'S ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' MEETING.

Each Tuesday from 12:05 to 12:55 there gather at our Baptist headquarters, 504 Farley building, some 20 or more earnest business women who are teaching in the elementary departments of our Sunday schools.

The ready response to the first invitation and the enthusiastic co-operation immediately given show that this meeting answers a long felt want in the hearts of these busy women.

A simple organization was effected so that any emergency might be met. The president is Mrs. H. L. Strickland, the talented and consecrated wife of our state secretary; Miss Ellen Sims is the secretary of the teachers' meeting; Mrs. N. A. Barrett and Miss L. S. Forbes are the leaders.

Some definite teacher training work will be done, problems will be discussed, tested methods will be presented at the various meetings in the 30 minutes given to the mental and spiritual side of the work. Twenty minutes is given to rest, lunching and social intercourse. We believe this latter feature will draw these elementary workers in our Baptist Sunday schools very close together.

Last Tuesday Mr. L. P. Leavell was with us, giving a great talk on the three-fold essentials in the teacher's task—study, practical application of the study and the looking after the spiritual needs of the pupil.

The Birmingham Baptist churches are rich in capable, well-trained women in the elementary departments, and several of them have volunteered to come and help whenever needed. Owing to the frequent absence of Miss Forbes from the city the work will owe its permanency and success to the faithful service which Mrs. N. A. Barret will render. We count ourselves as being truly blessed in having the whole-souled co-operation of this efficient primary worker. L. S. F.

THE DEVOTIONAL AND TEACHING SERVICE AT THE FIFTY-SIXTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

More and more in this busy age our churches are finding it necessary to so combine and arrange their weekly services that the largest results may be had at the least expense of time. One good result of this endeavor is the bringing of the Bible school, the teaching service of the church, in close touch with the church's heart, the midweek prayer service.

At the Fifty-sixth Street Baptist church on the first Wednesday night of the new year it was my good pleasure to be with the large, earnest band of men and women who were at the prayer service. The subject was, "Our Young Men." The leader was a young man, the assistant pastor, Mr. J. C. Borum. The various speakers were men either young in age or spirit. The secret of this great church's growth and development was partly told by the spiritual power manifest in the talks and prayers at this prayer meeting.

Closing exactly on time, the teachers, after a five minutes intermission for relaxation and social intercourse,

gathered in the various rooms for their departmental teachers' meeting.

Following the 20 minutes allotted for this they reassembled for class work in teacher training. On that evening we studied together the first of a series of four lessons on "Lesson Building." It was delightful to be with such an earnest, responsive group of workers.

A still greater future is in store for any church which looks well after the spiritual and mental training of its teachers, for—

"The teacher lives forever. On and on through all the generations he shall preach the beautiful evangel."

L. S. F.

ATTRACTIVE PENNANT OFFERED FOR A-1 STANDARD SCHOOLS.

In response to the desire for a definite and distinguishing mark for A-1 schools, the Sunday School Board is now offering a pennant to be placed on the wall, 15x36 inches in size, of a dark blue felt, properly lettered, declaring that the award has been bestowed. This pennant will be sent to schools meriting the A-1 award for \$1 postpaid.

Baptist Sunday School Board,
 161 Eighth Avenue, North,
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S WATCHWORD—"READY."

"Ready to go, ready to wait,
 Ready a gap to fill;
 Ready for service, small or great,
 Ready to do His will.

"Ready to suffer grief or pain,
 Ready to stand the test;
 Ready to stay at home and send
 Others, if He sees best.

"Ready to do, ready to bear,
 Ready to watch and pray;
 Ready to tand aside and give
 Till He shall clear the way.

"Ready to speak, ready to think,
 Ready with heart and brain;
 Ready to start when He sees fit;
 Ready to share the strain.

"Ready to seek, ready to warn,
 Ready o'er souls to yearn;
 Ready in life, ready in death;
 Ready for His return."

—Selected.

KNIGHTS OF THE FLAG.

A round dozen of the brightest, most energetic and most mischievous 8-year-old boys in all the world—what could be done with them to direct and control that overflow of boyish spirit now expressing itself in talking, making faces, moving chairs and divers other small annoyances? It was the month of July. Flags were everywhere—in the birthday box, on the birthday chair and in every part of that primary room. The happy child-

ish voices rang with "I Know Three Little Sisters," and with the words of the song there came a new idea. They should be "Knights of the Flag!" the flag should be their emblem; its lessons should be their ideals, its colors their reminder.

To boys who are naturally aggressive the idea of soldiery or knighthood is ever welcome, and few indeed are the boys who will not part with a most cherished possession to own a flag. So when the teacher on the next Sunday morning held up a beautiful flag and offered to tell them how they might own one each was alert and full of eager interest as she unfolded her plan. In simple words she taught them the lessons of the flag.

Red says "Love:" Love your country enough to die for it; love your mother enough to obey her; love your friends enough to be kind.

White says, "Be pure," and being pure means being clean—thinking clean words and keeping one's body clean and strong by using only the right kind of food and drink.

Blue says, "Be true:" Think the truth, speak the truth, act the truth.

All who would be "Knights of the Flag" must know what the flag teaches and promise to try to do all the things the flag commands. It is God's flag as well as our country's, and we love it and thank Him for it, and if we are to be "Knights of the Flag" He must be our King.

Men did not get to be knights all at once. The king had to try them and see if they would be faithful. So every boy must not only learn so he can recite to his teacher the three commands in each color, but he must try for one week to be obedient and kind, to eat and drink only the right kind of things, to use only the right kind of words, to tell and act the truth. When he thinks he has done this and is ready to try to obey these laws all the time he may be made a knight.

The ceremony is simple. He stands before the class and recites this promise: "I promise to take the flag which is given me and put it where I can see it often, so that I may remember what it says. I promise to try every day to do what the flag says. I promise to serve God as my King." The teacher then strikes him lightly on the shoulder with a flag staff, saying, "Hail, Sir Knight of the Flag! I give you this flag to remind you of your promise. May you ever be true."

It is well to admit only a few boys each Sunday until all are enrolled and to review the promise and try to get reports from the boys as to whether they are keeping their vows. If there is disorder in the class such a command as "Be kind, Sir Knight," "Obey, Sir Knight," etc., must be obeyed at once or the boy is suspended from the roll of knights for one or more Sundays. Great enthusiasm may be aroused and the order may be adapted to fit many varying needs. A few minutes taken while in the class work is better than taking the time of the

whole department, and is time well spent and saved in the end, as it wonderfully improves the order during all exercises. Good sized flags may be had for 5 cents each. It is earnestly hoped that many other teachers may be able to work the idea out successfully for their own classes.

WILLIE JEAN STEWART.

As February, with George Washington's birthday, is another flag month, this would be a good time to "knight" that class of restless boys.

THE CASES OF TWO TITHERS.

Soliciting recently for the debt-paying campaign in one of the associations, one of the graves of the forgotten past yielded up its dead in the shape of a double story, which deserves to be recorded.

Nearly two years ago the writer wired Dr. Crumpton to send by express 25 copies of "The Victory of Mary Christopher" for use in a certain church on the following day—Sunday. The books were received and about a dozen copies disposed of.

A widowed member of that church read the book and said she would try the plan of tithing for one year. Some months later the pastor informed me that another reader of the book—a young married man—had adopted the plan of tithing.

Now the lady above referred to has but a meagre income; some of her hard-earned money of last Christmas coming from the baking of 16 cakes, for her fingers are wonderfully deft in turning pennies in the restricted commercial realm of womanhood. So when she sent me a check for \$5 on the "debt" I believed it was too much for her to give and called on her to ask that she take the check back. "Take it back?" she said. "Why? Isn't it good at the bank?" I said, "Yes, but—" "But what?" she asked. And then it was my move, and I found I was checkmated. When she finally realized the purpose of my call she laughed at the sublime display of blockhead I was unintentionally affording her, and said: "If you can't handle the check give it back to me, and I will send it direct to Dr. Crumpton. It is a part of my tithe money, and I want it to go on the debt of our denomination."

The other picture must be painted on a sombre background. Time was when the young man above referred to was dreaded by all collectors of benevolences, and many a straight line was bent into a spacious detour to avoid an interview with him on church finances. But "the entrance of Thy word giveth light." He is today a devoted tither, and when called upon in behalf of the "debt-paying campaign" he heard the appeal with intelligent and kindly interest and made a liberal offering. God bless the tithers everywhere. B. DAVIE.

THE BESSEMER INSTITUTE.

We delay a full write up of the enjoyable time we had at Bessemer with Pastor Thornton, Superintendent Herbert and their splendid fellow workers until next week in order that we may present at the same time a view of their new Sunday school annex, in some respects the best in Alabama.

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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee: Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 6:24-26.

A THOUGHT FOR YOU.

"Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy,
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart,
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch." —A. E. Hamilton.

"God has wondrously blessed us during our week of prayer." These words have come to us from many societies. The offerings have been coming in from the Y. W. A.'s for hospital work in foreign lands, the R. A.'s for the Toluca school in Mexico and the S. B. B.'s for the kindergarten work in foreign lands. We are so grateful for the offerings, and trust that these seasons of prayer have been a blessing to the heart life of each member of the societies. It was a pleasure to be with the Sunbeams of the First church, Montgomery, in their Christmas meeting. The program was planned well by the leader, and the children did their parts beautifully. As the little tree was bright with its candles the Sunbeams made it more beautiful with their Christmas offerings to the little children in the kindergartens across the sea.

RECENT ORGANIZATIONS.

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A STORY FOR SUNBEAMS.

In the Golden Book.

Within the courts of Paradise, at the gate of the palace of the King, stood a little child, watching the faces of those who passed in.

"May I go in, too?" she asked of the angel who kept watch at the gate.

"I do not know, dear child," said the angel; "our Great King is giving audience today to those whose names are written in the Golden Book of Remembrance."

"But whose names are written in the Book?" asked the child.

"They are those whose good deeds the King likes best to remember," the angel said. "Shall we see if your name is there?"

"Please do," exclaimed the child, "and oh! I do hope it will be there. I have done many kind and good things in my life. My teachers all praised me and said I was the best girl in my class."

Then the angel opened the great Golden Book of Remembrance and searched it carefully. "Dear child," he said, "there is nothing of all that in the Book."

"Well," said the child, somewhat crestfallen, "please look into the Book again. I once gave half the money from my savings box to a missionary for the education of a little negro boy."

Again the angel turned over the pages of the great Golden Book. "No, dear child," he said, "there is nothing about that here."

Then the child began to be afraid, but she tried hard to think, and she said, "Do you know at Christmas time I used to give half of my playthings to the poor children? Surely that must be in the Book."

Once more the angel sought in the Golden Book,

Our Young People

and once more he shook his head. "It is not written here."

Then the child's face fell, and the tears came into her eyes. "I can remember nothing more," she said. "I am so sorry. Oh, how I wish that I could have done something to make the King glad."

But the beautiful angel looked lovingly down at the little child and said: "My little one, there is no deed of kindness but gladdens the heart of our King. But in the Golden Book are written the deeds that are done with no thought of praise, but just for love's sake; and it is written in the Book that once a little girl found a poor, hungry boy in the street, and gave him the cake which had just been given to her. You were that child."

And the child looked up doubtfully and said: "Oh, I know nothing about it. If it was really I who gave the cake I must have forgotten it the next moment."

But the angel smiled sweetly and said: "Dear child, the things we forget are often the things the King likes best to remember."

And he took her by the hand, and led her up the shining steps and into the throne-room of the King; and a voice in which was the music of all sweet sounds said to her:

"I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; . . . Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me. Dear child, I thank you for your gift."—Everland.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES TO STUDY, THAT OUR WORK MAY BE MORE EFFICIENT.

1. Have you every organization in your church for the young people, namely: Y. W. A., Jr. and Sr., R. A., S. B. B.?

2. Have you studied the standard of excellence for 1912-1914? It is our desire that each young people's society will find a place on the honor roll this year. Of course your society cannot be placed on the honor roll unless you have met the requirements of the standard of excellence. The "Questionnaire" will be sent you in March. Will you be ready to answer the questions? Please refer to your year-book and you will see a copy of the "Questionnaire" which will be sent your society.

3. Do you, as a leader of an auxiliary, band or chapter, realize that you are a God-appointed leader, and that you have a wonderful privilege in leading the young for service?

4. Do you study your year-book, Y. W. A. Manual, S. B. B. Manual, "How to Shine," the manual of the Order of the Royal Ambassadors? During the past summer a leader asked the secretary of the Southern Union where she might go to learn more about the work, and her reply was, "Study the material you already have." We have splendid material for the young people's societies. If you have not a copy of these manuals send 5 cents to the mission rooms and a copy will be sent you. If your society has not received a copy then you are entitled to one free. It would be a splendid plan for each member, especially each officer, to have one of the manuals. We have free leaflets in the mission room which we will be glad to send to each of the organizations.

5. Have you had a successful mission study class this year? One Junior Auxiliary has planned to take the study of "Ann of Ava." This auxiliary does many little deeds of personal service, and they are now planning to take their sewing for the poor to their

meetings once each week. The members will sew while one girl reads a chapter from "Ann of Ava." When the reading is finished all members will join in the discussion of the story.

6. To whom should all mission offerings be sent? Answer: Miss Laura Lee Patrick, 127 South Court street, Montgomery, Ala.

7. To whom should your society write for literature or information concerning the young people's work? Answer: Miss Clyde Metcalfe, 127 South Court street, Montgomery, Ala.

8. To whom should you send reports quarterly? Answer: To your associational superintendent or, in case there is none, to the mission rooms, 127 South Court street, Montgomery, Ala. We would stress the vital importance of reporting regularly.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

In "The Unfolding Life" Mrs. Lamoreaux says: "Girls are most susceptible to influence for good or evil between 11 and 17, with the climax about 14. It is not the work of nurture plain?"

In an especial way it is desired that the Young Woman's Auxiliary shall be an ideal toward which the Junior Young Woman's Auxiliary works, and to that end they are given the same standard of excellence, the same questionnaire, the same specials, the same personal service, the same jubilate privileges, the same watchword, hymn, plan, manual and practically the same constitution. They are therefore referred to the whole portion of this year-book which is given up to the young woman's work. At St. Louis 173 of their organizations were reported, 59 having been formed during the past year. "May their tribe increase!"

Junior Auxiliary Constitution.

The suggested constitution for the Young Woman's Auxiliary (see page —) is equally applicable to a Junior Auxiliary with the exception of articles I and III of the constitution, name and membership, and article VIII of the by-laws.

Article I, Name, should read: "This organization shall be called the Junior Auxiliary of . . . Baptist church."

Article III, Membership, should read: "Any girl of 12 to 16 years of age is eligible to membership."

Article VIII should read: "Once in three years the Junior Auxiliary shall observe Promotion Day, promoting older members into the Young Woman's Auxiliary and receiving into its ranks the girls of suitable age from the Sunbeam society."

The counselor may be a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary instead of the Woman's Missionary Society.—W. M. U. Year-Book.

OF INTEREST TO Y. W. A.'S.

The interest of these mountain boys and girls for an education is nothing less than pathetic. One day two mules forded the Tennessee river and came into the little settlement of a mountain school. The two mules carried old man Combs and his three daughters. They came from 50 miles back in the hills, and they wanted to go to school, those daughters. They could not read or write, but there was no place for them in the school, no money to make a place. Tears stood in the eyes of the mountain teacher when he said to them: "I can't take you. I have nothing to feed you, and there's no place for you to sleep." Tears flowed down the faces of the girls also. The face of the old man was very sad. They turned back again to the hills, muleback. "I watched them ford the river again," said the teacher, "and turn back up the valley, and my heart bled for them. I knew what they were going back to." That is only one of many instances.

KIND WORDS

Young People's Column

BAPTIST NEWS

I enjoy reading the news and progress of our Baptist family. Regret to miss a single copy. I made up a nice little contribution for the Orphans' Home. Your true friend—Mrs. C. A. Cook.

Please change my paper from Grady to Ansley, Ala. I have the same work as last year, and move for convenience only. May God bless you in your work. Fraternally—J. W. Joyner.

I hope you had all the joys that the Christmas season offered and that you may have a most prosperous year in your work. May our Father's blessings be upon you. Cordially—H. R. Arnold.

I send \$1 to pay to January, 1915. I don't want to be without the Baptist even a week. I will try to get you some new subscribers. God's blessings rest on you in the work is my humble prayer.—Rev. M. A. Johnston.

Please find herewith my usual New Year's greetings in the shape of a check for \$2, which moves me up to January, 1915. Wishing you and the Baptist the best year of your existence. Yours fraternally—Geo. W. Ellis.

Enclosed please find postoffice money order for \$2 to renew my subscription to your valuable paper (the Alabama Baptist), which expired January 1. With best wishes for a happy and prosperous year, sincerely—(Miss) M. C. McLean.

At the eleventh hour I take the privilege of sending you \$5 on your three-year offer. So please mark me up for two years more. Yours fraternally—J. S. Rozier, Sr.
(Still time to come in on the \$5 offer.)

I am sending you \$2—not a Christmas present, but a debt I owe you. Hope you may have a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, and may you get the Alabama Baptist into a thousand more homes. As every year—Mrs. D. B. Fitzgerald.

Enclosed find postoffice order for \$1, for which please move me up to 1916. May the blessings of God rest upon you and yours and may you have a prosperous year. Yours for good—P. D. Bulger.
(This from a dear old saint who never fails to help.)

Stop my paper, not that I am displeased with it, for I think you are improving it and deserve more co-operation than you get from your patrons. Respectfully—
(Glad she did not quit because she did not like the paper.)

We are always sorry to get letters like the following, for we do hate to stop them, and yet we must do it, as we are already carrying a big lot that we just couldn't drop: "Please stop the paper, as I am unable to pay for it. Am very sorry, as I think it is a fine paper. Truly yours—"

May the Lord bless you and the paper and make it the best year in the history of the paper. Yours for the Master—J. I. McCollum.
(He pays ahead. He has always been a friend of the editor and the paper. We pray that his health may be restored and that before another year he may be able to take full work.)

To start the new year right and to help the Barnett boys I am enclosing check for \$5. Move my label to where it belongs. Mrs. Moore says she won't ever try to get along without the paper—just has to have it, and we agree on that as we do on most everything else. May the coming year be the best year for you and yours of all your life. Heaven's richest blessings upon you is the prayer of your friend and brother—W. H. Moore.

Enclosed find postal order for the renewal of my subscription to the Alabama Baptist for one year. I want to renew before it is out. The best rule is to pay as we go. Trust I will never be on the delinquent roll. Long life and the choicest blessings of the Heavenly Father rest upon you and all your flock. Yours fraternally—Theodosia DeWitt.

I appreciate very much your compliance with my request of some time since to put us on your mailing list and to send your paper to us here in Kentucky. I am enjoying it very much and wish for you to know that it will be of great help to us in our work. Again thanking you for your kindness, I am fraternally yours—J. J. Gentry, General Secretary Sunday School Work in Kentucky.

A happy, prosperous and useful year is the desire of this scribe. I enclose \$4. I have never been in arrears since I commenced to take paper, more than 35 years ago. Send for the other \$2 a copy of the paper for 1914 to my daughter. Will try and send you a few subscribers this year. Yours fraternally—C. S. Rabb.
(This is the way to do it. Keep ahead and send it to other members of the family.)

THE BOY OF THE CITY.

God help the boy who never sees
The butterflies, the birds, the bees,
Nor hears the music of the breeze.
When zephyrs soft are blowing,
Who cannot in sweet comfort lie
Where clover blooms are thick and high,
And hear the gentle murmur nigh
Of brooklet softly flowing?

God help the boy who does not know
Where all the woodland berries grow,
Who never sees the forests glow
When leaves are red and yellow.
Whose childish feet can never stray
Where Nature does her charms display—
For such a hapless boy I say,
God help the little fellow!

—Nixon Waterman.

RIGHT OR WRONG?

He was nearly 17 years old. He came to the big city from a little country village hundreds of miles away to get work and make a start in the world for himself. He was a Christian. I had no doubt about that after I had talked with him for a few minutes. He had high ideals, and in that home in the country community, where he was known by everybody, he made a big fight to live up to these ideals.

He had been in the city but a few weeks when one Monday I said to him: "Well, Harry, how did you spend Sunday afternoon?" He replied: "Why, I planned to visit some friends in the eastern part of the city." Evidently he thought I would not notice that he had failed to answer my question. A few minutes later I said: "What did you tell me that you did with yourself on Sunday?" Again he replied: "I planned to visit some friends." I looked him square in the eyes and said: "That is right, Harry. That is what you planned to do, but what did you do? Don't you want me to know?" Then very reluctantly he said: "I went with two other boys to the theatre."

Harry and I went to a quiet place and had a little talk about it all, and young man as he was, the great hot tears overflowed and ran down his face. I said: "Harry, did you pray last night?" "Yes, sir; I always do." "Did you ask God to bless your afternoon?" "No, sir. I thought about it, but I didn't feel as if I could do that." Then I said: "Harry, you didn't want me to know about that afternoon, did you?" He said: "No, sir." "You wouldn't want your father to know about that afternoon, would you?" "No, sir."

Then putting my arm on his shoulder, I said: "Old fellow, think hard of what I tell you now. The thing which you have to do on the quiet, or in the dark, or so secretly that your best friends must not know about it, is practically sure to be a dangerous thing for your moral life. If ever you have any doubt about it and there is any lingering shame about having your actions known, make sure you're on the danger road right then."

Harry said: "I see it all very clearly now."—Exchange.

A Baptist newspaper is an enterprise always established through the beneficence of those who love the work of the Master. Only one such paper in the United States, so it has been asserted by competent authority, makes anything more than a bare living. Men give their time and strength to make them effective kingdom agencies, and it is a demonstrable fact that but for our denominational papers a very small part of our work would be living. They are kingdom essentials. Any one who has given a moment of thought to the matter knows that this is a true statement.—Exchange.

I hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon you and yours and may peace, happiness and prosperity through the year 1914 be yours is the prayer of your brother in Christ—W. J. N. Wylie.
(Paid to January, 1915.)

We had the pleasure of preaching for the Ruhama saints on Sunday. It is always an inspiration to speak to this great body of workers.

The W. M. U. societies in the Birmingham district are looking with great pleasure to the coming of Miss Kathleen Mallory in early February.

"In life's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
The Christian 'Temperance' Soldier
If often represented by his wife."

Dr. Arthur Yeager, former president of Georgetown College, Kentucky, was inaugurated governor of Porto Rico at San Juan, the capital of the island, November 21. The inaugural ceremonies took place in the Municipal Theatre, Jose C. Hernaudez, the chief justice, administering the oath in the presence of a large gathering.

Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, D. D., LL. D., formerly pastor of the First Church, Lowell, Mass., and the First church, Baltimore, Md., has found his expectations more than realized in the Westmount church, Montreal, Canada. On December 28 '35 in the Sunday school declared their acceptance of Christ. Eighty-nine had previously been added to the church since September.

The Religious Herald says: "A few weeks ago Dr. George Cooper came to Richmond, stricken with mortal illness. He has been, since he came to his old city, in the home of his son, Mr. Homer Cooper. He came so quietly that only a few of his friends knew of his presence here, and he was so sick that he was unable often to see those who called. Patiently and bravely he bore his suffering and awaited the summons, which came to him at midnight Monday."

Baptist Witness: We are glad to learn that Rev. T. S. Hubert, of Macon, Ga., has accepted the pastorate at Dade City, and will be on the field shortly. Hubert is a good preacher, a man of culture, courage and ability. He has done a great work in Georgia, at Lyons, Douglas and Macon. We extend a hearty welcome to you, old friend. May you live long, be useful and happy in Florida—beautiful sun-kissed Florida.

Dr. J. C. Massee tells an interesting story in the Baptist and Reflector of how the young surgeon in Dayton, O., who recently operated on Dr. Lasher, the venerable editor of the Journal and Messenger, was brought to Christ by a deacon in his church, who offered the use of his auto to get him to a place where his professional services were needed. The deacon used his opportunity and got him out to church, and with the aid of his pastor, Dr. Augustus C. Coleman, the rising young specialist and his wife (a Catholic) were baptized by Dr. Massee.

Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., of Alabama, now pastor of the First Baptist church, Wilmington, is planning a summer vacation tour, as follows: Leaving Boston July 17, visiting Glasgow, Trossachs, Edinburgh, Warwick, Grasmere, Stratford, Kenilworth, Warwick, Leamington, Oxford, London, Amsterdam, Hague, Brussels, Paris, Versailles, Havre, New York. Price of tour, \$325. Dr. Foster has made a number of trips and is an informing and trustworthy guide. Wish we could revisit Europe with his party. We could if all of our friends who owe for the paper would pay up.

Rev. O. E. Comstock, formerly of Sheffield, but now editor of the Baptist and Class Helper at Tucson, Ariz., says: "The editor's heart was made glad the 28th of December when he went to Sunday school and found 22 students present as a birthday present, to greet him on his natal day. So far as we know it is the only Sunday school of its kind in the United States, as all the children, except one, have one or both parents who are sufferers from tuberculosis. And a more appreciative set of children are not to be found elsewhere in the United States. Hence we ask the prayers of every one for the school and the parents of the children."

The Baptist and Reflector says: "The Baptists of Nashville have begun work in earnest in preparation for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in this city on May 13. A general committee has been appointed, composed of representatives from the various churches of the city. Of this general committee Dr. William Lunsford has been elected chairman, Rev. C. D. Cressman secretary and Roger Eastman treasurer. It has been decided that there will be 14 sub-committees appointed by this general committee to look after the various phases of the work in preparation for the convention. Everything possible will be done by the Baptists of Nashville to entertain the convention in the most hospitable manner."

A Baraca Sunday school class in the First Baptist church, Dallas, Tex., is reported as giving annually to missions the handsome sum of \$1,000.

Subscribers wishing their paper stopped should notify us to that effect at the expiration of their subscription. Otherwise we shall consider it their wish to have it continued.

Our friend, Rev. John Roach Straton, D. D. has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Committee on Social Service of the Inter-Church Federation of Baltimore.

Before the great mass of our people can be enlisted and enlarged in denominational work they must be enlightened and inspired through the information that is carried by the paper.

Sirocco, typhoon, cyclone and tornado—these ravage and devastate the soul of man just as terribly as material storms bruise and rend physical nature. Every soul is periodically swept by its own storms.

It is easier to raise funds for purposes outside of the denomination than it is to raise funds for strictly denominational affairs. During 1913 Y. M. C. A. buildings valued at \$8,800,000 were completed in this country, and buildings now under construction are valued at \$8,300,000.

Rev. W. D. Powell, the corresponding secretary of the Kentucky Baptists, who has been recuperating at Bayou LaBatre, was ordained to the ministry 40 years ago. He has spent seven years in Texas, 16 in Mexico, 10 in Tennessee and seven in Kentucky. We hope his life will be spared for many more years to go on in his good work of organizing Sunday schools, building churches and pushing missions.

According to the last report of the bureau of labor statistics, the retail prices of the principal articles of food in 40 industrial cities advanced 66 per cent in 14 years, but we feel sure that we are within the bounds of truth when we say that the salaries of our preachers have not increased 16 per cent. We have a fellow feeling for the reply of the preacher to a miserly church calling him on a niggardly salary, that "the price of preaching has ris." Churches ought to put a little more leaven in their salaries.

Some papers speak about the June bill and appeal to the subscribers to pay up then and help up the bill. We are climbing all the time. June and January are a good deal alike to us. We have more subscriptions that fall due in January than any other month and more bills to pay at that time, and will greatly appreciate promptness in renewing by all our friends right now.—Baptist Record. Brother Lipsey, you are in an uphill business, and many is the time when you will be compelled to pull the lead alone, but we hope some of the Mississippi saints will hitch up with you, for you are giving them a good paper.

Dr. Maria Montessori, the remarkable Italian, who has found herself so suddenly famous, is now in America lecturing in a number of our larger cities on her special system of elementary education. She is interested in the open-air schools in Rome, where delicate children are educated mentally and physically at the same time; and in the schools in malarial districts, where infected children are watched while they study, and are treated systematically by the teacher, under a doctor's direction, until they are well. She is familiar with the admirable system for aiding children of the very poor with food and clothing.

We cannot but help sympathize with the Ulstermen, because they are the Protestants of Ireland. It is quite right that they should ask for additional provisions in the Home Rule bill specially designed to meet their case, but it is childish to talk about civil war because they cannot have Ireland governed precisely in the way that suits them. That is a disadvantage with which all minorities have to put up. English Nonconformists did not take up arms against the education act of 1802, nor are English churchmen raising a citizen army to prevent the Welsh church from being disestablished. What really matters is that the passions now kindled in Ulster may not always remain under the control of His Edward Carson. Though civil war may still be far off, civil rioting is always at hand.



EDITORIAL

LET FEBRUARY CLOSE THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEBT PAYING!

Why not? With all that has been done the pastors can easily do the balance. We suggest that literature be secured at once from Brother Crumpton and the work pressed.

Brother Crumpton makes a strong issue for the debt-paying campaign: "This is no ordinary appeal like the monthly collections for benevolence. It is a very great matter, calling for our best effort. It will probably not come again in a lifetime—it may never come again. No feeble mention, with a 'pass around the hat' collection should be thought of; but an intelligent presentation and an appeal for every one to do their very best. We are not ashamed of the debts. We can make a good showing for every one of them. Let the brethren think of this: Every moment of delay to pay them the interest is piling up."

OUR PIONEER PREACHERS.

During the first year in our ministry we attended a Baptist association and heard "Uncle Billy" Kean, a pioneer, preach. As he told of blazing trails through the mountains we sat in rapt attention; as he pointed out gray-haired men in the congregation, calling them by name and recalled how he had led them down into the baptismal waters, our heart melted within us; as he gave evidence of how his labors had at last sapped his strength we wept silently at the thought of his sacrifices; but as he told of how he had been locked out of churches that he had established, our cheeks burned with shame at the thought of such treatment, and from that day to this we have always lined up on the side of the men who have made it easier for us to do our work. God's blessings be upon our old preachers in Alabama. As we sit here many snow-white heads, furrowed cheeks and bent forms arise before us to cheer us on our way, for all over Alabama are men we have learned to love and lean upon. Not long ago one of the dear old soldiers of the cross who is living on borrowed time went among his neighbors and with trembling hand sent us in a list of new subscribers, just because he wanted to help the "young editor." Brethren, while the dear old saints are still with us let's not only see that they do not lack for the comforts of life, but let's honor them in every possible way. With Ella Randle Pearce in the February Nautilus we sing:

I do not ask to blaze the trail,
That noted I may be and praised;
I only pray I may not fall
To seek those paths—nor sink nor quail—
That strong, courageous souls have blazed.

RESTFUL IMMOBILITY.

We fear that the Baptists of Alabama so far as the debt-paying campaign is concerned are in a state of restful immobility. It behooves the pastors to get busy and help Brother Crumpton in his effort to mobilize them. The board and the convention placed a stupendous work in his hands. It's a great undertaking to raise \$100,000. To say it cannot be done is to invite failure at the outset. The first enemy we have to conquer is already in our midst and threatens to obsess us in more ways than one; it is indifference. Not really a formidable foe with Brother Crumpton doing his dead level best to arouse us. "Stress produces stress," and he is a past master in the art of "stressing." Let every one of us feel our responsibility and get in behind our "beloved secretary" with a vim and it will be raised.

The lamented Dr. Henry Nash, who died a short time ago, told a friend that his book, "The Atoning Life," was a little book because he waited 20 years to write it.

M. F. Ham recently closed a series of evangelistic meetings at Yoakum, Tex., in which there were 1,000 professions of faith. There were more than 400 additions to the Baptist church.

The editor will endeavor to return unavailable manuscripts that are accompanied by a stamped and directed envelope, but he will not hold himself responsible for the safety of manuscripts.

The Louisiana Baptist Mission Board has just employed Brother J. M. Barri, a native Italian, for many years a priest, converted some years ago, baptized in Cuba, to take up the work among Italians in the state.

The Home Board evangelistic campaign in Louisiana has just closed its first series of engagements. The results have been glorious. About 800 additions were reported in the several meetings. Do not forget to pray every day for poor, priest-ridden, down-trodden Louisiana, that God may use this as the occasion of the redemption of thousands of lost souls.

Mr. Lloyd George has discovered 25,000 game-keepers and gillies. Is such a splendid type of manhood, whose daily task and wage is dependent upon the exercise of eyes and ears and arms, a negligible asset for peace? If the same statesman cares to look further, he will find 210 packs of hounds, which will ensure him some 200,000 horses ready to hand in time of national danger.

The list of New Year honors conferred in England is long. It includes five new peers, four new privy councillors, six baronets and 22 knights. The name of James Bryce, who was made a viscount, lends distinction to the list. The honor is regarded as a worthy tribute to the career of a really great man and especially to his successful ambassadorship at Washington.

Dr. A. C. Dixon well says: "Underneath the ragged coat of the beggar on the street and underneath the rich dress, the rich, costly, fine clothes of the millionaire there is about the same kind of heart—both of them are bad enough, both are full of sin, both of them need the cleansing of the blood, both of them yearn for comfort in times of sorrow, both of them require the same method of approach to God, and down in their deepest nature there is the same earnest cry going up for help."

It has been announced that the Watchman, of Boston, one of the oldest Baptist papers in America, has gone into a combination with the Examiner. Many other changes are intimated, and upto a point these merges are no doubt profitable. For instance, it never was a happy thing that Missouri had two Baptist papers. But if the merging goes too far the value of the denominational paper will be lessened. A paper, in order to be really serviceable, must grip the people in a certain section, and it can only do this as it proceeds along the lines of our common humanity. Location and distance are real forces in human life.—J. B. Gambrell.

We knew the recent war between Bulgaria and Greece was noted for its butcheries, but we were not prepared for the horrors revealed by an English captain who was with the Greek army. He says: "The Bulgarian is only a rustic Tartar with the thinnest veneer of civilization and education. He is more arrogant and self-satisfied than the Prussian, more callous as to human life than the Chinaman, and has a more perverted sensual craving than that of any nation known to me. Cold-blooded, cruel, ignorant, vicious and lustful, he wreaked his vengeance on all; and if the true history of the last 12 months comes to be written it will be found that Tippoo Sahib, Nero, Robespierre, Catherine of Russia and the Borgias were but mildly oppressive and unkind as compared with the lustful brutes who wore the uniform of King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria. I estimate that during the past nine months the Bulgarians have done to death between 450,000 and 500,000 peaceable inhabitants, men, women and children, Turkish and Greek."

JUDSON CENTENNIAL NOTES.

By T. B. Ray.

Here is a fine story: The pastor of the First Baptist church Petersburg, Va., came to Richmond the other day to confer with me about which one of the Judson Centennial objects he should present to his church. He wanted the church to do a worthy thing. After conference he decided to attempt to raise \$8,000 for the boys' academy at Canton, China.

He invited Brother Quisenberry into his pulpit on January 11. The cause was thoroughly presented, and during the next few days the members were approached privately in the effort to ascertain how much they wished to give. It was a joyous week for the pastor and Brother Quisenberry. The people gave gladly and enthusiastically more than the amount requested. The pastor says it was as refreshing as a revival. Indeed, he insists that it brought a real revival to his church. The moral we draw is that it is very easy to raise this Judson Centennial money when the pastor co-operates as did Dr. Roper, of the First church, Petersburg, Va.

Some gifts recently received to the Judson Centennial fund have cheered us greatly.

Brother E. C. Callaway, of Atlanta, who had previously pledged \$2,000, has raised his gift to \$7,000, thus making possible the erection of the boys' academy at Hwanghien, China.

Brother C. E. Jenkins, of Mansfield, La., after he had heard Brother Quisenberry tell of the urgent needs of the plant at Victoria, Brazil, writes that he will give the \$5,000 requested. He says: "I have prayed and thought over the proposition, and I have decided that the Lord wants me to do it."

Mr. E. Emmett Reid and his mother, now of Jersey City, N. J., have made a gift of \$1,000 toward the erection of the dormitory for theological students at Ogbomoso, Africa. It is necessary for us to find \$500 more in order to be able to complete this building, but inasmuch as Brother Reid and his mother have made such a sacrificial gift, we shall be glad to raise the remainder required for this building from some other source and erect the dormitory as a memorial to our brother, T. A. Reid, who was one of our pioneer missionaries in Africa. The same spirit which made the missionary willing to sacrifice so much for Africa is still found in his son and his widow.

When the writer was in Kansas City recently he spoke in the Bales Avenue Baptist church. Brother Coles, the pastor, told of how a young woman had asked him where she could place \$100 in the foreign mission field to the best advantage. He wrote to me and I told him of the need for \$500 to be spent on the girls' school in Shiu Hing, South China. He showed my letter to the young woman, who is a stenographer, and with deep emotion she gave her check for \$200 instead of \$100, with the request that the check be held back a few days until her monthly salary could be paid in, and thus increase her bank deposit to the point where the check could be paid. How the blessing of God must be upon such sacrificial giving!

The Judson Centennial is gaining in momentum. The people are glad to hear its thrilling message, and they are responding to its call in a fine spirit. We are greatly encouraged over the outlook. Our anxiety now is to get this cause presented to the people. We urge that pastors preach upon the subject, and if they desire help to call in our field representatives, who will give all the aid in their power. We have a fine literature on the subject which can be had for the asking.

Richmond, Va.

Dr. Gambrell says: "In editing a paper it is generally understood that while the editor is not authorized to rewrite an article, he may abridge it to fill available space, provided the sense is not affected by such elimination. Furthermore, the editor is expected to supply proper punctuation, correct misspelled words, also words and phrases which violate good English. For instance, a brother uses the word 'inscriptural.' There is no such word. He evidently has 'unscriptural' in mind. Ordinarily we would make the change, and in our experience have made only one exception, when a good brother insisted that copy be followed without 'censoring' it." If we ever get such a request we will just return the copy.

STATE CONVENTION MINUTES OUT.

By the time this reaches the public advance copies of the minutes of the recent session of the State Convention will have been distributed. A copy will be mailed to each person whose name and postoffice was left with the secretary. If such persons do not receive a copy promptly they should drop me a card, and one will be sent.

I will also send a copy to each clerk of an association who send me a copy of his minutes.

The general public should write to Baptist headquarters, Montgomery, Ala., for copies, enclosing 4 cents to pay postage.

M. M. WOOD, Secretary.

Repton, Ala.

THE DEITY OF CHRIST.

There is nothing in all of this wonderful world
That the world admires and reveres
As a character beautiful, gentle and mild,

Clarified in the solace of tears—
Let us look where we will, in the present or past,
From the first of the first to the last of the last,
Only one that is perfect has ever been seen,
And it lived in the lowly and meek Nazarene.

There is nothing in all of this aesthetic age
That the age so respects and esteems
As it does Christianity, trusted and tried,
Lending light to our visions and dreams.
But with all of our boasts of this Christianized age,
We can point to no prophet, no priest, and no sage,
That is sinless and perfect in deed and in thought,
That is living like Jesus—He lived as He taught.

There is no one of all of the children of men
That can claim from the depths of his heart
To be holy like God, to be equal with God—
Of Jehovah a parcel and part.
Tho' we claim to be born of the spirit of God,
We deplore to the death our return to the sod.
We can hope, we can trust—that is all we can do.
We cannot, like the Savior, claim Deity, too.

How we argue today about "cause and effect!"
How we write about "matter and mind!"
But we can't comprehend Jesus' miracles yet—
Our eyes of today are too blind,
Not the elect of God, as we know them today,
Can perform in a Christly, apostolic way
Any miracle worthy of notice at all,
For the power passed out with the passing of Paul.

Tho' we cleverly claim to be children of God,
And declare that our Father is He,
We are bound to admit that resemblance is not.
When we know what He wants us to be.
When we all get to living like God's children should,
And the world sees its own set apart from the good,
When we live our religion like the Lord did while
here,

Then will miracles many spring up everywhere.

H. C. C.

ONE WAY TO DO IT.

"A preacher has a little patch of ground he is going to plant in sweet and Irish potatoes, and will give his note for \$100 for the debt-paying campaign, payable the 1st of August, when his crop is gathered, if you will take it that way."

Of course I will accept the proposition. We need the money as soon as we can get it, but we will accept every offer of every kind. This brother might give \$10 now; he will give \$100 in August. Pretty good per cent we will get by giving him time. See!

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Dr. W. H. Smith in speaking of the foreign mission work says: "The supreme thing is for our people to become aroused, and to make their contributions sufficiently large to enable the board to send out a strong force of new missionaries. Great numbers of splendidly equipped people are ready to go. They are saying, 'Our lives against your money.' Southern Baptists ought to accept this challenge in the spirit of these volunteers and furnish the money that they may go to the front."

THE STORY I HEARD.

This is the story as I heard it. It was told me by a prominent farmer and merchant of Perry. He said: "Do you know old man L., who lives over on the hill beyond the river in the Pea Ridge settlement? I know you do. He's just like his daddy, and I suppose his granddaddy before him—satisfied to eke the merest subsistence out of a poor and unresponsive soil. He has no education, no ambition, no culture, no desire seemingly except to satisfy the bodily needs of the present. And his children—and you know there are quite a number of them—are growing up just like him—ignorant, idle, inefficient, and satisfied to be so. Sometimes I think there is no hope for people like this. And yet there is. Old man L. has two sisters and a brother. Somehow, I do not know how, the sisters became dissatisfied and sought an education. Since their father would not help them—he said he wasn't able, and I suppose he wasn't—the girls left home and went to some place in Mississippi, where they worked their way through school. Both of them became cultured women and married well. One of them married the leading banker of her town. She had developed into a most beautiful woman. These two girls, when things began to change for them, sent for their younger brother and helped him to get an education. The other day the younger brother, on a visit to his older brother, old man L., came with him to my store. I give you my word of honor, though they came from the same home and had the same father and mother, I could see no resemblance. They did not look alike; they did not speak with the same accent; they did not act alike. They were as different as possible. One was a man of intelligence, culture and refinement, and the other just the opposite. I knew that education made a great difference, but I never knew before that education made such a great difference. And I have been wondering if the older boy had been offered and had taken an education when he was young if he, too, would not have become such a man as his younger brother. I feel sure if he had been offered such an education and had taken it we would not now have been facing the sad condition we do face in the Pea Ridge settlement."

PAUL V. BOMAR.

Editor Pitt says: "Our brethren must not be impatient with us if in 1914 they find us pressing the Herald more frequently upon their attention than during the recent past. We have been giving the paper itself, and the personal activities and energies of its editors outside of the paper, to our common work to a degree that is probably not known to our brethren. We have no regrets, no complaints to utter. But now, if the paper is to go on its career with a growth in power and usefulness commensurate with the growth of the denomination we must with new energy and more inflexible purpose press its own particular claims." Without apology we press the Alabama Baptist in season and out of season, not because it happens to belong to us, but because we run it to serve the Baptists of Alabama, and we confidently call on its friends to push its circulation. The Religious Herald is a great paper and Virginia Baptists ought to stand by its scholarly editor.

The missionaries of the New Testament undertook to translate the expression of religious life from what was originally an exclusively Jewish form of statement into something which should be intelligible to an almost exclusively Greek-thinking population, and, if you compare what it was when they started and what it was when they left off, you will find that they left hardly anything quite untouched. Yet it was their own witness that in so altering the statement they felt that they were acting with the greatest loyalty to their own original commission. They translated the Jewish expression Christ, Messiah, into the Greek expression Logos, Word of God, and so throughout the whole apparatus of theology they translated from Jewish thought into Greek thought. It was a tremendous undertaking.

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SEMINARY NOTES.

Many joys have come our way this quarter, but now we see a dark cloud rising in the future. "Exams" begin soon. That means more work, and may mean more than work.

Friday evening, January 9, the Training School gave their annual reception. This is always one of the happiest occasions of the year to the single members of the seminary circle. It was unusually so this year.

Founders' Day was celebrated Saturday, January 10, in a most impressive and pleasant way. Dr. E. E. Bomar, of Owensboro, Ky., gave us a most helpful address on "The Seminary as I Knew It." Then Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of Jackson, Miss., delivered a scholarly address on "The Seminary as a Denominational Asset." More than 350 of the gathering then retired to the dining room of New York Hall and enjoyed greatly a delicious turkey dinner. Then the after-dinner addresses gave us a view of the seminary through the eye-glasses of a professor, student, layman and an elocutionist. These were presented by Dr. Bardener, Mr. E. D. Poe, Mr. A. Y. Ford and Dr. Hawze. The day was very happy and profitable.

The third quarter of the work here begins January 29. We would like to see several new members of our club from Alabama. This term is a most helpful term for pastors. Come up and be with us. It is great to be here. Rev. C. O. Stewart, of Newton, enrolled with us this week for the rest of the year's work.

Blessings upon the paper, its readers and the cause of our Master in the state.

Not a Day in Bed.

Gramling, S. C.—In a letter from Gramling, Mrs. Lula Walden says: "I was so weak before I began taking Cardui that it tired me to walk just a little. Since taking it I do all the housework for my family of nine, and have not been in bed a day. Cardui is the greatest remedy for women on earth." Weak women need Cardui. It is the ideal woman's tonic, because it is especially adapted for women's needs. It relieves backache, headache, dragging feelings and other female misery. Try Cardui. A few doses will show you what it can do for you. It may be just what you want.

IN MEMORIAM.

Friday, January 16, God called Louie Harris to his heavenly home. He would have been 19 years old the 28th of this month.

Every one loved Louie. Why? Because he was so good, so pure and so thoughtful of others. His life was one of suffering, but he was cheerful and appreciative of every little kindness shown him.

The pall-bearers were his boy friends, and the girls, dressed in white, marched behind his flower laden casket. All this made a sweet impression of his dear young life.

Father, mother, brothers and sisters, grieve not for Louie, for he is waiting just over the shining river to welcome you to the celestial city, where all the redeemed of the Lord are at home forever more.

He was the third son and youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. George D. Harris. Brother Harris is pastor of the First Baptist church, Piedmont, Ala. A FRIEND.

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HOWARD COLLEGE NOTES.

Dr. Clark, of Canada, was an honored guest of Howard Friday. Dr. Clark travels over the country lecturing in the interest of boys. He made a splendid 30-minute lecture.

Friday evening the minstrel show was given in the college auditorium, and quite a neat sum was realized.

Next Friday the Franklin Literary Society will give a mock trial instead of the usual program.

Basketball is causing the classes to become closer attached, as the regular class meets are being held and each class is pulling for a winner.

A WOMAN'S APPEAL

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The man who leads an active life is the one who keeps the undertaker waiting the longest.

The recent death of Mr. S. A. Cunningham, editor and owner of the Confederate Veteran, Nashville, Tenn., has caused apprehension that the publication would not be continued. Feeling that its perpetuation should be made secure, Mr. Cunningham willed the Veteran, his most cherished possession, to the people of the south and dedicated to its maintenance other property of which he was possessed. A board of trust appointed by him will have charge of the business. Every family in the south should subscribe for it. Subscription, \$1 per year

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(No name signed to this.)

Rosy as a Girl.

Summit, N. C.—In a letter received from this place Mr. J. W. Church, the notary public, says: "My wife had been ailing for nearly 12 years from female ailments, and at times was unable to leave the house. She suffered agony with her side and back. We tried physicians for years without relief. After these treatments all failed she took Cardul, and gained in weight at once. Now she is red and rosy as a school girl." Cardul, as a tonic for women, has brought remarkable results. It relieves pain and misery and is the ideal tonic for young and old. Try it. At druggists.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Ann Franklin was born May 13, 1874. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 15 and united with the Methodist church. She was married to R. W. Franklin July 27, 1898; joined the Baptist church at New Prospect in 1899. On Sunday, January 4, 1914, she was present and became one of the constituent members of the Baptist church organized on that day at Center Point. On the following Sunday, January 11, about the same hour that she entered into the constitution of the church the preceding Sunday, she entered into the church triumphant. Her life had been that of a consecrated Christian. She was a kind, affectionate wife and mother, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Her last words to her children, husband friends were: "Meet me in heaven." She leaves a husband, Deacon R. W. Franklin; six children, three boys and three girls, and a host of relatives to mourn their loss. She will be greatly missed, but our loss is eternal gain to her. May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, J. G. Lowrey, and the vast audience present attested the high esteem and love of the community.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."
J. G. LOWREY.

Mr. L. M. Haywood, of Leeds, Ala., and Miss Birdie Mae Kirkland were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. James, Seventeenth street, North Birmingham, on Wednesday afternoon, January 21. The ceremony was performed in a most beautiful and impressive manner by Rev. T. C. Wyatt, of Anniston, Ala.

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The piece in the last issue by Brother H. B. Woodward, "A Defense and a Plea," is grand and worth the price of the paper. I wish every Baptist paper in the Union would publish this piece by him. I am willing to help bear the expense. I am persuaded that we need to preach doctrine more. Russell is always at it, and he is being heard and has many followers. How many people have asked me, "What do Baptists believe anyway?" When told they would say, "That is right; that is what we believe." I have baptized more people from other churches than I could tell about in a long letter, and I preach doctrine—yes, and lay stress upon the ordinances. I don't lose my congregations, but they grow. I am now

preaching a series of sermons on "What Baptists Believe." Wishing you much success and a happy new year, truly yours—A. C. Shell, Georgiana.

Rev. J. E. Barnes, of Pratt City, Ala., has received a call from the Baptist Tabernacle, of Mobile, and will preach for us Sunday morning and night, and while here will look over the field and consider the call. Rev. J. L. Hall, Jr., who has been supplying for the Tabernacle, is one of our strongest young ministers in the field. Although it had been announced he would speak from the text, "Why I am not a Suffragette," he changed his mind after reading the morning lesson and preached a powerful and interesting sermon from the text: "Christ Weeping Over Jerusalem," which was listened to attentively. Four were added to the church by letter, and there were several manifestations of faith.—A Friend.

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Dr. S. J. Parrish, the pastor of Park Avenue Baptist church, North Birmingham, and C. H. Hilton, the peerless Sunday school superintendent, are elated over the encouraging outlook. The spiritual and moral atmosphere is more healthful, the Christian enthusiasm more general, and the indefatigable labor put forth by the tireless pastor, superintendent, teachers, lady helpers and men workers cause us to anticipate a great victory for our Mater. I am helpless, worthless, but if the editor of the Alabama Baptist will come and help me we can secure a list of subscribers, which will help us. I am anxious to enlarge the number of readers. T. T. Jones has left us and we miss him. The Lord give you a prosperous year. Fraternally—J. E. Cox.

If the good women who are kind enough to write up the meetings of the W. M. U. will send their articles direct to Miss Laura Lee Patrick at Montgomery they will not only save us the trouble and expense of remailing them, but will get them in the paper sooner. Miss Patrick has charge of the woman's page.

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JUDSON COLLEGE NOTES.

The holidays are over and Judson girls have returned to work. Some new pupils have come in, and everything promises well for the new term.

The Bible classes, under the inspiration of their teacher, Miss Amie Vary, spent part of their Christmas in helping their alma mater, showing a true Christmas spirit. They brought back as a result of their efforts more than \$250 in money to be used for the advancement of the school. They sold a good many copies of the "History of Judson College" (which is a direct help on the debt), collected a sum for the students' aid fund, also another sum to be used as the president thinks best, the total amounting up to more than \$250. Besides this they told their friends about the school and brought the names of 60 girls who have promised to come in the near future. All this is fine work, and shows a real love and devotion to their alma mater.

Miss Bower, of the Judson faculty, and Miss Virginia Pollard, of Newbern, and Miss Era Leone Asbury, of Missouri, students of the Judson, have returned from attending the Students' Volunteer Convention at Kansas City. It was a fine meeting, delegates being present from all states in the Union and from Canada and from all denominations of Christians. The object of the association is the advancement of Christian work all over the world and the enlistment of college students in it. A report of the meeting, replete with interest and most inspiring, was made to the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society on Sunday evening.

Abe McClenny, the head waiter at the Judson, has been connected with the Judson for more than 50 years. It is the custom for the girls to give him a present every Christmas, usually a purse of money. The old man is always very much gratified, and this year he desired to return thanks to them by a letter to be read to the assembled school in the dining room. This is his letter:

"To the Young Ladies of Judson College:

"I wish to express to you my deep and heartfelt thanks for your kind remembrance of me at Christmas and for your generous present. It is my earnest wish to serve you and the Judson well, as it has been for the past 50 years and more, and it gives me great pleasure to feel that my work is appreciated.

"May God bless you all, young ladies, and give you His grace and much happiness in life and make you always be helpers of the lowly and the needy. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.'

"I wish you all a happy New Year.

"Respectfully yours,

"ABE MC'LENNY (His Mark)."

The well-known Carlisle place, near Marion, one of the fine old homes of this region, has been bought by Dr. I. B. Oldham, who has had two daughters at the Judson this session. Coming from distant Oklahoma and bringing his wife and younger children with him on a visit, he was so pleased with the school and community that he decided to buy a home here, where he can educate all his children. He first heard of the Judson through Mrs. S. C. Lattimore, now of Texas, who is a sister of Judge Shivers and Mr. E. D.

Shivers, of Marion, and who was born and reared here and educated at the Judson.

So does a school help in many ways to build up a community.

A New Year's Wish from Miss Sue Daniel.

"A happy New Year to you and to all the Judson people. May the richest blessings of a kind Providence abide upon our loved Judson, as well as on all her inmates. How I would love to be present at the exercises of Founders' Day. It gives me much happiness to hear that the Judson is to possess portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Frazier. I admired and loved them both. Judson College cannot honor them too much."
LOUISE MANLY.

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Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Susan A. Gibson was born March 8, 1822; was married to William Gibson in January, 1839. She was the mother of eleven children, only four of whom survive her. Her husband died in November, 1877. Since that time she has made her home with her son, Deacon J. W. Gibson, of Lower Peach Tree, Ala. She possessed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church in early life, and was baptized by that prince of preachers, the late Dr. J. B. Hawthorne. Her life was that of a pious, devout Christian, and her death was that of the righteous. She died at the advanced age of 92, lacking three months, on the morning of January 3, 1914, she fell asleep in Jesus. It was the writer's happy privilege for four years to be her pastor, and to know her was to love her. She was kind and affectionate, and it was a pleasure to sit in her room and converse with her. She leaves besides three sons and one daughter a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. We thank God for her long, useful life. Mother Gibson is gone from us, but gone to be with Jesus, and "we weep not for her as those who have no hope." One day we hope to meet her in the land of eternal day.

Peaceful be thy sleep till the resurrection morn.
J. G. LOWREY.

Monroe Journal please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

At 20 minutes to 3 o'clock Sunday morning, January 11, 1914, the Lord spoke to one of His fairest and rarest jewels, Mrs. Addeline Helms, and said: "Cease suffering, come up higher and inherit the crown prepared for the righteous."

She was our neighbor and dear friend, and oh, how we miss her. She was born December 13, 1843, and was married to Rev. I. J. Helms June 1, 1865. She was one of our most consecrated at East Bethlehem Baptist church, Cullman county. Just a few days before she died she called her husband to the bedside and said she wanted him to put a dollar into the church treasury for her. So, as always the case, where you see a consecrated, prayerful life, you see the fruits by them giving of their means. Sister Helms knew she could only stay on earth a few days at most, yet her heart and mind were on the up-building of the Lord's cause here on earth. She is dead, yet her works are not ended. Her remains were carried to Hopewell Baptist cemetery for interment. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. T. Whitaker. His theme was: "She hath done what she could."

We know that she is at rest from all pain and suffering, and praising God around the throne in the beautiful home she won by her kind deeds, loving acts and pure thoughts while here in this world, where there are so many trials, but she bore everything with Christian fortitude and was always ready to say, "Have patience," "The Lord knows best." In her long married life she was never known to give her companion an angry word, but was always calm, peaceful and trusting the Lord.

She has set the example, and I trust her children and grandchildren will follow on and live a life so as to meet mother and grandmother up yonder in God's holy city, where she is watching for all of her loved ones. She is gone. Both church and community feel her loss most keenly. But our loss is heaven's gain. So we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

She leaves a husband 10 children, besides a host of friends, to mourn her loss. May God's holy spirit comfort the bereaved ones, especially Brother Helms, an old Confederate soldier, also a soldier of the cross. He has given most of his life to bringing lost souls to the Lamb of God.

Weep not for wife and mother, dear friends, for you all know that she has gone to glory to rest forever more in the presence of our Holy Father and His angels.

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I am sending you a check for \$1, which pays up my subscription until January 1, 1916. I do trust that this will be the most profitable year in the history of the paper. Yours fraternally—J. W. Dunaway.

(He goes away ahead.)

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MRS. MARY J. NELSON,
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Jan21-41

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of an indebtedness secured by a mortgage executed to J. A. Kirtley by J. E. McIlwain and wife on the 8th day of October, 1910, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate for Jefferson county, Alabama, in book 597, on page 5, and has heretofore been transferred to and is now the property of the undersigned, Blinn Estate Improvement Company, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door of said county on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1914, the following described property in that section of the city of Birmingham known as West End, conveyed by said mortgage, to-wit:

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OBITUARY.

Brother John Forsyth Ellis passed away in Cahaba, Ala., October 18, 1913, in his 67th year. He was laid to rest at Providence church, Dallas county, Alabama, by his old comrade friends of Camp Jones, Selma, Ala., of which he was a member.

He was born in Dallas county, near Cahaba, September 9, 1846. He married Miss Jennie White Sinclair December 18, 1872. She passed away October 6, 1881. Two children survive him—Mr. R. S. Ellis and Mrs. A. W. Bennett. He enlisted in the war between the states in his seventeenth year. He was a member of Company I, Sixty-second Alabama regiment, and stood faithfully to his post of duty until the close of the war. He was a member of Town Creek Baptist church for 30 years and a deacon of the same church for 20 years.

Some months before he passed away he realized that he was nearing the end and said to me, "I am reconciled and am not afraid to die." As he was passing away he sang "In the Sweet By and By;" also sang "Sweet Birds, Sweet Prospects and Sweet Flowers Have All Lost Their Sweetness to Me." He impressed all who were with him that the world had lost its charm to him. This is another instance of what the Lord can do for the person who trusts Him.

"He never moves a man to say,
Thank God I am so good,
But turns his eyes another way—
To Jesus and His blood."
J. W. DUNAWAY.

GILLIAM SPRINGS ASSOCIATION.

Church interest in this part is not very progressive. There are lots of Baptists and we could do a great work for the Master's cause if we could just get all informed as to our duty. Most all the churches in this association have Sunday schools now. How we do need some efficient work done among these people. They need to be enlightened on the proper line of duty.

Respectfully,
R. J. RIDDLE.

Arab, Ala.

Please change my paper from Haleyville to Millport, where I am comfortably located and pounded. Our pantry is filled with good things to eat. This is a good as well as needy field. We have some strong Baptists, however. We have some problems to solve, but I trust they will be met in the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom. Our people are divided, but I hope in the near future all true Baptists will see the importance of uniting, not destroy themselves by fighting. We have opposition enough from the outside without fighting each other. I believe a large majority of our people are good Baptists. Yours fraternally—T. W. Shelton.

We regret to learn that Withers, the manly young son of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Gavin, has been ill for months. It seems that the physicians are agreed that if he is cured he must move to a different climate. Dr. Gavin has a lovely place at Lakeland, Fla. They pay him \$2,400 a year, furnish a home, lights and water. Nearly 75 have been received since he took charge. It seems a pity that he even has to think of moving. We hope his dear boy will soon be well, but that if Brother Gavin must move that he will come back to Alabama, where he is so greatly loved.

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"This is the first time in the history of this church, so far as I know, that we have been entirely out of debt," said S. A. Stapleton in making his final report as treasurer to the annual conference of the First Baptist church yesterday. His report showed all expenses paid for the past year and a small amount over. The church raised for all purposes last year \$7,700. A large part of this was given to help liquidate the indebtedness on the Headland Avenue church.

The pastor, Rev. E. H. Jennings, rendered a good report of the work of the church as a whole. Mr. Jennings has been with the First Baptist church nearly three years. During this time there have been over 200 additions to the church and contributions for all purposes have been considerably increased.

Officers for the church and Sunday school were elected at the conference yesterday. Prof. J. V. Brown was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and he presented his corps of officers and teachers for the year. Prof. J. A. York and Mr. Thomas Burdeshaw were elected associate superintendents. Under the administration of Prof. Brown the Sunday school of this church has come to be one of the best in this section in point of organization and efficiency.

Other officers of the church were elected as follows for 1914:

Executive board, J. V. Brown, H. H. Brown, M. S. Davie, Thomas Burdeshaw, J. L. Ward, W. W. Whiddon and S. A. Stapleton; treasurer, W. W. Whiddon; clerk, R. L. Gaines; chorister, Miss Evelyn Farmer; assistant chorister, Mrs. Lilla Edwards Harper; organist, Mrs. H. G. Forrester.

Mrs. J. E. Childers, who has rendered most excellent service as city missionary, was chosen for the work again this year.

With good congregations attending every service, a live Sunday school and workers' meeting, a prosperous B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Missionary Society, and all debts paid, there is no reason why the First Baptist church should not have a prosperous year in 1914.—Dothan Eagle.

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\$1.50; "Sunday Half Hours With Great Preachers," \$2; "Faiths of Famous Men," \$2.50. If you have never read these books, especially "Where Are the Dead?" by Dr. Broughton, you should do so. We will give as a premium to the purchasers of any of the above publications one copy of the little booklet, "The Battle of Armageddon, or Revelations Reviewed," when issued from the press. Address with a cash order the Albritton Book Agency, Newton, Ala.

It was Sunday afternoon in the spacious home of Mr. B. F. Lee, of Woodlawn, accompanying the soft strains of Lehengrin's, rendered by Mrs. Stewart, attended by Mr. Halfacre and Miss Everhart, that Mr. A. J. Davis and Miss Lethie Lee approached the writer with the solemn request to be made one. There, standing upon a mat of ivy, emblematic of the union of the two lives, while the softer strains of the music crept into all the recesses of the house, and in the presence of the throng of friends the stately couple were made one. They have pitched their home in Bessemer. Blessings follow them.—Jno. W. Stewart.

The third quarter of the seminary session will open on Wednesday, January 28. There will be many new students entering at that time, and I hope any brethren who plan to enter will reach Louisville by that time if possible, or as soon thereafter as they can come. The classes of the seminary are so arranged that students can enter at the beginning of any quarter and take up the work to advantage. Yours very truly—E. Y. Mullins, President.

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A SERIES OF SURPRISES.

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The first surprise took place when the pastor's wife invited the brethren into the dining room, where a five-course dinner was served. The social hour that was enjoyed while at the table was very pleasant indeed.

The second surprise took place when Brother J. E. Wood said he had a statement to make. In a few well chosen words he gave a brief review of the work of the present pastorate, and then presented to the pastor a beautiful silver loving cup from the officers of the church as a token of their appreciation of the leadership of the pastor during these three years and of their love for him.

As the pastor was inviting the brethren into the parlor, where a short business session was to be held, the their surprise took place in this fashion: Dr. C. D. Gains arose and said he also had a few words to say, and then told of the part the pastor's co-pastor had had in the making of this a very successful pastorate, and then presented to her a beautiful and serviceable wicker work-basket from the Ladies' East Highland Band.

Surprise four took place when the pastor was telling the brethren of the steam heating outfit which had been recently installed in the basement of the church. One of the brethren had made a cash payment of \$125 on this, and the balance was to be met in 30 days. It was then that a spontaneous offering broke out in behalf of this much needed plant, and in a few minutes about half of the amount which was needed to finish paying for it was subscribed.

Surprise five was given the pastor on the following Lord's day, when 210 greeted him in the teaching service of the church, and a full house was present at the 11 o'clock service. The pastor preached on "Christian Stewardship."

The every member canvass was made that afternoon, and while all could not be seen, reports are being made that are very encouraging indeed. I am sure that another pleasant surprise awaits the pastor when the results are all in and tabulated. We are closing the work of a most successful year's pastorate. The Lord has graciously led us and we have tried to follow. We await His will as to the work of the coming year.

Our people are much encouraged. Blessings on you, brother editor, during the new year that is ours.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. BARNES.

(We wouldn't be surprised if Brother Barnes sent in a batch of news subscribers.—Editor.)

WAS IT UNTHOUGHTFULNESS OR WHAT?

I desire to write a few lines in regard to a couple of letters published in your most valuable paper, the Alabama Baptist.

Those letters were great and good. I can say amen to them, but to my mind they were lacking in one thing. The letters referred to were those that I think should be endorsed by all of our churches throughout the state, and if after you have read this letter and have carefully considered it and think I am right please give it space in your paper, and if I am wrong in my opinion please pardon me, but still I ask for a consideration.

I don't want to be misunderstood, for as I said I heartily endorse both of those letters; but to my mind they were not broad enough. Therefore I ask this question: Was it unthoughtfulness in the brother who was so earnestly desiring to see the time come when a brother minister who was faithfully engaged, or in other words was in active service serving churches, that when he died that all of the churches be asked to contribute \$1 to the need of his wife or wife and children? The writer of this article would be so glad to see this become a factor in our denominational work. Now I have just reached the point.

I wish to know what about those who have gone forward and have faithfully preached the gospel before those who now occupy the field—those faithful men of God who have borne the heat and burden of the day and are worn out?

Some of them, the most noble men, gave their time, their talent, their means, to the building up of these churches, plowing through the week, reading and studying at night, so as to be prepared to meet their congregations on the days of meeting, and when they had to leave home they must leave a loving wife behind, who so faithfully guarded the little children whom God had given her.

What about her? Is she to be neglected because her husband is unable to serve churches? I trust she, too, may be considered. I feel like it would be a great benefit and a blessing likewise bestowed upon one who I feel is as worthy as the other. Let loving hands administer to all alike. Christ said, "Ye have the poor with you always," and whosoever ye may do them good. Let's be good to all—help those who have been faithful and those who are faithful alike:

REV. J. M. MOORE.

New Brockton, Ala.

IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

RED BANK, N. J., Special.—Advice from every direction fully confirm previous reports that the remarkable treatment for epilepsy being administered by Dr. Perkins, of this city, is achieving wonderful results. Old and stubborn cases have been greatly benefited and many patients claim to have been entirely cured.

Persons suffering from epilepsy should write at once to Dr. H. W. Perkins, Branch 94, Red Bank, N. J., for a supply of the remedy which is being distributed gratuitously.

We dreamed about Dr. Montague recently. We thought he was back in Alabama and that we were making a trip together. We certainly miss him, and hope some day that our dream will come true.

I Will Stake This Medicine Against Your Time

A Few Days Will Be Sufficient to Prove its Value in Your Disease

A few minutes of your time for a few days and I will demonstrate to you, without expense to yourself, that I have a medicine that drives Uric Acid poison from the system and by so doing conquers kidney trouble, bladder trouble and rheumatism. I don't ask you to take my word for it, but simply want you to let me send you some of this medicine so that you can use it personally.

I am trying to convince sufferers from these diseases that I have something far better than the usual run of remedies, treatments and such things, and the only way I can demonstrate that fact is to go to the expense of compounding the medicine and sending it out free of charge. This I am glad to do for any sufferer who will take the time to write me. Understand, I will not send you a valueless "sample, proof or test treatment," nor will I send you a package of medicine and say that you can use some of it and pay for the rest, but I will send you a supply free of charge and you will not be asked to pay for this gift nor will you be under any obligations.

All I want to know is that you have a disease for which my medicine is intended, as it is not a "cure-all," and I give herewith some of the leading symptoms of kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles. If you notice one or more of these symptoms you need this medicine, and I will be glad to send you some of it if you will write me the number of the symptoms you have, give your age, and your name and address. My address is Dr. T. Frank Lynott, 524 Deagan Building, Chicago, Ill. You promise me nothing; you pay me nothing for it. All I ask; so there shall be no mistake, is that you send me the numbers of your symptoms or a description in your own words and that you take the medicine according to the directions I send you. It is my way of getting publicity for my medicine so that it will become widely known.

You will agree when you have used it that it dissolves and drives out uric acid poison. It tones the kidneys so that they work in harmony with the bladder. It strengthens the bladder so that frequent desire to urinate and other urinary disorders are banished. It stops rheumatic aches and pains. It dissolves uric acid crystals so that back and muscles no longer ache and crooked joints yield to its action. It reconstructs the blood and nerves so that you soon feel healthier and stronger, sleep better and eat better and have energy throughout the day. It does all this and yet contains nothing injurious and is absolutely vouched for according to law.

Sufferers from these dreadful and dangerous diseases can surely afford to spend a few minutes each day for a few days to demonstrate to their own satisfaction if they are curable, especially when you con-



DR. T. FRANK LYNOTT, who will send medicine free of charge to those who need it.

sider no expense is involved, and I willingly give you my time and my medicine. All any fair-minded afflicted person wants to know is if a certain thing will relieve HIM or HER, and here is an opportunity to find out without cost, obligation or important loss of time. THESE FEW DAYS may be the turning point in your life.

All who are interested enough to write me for the free medicine will also receive a copy of my large illustrated medical book which describes these diseases thoroughly. It is the largest book of the kind ever written for free distribution, and a new edition is just being printed. I will also write you a letter of instructions and medical advice that should be of great help to you; but in order to do this I must know that you need my medicine. Write me the numbers of the symptoms that trouble you, and your age, and I will promptly carry out my promises. Show an inclination to get well and write me, and I will gladly send you a supply free.

These are the Symptoms:

- 1—Pain in the back.
- 2—Too frequent desire to urinate.
- 3—Nervousness, loss of flesh.
- 4—Pain or soreness in the bladder.
- 5—Weak, watery blood.
- 6—Gas or pain in the stomach.
- 7—General debility, weakness, dizziness.
- 8—Pain or soreness under right rib.
- 9—Sciatic rheumatism.
- 10—Constipation or liver trouble.
- 11—Palpitation or pain under the heart.
- 12—Pain in the hip joint.
- 13—Pain in the neck or head.
- 14—Pain or soreness in the kidneys.
- 15—Pain or swelling of the joints.
- 16—Pain or swelling of the muscles.
- 17—Pain and soreness in nerves.
- 18—Acute rheumatism.

ANOTHER HERO OF FAITH PASSES FROM US.

It was into one of our best homes that the death summons came on the 9th of January, 1914, and claimed one of our best citizens, most loyal Christians and beloved friends.

The New Prospect Baptist church and surrounding community is smitten with grief and feels most keenly a severe loss in the departure of our beloved deacon and brother, W. L. C. Vann.

It having been the privilege of their present pastor to have known Brother Vann only for the last five months of his earthly pilgrimage, I shall not undertake to enumerate his virtues or relate the many valuable incidents of his useful life, but shall leave them to be told by those who knew him many years.

This, however, I must say: That his life had been so well surrendered to the spirit of our Christ and was thereby rendered so honest, so courageous and so strict that only to have known him is still to feel a compelling good influence that can never die, but will continually help one to make a braver fight and to live a better life.

May God bless the bereaved ones and give us another such layman.

M. W. LANIER.

Under the motto "The liberty of rest for each demands the law of rest for all," church and labor forces are moving to save Sunday for America.

COMB SAGE TEA IN LIFELESS, GRAY HAIR

Look young! Common garden Sage and Sulphur dardens so naturally nobody can tell.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it dardens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.