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The *Journal and Messenger* does not favor walking into the little parlor of the Baptist Congress. It says: "We are not sure that any great gain would be experienced if the anniversaries of the Missionary Societies of both the North and the South were to be held in one place, and a triennial meeting could be arranged." Although the little parlor of the Baptist Congress was deftly removed from Washington City to St. Louis, the Southern Baptist does not even look at it. Fort Worth and Kansas City were the only places any one brought directly before the Convention.

The *Journal and Messenger* goes on: "It would not be well to abolish the Southern Baptist Convention and to call upon all to array themselves under the same Home Mission and Foreign Mission banners. Nothing of consequence could be gained thereby, and there is reason for anticipating a considerable loss if such a thing were to be effected. But it will not be effected. It cannot be effected, and it were well if it were not talked about, and if those who talk about it were not applauded when they get off platitudes on that subject."

Dr. H. O. ROWLANDS is in danger of being shrieked at as "an enemy of the organized work," for in the *Standard* he says some plain things to the Northern Baptists. He says the District Associations ought to meet once a year, and perhaps the State bodies, though biennial meetings would be an awful "but if there is any earthly reason why our national societies should meet once a year, it has not been made manifest. The conventions are confessedly not legislative; they are scant advisory. They are imperfectly representative."

He goes on to say that the tickets for officers, &c., for the next year are voted on, "but those tickets are slates conveniently prepared by a mysterious self-perpetuating body unknown to the masses of those present. Time for debate and discussion is rarely given, so that the meetings do little more than register what has been prepared. If the anniversaries met biennially or triennially, and were made thoroughly representative, they would mean more to the denomination and to the public than they do now as mass-meetings."

The general repudiation of Darwin and evolution by the leading scientists recalls Huxley's famous diatribe: "Darwin is this corner wiggler of his useless tail of phlogiston, nothing across the street, fast stars."

### Positive Belief As a Source of Fruitfulness.

BY HON. E. NELSON BLAKE.

A positive belief that amounts to a conviction is an unfailing source of success. Wavering is weakness everywhere. This pertains to business, to politics and more especially to religious life. Doubting there is dangerous. No man can put forth his best efforts if unbelief or disbelief in his work has entered into his heart or mind. Even Christ Himself found places like Nazareth where He could not do many mighty works because of the unbelief of the people. His language ever was, "Said I not unto thee, if thou wouldest believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?" "All things are possible to him that believeth." "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues, take up serpents, lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover; if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." "Oh fools, and slow of heart to believe, all that the prophets have spoken." A positive belief is honoring to the subject and to the object. The men who step forth as graduates from their school year by year will be effective in their work just in proportion as they are firm, unwavering believers in God's Word, in the truth and efficiency of the "Sword of the Spirit," which they will be called upon to wield in their warfare against the devil, their great adversary. Confidence in their message and assurance of its truth must enfold them absolutely, so shall they work together with God and the Holy Spirit. Courageous boldness can only come from absolute and supreme belief in the "Word" they proclaim.

Said the once Rev. Vrooman in Chicago, "I have been frosen out of the Presbyterian church because of my liberality in opinion. I have been starved out of this 'People's Liberal Church,' and now I am off for the 'Klondike.' I tell you, young man, they who believe nothing give nothing. It is the orthodox Christian, with a believing sense of hell, who works and contributes to the support of the church work and the ministry."

In no place is positive conviction more needed than in these institutions of sacred learning. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded," must be the bold utterance of every successful ambassador of Christ. Hesitation and doubt in the messenger and the message will produce only doubt and unbelief in the hearers. John Wesley said:

"Give me but a hundred men who fear nothing but God, hate nothing but sin, and are determined to know nothing but Jesus and Him crucified, and I will set the world on fire with them." 1 Cor. 2:2.

A Unitarian speaker in Boston says: "When we look around upon all the iniquity in the world; when we see things creeping into the best of our educational institutions, which the best of our educators recognize but do not speak of, I for one feel that we need to have sin preached and realized. We are losing out of our souls, somehow or other, two things: the old healthy Socratic sense of ignorance, and the old Pauline, Calvinistic sense of sin."

When the Psalmist sang of Judah's beauty and richness, God's people were true to Him and His word and worship. With spiritual decadence came destruction and demoralization and barrenness. A sin-cursed, unbelieving people, must live

on a sin-cursed ground. God-proving titles can only be brought by God-fearing and God-believing men. Other titles may enter the storehouse, but they will be "vain oblation," "abomination unto me," "a trouble unto me." "I am weary to bear them;" but when the "earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," then shall the "Sun of Righteousness" arise on the churches, with healing in his wings in a delightful land where shall be neither barrenness or unfruitfulness, because of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. God gives His children according to their requests. He has answered us in our "up-to-date" services, but He has permitted leanness into our souls.

Brethren "positive belief" does not find so many "buts" and "ifs" in its lexicon. It is far better to be too credulous in coming to God's Word than even a little wavering, for the "little one will become a thousand." A million of concession will never satisfy the natural heart of unbelief. All attempts to satisfactorily explain God's declared purposes and plans and ways to human reason, unaided by the Spirit will be useless. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned." Spiritual fruitfulness in the world's history has always been the time of positive belief and bold utterance. Who does not deplore the spiritual leanness and barrenness and unfruitfulness in the evangelical churches as shown by annual reports? And where shall we look for the cause but in the wavering belief in God's Word, that is so dishonoring to Him in the so slight recognition of the Holy Spirit as the convincing, convicting and converting power, "who guides into all truth showing things to come?" Children's cards and children's hands uplifted on "Decision Day," the heresy of growing up into grace, are slowly displacing our Lord's "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Restlessness in every walk of life is prevalent; change is busy; progress in material things seems to incite to desire for change in the unchangeable, but mechanical science and inventive genius and discovery must not attempt to measure the decrees of Almighty God. "The pen is more mighty than the sword," and the Divine pen is more mighty than even the confirming spade, or the geologist's grammar and the astronomer's glass.

When Israel rested on a positive belief in God's injunction, though seeming impossibilities surrounded them, they were always victorious. Moses, or Joshua, or Gideon, or David, never met a disappointment in obedient belief. It was only when some disobedient unbeliever entered some Achan's heart and life that Israel's hosts met defeat. On Red Sea's shore, or in Zin's desert, or on Jordan's banks, a positive belief, moving the people found its great reward.

The Word of God is most positive in all its utterances. There is no hesitation or wavering as to its assertions and its commands. God is—"His Word abideth forever." His shalls and His wills abound. Every new doubt is but an old one in a new form, and only shakes the faith of the timid without shaking the solid truth of God there revealed. We hear much of "ideals." "Positive belief" does not follow "ideals" but follows revealed truth only. The best ideals are but human conception, while revealed truth is Divine as-

sertion. The cry of that father with tears: "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief," should go up from every Christian heart and eye; then would His grace and glory appear without measure.

### Our Lord and the Organized Machine

Examination of the conditions under which prophets and martyrs perished shows that they were destroyed by heads of religious organizations seated in places of power. The people rarely reject the prophets but recognize their worth. Ecclesiastics are invariably the enemies of those who dare to stand forth and speak the truth that fills their souls. This is the story of persecution in Ancient Rome, in Spain, in France, in England, in Puritan New England, with the State churches of Europe and in Russia to-day.

The growth of ecclesiastical organizations, like those in politics and business, is natural and almost inevitable under human conditions. In earlier stages they serve a useful purpose, but with process of time become hardened into domineering and intolerable machines. Religion itself is a personal matter with a simple life of faith in God. But it is found that there are advantages in union with others for the development of personal religion and for opportunity to secure greater results among men. With enlargement of numbers it becomes necessary to have organization and to make it complete. A large, highly organized body has great advantage in employment of talent, in economy of administration, in abundance of resources, in continued existence from generation to generation and in extent of operations. All these advantages present themselves today in political and business matters and they apply to religion. The Roman Catholic church is admittedly the most highly organized body in the world and consequently the most effective, but it exhibits all the evils and oppression of ecclesiastical machines, reducing individuality to a minimum and crushing out independence of thought and action.

If highly perfect ecclesiastical organizations could be administered by men of supreme wisdom and justice with openness to all truth, they might work the early redemption of society. If they could recognize truth wherever found, virtue wherever displayed and good work wherever done, they would be mighty agencies. But invariably it is a story of bigotry, oppression, persecution and destruction of what is truly good. Their record may be read in the crying evils of to-day under the organizations that control coal and other necessities of life. If a man will "stand pat" with the machine he will have a smooth career and gain great advantages, but woe to him who rises in native liberty of soul and seeks the pure welfare of the people.

Jesus was supreme among men in the battle royal against proud and oppressive power and He broke the sceptre of such power so that it has since been possible to conquer through His truth and Spirit. The Bible has always been the handbook of those who exercise the liberty of the Spirit. It is the Magna Charta of human freedom, the original authority for independent personal action.—Watchman.

Five minutes spent in the companionship of Christ every morning—aye, two minutes, if it is face to face and heart to heart—will change the whole day, will make every thought different.—Drummond.

GLORIOUS PRAISE.

## NORTHERN BAPTIST ANNUAL REPORT.

The last of the Societies this year was the Home Mission Society. Pres. E. M. Thresher, of Ohio, presided and made the opening address. This was brief, instructive, able and interesting. Taking the interview of our Lord with the woman of Samaria as the basis of his remarks, he said the problem is how to bring the people of this country to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. To accomplish this great work the churches must have three things, a steadfast faith, a living hope and an enduring and increasing love. After his address Secretary H. L. Morehouse read the report of the Board.

The Executive Board brings to the attention of the Society the year's record of work, which, on the whole, is the largest in its history—the most missionaries, the most nationalities in its field, the most schools with the largest enrollment, a large number of baptisms, the most church edifices erected within the last decade, and, except one year when extraordinary individual gifts were received for school buildings, the largest receipts in its history.

### I.—Financial Department.

The grand total of the Society's receipts for all purposes the past year is \$636,336.77. The entire financial transactions, including amounts paid by churches on the principal of their loans and the payments on account of mortgages for reinvestment, amount to about \$700,000.

The gains in receipts over those of last year have been as follows: (a) For General Missionary Purposes, from contributions, \$13,318.85; from legacies, \$45,005.72; (b) for Permanent Trust Fund, \$16,828.20, making an increase in contributions and legacies for these purposes of \$75,152.47 more than last year. Full particulars of receipts and expenditures are presented in the treasurer's report.

The Permanent Funds, the income of which is applicable for expenses of administration and for general purposes, amount to \$265,204.37; Permanent Funds for various educational purposes, \$292,036.53; Annuity Funds, \$483,429.11; Church Edifice Benevolent Trust Fund, of which the income only is used, \$158,508.20; Church Edifice Loan Fund, \$149,589.75; Conditional Fund, \$34,382.97; making a total of these funds of \$1,393,152.93. Besides all this, the Society has an interest in school property amounting to about \$1,000,000. The multitude of details pertaining thereto, magnitude of these financial matters, impose upon the Society a vast amount of work in the treasurer's department. In order to safeguard, as far as possible, all these interests, a thorough audit of the accounts monthly and annually is made by an expert auditor, whose reports are submitted at stated intervals to the Board.

### Financial Survey.

Early in the year systematic measures were adopted, through the co-operation of the District Secretaries, to secure an increase of about 10 per cent in the offerings from the churches. In many instances very gratifying success attended the effort. But in most of the larger city churches there has been no advance. The great

shrinkage in values of corporate securities in a measure account for this; though the almost unprecedented succession of storms on the Sundays in which the bulk of offerings is usually made is doubtless a partial explanation. It is due to the District Secretaries to say that they have never done more faithful work than during the past year. And yet the total increase in contributions from the churches was only about \$1,500.

It is a striking fact that receipts from legacies, for the general purposes of the Society, were considerably in excess of the contributions of the churches, apart from receipts from co-operating conventions, though about \$74,000 less than these and individual gifts combined. Indeed, the legacies, amounting to \$127,991.09, were much larger than the average, being \$45,445.72 more than last year. Those, too, annuity funds released by decease of donors, were \$28,950 in excess of last year. It will be seen therefore, how perilously near an embarrassing deficiency the Society was without these special aid, to a considerable extent, uncalculated and incalculable resources from those who have passed away. There is no reasonable expectation of receiving as much from such sources the coming year. Hence the necessity for larger offerings from the living if the work entrusted to us is to be properly done. The need of this is all the greater because of necessary enlargement particularly in the promising fields of Cuba and Porto Rico, as well as among our immigrant populations.

There was an increase in the year's expenditures for general and special purposes of \$63,844.50 over those of last year. Of the foregoing increase it should be stated that \$16,238.94 was in the Missionary Department; a considerable portion of the remainder being met by funds designated for special purposes, such as the erection of buildings and improvement of school properties. Well-grounded apprehensions were entertained in January of a deficit of at least \$45,000; happily, in ways above indicated, as well as by some larger personal gifts, the receipts of the year were sufficient to meet all its current obligations and to effect a reduction of last year's deficit from \$27,886.48 to \$21,772.24.

### II.—Church Edifice Department.

The number of churches aided during the year is 102; by gift only 77; by loan only 5; by gift and loan, 20. The total number of grants from the Loan Fund is 25, and from the Gift Fund, 97. The location of the churches receiving aid is in the following States and Territories, Provinces and Republic:

By gifts—Arizona, 2; California, 6; Canada, 1; Colorado, 1; Connecticut, 2; Cuba, 7; Idaho, 4; Illinois, 10; Indian Territory, 2; Kansas 5; Massachusetts, 1; Mexico, 2; Minnesota, 10; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 2; New Mexico 2; North Dakota, 4; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 3; Porto Rico, 9; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin 4; Wyoming, 3.

By loans—Arizona, 2; California, 1; Colorado, 1; Idaho, 4; Illinois, 4; Minnesota, 3; New Mexico 1; Oklahoma, 1; Oregon 2; Washington, 6; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin 1; Wyoming, 1.

The nationalities aided by gifts are as follows: American, 60; German, 4; Swede, 7; Cuban, 7;

Porto Rican, 9; Norwegian, 2; Scandinavian, 1; Mexican, 3; Colored, 2; Indian, 1; Bohemian, 1. The nationalities aided by loans are as follows: American, 21; Swede, 2; Norwegian, 1; Colored, 1.

The whole number of churches aided up to the present time is 2,305; of these 1,968, have been aided in the past twenty-three years.

### Concerning the New Loan Plan.

In accordance with the action of the Society at the meeting last year, the rate of interest on loans since then has been made at 5 instead of 6 per cent, as formerly; and other churches which had loans previously were given the benefit of the reduction, when not in arrears for interest, after July 1, 1903. Notices of this action were sent to all churches in the expectation that those in arrears would square their accounts with the fund and avail themselves of the reduction. None of these did so, but many disregarded the proposition. After reasonable extension of time for this purpose, the Board in September directed the treasurer: "That when a church having a loan from the Society disregards a second notice from the treasurer of this Society for the payment of interest, or any part thereof that may be due or overdue, the treasurer be and he is hereby instructed and authorized, subject to the approval of the Church Edifice Committee, to send with the third notice a statement that unless matters are properly adjusted within 30 days thereafter, foreclosure proceedings will be begun by the Society." It has become necessary to send this statement to a number of churches, some of which have been duly exercised thereby to give attention to their just obligations to these trust funds of the Society. No foreclosure action has yet been ordered, and it is hoped that none may be necessary; but in extreme cases of inattention to financial obligations it will be inevitable, and the responsibility therefore will rest on the delinquent churches themselves.

While only five churches have been aided entirely by loans, twelve others have had loans in addition to gifts, so that the whole number of loans the past year is 25, as against an average of 17 for the four previous years, and equal to the average for the six years previous to that period.

### III.—Educational Department.

The year has been one of great prosperity in all the schools assisted by the Society. The total enrollment, as shown in the accompanying table, is 7,814, being 600 more than last year, of whom about three-sevenths are males and four-sevenths females. Students for the ministry are almost the same as last year. There has been no change in the presidency of any of our institutions. In several States the colored Baptists are contributing toward the support of teachers and the erection of buildings. This is gratifying as an expression of their disposition to assume a share in these burdens. Indeed, for several of the secondary schools, aided by the Society to a moderate extent, considerable sums have been given by their respective constituencies.

Directly after the War, the Society, at its meeting in St. Louis, Mo., formally and most emphatically committed itself to a forward movement on behalf of the

colored people. This has become more pronounced during the year. Last November the corresponding secretary and field secretary of this Society had a conference in Atlanta, Ga., with leading members of the Home Mission Board, to ascertain whether a continuance of co-operative relations, with possibly some modifications in methods was not desirable and practicable. Their attention was called to the fact of the Society's large educational interests which are closely interwoven with the religious life of the colored Baptists of the South, as a factor that should be taken into account in the formulation of plans for missionary work, and, after presenting other aspects of the matter, the hope was expressed that before decisive action should be taken by their board a good understanding might be had between us as to our future relations in work for the colored people. In March the corresponding secretary, while attending trustee meetings of the schools in Atlanta, upon his return from Cuba, reiterated to representatives of that board our hopes for a fraternal arrangement that would be most advantageous to all concerned. To these advances of the Society no response has been made, and it now appears from published announcements that the Home Mission Board has decided to act, as if of course has the unquestioned right to do, entirely independently in these matters. We rejoice indeed in the apparent revival of concern on the part of our Southern white brethren for the religious welfare of the colored people, and await with interest the unfolding of their plans to this end. To what extent the Society will continue its co-operative missionary work with colored Baptist state conventions, remains to be seen; at all events, it is now honorably free to adopt such plans of its own as may be deemed best.

Dr. Butterick called attention to the fact that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Secretary Morehouse's official work, and a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions. These were most eulogistic of Secretary Morehouse and were passed with unanimity and enthusiasm.

Professor A. W. Small, of Chicago University, addressed the Society on "Home Mission Work as Related to the Nation." He gave as the functions of religion, promotion, investigation, invention and co-operation. The old-fashioned idea of Southern Baptists is that the functions of religion are two—saving sinners and building up the saints in their most holy faith, and these because thus God is glorified. Prof. Small as an illustration said if it had not been for the preaching of John Knox in Scotland there would have been no Andrew Carnegie. As Carnegie is an atheist or agnostic or whatever may be the latest name for them, John Knox' wrath, if he could have heard that, can be imagined. Not all the money that can be made and put into libraries would have counted with John Knox.

Owing to the pressure on our columns of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Georgetown College, we are compelled to cut short the report of the speaker made in this meeting. Monday evening was given to speeches from or about the negroes; Monday night to the foreign population; Tuesday morning to the West; Tuesday evening to the Indians and Tuesday night to "evangelization."

### Moral and Religious Culture.

The Society's theory in its educational work is that the two great factors in the moral and religious improvement of the colored people are clean, capable and consecrated preachers and teachers. The preacher has almost unbounded influence with his people; the teacher touches the springs of life of the coming generation. The production of such Christian leadership is our supreme aim. Other educational ideals and specialties have their place and are of value; but the paramount thing is the type of education for which the Society has stood and stands to-day. And where its work has been strongest and longest for the colored people, there its fruitage in the character and conduct of the people is richest.

### Schools for Indians.

The new dormitory building for girls at Indian University was completed and occupied last fall, and constitutes a valuable addition to the equipment of the school, which is enjoying a high degree of prosperity. Indeed, in this period of reconstruction in Indian Territory, serious thought is being given by our Baptist leaders there of concentrating the higher educational work of the denomination for the whites upon this institution, while at the same time making proper provision for the education of Indian youth.

As intimated in the last annual report, the tendency of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is toward the termination of co-operative relations and the assumption of independent work of some sort for the



DIAMOND CELEBRATION.

75th Commencement of Georgetown College.



PRESIDENT J. J. TAYLOR, D.D., LL. D.

The 75th Anniversary of Georgetown College was duly celebrated. The exercises opened on Sunday morning, June 5th, with the baccalaureate sermon by President Taylor, which sermon we publish in full in this issue.

At night Dr. Wm. H. Felix preached the annual sermon before the College Young Men's Christian Association. His text was "That we may present every man perfect in Christ"—Col. 1:28.

Paul was not an aimless worker: the end to be attained was always in view. The text tells his great life-purpose, which is manifest in all his writings. The aim of Christian work is to beget and perfect Christ in Men. The incarnation is a stupendous fact, and in every believer Christ becomes incarnate. The Holy Spirit imparts the new life, and the new birth is a new incarnation of Christ. This is accomplished through preaching Christ to men. When He is born in the soul, every power is vocal with song, and wise men will bring their gifts to the new born babe. In some churches it may be said with Mary, "They have taken away my Lord." It is ever true "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

The second part of our work is to perfect this newly begotten Christ in man. The earthly life of Christ finds its analogue in the Christian experience. He was made in the likeness of man and man is to be made in His likeness. The objection to Christianity because of the imperfections of Christians is unreasonable. We do not justify these imperfections, but they are what might be expected. As well object to man-hand because a child is not a man. This perfection is wrought in us, and this is the meaning of all religious institutions and exercises. Its development is not in withdrawing from the world, nor in penances. Self-companionship is no improvement on the companionship of others. Contact with the world is necessary to our de-

velopment. Christ was no monk. Here is work for the church, to perfect Christian manhood. She asks us to get from kings and government, but only freedom to pitch her tents and disseminate her blessings. No field offers such scope for human ambition. Material destruction of temples and cities is mad, but what is that to the destruction of a soul? We are tracing the divine image upon defaced human souls.

Dr. J. S. Dill spoke on Veneering of Mind and Morals. Veneered furniture looks well for a while, but a sharp blow leaves an ugly scar where the veneering has peeled off and ere long it looks worse than plain furniture. There is also a veneering of powder and paint with some indies. Beauty is not always even skin deep.

Education has been subjected to the same process. Rapid education is superficial. The cry is "education made easy." Whatever facilitates education is to be favored; but not processes of veneering. Students should not choose the easiest course. True education fits a man for harder work on a higher plane. The desire to know the mysteries of nature makes a man laborious. The knowledge seekers, rather than the mechanics, die of overwork. They are the toilers, and they are the explorers, deterred by no peril and no hardship. This point the speaker elaborated and illustrated.

Students should be thorough and avoid educational veneering. A solid foundation is needed for a true education. Said Dr. Dill: "Be not content with that superficial knowledge, on account of which your fellows will label you 'Veneered,' and which will soon, under the rough handling of the world, in contrast with the genuine and true, be cast aside as useless, lumbering furniture. With God-given endowments, with the training of the schools, be indeed and in truth one of earth's great toilers."

The speaker then considered the subject with reference to institu-

tions. He made some hard hits at those institutions which advertise a polished intellect by new and patent processes, paying a high tribute to Georgetown College for its solid work, and urged its further equipment. He emphasized the importance of Bible study, and declared that herein lay the great advantage in the denominational institution, as against other schools. Much should be made of this.

Then Dr. Dill spoke of veneered education in its relation to character, which is greater than intellect. Any education that hides a bad character is but veneering. The speaker was quite optimistic. The golden age is in the future, and Christian education, with emphasis on the Christian, is the greatest factor of true progress. Dr. Dill then gave a graphic and glowing description of a sunrise in the Yosemite as seen from Inspiration Point. "So," said he, "under the glorious light of Christian education, the darkness of ignorance and the mists of evil rise fold on fold and float away. Already the mountain peaks have caught the glow and the light is fast creeping to the valley. Men, true and strong; women, fair and noble, adorned above all adorning with the culture of the schools and the religion of Jesus—these have heard the bugle call to a higher civilization, and it will not be long before the watchman on the mountains shall shout, 'Thou, oh God, art great and greatly to be praised.'"

Tuesday.

This was Education Society day. Prof. Arthur Yager presented an admirable history of the College, which greatly delighted everybody. It is to be issued as a tract and so need not be given here.

The Hon. G. G. Gilbert, Member of Congress, delivered a telling address, abounding in wit and wisdom, on the Christian in politics. He is an illustration of his theme. He argued that Christian men, ministers especially, should take more interest in civil affairs, and be more active in securing good government. We regret being unable to get a full report of this address.



PROF. J. J. BUCKER, LL.D.

Enters his fiftieth year as Professor in Georgetown College.

Dr. M. B. Adams made a telling address on the Problem of Baptist Education in Kentucky. Christian education has an important function in the redemptive economy of the Kingdom of God. This kingdom is God's sway over the world and contemplates its complete redemption, and involves evangelism and education. We are to disciple and to teach and the two go together.

Christian education is essential to the preservation of evangelical religion. Christianity has been perpetuated by its best trained men, e. g. Matthew, Paul and John. Romanians owe her success to her well trained men. Baptists owe more than others to our trained men. Religion must appeal to intelligence to get a firm hold, since it is a body of truth and not simply a set of emotions.



J. A. LEWIS, M.D., LL. D.

President Board of Trustees of Georgetown College.

Here the college is essential, for here are the largest intelligence and broadest culture. The teacher's function is to develop the student into the highest power. 5. Baptists must educate for their own preservation. We must save our masses from the danger of demagogues, and lift them into intelligent service.

We should pray and labor for an educational revival, while recognizing the good already done. We must endow our schools, to offer increased advantages and to reduce the cost of education. An education board or commission might be created, that would maintain somewhat the relation to existing and prospective schools as does the State Mission Board toward the churches and mission stations.

The address was heard with great interest and received with hearty enthusiasm.

Tuesday Night.

Dr. J. A. Booth, of Taylorsville, delivered the Alumni address on A Christian College. He

Baptists of Kentucky must take hold of education 1st because of the insufficiency of state education. This point was ably and clearly elaborated. 2nd Because it is necessary to oppose worldly culture with Christian culture. Unchristian culture is the deadly foe of Christianity. This was illustrated in the medical revival of learning. 3rd We need trained Baptists to gain and hold the world's attention. The editors of "Who's Who," as the result of their statistics, say that a boy with only a common school education has only one chance in 9,000 to become notable. A high school training increases this chance to 22, and a college education increases it to 200. 4th We should furnish the world with the highest type of Christian character and service.

was led to take this subject because President Taylor had said in the Wmman Enclosure that "Georgetown College is a Christian Institution." This being true, it is worthy of our praise, our prayer and our patronage. He gave reasons why an institu-

tion of learning should be Christian, not Muslim or Jew.

Man is a religious being, and yet the best religion man has been able to make is Mohammedanism, and even that, down its best features from the Bible. Yet to compare Christianity with Mohammedanism is like comparing light with darkness. The Koran says: God is will. Submit to Him. The Bible says: God is love; trust Him. The moral code of the Koran is corrupt.

The speaker named five points in which Christianity is immeasurably superior to all other systems.

I. It furnishes an inerrant Bible, a perfect standard of truth and an infallible rule of life. This point was argued and illustrated with great clearness and force. The Bible shows on every page to the unprejudiced eye the marks of its divine origin.

II. Christianity presents to man the only perfect exemplar in Jesus of Nazareth, this was elaborated in a masterly fashion. Christ is alike infallible in His teaching and His character. In 19 centuries there has arisen no occasion to revise His teaching and no man has found any fault in Him. To know, to be like and to proclaim Christ, this is our great duty.

III. Christianity presents man with the purest and most powerful motive for all action, viz., the law of love. No other religion teaches love. Here is the mark of the Christian. Other religions teach fear, obedience and pity, but not love. The leading religions were here brought under review.

IV. Christianity alone furnishes man with reliable knowledge of an ultimate state of existence. Other religions and philosophies make immortality possible and even credible, but only the Bible makes it sure. Life and immortality are brought to light in the gospel alone.

V. Christianity is the only religion that assures man of the available help of the Holy Spirit. This meets a great and urgent need that is met nowhere else.

The Christian College is to impress upon the minds and hearts of students the great truths of Christianity, with the aim of saving their souls and fitting them for the highest service.

The address showed profound and clear thinking, as well as wide research.

Wednesday.

Commencement proper was Wednesday morning. President Taylor presided and Dr. J. G. Bowled in prayer. Among the 199 graduates, one lady, Miss Mary Alice Box, presented an essay, and three gentlemen spoke. Miss Box' essay was a most pleasing one on "Ah! but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" a quotation from Browning.

Mr. William Samuel Cookley spoke on "International Brotherhood." Mr. Thomas Christopher Ector, on the Nation's opportunity and Mr. Benjamin Pleasant Enoch on the Significance of Missions in Modern Civilization. Mr. Enoch expects to go on a missionary tour. The speeches were of an unusually high order.

President Taylor then announced the following degrees, conferring diplomas on those receiving the academic degrees. Doctor of Divinity, the Rev. W. D. Nowlin and H. A. Sumrell, Doctor of Laws, Dr. J. A. Lewis,

### Liver and Kidneys

It is highly important that those organs should be kept in perfect health. When they are not, the system is deranged, and the result is a host of ailments, such as indigestion, constipation, and general debility. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best remedy for these ailments.

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cover man's blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. It purifies the blood, and cures all the ailments of the system. Take it.

Dr. Edmund Harrison and Dr. T. R. Greenley

Professor of Science, Geo. D. Florence, Norton W. Garth, Jas. D. Henton, Maima Shouse and Sarah E. Watson.

Faculty of Arts, John A. Baker, Mary A. Box, Wm. H. Bringham, Zelma T. Brown, Wm. S. Conkley, Thos. G. Eaton, John B. Jones, Thompson D. Lewis, Lyman J. Parrish, Flora B. Shepherd and Thos. P. Sutton.

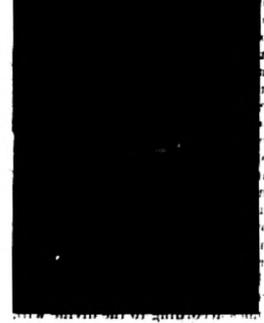
Faculty of Arts, Elisabeth F. Nunnally, Joseph L. Riley and Benjamin P. Rosch.

Dr. Taylor then gave the graduated pointed, pithy and timely advice expressed most gracefully and most happily. It was one of the greatest speeches the writer ever heard. This was President Taylor's first commencement.

The next session opens Sept. 13, with the prospects.

### BETHEL FEMALE COLLEGE

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.



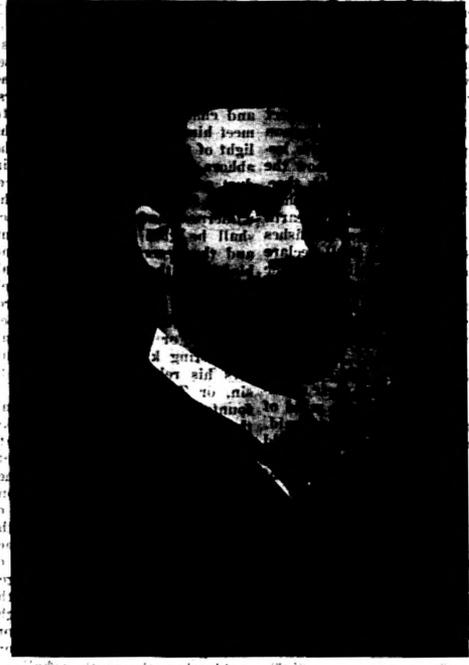
PRESIDENT W. H. HARRISON, M. A.

Hopkinsville is one of the finest towns in the country, and is located in Christian country, that has produced the many famous men. It is a city of 8,000 people, and the social and moral standards are exceptionally high. Pres. Harrison had attained high eminence as an educator, as professor of Richmond College, Va., and his success in Hopkinsville has been what those who know him expected. Happy are the parents whose daughters are under his care. The girls had perfect health during the past year and the order was perfect. The boarders and their home life in the institution under the personal supervision of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison.

The writer claims to know good teaching when he sees it, and he does not believe any better teaching can be found than is done at Bethel Female College. In his address to the students on the first day of the year, he was an able discussion of the Practical Idealism. Pres. Harrison's address to the graduates covered such subjects as the appointments of the College are very fine.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

AT ASHCROSVILLE, KY.



PRESIDENT E. Y. MULLENS, D.D., LL. D.

Though the Seminary is not a Kentucky institution, yet in view of its location and of the fact that Kentucky gives it more money than any other state, it should not be omitted in any presentation of Kentucky Baptist institutions of learning.

The Seminary has 7 professors; last year there were 273 students. At the recent Commencement an account of which we published

### LIBERTY COLLEGE

GLASGOW, KY.

Liberty College closed a most successful year June 1st. Every department did more work and of a better grade than during any previous session. The teachers were enthusiastic in their teaching, the pupils eager in their learning, the atmosphere of the school wholesome, and every one



PRESIDENT W. B. GWYNN, A.M.

Photo: by Smoot.

election. The same high standard is maintained in all the literary work and art. The attendance for the year has been the most satisfactory for years.

Enrollment in piano, 55; voice, 20; elocution, 35; art, 9; physical culture, 40; boarding department, 36; literary department, 140.

Thirtieth session opens Sept. 13th, 1904.

### LYNNLAND

MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE



W. B. GWYNN, A.M., PRINCIPAL

This institution has a fine property with a magnificent lawn running down to the U. & N. railroad, where is a station. The post-office, however, is Glendale, a mile away. It is a most healthful lo-

cation in the midst of a refined community; and Principal Gwynn and his coadjutors do first class work. There is accommodation for 60 boarders. It is for girls chiefly, though some small boys are admitted.

The commencements are held on the beautiful lawn, and they draw the largest gatherings of any in the State. The people all around take a lively interest in the school and give it a hearty support, while many pupils come from afar. The classics, mathematics, the English branches, music and art, etc., are effectively taught. They have a good telescope in the philosophical apparatus.

Prof. Gwynn has been signally successful for years past, but because of a desire to re-enter the active ministry, he is willing to sell this splendid property at a good bargain, to a buyer who will maintain the standard of excellence in the school, and conserve the interests of the patrons. The writer regards this as a rare opportunity for a first-class education to get a fine school already established and highly successful, under most favorable conditions.

### LOHIMER BAPTIST COLLEGE

BURNING SPRINGS, KY.

This is one of our mountain schools, and it is under the special patronage of three associations. The common school branches, along with business and



PRESIDENT H. R. MCLENDON, TH.D.

music, are taught, and faithful work has been done. President McLendon is engaged during vacation in raising funds to relieve the indebtedness of the institution and to begin an endowment. He and his work are commended to the friends of education.

### OHIO VALLEY COLLEGE

STURGIS, KY.

President Watkins has had charge during the past year. They have a fine property, but they have been annoyed with debt. We hope this debt will ere long be removed and that the College will fully meet the educational needs in that region.

### MAMRE BAPTIST COLLEGE

OSHIDA, KY.

This institution, under the presidency of the Rev. J. A. Burns, is in a flourishing condition. Largely through the liberality of friends in Louisville, this school has good buildings and equipment. It is adapted to the mountain conditions and is doing good work.

### Bay Glorious Praise

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### BETHEL COLLEGE

RUSSELLVILLE, KY.



PRESIDENT W. H. HARRISON, M. A.

In 1831, when the forests of Kentucky had only partially yielded to the westward progress of civilization, the movement began which culminated in Bethel College. A resolution was introduced in Bethel Association to organize a society for the promotion of Christian education for the young men of this part of the Southwest. Six years later the Society of Bethel Association for Educational Purposes was incorporated, and in 1836 it was resolved to locate Bethel High School at Russellville. The school was formally opened in 1851, with Rev. B. T. Blewitt, D. D., as principal. The name in the charter was changed in 1856 to "Bethel College," to more fully express its real character, and Dr. Blewitt became its first President.

The College has just celebrated its golden anniversary, with the most interesting commencement exercises it has had for years. The speaker was perfect and the attendance on the occasion large.

On Sunday, June 5, Rev. Dr. Dill, D.D., of Bowling Green, preached the annual commencement sermon. He chose three passages of Scripture as his text: 1 Sam. 9:2; 13:13, and 31:1, and his subject was "King Saul, or the Mistake of a Life." The headings were: 1. King Saul and his great opportunity; 2. King Saul and his terrible mistake; 3. King Saul and his tragic end.

"All rightly established law," said Dr. Dill, "comes from God. Its seat is the bosom of God. Therefore law is sacred, and we violate it at our peril. Liberty is parallel with law. Anarchy is opposite to both law and liberty." The sermon was thoughtfully prepared and forcibly delivered, and made a most favorable impression on the large audience.

Monday evening the auditorium of the Baptist church was filled to hear the orations of the Junior class. Messrs. Harry E. Vick, W. C. Taylor, Rora Brown and W. B. Russell were the speakers, and delivered orations which fully deserved the generous applause accorded them.

On Tuesday evening the address to the literary societies was made by Rev. Geo. B. Eager, D.D., of Louisville, subject, "Culture from the Standpoint of the Present." Rich thought, choice diction, and a pleasing style of delivery combined to render this address highly instructive and entertaining.

The next event in the week's literary festivities occurred on

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## JERUSALEM'S DAUGHTERS.

BY DR. MAGINN.

Jerusalem's daughters, for Me do not weep!  
Your eyes' bitter waters for other days keep;  
For days of sad sighing, deep wailing, and moan;  
For the dead and the dying; for cities o'erthrown;  
When you pray that the mountains may fall on your head,  
Then from those misty fountains salt tears may be shed;  
But Jerusalem's daughters, for Me do not weep;  
Your eyes' bitter waters for other days keep.

When the helmeted foeman shall stride o'er the wall,  
And Titus, the Roman, "No quarter!" shall call;  
When his horse, through your city, proud prancing shall steep  
In blood, shed without pity, his hoof fetlock deep;  
When the Temple is crashing in horror and flame,  
And the priests are down dashing in anguish and shame;  
Then, Jerusalem's daughters for Me do not weep;  
Your eyes' bitter waters for other days keep.

Now is ended my mission: I answer the call,  
I fulfill the condition, of One slain for all!  
Though dark seems the story, the moment is near  
When, throned in heaven's glory,  
I bending appear!

From it's light ne'er to sunder, till here I am found,  
Amid lightnings and thunder, when the trumpet shall sound:  
So, Jerusalem's daughters, for Me do not weep;  
Your eyes' bitter waters for other days keep!

—Exchange.

## Our Pulpit.

## THE STABILITY OF THE WORD.

Baccalaureate Sermon at Georgetown College.

BY PRESIDENT TAYLOR.

"The word of our God shall stand forever."—Isa. 40:8.

According to accepted theories, words in their primitive form are only atmospheric vibrations interpreted to the brain through the delicate organism of the ear. Considered mechanically, a word falling from the lips leaves no more evidence of its existence than does the passage of a fish through the sea or of a bird through the air. John the Baptist could not have chosen a term indicative of deeper humility than that which he used in answer to those who demanded his identity: "I am a voice, a cry in the wilderness, a passing ripple in the air."

As such noises never cease. The movements of men for purposes of commerce or pleasure or conquest; the roar of multiplied machinery, the din of war, the notes of beasts and birds, the hum of insects, the sweep of storms, the shock of volcanic convulsions, the detonation of thunder, the tumbling of cataclysms, the breaking of waves along the shore, keep the whole aerial expanse in ceaseless commotion. In all this there is sound vast and voluminous, and sometimes it unites the sensitive spirit with unutterable emotions; but it comes

with no distinct message, and brings no definite disclosure. In imitation of man some birds can talk; some animals give evidence of memory, volition, elemental reasoning; but neither bird nor beast has developed a form or inflected speech capable of varying with the varyings of experience. The effort to discover a language among monkeys was doomed to failure. The power of speech is a pre-eminent gift. The strength of faith, the cogency of reasoning, the triumphs of genius in any domain depend upon words. "Words," says Byron, "are things; a small drop of ink falling upon a thought may make thousands, even millions, think." By words the logician cleaves the tangle-brush of sophistry, the orator confounds the ranks of opposition, the poet weaves his airy fancies, the statesman embodies his broad designs. Job exclaims: "How forcible are right words!" and Solomon responds: "They are like apples of gold in pictures of silver!"

I have known one word hang sturdy like o'er a dreary waste of years,  
And it only shone the brighter looked at through a mist of tears.

While a weary wanderer gathered hope and heart on life's dark way  
By its faithful promise shining clearer day by day.

I have known a spirit calmer than the calmest lake, and clear  
As the heavens that shone above it, unmoved by doubt or fear;  
But a mighty change swept o'er it, and its deepest depths were stirred,  
Never, never more to slumber, only by a word.

But here is an imperial utterance, which peaks like a trumpet: "The word of our God shall stand forever."

This is not an isolated or accidental statement; it is representative. The Apostle Peter speaks of "the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Through the mouth of the prophet Jehovah says: "As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." And sitting with his disciples on the Mount of Olives, contemplating the passing of the old city, so that one stone should not be left upon another, Jesus asserted the stability of the word: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away."

It seems a wonderful thing that God should speak in the language of man, that words should go forth out of his mouth. There is a sense in which all nature is vocal with truth and beauty. To the devout soul the waters may speak of refreshment, and the lands of bounty; the mountains may tell of stability, and the rocks of endurance; the glinting sunlight may whisper of gladness, and the evening shadows of gloom. In harmony with the Psalmist, Addison says:

"The spacious firmament on high,  
And all the blue ethereal sky,  
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,  
Their great Original proclaim."

Paul declares that God hath left himself without witness, in that he did good and gave rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. From the tiny blade of grass that falls before the scythe to the vast orbs that hang upon nothing and sweep through the infinitudes of space, every object in creation and every phenomenon in nature has its appropriate lesson. It is written: "Ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee, the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee; or speak unto the earth and it shall teach thee, the fishes of the sea and they shall declare unto thee." These all attest the reality and power of God, and proclaim his wisdom and fidelity; but they bring no definite disclosure of the divine will or purpose concerning the race.

The lessons of Providence are equally uncertain, and their meaning is often found in the mind of the interpreter. One has said, "To mangle the message of old Chaldea and Babylonia was of science and civilization; that of Egypt, immortality; that of Greece, art; that of Rome, law; that of Germany, music and intellectual concentration; that of Great Britain, commerce; that of America, with its expanse of territory and vastness of resource, the priceless boon of liberty." This is well said; but it is only an opinion uttered without authority. The voice of history, whether of nations or individuals, like the response of some ancient oracle, sounds in dubious tones, which no man can interpret with certitude. But the voice of Jehovah speaks with confidence, and gives no uncertain sound.

After ages of silence in which the brooding Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, and the void and formless earth rolled in rayless night, God said: Let there be light, and there was light; and God said: Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters; and God said: Let the waters be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear; and God said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind; and God said: Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons, for days and for years; and God said: Let the waters bring forth abundantly, the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly in the open above the earth; and God said: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field, and every living thing. And it was so. The whole vast system of created things fell from the lips of Jehovah, as dew-drops from the ceilings of Lebanon. He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

He still speaks by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." Of old the prophecy came not by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Here it is Moses—

And never earth's philosopher  
Traced with his golden pen  
On the deathless page truths half  
so sage  
As he wrote down for men.

Here the scribes of Israel chronicle events which plainly attest Jehovah's might and mark epochs in the annals of the race; or prophets attuned to the melody of the ages sing in strains that awaken rapture or induce repose. Job vainly weighs the problems that have puzzled philosophers, and challenges the Almighty to meet him face to face; but in the light of the divine countenance he abhors himself and repents in dust and ashes, so finding peace. Isaiah foretells the day when the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad enough for them, and the desert shall rejoice and bloom as the rose; or Jeremiah weeps for the desolation of Israel, and calls the wanderers to return. Ezekiel portrays a valley of death, or Daniel announces an everlasting kingdom; Micah utters his relentless opposition to sin, or Zechariah proclaims a fountain of cleansing. But in all these utterances Jehovah speaks. Fragmentarily and diversely unto the fathers through the prophets in times past, in the later times he hath spoken through his Son; whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he made the worlds, who being the effulgence of his glory and the exponent of his substance, when he had purged our sins forever sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; and he says: "My word," more lasting than the heavens, more stable than the earth, "shall not pass away."

The stability of the word is a matter of supreme importance. No man hath seen God at any time; and no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven. Through the centuries trembling spirits have shrunk appalled from the black abyss of death, and have strained their eyes in search of light from the distant shore. The dusty mummies have slept in their narrow beds, and have waited in vain for a trumpet of resurrection. The fathers have fallen on sleep from age to age, leaving only silence and emptiness behind, while new generations have followed on to fill the void. Not a spirit of our best beloved has returned from the echoless shore to break the stillness and scatter the gloom with a reassuring word. In vain have the most exalted intellects striven to dispel the darkness. Plato guesses, and Socrates ventures forward because he must; the laws of nature are stern, and the poison hemlock kills. Systems of philosophy are chiefly opinions of men, and though sometimes bathed in tears and blood they are opinions still. With vaulting ambition giant minds.

Like Noah's weary dove,  
Have soared the earth around,  
And not a resting place above  
The cheerless waters found.

Only the word of God reveals the way of life and immortality. Only one voice testifies: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me though he were dead yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth on me shall never die." From only one mouth goes forth the word: "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad thereof." That word is the foundation of our noblest sentiments, our holiest hopes; and if the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do? What shall it profit that men dray themselves and bear the cross, if there be no eternal word of truth, which shall

support them in their days of darkness and trial?

In his last moments, when early ambitions had been realized or had faded away and the mystery and pathos of life had deepened upon him, Mr. Beecher, it is said, attended a banquet with some noted men in New York. Mr. Ingersoll was among the guests; and some one thought it would give zest to the occasion to have the two famous orators express their views about the Scriptures. Mr. Ingersoll was led to make some ungracious utterance; but Mr. Beecher seemed to take no note. Quietly he began to describe a scene on a crowded street of the lower city: A crippled man, feeble and friendless, leaning heavily on a stout crutch, and trying to thread his way among the reckless teams that pressed along; a burly fellow wantonly knocking the crutch and leaving the cripple sprawling in filth at the mercy of the wheels and hoofs! As the guests listened with interest and indignation the old preacher glanced at the culprit and sadly remarked: "Mr. Ingersoll is knocking the crutch." The story is impressive, but it is applicable only in part. Wanton and wicked men, not a few, have assailed the word; sometimes they have smitten it from the hold of the weak and foolish, who have immediately fallen into the slough; but the truth itself has remained. Voltaire smote it with all the violence of a reprobate nature; he sneeringly asserted in a hundred years the book would be forgotten or remembered only as the symbol of an obsolete superstition. Others have assailed the word with every available weapon; they have railed, argued, denounced; they have assumed pedantic airs, and with a conceit that engenders contempt, they have presumed to know more than Jesus or Paul. Yet the word abides. As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven. No form of argument affects the elements. No profanity stops the rain. No blasphemy dissipates the clouds. No criticism, high or low, is heeded by the snow. Floating down upon the still air it drops into its place regardless of what men can do. So shall be the word from the mouth of God. It comes according to the divine will, and finds expression in all the languages of the earth. Great societies exist for the sole purpose of multiplying versions and copies; and great scholars spend their best days in rummaging among musty tomes and dusty parchments to discover some new truth concerning that word. To-day it abides in mightier power than ever before; and new copies drop from the press with every tick of the clock.

The word abides because it is true. Of making many books there is no end, and their perusal is a weariness to the flesh; yet men of real worth drop out of life without so much as an epitaph. They had their victories and defeats; they talked in jest or earnest; but their voices are hushed, and their words have passed away. What words have come to us from beyond the flood? Except a few stray inscriptions repeated at second hand, what have we from the serene ages of Greece? Out of the fulness of their experience they spoke, but their words have passed away. The cherished theories of science and philosophy have become void with the passing years, because they were founded on error; but



Editorial

We congratulate Georgetown College... We give considerable space to these exercises, and we take occasion to call special attention to them.

However, we wish anything done that involves difficulty, the wise course is to ask—has this thing been done successfully by anybody? If so, then let us study how they did it.

We also congratulate the General Association on the good showing Secretary Row makes of work done during the year. Dr. Row has been indefatigable in his labors, and he has done a good deal of direct missionary work, as well as done the duties of executive officer of the State Board of Missions.

The income of the white Baptists of Kentucky is more than \$50,000,000 a year. At least 5 per cent of that should go to missions. This would make \$2,500,000 a year from the Kentucky Baptists for missions.

These churches throughout the world are to have a council, or congress.

Arthur and virtually all the campaign before the additional Russian fleets can reach their destination. So far the Japanese have had the advantage of being near their base of supplies; while the Russians have had the disadvantage of being far from their base.

The Standard should not forget that it is well known that Alexander Campbell was a strong advocate of restricted communion. The Standard has hardly had time to forget the recent and strong denunciation of Dr. J. W. McGarvey.

Our readers may have watched the progress of events in the war between Japan and Russia, and we take it, for the most part, that the Japanese army has made a brilliant record.

It will take months for the Russian ships to reach the scene of action, and so the Japanese have that time in which to capture Port Arthur and to defeat Kuropatkin's army.

This organization of the American Bible League has elicited favorable comments. The purpose of the League is to check the inroads of destructive criticism and to show the people the emptiness of the claims of that criticism.

The Japanese have done wonderfully well so far, but the tug of war has not yet come to them. They have no time to lose. They must take Port Arthur, and crush Kuropatkin, so as to be able to maintain themselves indefinitely in Manchuria.

Last Sunday evening I attended one of the Methodist churches to hear the pastor, Mr. Banks, give his recollections of the great International Sunday School Convention, recently held in Jerusalem.

It was wrong in any Baptist who may have taken part in that service. We cannot say that none did, since these use slack-twisted Baptists, and some such may have been at that meeting.

Mr. W. A. Montgomery has been assigned as pastor of Decatur, Ga., and has removed to Rankin, Tenn. He is one of our strongest men.

Well said. But we are anxious to know whether the Herald is after anybody in particular, or these remarks are intended to be general. Evidently, the Herald has no sympathy for the new and advanced honesty.

The answer to this Hard Shell argument is precisely the answer to the argument against the League. True, God will take care of His elect, but He uses His people for that very purpose.

Books are being destroyed by this "higher criticism," which is vigorous and ceaseless in its progessions, and it is high time an organized effort was made to resist its progress.

HODGENSVILLE, Ky., has gone "dry" after having had saloons constantly for over a generation. That whole county is now "dry."

We greatly enjoyed the many visits from the brethren recently. We dare not try to mention names lest some should be overlooked.

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Editorial

There are in this country 143 denominations, 31 of which have less than 1,000 members.

The Christian Branches propose a pan-religious press conference to discuss every vital question.

The Congregationalist, speaking of the proposed "Pan-Baptist Congress," expresses the hope that it will be held and that it will help the cause of open communion.

The Baptist Witness and the Southern Baptist Witness. It is published at Jacksonville, Fla., with Drs. J. B. Hooley and W. A. Hanson as editors.

It is announced that the Archbishop of Canterbury is to visit the United States. This will be the first time, we believe, that the primate of the Church of England ever came to America.

We acknowledge an invitation to the marriage of Miss Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boatright, to Mr. William Claude Davis.

Our great words are short, while our small words are long. God, man, faith, love, sin, death, etc., are great words.

The Standard puts its blade into the vitals of the "higher criticism" by selling up the critics and giving us more than his detractors as a reason for our acceptance of his views.

The Baptist Courier tells us of the death of Col. J. A. Uoyl at his home in Greenville. For years he was editor of the Courier, and he was one of the best known and most highly honored of our Southern Baptist laymen.

Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hull, of Union Theological Seminary, is President of the new Religious Education Association. At his address at the recent meeting of the body in Philadelphia he spoke of one subject of the organization as giving "more ample assistance in their school and college curricula in adjusting the religious difficulties inevitably created by the presence of the student."

Recently a gentleman who has much to do with raising educational agencies, was speaking to a group of brethren in Louisville, and he told of "buying" the souls of "buying" and others. He used the word "buying" and others.

AMONG THE Churches.

LOUISVILLE

Walnut St (Third and St. Catherine)—Pastor Eaton's topics were "Turning to God and "The sin of doing nothing." Five received by letter and one for baptism.

Prospect—Pastor Jones spoke on "Conspicuous personality" and Assistant Wm on Sunday School work at 3:30 p. m. No meeting at night on account of Bible Society meeting at Second Presbyterian Church, where Pastor Jones and others spoke.

Chestnut St.—Pastor Weaver spoke on "Three classes of mankind" and on "The gospel rejected."

East—Pastor Gill's themes were "Two Kingdoms of Media and An eternal future." One received by letter, one for baptism and one baptized. He lectured Thursday night on his recent trip.

McFerry Memorial—Pastor Hamilton's subjects were "The most important doctrine" and "Christ's second coming."

Twenty-second and Walnut—Pastor Cook's topics were "Christ and the Christian" and "The culmination of sin." 126 in Sunday School. Sunday School picnic next Saturday. One received by letter and three baptized.

Clifton—Pastor Foster's subjects were "Characteristics of the church" and "Without money or price." Two joined by letter.

Franklin St.—Pastor Jenkins spoke on "Challenges of the present" and "The future of the church."

Highland—Pastor Davis' themes were "An old man's thoughts of God's service" and "The witnesses of the crucifixion." Two joined by letter and one baptized.

Lebanon St.—Pastor Watts' topics were "The power of prayer" and "Neglecting salvation." Two received by letter and one baptized. Plans for new edifice adopted. Service in part I. Work to be pursued.

Walnut St.—Pastor Taylor preached on "The pillar of cloud and fire" and Bro. J. T. Watts told of Sunday School work. Roman class started.

Southgate St.—Pastor Clark spoke on "Reaching the masses" and on "Obstacles" and received by relation and one baptized. About to buy a lot at Seventeenth and Kentucky Sts. \$1,000 pledged toward payment.

Third Ave.—Pastor Allen's themes were "The church" and "A good man." One joined by letter and one baptized. 190 names dropped from the roll.

Twentieth and Market—Pastor Reed preached on "Expiation" and on "Reconciliation." 219 in Sunday School.

Van Buren St.—Pastor Hall spoke on "The glorified church" and "The church." Two received by letter and two for baptism.

Highwood—Pastor Alford preached on "The ten virgins."

McFerry—Bro. Williams preached on "The transformed life."

Prescott St.—Bro. Wood spoke on "Being a blessing."

Pleasant Grove—Bro. C. W. Knight preached.

Highland Park—Bro. R. A. Lunsford preached on "The church." Meeting in part I.

Highland St. Aikin presented to the Pastors' Conference the claims of the church building in Hot Springs, and his cause was heartily endorsed by the Conference.

THE STATE

Secretary Row supplied the pulpits of our church at Shreveport, Sunday, where 17 converts were baptized.

Dr. Geo. B. Egger's son took the highest honors of his class this year in the Male High School of Louisville. We extend congratulations.

Secretary Row dominated the new church house at Kelly on June 5. There was a great throng of people. Many went from Hopkinsville. Deak Hag-

gert, Dinner on the ground, and preaching again in the afternoon. At night Secretary Row visited Pembroke, his old charge, and preached. Pastor W. E. Mitchell has taken hold vigorously and the people are delighted.

Pastor S. P. Martin writes from Shepherdville: "We had with us that man of God, Geo. W. Clarke, of Southgate street, Louisville. He preached the old Gospel, and that without ego. To say that it was the greatest meeting in the history of our church is but to say the truth as it is. There were 19 additions to the church, 15 by baptism, 4 by letter. The community was stirred by the preaching of the Gospel as never before, and we are certainly glad the Lord sent Bro. Clarke to us, and we shall always remember him, not simply because of his truth as it is, but because he is the servant of God, doing God's work."

Pastor J. W. Greenhouse writes from Junction City: "Thursday night, June 10, I closed a gracious revival of ten days with our church. Bro. G. W. A. McBride did the preaching. The church had been at low ebb in spirituality and service. Our brother endeavored himself to all our people by his forceful, fearless presentation of God's truth. His forenoon Bible readings were specially helpful to the members. At the last morning service he gave us a reading on missions. It was one of the sweetest services any of us ever enjoyed and was full of power; two were converted at this service. The ladies have been operating a Ladies' Exchange, making about \$120 or \$130 last year. As a result of the missionary spirit of these meetings they are going to turn their efforts into missionary channels. There were 21 accessions to the church, 8 for baptism. Others will come. All acknowledge this the best revival that Junction City has had for years."

Pastor Don Q. Smith writes: "Last Saturday and Sunday were busy days for the writer. Preached at Pleasant Valley Saturday to an appreciative audience. Sunday morning at 3 o'clock started for Little Rock church in Lyon Association to assist in the dedication of their new house of worship. Preached morning and afternoon to large audiences. Bro. B. W. Gair, of Horse Cave, is the beloved pastor of this church. Drove home and preached Sunday night. Preached the morning at Woodsonville Monday morning. Will begin protracted meeting work in July. God bless the Redeemer."

Pastor M. E. Dodd writes: "I go from the University here in Jackson, Tenn., to give full time to the church in Fulton. We have a great field there, and the prospects for the church are quite hopeful. A town of 6,000 people, a handsome new church building and every member enthusiastically at work."

OTHER STATES

Bro. Fred. D. Hale writes from Wilmington, N. C., under date of June 7: "Completely restored to health, I returned to my pulpit last Sunday after a vacation of six months for rest and recuperation. Large and enthusiastic congregations attended both services, and there were six additions to our membership. The Sunday School numbered 308. Bro. Williamson's visit accomplished what we prayed for, and a great forward movement of long missionary lines has been undertaken by the church. She will support a foreign missionary during this conventional year, and, in addition to this, the ladies of the church will support a native worker, at a cost of \$100."

Pastor P. E. Burroughs writes from Temple, Texas: "We have recently closed a good meeting. Pastor W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, preached with much power and acceptance. He believes in the old book and the old Gospel, and presents a message that rare times and a sickening from here in Dallas, where he was engaged for two weeks' work, but our Southern climate had proved too severe for him, and at the suggestion of physicians he hurried back to his home."

Bro. J. P. Reynolds writes from Shreveport, La.: "I am temporarily located at Shreveport. I am supplying through the summer for the First church here. Pastor Sumrell, of Danville, Ky., has been called to this field, and will take charge Sept. 1st."

Pastor S. H. Bingham writes from Dallas, Texas: "We have just closed a glorious revival in the First church of this city, pastor doing the preaching. Some of the visible results are: 18 baptisms and 4 by letter. This is my fifth year as pastor of this church, and the Lord's blessings have followed me all the way. May the Lord bless the revivalists. Amen."

Pastor C. E. W. Dobbie writes from Marietta, Ga.: "Last night (June 12) I baptized 24 persons who professed faith in our Lord during a two weeks' meeting held in our church. I had the unusually acceptable assistance of my son, Gilbert Dobbie, pastor of the Coliseum (Free church, New Orleans. He preached twice each day, and our community has been greatly impressed, all denominations sharing in the gracious blessings which have come to us."

Pastor W. H. Ryals writes from Paris, Tenn.: "We began a meeting with our church here on the 25th of May, closing last night, June 12th, resulting in thirteen additions to the church. Bro. F. W. Taylor, of Henderson, Ky., did the preaching, and it was well done. He preached the Gospel plainly, earnestly, forcefully. He is absolutely free from all clap trap or objectionable methods of any sort."

Bro. John R. Stratton writes from Waco, Texas: "Kindly have the Recorder sent to me at Hubbard City, Texas, until further request. I have just accepted an invitation to supply for the Second church (Pastor Lawrence's great church) of Chicago, this coming August."

Bro. E. W. Marks writes: "I am moving to Edmond, Okla.; became pastor of the First church of Edmond, June 1st. Please change my paper from Oklahoma City to Edmond. I still continue to edit the Oklahoma Department of the Word and Way. Long live the Recorder and its versatile editor."

B. Y. P. U.

The annual Convention meets in Detroit, Mich. July 6th to 10th. The following is a partial list of speakers and topics for the convention:

A. C. Dixon, D.D., Massachusetts—Introductory Sermon.  
Rev. Herbert J. White, Massachusetts—Representing the Board of Managers.  
Charles R. Henderson, D.D., University of Chicago, Illinois—"The Enlarging Life."  
Thomas Trotter, D.D.—"A More Comprehensive View of Christian Education."

E. F. Stillwell, D.D., Ohio—"Enlargement of the Scope of our Study Course."  
Rev. Chester F. Rainey, New York—"What New Elements are Needed in our Baptist Young People's Union to Enable it to Render Better Service."

William G. Blinn, D.D., New York—"The Widening Spiritual Vision."  
Mr. Josiah William Bailey, North Carolina—"Enlarging Conceptions of Christian Duty."

Rev. W. Quay Roselle, Ph.D., Pennsylvania—"The Study of Missions and the Enlarging Christian Life."  
Lathan W. Crandall, D.D., Minnesota—"A More Comprehensive View of our Great Missionary Enterprise."

John E. White, D.D., Georgia—"A More Comprehensive View of Evangelism."  
Rev. John McNeill, Manitoba—Convention Sermon.  
And quite a number of other able speakers.

The Rev. W. L. Groves is at an infirmary in this city with his right arm amputated just above the elbow. It was rendered the day he appeared in his field in Illinois the doctors thought it was an effect of inflammatory rheumatism. Had he acted sooner he could probably have saved his arm and hand. Deciding when he did saved his life, for had the case been delayed much longer, recovery would have been impossible. He is thus utilizing his experiences in gathering material for future sermons. He is doing well as could be expected, and when able, he will go to his home at Gates, W. Va.

Dear Recorder: Please change my address from Clegg, Ky., to Perry, O. Have just returned from Kentucky, where I have been for two months on leave of absence from my work on account of bad health. Feel greatly improved and hope to resume my regular work here in Perry (D. V.) Among many others, I was glad to make the acquaintance of Rev. Andrews, the successful pastor at Pineville, Wagoner and Cumberland Gap. Bro. A. hopes to attend the Seminary this fall, and desires to preach two Sundays out of each month. We predict much good to the church which secures his service.

Yours faithfully,  
B. H. PAYNE.

Perry, O., May 30.

MARRIED—Miss Nell Monks and Mr. Ashton Graves, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Isaacs, the latter being the bride's sister, in this city on June 10th, 1910. The editor of the Recorder performed the ceremony.

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DEAR RECORDER: Will you kindly ask those who think of going to Detroit to attend the B. Y. P. Union meeting in July, to drop me a card. I should be glad to arrange for the Kentucky visitors to be together as much as possible. The round trip from Louisville is about \$11.00.

B. A. DAVIS,  
Cor. Sec. and Transportation leader.

Florence Nightingale recently celebrated her 84th birthday.

Pastor M. E. Dodd, of Fulton, Ky., took both the Eaton and the Strickland medals at the Southwestern Baptist University this year.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Dr. J. M. Frost. He is at high water mark over the Sunday School Board.

Carson and Newman College conferred the degree of LL. D. on Ex-Gov. James P. Eagle. Another institution had arranged to thus honor him, but he got wind of it and preferred in time to stop it. So far from seeking the honor, he made a heroic effort to avoid it.

Dr. J. T. Christian has taken hold with the Second church, Little Rock, Ark. If we mistake not, this is the strongest Baptist church in the state. Dr. Christian is a man of rare gifts and graces, and we expect to hear fine reports of his work in his new field. He will be felt all over the state, and in the regions beyond.

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The Third church, Owensboro, did a most graceful thing in giving \$1,000 to the endowment of the Southwestern Baptist University, in compliment to President P. T. Hale, who was their pastor till he became President of the University. Dr. J. J. Taylor's suggestion that the Kentucky brethren give Dr. Hale \$1,000 for his endowment as a compliment is outside of this action of the Third church. So far we have heard of \$225, as the result of this suggestion, leaving \$675 to be provided.

The Southwestern Baptist University gave more honorary degrees this year than any other institution. It gave Doctor of Divinity to the Rev. W. C. Golden, Lloyd F. Wilson, W. H. Ryals, J. H. Anderson, and A. B. Riley; and Doctor of Laws to Presidents P. T. Hale, J. J. Taylor, W. T. Lowry and The Hon. John Sharp Williams. All these are first class men, worthy of being honored.

We tender our condolences to Dr. A. J. and L. E. Barton on the death of their loved and honored father, and to the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Coughner on the death of a beloved child.

# Family Circle.

Stories for the Young and Old.

## WILLIE'S QUESTION.

Where do you go when you go to sleep? That's what I want to know. There's loads of things I can't find out. But nothing bothers me so. Some folks want to be in my little room and take away the light. I can't do in the blankets warm and shut my eyes up tight. Then if I go to the funniest place. Where everything seems queer. Though sometimes it is not funny at all. Just like the way it is here. There's mountains made of candy there. Big fields covered with flowers. And lovely ponds and birds and trees. A hundred times nicer than ours. Often, dear mamma, I see you there. And sometimes papa, too; And last night the baby came back from heaven. And papa like he had to do. So all of this day I've been trying to think. Oh, how I wish I could know Whereabouts that wonderful country is. Where sleepy little boys go. —The Independent.

## DRUSY.

An Episode of Shantytown.

BY ANNE LANE B. BELLSTON.

### CHAPTER I.

Shantytown, a settlement of degenerate river folk, was situated on a narrow strip of marshy land lying between the river bank and the boundary of the city's three principal streets. The houses, numbering about ten, had the appearance of being totally dissimilar in appearance and were huddled together on the slight sloping ground, as if afraid of being swept by some sudden gale into the river, although the majority of them were now leaning upon its banks, or safely moored somewhere at its muddy brink. For, with a few exceptions, those quaint and dingy dwellings were boat-houses stranded for long years, and slowly going to decay. With their outside walls and decks converted into benches, those that had been here longest had lost all resemblance to boats, or indeed to any sort of habitable abode.

Inside these queer structures all kinds and conditions of housekeeping could be found, from the hard-working, self-respecting man's home, with his serving maids, comfortable chairs, and bright iron grates, to the squalid rooms of the habitual idler or drunkard. The majority of these people, however, and especially those who lived on here from year to year, had solved the problem of taking life a trifle easier than the rest of mankind, and ate and slept and existed without a thought or care above the day. What they did for a living need not be recorded here. There was betting at the river, and fish to be caught, and odd jobs to be had if looked for diligently, and these were the ostensible sources of income drawn on by many of them, though open pilfering was not uncommon among them.

Yet it was a curious fact that much of these dwellers differed in character, habits and mode of living, society here in this little river settlement was on a level, those who wrung a scanty but perfectly legitimate subsistence from the river standing on an equal footing with those who lived by petty thievery on the shore. And even Mammy Jo, the only colored resident of the place, stood quite as high in the community as did any of her white neighbors, though this, no doubt, was owing chiefly to her native good humor, her old-time courtesy, and her willingness to help any and all who asked help of her. Misfortune had knocked at Mammy Jo's door years ago, and left entirely alone in the world, she had gone from poverty to absolute wealth, until at last to escape being sent to the poor house, she had sought a home in this wretched little slum where she had become the eyes and ears of the Good Samaritan of his lawless and degraded people.

Whether there were more cats than dogs in Shantytown, or vice-versa, it would have been difficult to determine. Dandy Starks, the oracle of the place, was of the opinion that the cats were more numerous than the dogs, though which people cared for meat was a matter of mere conjecture. A stranger, however, would probably have decided in favor of the sleek, woolly cat.

Yet small and mean and secluded as it was, Shantytown had certain romantic features. It was a place that would have delighted the eye of an artist or poet had one chanced that way during the spring and summer months. For then

the little strip of ground bordering the river was covered thickly with ironweed, its dull red flowers hiding all the unsightly rubbish heaps; and bits of soft green moss grew here and there in the sun. And then however dense the moss here on the shore, there was the ever-changing sky overhead, the shills and steamboats out on the river, and on the opposite shore the green vistas of waving woods and grassy uplands stretching away into the dim purple distance.

But the dwellers in this skulking little settlement, with possibly one or two exceptions, were never agreeably impressed even in the slightest degree with the bits of beauty in their ugly environment. Poverty, evil influences and degrading associations had left their blighting marks not only upon the faces of many of them but upon their hearts and lives, making them both blind and callous to their surroundings. To these outcasts from respectable society there were no hidden springs of enjoyment to be reached save in the indulgence of their thieving propensities and easy-going, reckless habits.

Yet counterbalancing this stolid indifference of the more degraded ones, was a feeling of bitterness and helplessness in the hearts of others at being neglected and ignored by the outside world. It was this sense of social ostracism that weighed upon the mind of Dick Hawkins when he brought his pretty young sister, Drusy, to this wretched place. Though their little boat was as neat and comfortable as his simple mind and willing hands could make it, yet the malignant influence of the river and its surroundings reached him even within its secluded walls; and for the first time in his life he was ashamed of both.

"The land down here is really a part of the river bed, so we don't hold ourselves responsible to nobody for neat," he explained to Drusy, in a half-despair. It was this sense of social ostracism that weighed upon the mind of Dick Hawkins when he brought his pretty young sister, Drusy, to this wretched place. Though their little boat was as neat and comfortable as his simple mind and willing hands could make it, yet the malignant influence of the river and its surroundings reached him even within its secluded walls; and for the first time in his life he was ashamed of both.

"Oh! I'll be satisfied anywhere with you," was her quick reply. And with this comforting assurance, she remembered her half-rubbish little affair furnished with black ribbon and an spinning her shawl, allowed it to fall in a soft heap about her feet while she warmed her chilled hands at the stove. She made such a pretty picture standing there in the twilight, with her slender girlish figure, her luminous eyes, that Dick felt a deep, exultant pride in the thought that hereafter her presence would brighten his home for him, and make it a much-desired place after the work and worry of the day.

"My! I was about to forget the supper!" he exclaimed suddenly, with grave anxiety in his boyish face. "Come on, and let me see if Mammy Jo has cooked any. She promised to leave it on the table for us of we was late."

And drawing his sister away from the fire, he led her proudly into the little kitchen. She stood and looked about her for a minute, her heart too full for speech at this evidence of his thoughtfulness and of Mammy Jo's kindness. Then she turned to the steaming coffee pot and kettle, the square table set for two, the narrow shelf by the window filled with pans and crockery, the dried herbs hanging on the wall, the big yellow rat asleep on the floor, everything impressed her with a sweet sense of home-like comfort and peace.

"Dick," she started at length, when they were seated at the table, and she looked wistfully at him across the steaming coffee pot. "I wish pappy could see and know just how comfortable we are."

"Maybe he does," replied Dick, as he helped her to a generous slice of fried ham. "Do you really think he does?" "Well, the fact is, I hadn't thought of it till you mentioned it. But I've heard it said that spirits can see and hear all that's goin' on down here on earth."

"But if they see and know all the sin and misery and sufferin', how can they be happy up there in heaven?" "Dick shook his curly head and looked solemn. "Now you've stumped me," he acknowledged, frankly. "You'll have to ask somebody that's better posted than me."

"The Bible tells, don't it?" "I don't know what it tells. I never read it in my life. You know pappy didn't let me do it, and wouldn't have it in the house. And since I've been living down here I haven't seen such a book as the Bible layin' around anywhere."

"What's the use?" he rejoined impatiently. "Folks that don't read it say understand it got along about as well as them that do."

"But Dick, everybody ought to read R," she argued. "And we could study it together."

"See here," he interrupted, "you've come to the wrong place to learn anything about the Bible. We ain't a bit religious down here. The preachers and church folks don't make any interest in us at all. The things we haven't got any souls to be saved, and maybe they're right. Anyhow, we ain't putterin' ourselves on the subject."

Drusy looked puzzled and disappointed. She had a vague notion that such a speech was not only foolish, but very

it didn't look like the ought to improve him for it, but being dumbly ignorant herself she was quite at a loss what to say.

"Don't none of the folks down here ever go to church?" she inquired presently.

"To church?" he rejoined, with a curious twist to his mouth. "Didn't I just tell you that the preachers don't take no interest in us?" "Then you don't have preaching down here?"

"Of course not. Somebody did set up a Gospel Mission down here once, but it didn't last. The parson 'twed we was too far gone in sin to ever be converted, and let us alone. So now the only preaching we ever hear is when some strolchin' feller preaches on the streets. Well, we air a tough lot, especially old Mrs. Sapp. I believe she'd break up any Gospel Mission."

"Who is it, Mrs. Sapp?" "Oh! a neighbor of hers. You'll be gittin' acquainted with her soon enough I reckon."

Drusy had pushed back her plate, and was nervously sipping the next table-cloth.

"She must be a dreadful person," she said in a whisper. "Now, look here, Drusy," and there was not only earnestness but deep anxiety in Dick's voice. "I wish for your sake that the folks down here was better than they air, and I'm sorry I didn't tell you the truth about 'em before I fetches you here. But it can't be helped now. This is the only place I can give you. And you just couldn't a-gone on livin' in that cabin over yonder in the bottoms after pappy died."

"I know it, and it was real good in you to offer me a home with you," she said, quickly. "And the place don't appear so very bad, after all."

"You haven't seen it in the daytime," he rejoined. "As to the folks down here, of course there air some right nice ones, but they're few and far between, as the sayin' is. The rest ain't hardly worth killin'. And old Mrs. Sapp is the worst in the whole lot. She'll call her the queen of Shantytown up in the police court."

"Oh! well, I'm not carin' anything about the folks down here," declared Drusy, rather weakly. It must be confessed, for the picture he had drawn impressed her disagreeably in spite of her belief in his ability to take proper care of her. "I needn't visit only the nice ones," she added reflectively.

"Of course not," he said, his face brightening up at once. The cheerful and philosophical view she took of the situation pleased him immensely, and relieved him in a measure of some of his fears respecting the future.

Yet when, later on, they stood together on the narrow landing outside the door, listening to the murmur of the river, and watching the lights of a passing steamboat, he experienced a certain undefinable dread of the morrow when she should see the place in all its ugly splendor, and its people in their reckless and filthy poverty—a dread that even her cheerful and contented mood could not quite dispel.

(To be continued.)

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## JACK'S QUEER DREAM.

BY MARTHA H. COCHRAN.

"I want somebody to come and button my 'shoes," called Harold down the stairs. He waited, but no one came to his help for the reason that Aunt Amy had told Emma, the girl who waited on the children, not to go.

"I can't find my brush," came another call. "Emma, you come here." Emma did not go.

"I think you're mean, Emma," in a fretful tone. "You can leave Harry as well as not. Bring some warm water with you." But Emma still played with little Harry.

"Emma," called another voice, "won't you please." Emma jumped up, and was half way up the stairs before Jessie had finished saying: "tell me where my slippers are?"

That was it. The mother of the children had been ill for a long time. Now she had gone away for help, and Aunt Amy had come to take charge of them. She had found them pleasant and well disposed children, but sadly lacking in the small graces of speech which make all the care of a strong mother to form into habit.

"I suppose it's because they're the 'little things,'" said Jessie, as when they finally gathered at the table, Aunt Amy talked to them about it, assuring them no children ever hope to get along gracefully in the world without a good supply of such nice small change as "if you please," "Thank you," "Excuse me," and the like. "You see," she went on, "we wouldn't any of us tell a lie, or steal, or slap Harry, or say bad words, because they're big things. But 'please' is so little, it's always forgotten."

"And so poor Aunt Amy has had to bring down away at us," said Harold. "O," said Jack, bursting into a laugh. "I had the funniest dream last night. I dreamed there was a garden, O beautiful! All flowers and grass and trees. And you never could guess what grew on those trees."

"Apples, pears?" "Doaches, bananas!" "Now, I knew you couldn't. It was all sorts of toys. You can't think of a thing that wasn't there. There was a top tree, and 'bat and ball tree, a doll tree and a balloon tree. There was a jumping jack tree and a tree full of dogs and cats and elephants and monkeys that would wind up and go. There was a candy tree and a lemonade creek. And then there were boys and girls running about and picking things—all they wanted."

"Did you get any?" "No, I didn't. I was outside. Lots of other boys and girls were outside, and asking if they could go in. And they came back and said that the man at the gate—he looked fierce and grim—said no one could go in without a golden key, and any one could easily find one. So we hunted and hunted, but a tree full of boys and golden keys. Then I saw a boy go up and ask to go in, and the man looked as pleasant as anything and let him right in. But I hadn't seen that he had any key. And as I looked after him I saw a tree full of cars and steamboats. And I was wild to try to go again, and I went right up and said to the man, 'O, please, mister, let me go in. I've hunted and hunted for the key and I can't find it.' And he smiled like everything, and he said: 'Please is all the key you need to get in here.' And I was just going in when the rising bell woke me up. Mean old noise."

All thought of up and said to the man, "I think," said Aunt Amy, "that my dinging and dinging must have done some good if I have made you dream about the golden key. You will keep it for every day use. I am sure; not only for dreams."

"That's what I'm going to do," said Jack. "For his dream was a very true one in the fact that this golden key and the other little polite words will open to you a great many of the pleasant things in the world.—New York Observer.

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On the day that the Princess  
Brigitta's prize was to be award-  
ed, little Cordula went to school  
with a sad heart. She had so  
much wanted to win that prize,  
Sibylla and Franze and Helene  
and all the other girls had been  
working on their bits of embroid-  
ery and fine stitching these many  
weeks; but poor little Cordula had  
been forced to cook the food and  
brush the rooms and keep the  
baby happy, because the good  
mother had been ill. The pretty  
piece to the little girl who could  
begin was lying, with only the  
few dainty stitches in it, just as  
she had left it when the mother's  
strength had given out.

The beautiful Princess Brigit-  
ta was a fine needle-woman, and  
she had offered the prize of a gold  
piece to the little girl who could  
present the best specimen of her  
own needle-work. Now the day  
had come on which the work was  
to be exhibited and the prize  
awarded.

Each little girl brought forward  
her work when she was called,  
and laid it on a small table beside  
the princess. When it was Cordu-  
la's turn, there were tears in her  
blue eyes, as she told the reason  
of her empty hands.

"But, dear child," replied the  
princess, "thou sayest that the  
mother is better. Hast thou had  
no time, then, for some little piece  
of sewing?"

"Indeed, I have not," the little  
girl said earnestly. "Now that  
mother is able to mend stockings,  
I have had to mend stockings all  
the time I am not at school, for  
the five brothers and the baby.  
Oh, they make so many holes in  
the stockings, dear Princess Brig-  
itta!"

"Ah, little one, run home and  
fetch one of those stockings thou  
hast lately mended."

Once in her father's cottage, a  
new difficulty arose. All the stock-  
ings that had been mended had  
been put on that morning; not  
one pair was left. Then Cordula  
in despair turned to the baby. He  
had been dressed only a couple of  
hours, could one of his stockings  
be spared? The mother drew it  
from the foot, scanned it careful-  
ly and said:

"Take it, child. And if thou  
tellest her why the crosses are  
there, I am sure she will pardon  
them."

So the baby's stocking took its  
place among the dainty muslins  
and silks and linens; and, when  
the prize was awarded, it did not  
go to Sibylla for her hemstitch-  
ing, nor to Helene for her silk em-  
broidery. No; it went to dear lit-  
tle Cordula, because the princess  
declared that the stitches in the  
baby's stocking were the very  
smallest and evenest of all, and  
that little darn was the most  
beautiful piece of needle work  
there.—Emma C. Dowd, in Holli-  
day Magazine.

**TWO WOOD PILES.**

"Ho, hum!" sighed Roy Miller,  
as he sauntered out to the back  
yard, and stood looking at the  
wood which had just been drawn  
into the yard. "That all has to  
be sawed and split and piled. For  
once I wish I had an elder broth-  
er." And he shrugged his shoul-  
ders as he started towards the  
shed for the saw.

Roy was not the only boy in  
the neighborhood who had to face  
a pile of wood that afternoon.  
As he came out from the shed he  
noticed that Luke Stofford and  
Jim Brent were both at the same  
kind of work. These two boys  
lived just across the street from  
each other, and before Roy went  
to work he stood and watched  
them for a few minutes.

Jim was busy piling the wood  
he had already sawed and split,  
and made it an even, regular pile  
that any boy might have proud of.

"That's the way Jim always  
works," Roy thought, with an ad-  
miring glance at the result of his  
friend's labor.

Just then the minister passed  
by the Brent's front gate. "All  
done but sandpapering, Jim?" he  
inquired with a smile.

Jim blushed at the implied com-  
pliment, and answered: "Pretty  
nearly, sir."

Roy's attention was attracted  
by the voice of Luke Stofford,  
across the way. Luke's load of  
wood had been in the yard for  
about a week, but none of it was  
sawed, and only a few sticks lying  
in a heap beside him had been  
sawed. Now he called out, in  
drawing tones: "Mother! how  
many sticks do you need to-day?"

The sharp contrast between the  
two boys he was watching struck  
Roy as decidedly comical, and he  
sat down upon his own load of  
wood, and laughed. Then he  
picked up the saw and went to  
work with a will.

"I may not be able to rival  
Jim," he said to himself as he  
sawed, "but I'm bound I won't  
be like Luke, not if I have to stay  
up and saw at night."

When Mrs. Miller came to call  
Roy to supper, she looked in sur-  
prise at the wood which he had  
put in order. "Why, Roy, how  
much you have done!" she said.  
"I'm glad to see you have taken  
hold of your work so heartily and  
well."

"Oh," replied Roy. "I didn't re-  
lish the undertaking when I be-  
gan, but I had an object lesson."  
"What was that?" asked his  
mother, looking interested.

"It was the contrast between  
Jim's and Luke's wood," replied  
Roy, pointing as he spoke.

And Mrs. Miller, who knew  
both boys, looked and laughed,  
and then said: "I like the choice  
you made of patterns."

And the pattern proved to be  
one which lasted with Roy. If  
he were tempted to shirk any task  
after that, he was sure to hear  
Luke's lazy tones as he asked:  
"How many sticks do you need?"  
The King's own.

**HELPING THE HORSE.**

That was a thoughtful little  
boy of whom I read the other day,  
and it would be a splendid thing  
if some men would learn to show  
the same spirit as that little boy.

It was cold, wintry weather,  
and the street had become coated  
with ice. This made it very hard  
pulling for the horses, especially  
up the hill near where Robbie  
lived.

"Papa," said Robbie, when his  
father came home that evening.  
"I helped a horse to pull a load  
of coal up the hill to-day."

"How did you do that?" in-  
quired his father.

"Why, it is just this way," an-  
swered Robbie. "The hill was cov-  
ered with ice, and the horse was  
slipping all around; but I went  
and got some ashes and sprinkled  
them under the horse's feet, and  
all the way to the top of the hill.



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The driver thanked me, too, and  
said that I helped to pull that  
load of coal up the hill."  
"Well, I think you did, myself,"  
was the reply, "and I'm very glad  
my little boy is ready to help in  
a case like that. Keep that up  
as long as you live, Robbie, for  
it's a noble thing to help even a  
poor, dumb animal."—Apples of  
Gold.

A little girl who had been attending  
the public kindergarten, fell from a  
ladder. Her mother caught her up, ex-  
claiming, "Oh, darling! how did you  
fall?" "Vertically!" replied the child,  
without a second's hesitation.

If a last, searching, honest an-  
alysis of the "decisions," "conver-

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Wednesday time the... as well as... Life... Zach... Urey... The... ing... State Education," Joshua Lacy... Frank...

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The Students' Debate took... Wednesday evening on... the general... to op... with the various... or civil... divisions thereof in the perma... improvement of the public... It was discussed... by Messrs. J. E... G. W. McGilly, and... by Messrs. H. P. Craig and... C. Davis. All their... are good, but the judges award... the decision to the negative.

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The graduating exercises... on Thursday morning. P... Jones was salutatorian of the... and G. W. Browning, valedictorian. After the reading... of a list of distinctions and... for the honorees and the... of diplomas, President... Garrison made a strong... and... speech in delivering... of 1904, the Baccalaureate... Address. Before the... of the exercises he announced... that the graduates had... the degree of D.D. on Rev. J. S. Creek, of Russellville, Ky.

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The Alumni held an interesting... at a clock in the afternoon... which time a substantial sum was... raised to be added to the fund... creating a new library-gymnasium... building.

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I wish to write just a few... about what to my mind is the greatest factor for the development of the Redeemer's kingdom in Texas, namely, "Baylor University." In the first place it is well situated in as near the central city of Texas as it could be. Waco is a clean, beautiful city, quite a business city, and the university in the very heart of the city. The buildings are beautiful and imposing; they are also built for convenience and utility. They have a growing endowment and best of all they have a massive faculty from their great Dr. Brooks, who is President down to the humblest tutor. I have not space in this article to speak the names of all who are worthy of mention, but a notice of Baylor without the mention of Dr. B. H. Carroll would be strange indeed. One never thinks of Texas and Texas affairs without instinctively thinking of the Carrolls.

In Baylor is Dr. Dement, the Christian gentleman, the ripe scholar, the fervid friend of all his fellows. Everybody loves Dement and feels honored in saying so. Just now there is subdued sadness in many hearts there but he shall listen to the charges and go to the seminary where he is being won. May he be divinely guided and do that which will be the best for our beloved Zion.

The work always marks the woman, and since I have been in Texas I have been greatly pleased to find so many broad, brainy, bright men who have been trained in Baylor. The religious atmosphere is something unique, so much so that Dr. Brooks modestly suggested in Chapel not long since Baylor University is not a church and has none of the functions of

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Hard work and rush for time will permit me to write only a few lines. The Karlsrufer party separated at Naples, those going across Europe breaking up into small groups. On May 9th, Rev. P. I. Cleveland and wife, of Massachusetts, Rev. Junius W. Millard and I left Rome, the city of history, religion, tragedy and romance, for Florence, the city which is the birthplace of genius and the product of the brilliancy of the Renaissance. Here is where the illustrious Cimabue mixed the paints for the unequalled frescoes; here, from some scrawling of chalk on a wall, Cimabue discovered the latent genius of Giotto, whom he secured when a boy to mix paints in his studio.

Then comes Brunelleschi, with his dome of the Uffizi; Giotto, with his Campanile, "Giotto's Tower," furnishing an idea that kindled the soul of Angelo (ill his dying day. At the beginning of the Renaissance, Florence was a place that generated brilliancy; everybody either did something or admired those who did. Here our rambles among the products of a master mind and hands, and stands at the tombs of Angelo, Dante, Gaffiolo, Theo. Parker and Mrs. Browning. The most touching of all in the place where the flame of persecution consumed the body of that faithful saint of God, Savonarola.

Leaving Florence we come to Venice. We came through the heart of the Republic, being hurried through scores of tunnels, part of which, even now, and then, we were flashed into a few moments of dazzling, glistening, where we caught, glistening glimpses of torrents, bush-grown

Slag Glorious Praise. HAW H. POLLARD

...all steeped in a glory of color, while the wild mountain landscape seemed to be laughing in the sun.

Soon we are in the beautiful plain of Ferrara, and the lengthening shadows announce the approach of closing day. How dare I attempt to describe an Italian sunset, where the sky is cloudless and the sun hovers a ball of crimson dancing on the horizon as though ecstatic over the beauty of Italy? By and by we began to sniff the salt air from the great Lagoon, and soon we entered Venice, "the Queen of the Adriatic."

While Florence is the mother of genius and art of the 12th century, Venice is the seat of conquest and taste seen now in her ornate Duomo of St. Mark, the pride of Venice and the admiration of the traveler. Coming from Venice to Milan, one passes over much of the historic ground of Italy. Of course, our main interest at Milan was to see the Last Supper, the masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci, and the incomparable Duomo, a queen of Gothic grace and brilliancy. Millard, that ever-lovable companion, and I ascended its summit of 360 feet, where one can behold Mt. Blane and the snowy peaks of the Alps.

We are now on Lake Como, sitting at the feet of the Alps, in the atmosphere of history, science and poetry; for here is the birthplace of Pliny and Volta; the place that kindled the imagination of Virgil, and in the very presence of exuberant nature. My facilities for describing are not unlike some of my other possessions at this time, in fact the best way I have of stating my present condition is to ask you to imagine an enthusiast.

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My prayers have been that a great Convention might be held at Nashville. I am sincerely in love with missions as never before.

The blessings of God be upon the Ravenscroft and every other paper that lives for the glory of God and the proclamation of "the faith once delivered to the saints."

Affectionately,

HENRY C. RIERKER.

Lake Como, Italy, May 18.

**MINISTERS' AND MEMBERS' MEETING.**

The Ministers' and Members' Meeting of the Ohio River Association of Baptists met with Union Church, Friday morning, May 29, 1904. After prayer and singing Eld. E. D. Blackburn was elected moderator, and U. G. Hughes, clerk. Introductory sermon by T. C. Carter—Ex. 10:26.

Moderator appointed the ministers and deacons of Union church committee on divine service.

Friday Afternoon.

Eld. W. R. Gibbs read an essay on A Model Pastor. After discussion by Elders Atwood, Conway, Carter, Hamner and others was passed.

Committee on divine service announced that Eld. D. E. Bently would preach in the church tonight.

Eld. J. S. Henry, being absent on account of sickness, his essay was dropped from the programme.

Saturday Morning.

Essay—What Steps, if any, should a minister take to secure a pastorate, by Eld. E. B. Blackburn.

On motion received for criticism, and after discussion was passed with criticisms.

Essay—"Atonement and Sacrifice," by Eld. T. A. Conway. On motion the essay was received for criticism, and after hearty endorsement by the brethren the essay was passed.

After singing "There is a fountain filled with blood," Eld. E. L. Atwood read from the Scriptures, and after prayer preached the annual sermon for criticism from the text, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life"—Luke 14:6.

On motion of Eld. M. E. Miller, the regular order of the programme was suspended at 1:30 o'clock to hear Bro. W. C. Pierce preach.

Saturday Afternoon.

At 1:30 o'clock the congregation came together by singing, and after prayer by Eld. Conway and song service, Elder W. C. Pierce announced his text: Luke 15:7.

On motion, sermon of Elder Atwood was passed without criticism.

Committee on divine service announced that Bro. Sills would preach Saturday night, and Bro. M. E. Miller and Conway Sunday at 10 and 11 o'clock.

Essay—To what extent should women speak in mixed assemblies?—Eld. M. E. Miller. On motion the essay was received for criticism, and after many hearty approvals, was passed.

On motion of Eld. M. E. Miller

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the essay of Eld. LaRue was deferred till Sunday morning and that of P. A. Clark taken in its stead.

Essay—Qualifications and Duties of Deacons, by P. A. Clark. The essay was received for criticism, and after a few discussions Elder Enton offered a motion to pass the essay without further discussion. Motion prevailed.

Moderator Blackburn announced that he would have to be absent on Sunday, and the body released him from the chair. Elder LaRue was elected moderator in his stead.

Sunday Morning.

After song service Eld. Sills led the congregation in prayer.

Essay—How to make the song service helpful, by Elder U. G. Hughes. Essay received for criticism, and after several lively discussions, a motion to close the discussion prevailed. The essay was passed with its criticisms.

Essay of Eld. R. A. LaRue—How to stimulate giving to missions, was read by essayist and received for discussion. After many hearty approvals, the essay was passed with its criticism.

Moderator appointed Elders T. C. Carter, M. E. Miller and U. G. Hughes committee to arrange programme for next meeting. Committee on programme was requested to lay before the Association the matter of including the ministers of this meeting in those of the Association.

The clerk was requested to publish the minutes.

Sermon by M. E. Miller, text, "Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Sermon by T. A. Conway, text, "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."—1 Cor. 13:13.

firm a foundation" and extending the parting hand.

Benediction by Eld. M. E. Miller. Great interest was manifested in the meeting every one seemed to enjoy themselves.

**THE WORLD'S FAIR.**

The writer had the pleasure of spending ten days in St. Louis. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be appreciated must be seen. No description or advertisement that I have seen has exaggerated its merits. There has never been a World's Fair equal to this, and it is safe to add that in our generation it will not be surpassed. The size of the grounds is more than four times as large as the Paris Exposition of 1889-1900, and while 82 acres were under roof at the World's Fair in Chicago, there are 126 acres under roof at St. Louis. The Agricultural Building covers 20 acres.

The Kentucky exhibit is a credit to the State. Secretary Hughes of the Kentucky Commission, and the ladies who are in charge of the Kentucky building, are representative Kentuckians, and make a fine impression. All doubts of St. Louis being able to handle the crowds have vanished. There are ample accommodations at hotels and boarding houses at reasonable prices. I have seen no disposition to charge exorbitant prices.

It is worth the expense of a trip across the continent to see either of the following things, e. g. the illumination, the Cascades, the Palaces of Industry, Art, &c., the state buildings, buildings of foreign governments, representatives of all nations and races, to see Jerusalem, as reproduced by Bro. S. M. Jurelid, missionary to Syria, who has charge of a part of the display. There are many attractions, such as the sham naval battle, Battle Abbey, Galveston flood, Hale's Fire Fighters, baby incubators, Hagenback's, menagerie and educated animals,

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W. P. HARVEY.

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An elevator in a tall office building fell from the eighth story to the basement. Of the three passengers in the elevator when it fell, one was a child, a little girl about eight years old. The man in charge of the elevator, when he saw that the car was actually falling and utterly beyond control, turned quickly, caught up the little girl, and held her high above his head. The shock, when the elevator struck the solid floor of the basement was something terrific. The two adult passengers and the elevator man were instantly killed; but the child, held aloft in the arms of the latter, was saved, the shock being diminished for her by the interposition of her rescuer's body.

The man's last thought and last act were of the obligation resting upon him—his duty to preserve as far as lay in his power the lives that had been entrusted to him. He did what he could, and all that he could, in that moment of mortal extremity.

This is what is meant by faithfulness unto death—the swallowing up of the sense of self in the sense of obligation or devotion even when facing physical destruction. Devotion to Christ is a motive strong enough to conquer all selfish motive. If this hero in humble life felt such intense loyalty and devotion to his employers and his "job" that his only thought in time of deadly peril was of his passengers, we ought to be capable of a devotion equally supreme to Him whom we serve with all the earnestness and self-surrender of redeemed souls.



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**Items of Interest**

—FROM THE WEST—

Mr. Ballou had scarcely finished his speech in Parliament promising to withdraw the British forces from Tibet and make no effort to reach Lhasa when the news came of another fight with the poor Tibetan shepherds who are trying to defend their country, and are practically without arms, allowing down these poor men with machine guns in easy work, but not safe work as God is just. Two hundred Tibetans were killed or wounded.

Storms last week did much harm in the West. At Dallas, Texas, several small houses were wrecked, but the principal injury was in the telegraph office, the water coming through the roof. Several houses were wrecked in Joplin, Mo., and much damage done in the country. At Oklawaha, Oklahoma, five houses were wrecked and the Methodist church destroyed. Here several persons were hurt, but none seriously. In Kansas the rivers are out of their banks and much injury has been done to property over a large part of the state.

Dr. Barrett, the Medical Officer of Health in the Lincolnshire of England, Fen, has made a report which has excited considerable alarm. He said that nearly 12 per cent of all the deaths were from cancer, and the deaths had been steadily increasing for several years. He was of the opinion that there was no special conditions in the Fen, because the disease had been increasing all over the country. He added, "If any man knew the cause of cancer we should be half way towards finding a cure. Unfortunately man has not been able to state the cause of the disease."

The Japanese warn the world not to believe the reports of the Russians, for they will not tell the truth. For contra the Russians say the Japanese are utterly untrustworthy in their version of things. And for once the world believes that both parties are telling the truth, and it is about the only time that the world has believed either.

The correspondent of the N. Y. Post writes from London that the English consternation over the Japanese naval losses is great. A Tory paper says: "The loss of that Halsea shows how slight comparatively is the loss on our side which we estimate supremacy in held. A battleship is the equivalent at least of an army corps, but an army corps cannot be annihilated in five minutes, because a dashing subaltern of the enemy's cavalry has risked his life on a forlorn hope. This is what may come about at sea at any moment."

We have been hearing for some years of the damage done by the scientist in Massachusetts who was experimenting with the gypsy moth and let some of its eggs blow out of the window. But another scientist from England, W. H. Hurlbut, may have done more harm. He had a small tin case, leather bound, in which he had thousands of plague bacilli he had collected in India and was carrying to Chicago. Somewhere between St. Paul and Chicago he lost the case on the cars. He has advertised but has not yet recovered it. Suppose some one finds the case and opens it, as would be natural!

Mr. W. A. Parker, a prominent Baptist, has finished his second term in prison for refusing to pay the Education rate. The petty persecution to which the Passive Resisters are subject was illustrated in his case. His time in prison expired at 8:30, and his car had to drive some miles to the prison to take his father home. He asked the prison official kindly when his father would be released. They said he could not come out before 8:20, but as the debtors were released last, it would probably be 8:00. When young Parker drove up on time he found his father sitting in a cage on the prison gate, having been turned out at 7:15.

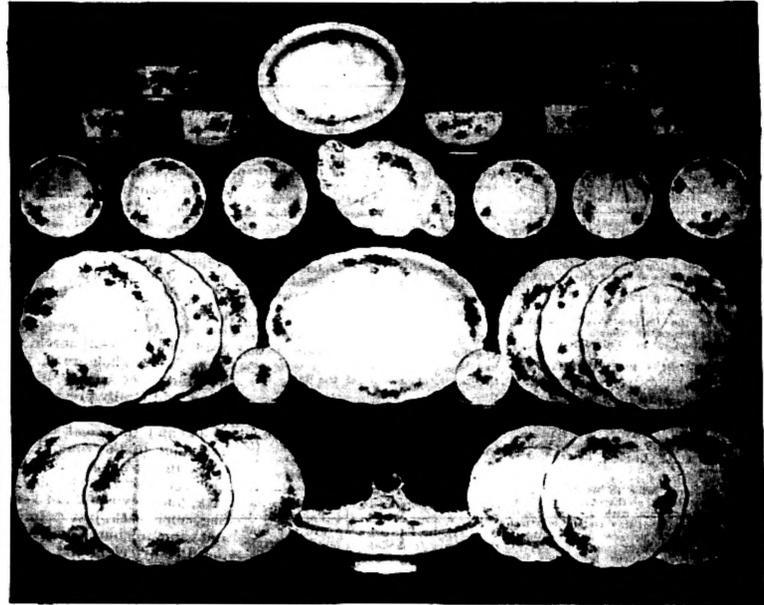
Another illustration of the value of modern war vessels has occurred in England. There was an interesting going on, in which several ships were taking part when the torpedo boat destroyer *Tunser* was badly injured. It sunk and the first report was that it was broken in two, but when the tide went down this was found to be incorrect. The *Tunser* was badly injured, however.

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Resolutions on the death of Rev. John O. Rust, passed by the Bardstown, Ky., Baptist church, June 5th, 1904:

Whereas, The mortal life of our brother and former pastor, John O. Rust, has grown into the life eternal and immortal and his spirit has found rest with his loved Redeemer:

We, the members of the Bardstown Baptist church meet to pay tribute of love and affection to our dear and dedicated a page to his memory.  
John O. Rust was pastor of this church from 1890 to 1896. He came to us a young man from the Seminary, and this was his first regular pastorate. From the first he was successful, by his earnest and intense preaching, by his sympathy and love for his fellowmen, building up and strengthening our church and giving it new impetus. For

of the men in the Baptist ministry possessed his gift of statement and his eloquence of speech. He gained and held the honored distinction of the love and esteem of the whole community. When he left us to make his home in Nashville we remember with loving pride that he loved to return to see us. And we felt that he was still our John Rust.

Resolved, That we feel deeply his loss.

Resolved, That we extend our love and sympathy to his beloved wife, who labored with him in this pastorate, and that we invoke the blessings of our Lord upon her and family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on a page of the church book, furnished to the papers, and that a copy be sent to his bereaved family.

Geo. M. D. STORER,  
CHARLES ANDERSON,  
JAMES COTTON,  
T. R. DUFFIE,  
A. V. MCKAY,  
Committee.

#### TRICE.

Whereas, In the providence of God, Bro. Stephen E. Trice, after a service of 56 years, has been taken from us by death,

Resolved, That we hereby express the deep sense of our loss as a church, and the individual loss of so many of us who knew him intimately in the private walk of life:

That we make record of his high Christian character in daily life, his faithful attention to all church duties, his loyal support of all enterprises of the church and the liberal spirit that characterized him in all Christian work throughout the many years of his church membership:

That, although we are saddened by his loss, we rejoice in his long life of usefulness, and thank and praise the Lord for sparing him so long.

That we rejoice in the blessed hope that sustained our dear brother, and in the eternal rest that has come to him:

That we express our deepest sympathy for the loved ones who feel so deeply his loss, and ask for them the comforting, sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit in this sad hour of bereavement;

That a copy of these resolutions be placed in our records, and a copy be sent to each of our denominational papers in the state and to our city papers.  
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Alls all undergo a marked price cutting that will be of vast interest to all lovers of economy.

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SPECIAL SUIT SALE—A lot of suits made of Vests, Cheviots and Novelty Mixtures, in Eton and blouse styles, colors only, values up to \$20.00; on special sale \$10.50.

SALE OF SILK SHIRT WAISTS—Made of French, Tulle and Mohair, beautifully trimmed, \$25.00 and \$37.50 values; special \$15.00.

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THE NEW "SHIRT PLAIT" SKIRT—A summer novelty, light and beautiful, inseparable, guaranteed to hold their shape and wear satisfactory, colors black, blue, brown, cream, champagne \$10.00.

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SPECIAL COUNTER OF LADIES' GOWNS, SKIRTS, Corset Covers and Drawers, made of the cambrie and nainsook beautifully trimmed and made nice and full, values up to \$1.50 on counter special 93c.

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The easy-to-work sort. All seams allowed for. All the recent styles, TEN AND FIFTEEN CENTS.

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To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are little guide posts on the foot-path to peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

The Baptists of Pensacola, Fla., on last Sunday dedicated a beautiful house of worship costing \$20,000.

Choice pack and butchers 4 25  
Medium packers 4 25  
Choice light shippers 4 70  
Choice pigs 4 00 4 25  
Good pig 3 00 3 45  
Roughs 3 50 4 45

SHEEP AND LAMBS  
Good to extra ship. sheep 4 00 4 25  
Fair to good 3 00 3 25  
Common to medium 2 00 2 25  
Bucks 2 00  
Extra ship. lambs 7 00 7 25  
Good butcher lambs 4 50 5 00  
Common fall-out lambs 4 00 4 50

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Year 1903 2,670 62,941  
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Total sales of new crop to date, 1904, 54,667; 1903, 60,552; 1902, 85,696.

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REJECTIONS  
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LIVE STOCK.  
Report for week ending June 11.  
Choice to prime ship. steers \$4 75 4 45  
Med. to good sh.p. steers 4 00 4 70  
Choice butcher steers 4 50 4 40  
\$1 2 00 9  
Cows to medium butchers 3 50 3 20  
Common to medium butchers 1 50 2 00  
Good choice feeders 3 75 4 00  
Common to med. feeders 3 25 3 40  
Good to extra stock steers 3 25 3 40  
Cows to med. stock steers 2 75 3 00  
Good to choice stock butch. 3 50 3 70  
Cows to med. stock butch. 3 00 3 20  
Plain to med. stock butch. 2 50 3 00  
Plain to com. milk cows 18 00 20 00  
Good to choice heifer cows 3 00 3 20  
Med. to good bulls 2 50 2 70  
Choice veal calves 3 25 3 75

## Items of Interest

### News the West Owns

It is evident the newspaper correspondents must think some people are simple enough to believe their reports of the talkative of the Russian officers, or they would not continue to send them. They make out that silent and stern Kuropatkin, who is a match for tactariness for Grant and Von Moltke, is not only talking as much as an American politician, but absolutely telling all his plans. And now before Admiral Skrydlov, who succeeded Manroff, has reached the scene of action, they are telling all his plans! Men who would thus betray themselves would be promptly court-martialed by any government under the sun.

Fashion does good sometimes. The Welsh farmers have had a hard time with the moles. Queen Alexandra, learning the fact, and desiring to relieve them, had a muff made of molekin. The fashionable ladies, of course, followed her example, the Parisian dressmakers took it up, and made molekin the fashionable trimming for dresses and those made on thousands of moles have been killed.

A Baptist missionary in India writes to the London Baptist of the terrible ravages of the plague. He says in the

### DEAR RECORDER:

I have just closed a great meeting at Watson. When I went to Watson I found the church almost disorganized, they had had no pastor since last August and a number of the members would not speak to each other. I went to work canvassing the town from house to house and praying and preaching. In five days there was a young lady converted; a few days later a man between 40 and 50 years old sent for me to come and see him. I found him anxious about his soul's salvation. He had been born and reared in the German Lutheran church and was perfectly ignorant of the plan of salvation. After several hours with him he laid hold on the Lord by faith and came forward and publicly confessed Christ as his personal Saviour, and was approved for baptism. Then the pastor of the Presbyterian church felt it was his duty to go to him and tell him he was raised in the Lutheran church,

### THE INTELLIGENT CHINESEMAN

has been talking to me. First he had the Russians lay an ambush and annihilate two Japanese battalions, and then he had the Japanese lay an ambush and kill 800 Russians. The only authorized news is of calvary skirmishes. The Japanese are claiming in of Port Arthur.

### MARRIED.

Miss Mary Davis to Mr. Alfred S. Jones, at the beautiful home of the bride, Bryans Hill, Quantico, Wednesday afternoon, June 16. Ceremony performed by Rev. E. F. Wright. We extend congratulations.

### J. F. HERACOCK, Missionary Northwest Missouri Baptist Association.

Buy Glorious Prizes.

Choice to med calves 3 50 4 20  
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