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CURRENT TOPICS

The weather last week was just splendid. It gave an opportunity for farmers all over the State to plow, plant gardens, etc., and almost enabled them to catch up with their delayed work.

The Tharp blind tiger bill passed the Senate last week by a vote of 26 to 6. It is hoped that it will pass the House and become a law. It is needed for the protection of the numerous towns in the State which have recently gotten rid of saloons.

The no-screen bill passed the Senate, but it was rendered almost non-effective by an amendment by Senator Cox. We wish again to remind our legislators that in checking this temperance legislation they are only piling up wrath against the day of wrath.

It is announced that Gov. A. H. Longino of Mississippi is a candidate for the U. S. Senatorship. Gov. Longino is a good Baptist, a noble Christian gentleman and a statesman of the highest type. He has made one of the best governors Mississippi has ever had. We hope that he will be elected Senator.

Frederick William Farrar, dean of Canterbury since 1895, died in London on the 22nd of March in his 72nd year. Dean Farrar was known as one of the most eloquent preachers and finest writers in Christendom. His *Life of Christ* and *Life of Paul* are among the best books on those subjects. He was noted perhaps for his beauty of style more than for his accuracy of statement.

The itinerary of President Roosevelt on his Western trip has been made public. He will leave Washington on April 1st at 9:05 a. m. and will go as far West as Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal. He will return to Washington at 7:05 p. m. June 5th. The time occupied on the trip will be sixty-six days. The distance traveled will be 14,000 miles, through twenty-two States. He will make 134 speeches. This will be quite a remarkable record. It could be made possible only in this country and in this century and by such a man as President Roosevelt.

Prof. S. A. Mynders, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has arranged for an educational conference to be held in the city of Nashville at the Peabody Normal College on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 7th, 8th and 9th. The evening meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. The purposes of this conference are: 1. A full discussion of the educational conditions and needs in every county in Tennessee. 2. A conference as to ways and means for the advancement of public education in the State. 3. The beginning of a campaign for the consolidation of schools, better buildings, better teachers, and more hearty support for the schools. All of the railroads in Tennessee have agreed to give a rate of one fare for the round trip for this conference. We hope there will be a large attendance. It is a very important meeting.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

Heaven is not gained by a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God—
Lifting the soul from the common sod
To purer air and broader view.

We rise by things that are 'neath our feet,
By what we have mastered of good and gain,
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray,
And think that we mount the air on wings
Beyond the recall of sensual things,
While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for the angels, but feet for the men!
We may borrow the wings to flit the way—
We may hope and resolve and aspire and pray,
But our feet must rise, or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls;
But the dreams depart, and the vision falls,
And the sleeper wakes on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not gained at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And mount to its summit round by round.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

BY REV. J. O. RUST, D.D.

A great liquid cross is set in the fair breast of our native land to consecrate it to some sacred purpose. The Mississippi River is the upright beam, 25,000 miles in length and the cross beam is made up of the Ohio on the east and the Missouri on the west, with a total length of 1,800 miles. The section drained by these streams and their tributaries is the Mississippi Valley. This valley has the irregular shape of a pear, with the stem at the mouth of the great river and the upper left lobe bulging far out into the northwest. But in a general sense the Mississippi Valley has now come to mean much all the territory between the Rocky Mountains and the Alleghenies.

Half of our States pour their waters into this basin, whose area is one and a fourth million square miles. It is not equaled in beauty and fertility by any other section on earth. Every acre of it is habitable and fruitful. It is the home of 35,000,000 English-speaking people. The center of population and influence in the United States to-day is near St. Louis, and this city ought to be the capital of our country.

It is my purpose to give a brief account of this great valley. The points to be noted are, first, the settlement; second, the history of the valley, and third, the study will conclude with a general statement of the status of this section to-day.

I. Settlement of the Valley.

The first white settlers found the Indians in possession of this country. They never really occupied the land; they merely roamed over it in small and hostile bands. There were only 200,000 Indians east of the Mississippi when Jamestown was settled; and probably the number west of the river was not larger.

There are as many Indians in the United States to-day as there were then. They have not been exterminated, nor have they been dispossessed of a property which in any true sense could be called their own. They never set up a true title to possession by industry and thrift which civilization was under any obligation to respect.

1. The Spanish Settlement.

The Spaniards were the first Europeans to appear in the valley, and it is curious to note that they came in from the South and West. In 1519, while Cortez was at Vera Cruz, Pineda sailed a little way into the mouth of the Mississippi. Eight years later an expedition under Narvaez was wrecked near the

mouth of the river. Only four of his party got ashore. Among the number was a negro, known as "Little Steve," who traveled far and wide through the West, and is one of the most notable of all the pioneers. These Spaniards all came from the West Indies.

In 1540 Coronado left the Pacific coast and traveled as far inland as the present site of Kansas City. But his journey amounted to little.

About this date we come upon the well-known excursion of Fernando de Soto. He had extensive land grants on the continent and came over to survey his domain and to chase dreams of fabulous wealth and health. In 1542, after traversing Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, he crossed the great river, went up its western bank as far as the mouth of the Ohio, and returned to die near the mouth of the Arkansas in May of that year. Spain made no further attempt to possess the valley for two hundred years.

2. The French Settlement.

The French came into the valley from Canada on the north by way of the great lakes, and the portages, into the tributaries which flowed into the Mississippi. Once for all let me say that the French made fair weather with the Indians. The Spanish and English fought the red skins; but the French sunk to their level, adopted their customs, mated with their women, and filled the forest with halfbreeds. In all the wars of the colonists, the Indians were against the English, save the Iroquois, who stood by us simply to vent their spleen against the French who had taken up with their rivals, the Algonquins.

In 1634 Jean Nicolet is at Green Bay. On his return to Quebec his stories of the West stir the heart of the son of a wagon-maker by the name of Joliet.

In May, 1673, this young man, Louis Joliet, and a priest, Marquette, are at Green Bay. They ascend the Fox, cross the portage to the Wisconsin, and early in the summer reach the Mississippi. They sailed down as far as the mouth of the Arkansas, where De Soto had died a century and a quarter before.

The gaudy Governor of Canada, Frontenac, sent out La Salle, who, after three attempts, sailed the full length of the Mississippi and out into the Gulf. This was in April, 1682. In spite of the previous explorations of Pineda, Narvaez and "Little Steve," he took possession of all the land in the name of France, and planted the Bourbon lilies the whole length of the river. He named the country Louisiana, after his sovereign monarch. On his return La Salle built Fort St. Louis and left it in charge of an Italian named Tonti, whose name has been heired by the insurance companies of the world. Then the explorer went to France and organized a big expedition. The fleet was wrecked in the Gulf. The commander sailed away in one of the ships that were saved, and left La Salle to perish alone in the primeval forests in 1687.

La Salle knew the immense value of the fur trade, and understood that it could be carried on better through the Mississippi than through the St. Lawrence. His opinions were shared by Iberville, who sailed from France and set up a small colony on the east bank of the Mississippi near its mouth in the spring of 1699. The Spanish in Florida and Mexico greatly protested against this violation of their territory.

The French explorers now went everywhere through the valley. They had settlements at New Orleans, Vincennes and Kaskaskia. Stockade forts were built at the portages, and a chain of military posts were to be established on a curved line from New Orleans to Canada to hold the English in check, and finally to drive them into the Atlantic. The French claimed everything from the Rocky Mountains to the Alleghenies. In 1717 John Law hypnotized the French people with the "Mississippi Bubble,"

and sent 10,000 emigrants to suffer the hardships of the new world. He was one of the most talented scoundrels of any age, and it is almost a pity that he was not reserved for the largeness of twentieth century enterprises. The French colonists were short on wives. Indian maidens were not equal to the New Orleans demand; so we soon see a ship load of "King's Maidens" dumped on the levees of the Crescent City. The matches made there in a few minutes laid the foundation of much of our Southern aristocracy. We were in good company, however, as the same thing was done in Canada and Virginia. By 1750 there were 12,000 or 15,000 French settlers in the valley.

3. The English Settlement.

It is curious that the last invasion of the valley was from the east by the English. This is especially wonderful when we remember that the Anglo-Saxon is the greatest robber in the world. He has an ungovernable passion for real estate. How our pious forefathers managed to restrain themselves until the Spanish and French had gobbled up the land is one of the inscrutable mysteries of providence. Possibly they had surpassing confidence in their ability to hog the persimmon later on.

In 1748 one Walker followed the winding Cumberland into the valley; but the light of history does not shine on this gentleman. It does not even reveal his first name, so far as I know. The real pioneer was George Washington, sent out by Governor Dinwiddie to notify the French commander at Fort Erie that the Ohio Valley belonged to Virginia.

The governor's Saxon blood was rising. The gracious Frenchman responded to the interview by building Fort Duquesne. It had to be captured. Braddock's defeat is the first chapter in the enterprise. A little later the Fort was taken, and when Quebec fell in 1759, it was all over with the French. In 1762 all Louisiana west of the Mississippi except New Orleans on the east bank was ceded by France to Spain to conciliate the Spanish court, whose help was very much needed by the French at this juncture. All east of the river fell to the English, the dividing line running midway of the stream. Florida was exchanged for Havana, and remained an English possession until 1783.

All that now restrained the English, since the French were out of the way, from settling the valley east of the river, was the presence of hostile Indians and halfbreeds. But the settlers came pouring over the mountains and wrote in blood a story of valor the world will never cease to read.

Noteworthy in the advance were the Scotch-Irish, who had been landing on our shores at the rate of some 12,000 a year since 1725. They settled in the Appalachian Mountain ranges, and were the first to move westward into the valley. Among their number was a Pennsylvania Englishman named Daniel Boone, who came into the blue grass region of Kentucky in 1769. A company of noblemen are with him, among the number Simon Kenton, Neely, Masker and McAfee.

In 1769 the Cherokees made a small concession of land at Watauga. That was enough to tempt the Saxon invaders; and in 1770 James Robertson, a Scotch-Irish product, pitched his camp here. Two years later he is joined by a Huguenot by the name of John Sevier. In 1772 the Watauga Association is formed, the first written constitution of the Mississippi Valley. In 1778 Watauga became Washington County of North Carolina; and in 1779 Robertson pressed on to Middle Tennessee and founded Nashville.

At the same time George Rogers Clark, probably the most noted of all these pioneers, was making inroads into Indiana and Illinois; and Jonathan Carver was exploring Wisconsin and Minnesota.

We have thus noted the settlement of the valley, and now we will briefly study its subsequent history.

II. History of the Valley.

The history of the Mississippi Valley can be grouped under the following heads, though the analysis is arbitrary and perhaps unscientific, viz:

1. The Valley During the Revolution.

When the war came on between England and the colonies, the settlers in the valley bore a brave and conspicuous part in the battle for freedom. They were a long time hidden from view, and their rifles could not be heard for the rattle of musketry in the Atlantic States; but history has at last discovered these heroes and is now ready to crown them with a just fame.

At the North George Rogers Clark conducted as skillful and sagacious warfare as was ever waged. His campaigns in Illinois and Indiana are crowded with valor and victory.

In 1775 a band of pioneers in Kentucky heard what had happened yonder in Massachusetts on the 19th of April and named their settlement Lexington.

Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton have permanently fixed their names in the story of American patriotism.

In the South in 1780 John Sevier and Isaac Shelby turned the tide at King's Mountain, and I doubt if the value of that victory has ever yet been fully realized by students of history.

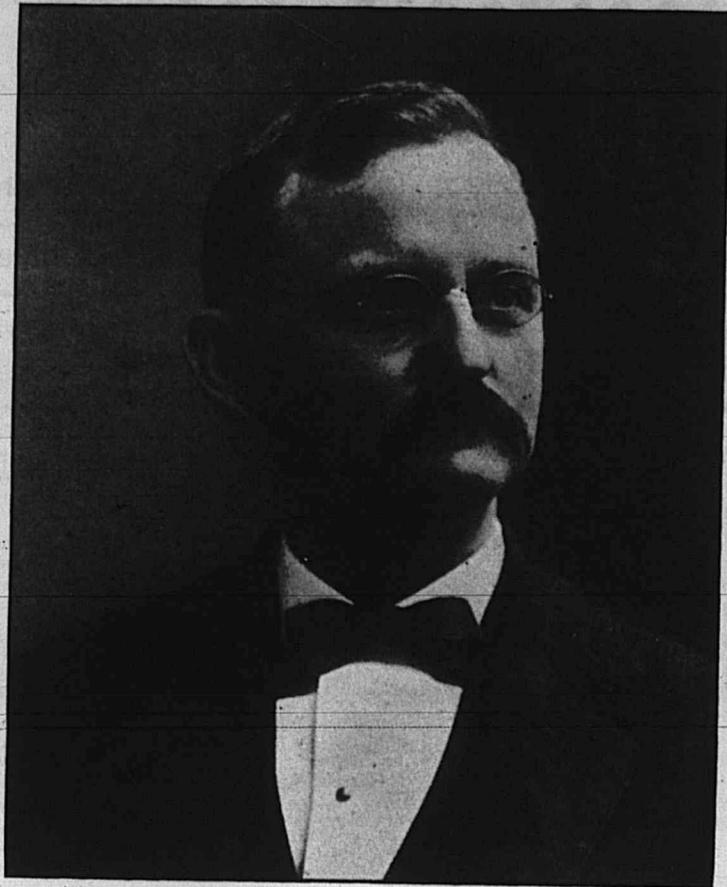
Hundreds of noble men shed their blood for freedom on the Western frontier whose names will never be known. They faced the English and their cunning allies, the Indians and halfbreeds, with daring courage, and guarded the colonist attack on the West so they could attend to King George's men on the Atlantic seaboard.

2. Under the Constitution.

When peace came there was quite a divided sentiment among the settlers as to what disposition to make of themselves. Some wanted to stay in the Union; others wished to declare independence, and others desired to unite with the Spaniards, whose headquarters were at New Orleans. It is related that one Mr. Daniel Boone turned out to be an ardent Spaniard way out on the Missouri River.

The colonies claimed the strips of territory westward from themselves to the Mississippi River, but by 1790 all these claims were yielded to the general government, making a territory of 200,000,000 acres.

REV. JOHN O. RUST, D.D.



Dr. Rust, whose picture we give above, is one of the best known ministers in our Southern Baptist denomination. He was born in Kentucky on September 6, 1858. His father was Prof. J. W. Rust, one of the most successful teachers the South has ever produced. He was for a number of years professor in Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., and afterwards President of Bethel Female College, Hopkinsville, Ky. Thus the subject of our sketch grew to manhood in the midst of the most cultured surroundings. At first he was editor of a paper in Hopkinsville, but feeling called to preach he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he spent several years. His first pastorate was at Bardstown, Ky., where he remained about five years and where he had remarkable success. The church grew largely in numbers and a new handsome house of worship was erected. In 1896 Dr. Rust was called to the pastorate of the Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., where he has been ever since. He is perhaps the most popular pastor of any denomination in the city. He is called upon for sermons and addresses upon all kinds of occasions. The Edgefield church has prospered greatly under his ministry. The membership has about doubled and the church has bought a new lot in a more favorable locality and expects to build a handsome house of worship some time soon. Dr. Rust is not only an eloquent speaker. He is a Scriptural preacher. His sermons are full of evangelical truths. He never holds a regular revival meeting in his church, but has conversions and additions nearly every Sunday. He is a warm-hearted, genial man, a true friend and a Christian gentleman of the highest type. He has the prospect of many more years of usefulness before him.

The new territory was divided into districts, which were given the most outlandish names. There was Michigan, and south of this Assenipia, along Lake Erie was Metropotamia, and south of this Polyotamia, and further south Pelisipia.

The general government greatly aided the settlement of this section by a system of surveys of the territory; but the greatest impulse to emigration was given by exchanging lands to the Revolutionary soldiers for the paper certificates in which they had been paid for military service. The formation of the Ohio Company under the famous Ordinance of 1787 promoted emigration. These veterans flocked West, and soon Marietta and Cincinnati are founded. This movement of population was a rich opportunity for wildcat schemes of all kinds, chief of which was the Scioto Company, operated by one Joel Barlow, who went to France and sent a lot of barbers and fiddlers to perish in the wilds of Gallipolis.

The Ordinance of 1787 is of such importance as to demand further notice. "There were six articles in the compact laid down by the United States to be observed by the people to whom it granted its lands, to be held unalterably except by the consent of both.

1. Complete freedom of worship and religion was extended to all peaceable and orderly persons.
2. Trial by jury, habeas corpus, privilege of the

common law, the right of proportionate legislative representation was established.

3. Faith was to be kept with the Indians, and means of education were to be encouraged.

4. All new States must forever form part of the United States.

5. Here provision was made for the formation of not less than three or more than five new States out of the Northwest territory. A condition of admission to the Union must be a population of not less than 60,000; the government must be republican, and the new States were to be in all respects equal to the others.

6. It was ordained that there should never be slavery or involuntary servitude, otherwise than for the punishment of convicted criminals. Slaves fugitive from the South, however, could be lawfully claimed by their owners.

Mr. Roosevelt declares the sixth article to be "the greatest blow ever struck in behalf of freedom in our whole history except the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. The document throughout is generally esteemed as worthy to stand in the class with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution itself, and Washington's Farewell Address."

All this time the Indians were a great bother to the settlers, encouraged in their devilry by the British, who were never quite satisfied with the peace conditions of 1783. But a worse trouble than this vexed their sturdy souls. The Spanish occupation of New Orleans was a constant and disastrous interference with the commerce on the Mississippi. It would never do to leave their trade at the mercy of the Spaniards. George Rogers Clark became so indignant that he seriously proposed the conquest of Louisiana in the name of France.

In the midst of these perplexities there are two notes of good cheer. Some boys are growing up who are going to be heard from later. Henry Clay is at Lexington, Andrew Jackson is at Nashville, and Abraham Lincoln is born yonder in old Kentucky. The second item is one of the real wonders of providence. In 1800 Napoleon acquired Louisiana from Spain which had been ceded by France in 1762. To the astonishment of the world, the Corsican sold this territory to us in 1803 for \$15,000,000, a district of 1,182,752 square miles, which we bought at less than four cents per acre. Spain didn't relish the trade, and some of our own Federalists are kicking at it yet. Nevertheless, by that trade we got rid of the Spaniards at the mouth of the river. It is to be remembered that Spain still clung to Florida, claiming her title through an English grant. But in 1819 we bought Florida for \$5,000,000.

The eastern part of the valley was now well known territory; but the central and northern sections west of the river were yet to be explored. In May, 1804, Lewis and Clark set out from St. Louis and made their memorable tour to the Pacific Coast. At the same time Zebulon Montgomery Pike was exploring the country from St. Louis to Minnesota. Lewis and Clark returned in 1806. Lewis was appointed Governor of Upper Louisiana. He died mysteriously in Tennessee. It was not known whether he was a suicide or was murdered. Clark succeeded him.

This period is marked by the fiasco of Aaron Burr. It is not known just what he was after, but he certainly was a traitor. A man of distinguished appearance and personal magnetism, he succeeded in hypnotizing Blenner, hasset, Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson in the order named. Everybody went down before him until he struck James Wilkerson at Cairo, Ill., commander-in-chief of our armies. That gentleman was such an accomplished scoundrel himself that he won Burr's confidence, found out that his plans would fail, and turned State's evidence. While his testimony revealed his own depravity as well as Burr's, he had the genius to retain his military office.

3. The Valley in the War of 1812.

Again England and America are at war. The trouble came up over some shipping interest. Napoleon had a hand in it, and literally skinned us alive. The Mississippi Valley did not get into this war until after it was over. Then we fought the glorious battle of New Orleans under the lead of General Jackson. That engagement brought fame rather than any substantial rewards of victory. It occurred after peace had been declared.

From this time on the flow of population into the valley was large. It increased when times were hard and slackened when times were good. Doniphan, Emory, Stevens and Fremont were the pathfinders of this period. Under their investigations the great American desert began to disappear.

In 1844 the Democrats nominated James K. Polk of Tennessee for President on a platform declaring for the annexation of Texas and for the occupation

of Oregon. The cry of "Fifty-four-forty or fight" and "Re-annex Texas" won the day, and Polk was elected. Then comes on the Mexican war over the question of boundary. In this war the sons of the Mississippi Valley bore a conspicuous part. Texas was won, Oregon was settled, and California was handed over by Mexico. Thus the whole land was ours just as we have it to-day.

4. During the Civil War.

The famous Ordinance of 1787 had forbidden slavery. No body took any interest in the negroes until Whitney's cotton gin made their labor valuable. Then the pro and anti-slavery feeling began to develop. People from the South moving to Missouri with their servants made the citizens of Illinois and Indiana chafe under the difference. The discussion grew fast and furious until Congress adopted Clay's measure of the Missouri Compromise in 1821. By this measure slavery was abolished above latitude 36 degrees 30 minutes, the southern boundary of Missouri, everywhere except in that State. Everybody thought the matter was now permanently settled.

But in 1854, coached by Lewis Cass, Stephen A. Douglas breaks out with the declaration that the Missouri Compromise is unconstitutional, and that Congress has no right to forbid slavery, that question is to be left to the people of the different States. The question was argued in Congress on a proposal to admit Kansas to Statehood. It was a famous debate, but Douglass carried his measure through.

Then Kansas was left to settle the question of free or slave territory. In order to help these citizens to a decision, the advocates of the respective sides of the question began to arrive in large numbers. The names of John Brown and Jefferson Davis are now being frequently called. The Supreme Court decision of the Dred Scott case did nothing to quiet matters, as it was a judicial straddle, or a contribution to the Douglas policy, if anything. The court held, first, that a negro did not have a right to sue; and secondly, that each State had to settle the question of slavery for itself. Then comes on the furious campaign in Illinois between Douglas and Lincoln. Before we know it, civil war breaks out with all its bloody fury. I would call your attention to the fact that it is wonderfully significant that many of the events and most of the men that took a hand in bringing on that war belong to the Mississippi Valley. Take the names of Lincoln, Grant, Sherman and Davis and you will see how many of the really great actors in that rash drama belonged to the soil of the valley.

While the fighting in the West was subsidiary to that in the East, it was none the less valorous and bloody. Sons of the valley met in the death grapple at Shiloh, Stone's River, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Franklin, Nashville, etc., engagements that are well in line with any battle fought in the east.

III. The Present Status.

It is well for us to note the territory our country has appropriated since the civil war. After the Louisiana purchase, we settled Oregon. In the sixties we purchased Alaska from Russia. Then we took in Hawaii. The Spanish war yielded us Porto Rico and the Philippines, and we have arranged things nicely for the capture of Cuba. Uncle Sam has set up in the real estate business on a very grand scale.

But to return to the Mississippi Valley. A truly glorious history passes before us in this rapid review. Between the Alleghenies and the Rockies we can accommodate a population of 400,000,000. It is the most fertile and beautiful section of country on this globe. When Oklahoma and Indian Territory are admitted to statehood, every inch of this paradise will be safely in the Union.

I have not the data to set before you the status of the valley States east of the river, but I will give you some astonishing statistics of the western States: It is a vast farm with 67,000,000 acres under cultivation. It produces 1,100,000,000 bushels of corn per annum, valued at \$235,000,000; 3,000,000,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$135,000,000; 27,000,000 tons of hay, with a value of \$150,000,000. This farm yields every year a total one thousand million dollars in agricultural products. The value of its live stock reaches this same immense sum. The output of gold and silver is \$100,000,000, and of coal 20,000,000 tons valued at \$250,000,000 per year. Total value of manufactories is \$1,400,000,000, and the personal property is valued at \$6,000,000,000. There are 80,000 miles of railroad here and a population of 20,000,000. On this vast farm are 121 colleges, 62,000 school houses, and 5,700,000 school children. If you will multiply these figures by two, you will be somewhere near a correct estimate of value of the property and life of the Mississippi Valley looked at as a whole.

Those of us who have the slightest acquaintance with current literature know that the sons of the

valley have already won prominence in the world of letters. Why should it not be so? Surely such a sturdy stock will give birth to genius. I firmly believe that we will produce a literature in keeping with the essential greatness of our section. It has already become an aphorism in some places that the brains of the United States have gone West. The southern part of the valley is just now beginning its real development, and it is not an idle boast that the South will once again take first place in statescraft, philosophy, literature and commerce.

No one can foretell the rapid development of the South-valley States under the advantages of the Isthmus Canal. New Orleans is now the third port in this country, and great cities will spring up around the Gulf of Mexico. Sooner or later the Mississippi River will bear the products of this section to foreign lands. The development of mining industries, the improvement of agricultural methods, the increase of transportation facilities will make the South the richest part of our land.

This is a bare outline of the history of the Middle Section of our great land. The analysis will serve as an outline for those who wish to clothe the skeleton with the flesh of larger information. This history is of peculiar interest to Baptists; for the valley has within it the largest Baptist population in the world. Our Southern Baptist Convention is more than half in the lower section of this valley. We cannot comprehend the nature of our particular work unless we have a historical appreciation of the facts and forces we are working with. Those of our people who are interested in Home Missions will find this history a fascinating and fruitful theme. I rise from this study with an enlarged conviction that our Home Board is grappling with the greatest problem that ever confronted the children of the King. And I am more than ever persuaded that the secretaryship of that Board is the greatest position among Baptists.

Nashville, Tenn.

OVER THE LINE.

It is a great pleasure to keep in touch with the brethren of the Volunteer State through the columns of the Baptist and Reflector as it makes its weekly visits brimming full with good things. Although we Alabamians are making long strides along the lines of religion, temperance and education, we have not thus far outstripped our sister State. It seems that she is getting a "forward move" on general principles. I rejoice with the brethren, and may the good work continue.

East Church is steadily coming to the front. We have recently had some valuable additions. We have occasional professions at our regular services. I long for the time when our churches will have a continued revival and conversions at every service. Why limit God's power to the protracted meeting occasion?

At our last meeting of our Board of Deacons we had a "forward move." Each of the six deacons agreed to give one-tenth of his income to support the Lord's cause. This means not only financial growth, but spiritual growth. Giving indicates love. The more we love the more we give. Besides the use of the "pastorium" recently purchased, our church has added \$100 to the pastor's salary. We have a flourishing Young People's Union, which is accomplishing much good. Many of our young Christians will talk and pray in public who would not do so before being developed in the B. Y. P. U.

Bro. Folk, I endorse the forward movement for Tennessee
Joe W. Vesey.

Florence, Ala.

NOT TRUE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

I note the extract from the genial columns of the Arkansas Baptist, in your issue of the 12th, to the effect that "Louisiana, Georgia and the Carolinas are on the verge of disruption on account of the episcopacy plainly seen in the methods of the conventions and the Boards." The mild-visaged editor is dreaming, or else he is suffering from inflammation of the disposition. His statement is not true concerning this State. As the negroes sometimes aptly say, "It is a lie-bill." There never was a day when we were more loyal to the work of the denomination; nor was there ever a day when more work was being done. The Arkansas man needs cooling off. He is running a hot box. He needs a dip in the surf and a bath in the breezes by the sea.

As for me, I feel like the Psalmist once felt when he cried, "O Lord, the heathen have come into this inheritance!" I want to intimate to the aforesaid heathen that the door through which they came is still open, and they can go out without let or hindrance. This would be in accordance with that ancient

writing which says "they went out from us because they were not of us." Then, too, we could sing that old-time hymn,

"Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove."
Sumter, S. C. C. C. Brown.

WHITEVILLE CONVENTION AGAIN!

Interest in the West Tennessee Baptist Sunday-school Convention, to be held at Whiteville, beginning Wednesday, April 22nd, seems on the increase. Three things ought to be done in connection with it. First, every school send one or more messengers. Second, every school send a liberal contribution for the expenses of the Convention. Third, every attendant secure a certificate from your agent when buying your ticket.

Lexington has invited the Convention of 1904. Let everybody vote accordingly. The town has no saloons, plenty of toothsome edibles, hospitable citizens, loyal Baptists and want the influence of the Convention.

Paris, Tenn.

It was a timely suggestion, "the forward movement," and we believe that it will bear fruit along all lines of benevolent work fostered by the denomination throughout the State. Why not apply it to the coming session of our Sunday-school Convention to meet in Whiteville, Tenn., April 22-24, 1903? Let there be a forward movement of our Baptist Sunday-school forces in this direction. We are anxious that this session of the Convention shall be the best ever held. If every church in this Convention would send one delegate each, what a mighty host would be in attendance upon the Convention. There are ten district Associations within our jurisdiction. According to the report of the statistical secretary there were 315 churches. What a power for good they might be if they were only thoroughly organized, properly lined up together in all benevolent enterprises. The great aim of our Sunday-school Convention is to unify the Sunday-school work with the various interests of our denomination in this geographical division of the State.

The trains—Whiteville is fifty-six miles northeast of Memphis, on the line of the N., C. & St. L. Ry. There are two trains daily each way; Southbound trains, 6:45 a. m. and 1:25 p. m.; Northbound trains, 2:14 p. m. and 6:32 p. m. All delegates and visitors are urgently requested to send their names for assignment to homes to George T. Webb, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, or to the pastor. Please mention the train on which you will arrive.

Whiteville, Tenn. W. G. Inman, Pastor.

A GOOD MEETING.

The Ministers' and Members' Meeting at Adams, in the Cumberland Association, was one of the best and most successful meetings of the kind this scribe ever attended. There are several things in connection with the meeting that deserve to be noticed.

It was a meeting in which the power of the Spirit was continually manifested. He came upon God's people in such wonderful power and unction that it was the subject of conversation everywhere. The songs of praise were rendered with such a charming tenderness and pathos that most of the people wept frequently.

Every subject was discussed in a clear and pointed manner, and in such a beautiful spirit that every one felt each discussion was the best and the subject last discussed was the most important. Most of the brethren whose names appeared on the program were present and prepared to enter into the elucidation of questions assigned them.

It was a very gracious meeting on account of the interested attention the crowds gave who attended. The congregation was good from the first session Friday morning till the adjournment Sunday after morning service. We were somewhat surprised at this, since almost every one had suggested that the people did not attend these fifth Sunday meetings, and some of the most prominent pastors had refused to take any part in the meeting, saying that "the day of usefulness of such meetings was gone." The interest manifested in the meeting and the splendid attendance at each service and the many expressions of good derived from the sessions which came from almost every one, assured us that brethren are only missing an oppor-

tunity to help in the propagation of the gospel. "Thomas was not there," and he will have to wait till the next meeting to have his doubts removed.

Another good feature of this meeting was the charming hospitality so generously extended us. There was a magnificent dinner spread each day, a sufficiency for every one, and at night all the homes of the entire community were open to us. The good people seemed glad to have us with them.

The doctrines of the church, missions and Sunday-schools received a large share of attention. The discussions on each one of these subjects were exceedingly profitable and very interesting.

A committee was appointed to prepare a program and arrange for a place to hold the meeting in May. It looks a little strange, but the committee was heard to say it would invite some of our prominent preachers to be with us at the next meeting so that it may be a still greater success.

Bro. W. F. Shannon, the pastor at Adams, was much rejoiced at the success of the meeting. He said it was the best he had attended in a long while. Indeed, it was much like an Association.

Springfield, Tenn.

Martin Ball.

TEXARKANA ITEMS.

Our Baptist Zion is slowly but surely advancing in this section. The First Church, under the wise leadership of O. L. Hailey, is making a fine record. The Lord is constantly adding to them the saved.

The Olive-street Church never had a brighter future. They are planning for a meeting after the Convention.

Texarkana is growing very rapidly. She already numbers about 20,000, and it is predicted will shortly double in population.

Our two churches are planning to put out a city missionary as soon as the right man can be had. We hope under God to make this a great Baptist center.

We have just closed a very profitable fifth Sunday meeting, which convened with Bethel Church.

W. E. Neill has just closed a fine meeting with Pastor H. L. Winburne of Arkadelphia, Ark., and has gone to assist O. P. Miles of Washington, Ind.

Associational Missionary J. B. Sellmon has been laid up with rheumatism for several months.

W. M. Bridges is pastoring fine churches. He is one of the strongest country preachers of all this section.

C. T. Willson is preaching to Myrtle Springs and Wilton Churches.

J. B. Lumley is doing well at New Boston.

We are glad to know that W. F. Dorris, who has had inducements to go to Louisiana, has decided to remain in Camden, Ark. Under his wise and patient leadership the Camden church has grown to be one of the best to be found anywhere.

By the way, have you observed the courageous work A. J. Barton is doing as editor? Barton was a great pastor, a great Secretary, but as editor he is greatest of all. God only knows the sacrifices he is making to sustain the cause in Arkansas.

The pastors of Texarkana are planning to hold a Sunday-school Institute the first week in June. We expect to have together a goodly number of pastors and Sunday-school workers from Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana.

J. F. Love, Arkansas, new Secretary of Missions, recently paid us a short visit. He is a fine spirit, and we confidently look for this year's work to surpass anything heretofore done in Arkansas.

R. L. Cole.

VIRGINIA INSTITUTE.

Dr. Henning is still preaching to large and interested congregations. No extra meetings have been held, yet there has been a good spiritual interest and accessions to the church almost every week. On last Wednesday night eight converts publicly put on Christ by baptism. Six of the number were young ladies of the Institute, Miss McMullen of South Carolina, Misses Olive Merrill, Mattie St. John and Lee Ota Brown of Tennessee, and Misses Lelja Pendleton and Jettie Greer of Virginia. Mr. Fairfax, one of the new members, comes to us from the Methodists. He is a leading business man of the city.

Dr. Henning baptizes on Wednesday evening after prayer meeting, and does not even announce such a

service. He says baptism is a solemn service, not spectacular, not an occasion for a crowd of curious people. I never witnessed a more impressive ceremony than that on last Wednesday evening. The young ladies were all dressed in white, with clusters of white roses on their breasts.

Six young ladies will take the B. A. degree at our commencement, which will occur May 27th. They are all of superior abilities and attainments.

Bristol, Va.

S. W. Tindell.

EAST TENNESSEE NOTES.

The Nolachucky Association divided the fifth Sunday meetings into three divisions. The first was held at Cedar Creek Church, the second at Dandridge Church, and the third at Bean Station Church. Several of the boys from Carson and Newman College attended these meetings. Four of us went to Cedar Creek on Friday night and returned Sunday afternoon. While there we got inspiration which we feel will do us good. We enjoyed the good speeches from the brethren, among whom were P. H. C. Hale, W. C. Hale, J. B. Jones, Aldrich and others. We boys wish to express our thanks to the brethren and sisters of Cedar Creek Church, and pray God's richest blessings upon them. We also wish to express our thanks to the brethren whose names appear above for their kindness to us while there. May the chord of God's love touch us and fill us with gentleness, comfort and joy.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

PARIS NOTES.

Pastor W. H. Ryals was in Trenton, Tenn., Sunday, where he delivered the principal address at the memorial service of that good man who is with the Lord, Deacon J. M. Senter. The Paris church has constant fresh evidence of its wisdom in the choice of a pastor.

Sunday was a good day at the West Paris Mission. Audiences large at both services, especially at night. One addition in the morning and two at night. Forty at Sunday-school in the afternoon.

At 4 o'clock I solemnized the rites of matrimony between S. A. Anderson and Miss Dora Black. Both are excellent people, the bride being a consistent member of the Paris church. They will reside in Lexington, Tenn.

Paris, Tenn.

SEMINARY NOTES.

The speakers on Missionary Day, April 1st, will be Dr. T. S. Dunaway of Virginia, Dr. J. P. Greene of Missouri, and Hon. W. J. Northen of Georgia.

Dr. Willingham was here last Monday on his way from Owensboro, and made a speech to the students at dinner.

The American Baptist Publication Society has offered to give a Life of Spurgeon to each graduating student who does not use liquor or tobacco.

H. B. Folk.

We had a fine fifth Sunday meeting at Adams. The attendance was not so large, but the speeches were good and awakened a lively interest. I had to leave Saturday night, but was informed that Bro. Ball preached a fine sermon on Sunday. The ministers present were Brethren Ball, Dodson, Shannon, Highsmith and Burns. All took an active part. I want to say to the pastors of Cumberland Association that this Convention year will soon close. All money sent in for Foreign Missions and Home Missions must reach Bro. Woodcock by the end of this month. Let us make a special effort for Foreign Missions this month. Don't forget it. Bring the matter up at your next meeting.

Greenbrier, Tenn.

H. F. Burns.

Our fifth Sunday meeting of the Concord Association was a success. Eight preachers were present. The churches represented agreed to double their contributions to State Missions. There is a general waking up among us. Our congregations are doubling. Lascassas congregations are double under the leadership of Bro. Shepard, and old Round Lick even on rainy days is filled from pulpit to doors under Bro. Oakley's occupancy of the pulpit.

Milton, Tenn.

G. A. Ogle.

News Notes.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

Nashville.

First Church—Pastor preached at morning hour. Subject, "A Perilous Possibility." Church now in the beginning of a protracted meeting, assisted by Dr. Rust. Outlook good for a fine meeting.

Central—Evangelist Price preached to three large congregations. Subjects, "Thanksgiving" "Samson" and to men only, "Naaman the Leper." Seven received for baptism. 320 in S. S.

Immanuel—Pastor preached. Subjects, "Building God's Throne" and "Seeing Through Blind Eyes." Centennial—Pastor preached. Subjects, "Elijah's Request" and "Heirs of God."

Edgefield—Pastor preached. Subjects, "Christ and Conversion." Preached at First Church at night on "Conditions Necessary to a Revival." Three received by letter.

Third—Bro. Cleveland preached. Subjects, "A Rich Christian" and "Holding Up the Only Name." 165 in S. S. 46 in Mission S. S. Fine meeting of Sunday-school Union in afternoon.

North Edgefield—Pastor preached. Subjects, "The Spirit of the Lord Jesus" and "My Heavenly Possessions." Three professions and two received by experience and baptism. 185 in S. S.

Seventh—Pastor preached. Subjects, "Heavenly Ideals and Aspirations." Two received by letter. Church increased pastor's salary \$200.

Howell Memorial—Pastor preached in the morning on "The Christian Standard of Character and Conduct." No service at night, there being a mass-meeting at the Methodist Church in the interest of Sunday-schools. 135 in S. S. Pastor preached to the colored Baptists of West Nashville in the afternoon.

Lockeland Chapel—Dr. Van Ness preached at 11 a. m. on "The Inequalities of Life." Preached at night at the Edgefield church on 23rd Psalm.

Knoxville.

First Church—Pastor Egerton preached. Subjects, "The Source of Jacob's Power" and "Co-operating with God." Two approved for baptism and one baptized, 365 in S. S.

Third—Pastor Murrell preached. Small congregation at night. Small S. S.

Second—Pastor Jeffries preached. Eleven received during the week, two baptized. 214 in S. S. Meeting continues this week.

Bell Avenue—Pastor Maples preached. 92 in S. S.

Chattanooga.

Central Church—Six awaiting baptism. Some 20 or 30 professions in recent meeting. Dr. Fristoe goes to Petersburg, Va., to hold meetings this week. Carter-street Mission doing excellent work.

Had fine services yesterday. Large audiences and splendid interest. One profession at night and one addition. Geo. H. Crutcher.

Dyersburg, Tenn., March 23rd.

I am for the forward movement heart and soul. I hope the churches of Tennessee will do all they can for Foreign and Home Missions during April. Let us not be behind. Then let us take up the State work with a will. I am a "shut-in," but my heart is in the work. N. B. Goforth.

Riceville, Tenn.

The Middle Tennessee Baptist Sunday-school Convention convenes with the Centennial Church, Nashville, April 16, 17, 1903, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Let all who expect to attend send their names at once to the undersigned that free entertainment may be provided. Come, brethren, and we will care for you. Nashville, Tenn. W. J. Stewart, Pastor.

Our protracted meeting closed March 29th. Bro. W. H. Sledge of Helena, Ark., did our church much good. Several were saved and are candidates for baptism. Two were added to the church by letter.

Bro. Sledge was called home on account of his wife's illness. Since the first of last August we have had twenty-five additions to our church.

S. W. Kendrick, Pastor.

Union City, Tenn.

The work here starts off encouragingly. One addition by letter Sunday morning—a valuable one. The prayer meeting has been revived and is well attended. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized with about twenty-five members. Last Friday night we were pounded in a way that will leave a good taste in our mouths for weeks to come. I rejoice in the glorious victories gained by the temperance forces of dear old Tennessee. May the good work go on. E. C. Faulkner.

Brinkley, Ark., March 27th.

The fifth Sunday meeting at Round Lick was a success and well attended. Sunday was a great day. Brethren E. J. Bass, Wilson Vantrease, Ball and Thomas Berry were ordained as deacons. The presbytery consisted of Elders T. J. Eastes, B. F. Bartles, J. D. Rives, W. E. Raikes, J. T. Oakley and deacons from Watertown, Shop Spring, Linwood, Commerce and elsewhere. The ordination was the most impressive one I ever witnessed. The Holy Spirit was with us and we sat together in heavenly places. A large crowd witnessed the ceremonies. It was a day never to be forgotten. J. T. Oakley, Pastor.

I will be glad to join you, Bro. Folk, in the forward movement. I have been engaged as missionary in the Ocoee Association to begin work June 1st. During the first four months that I shall labor in that field, I pray that God will make me useful in the great forward movement that you have started. I will place the Baptist and Reflector in as many homes as I possibly can for the work's sake. I am well pleased with my work in the Seminary. It is a great school. The teachers are great men. The Bible is the book of books in the Seminary.

L. S. Ewton.

305 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

You struck the key note when you suggested the forward movement. It certainly has awakened an interest in Christian enterprises. It seems that many good and truly lovable brethren and sisters were slumbering over their responsibilities. I am glad to see so many taking hold of the move to build up the walls of Zion. I believe this year will be a marked epoch in the world's history for great achievements in extending the Redeemer's kingdom. May we have a Pentecostal reign of grace and may you be spared to share in these divine influences. Let me say that the Baptist and Reflector does me good every week. When I read it I feel like I had listened to a glorious sermon. Bless the Lord for the truths it contains. M. N. Wood Summar.

I have helped before in defraying the expenses of the Anti-saloon League and am willing to help again. I want to extend my thanks to the God-fearing and God-loving men who are standing so firmly for temperance in our grand old State. May the work go on until not a saloon will be left in the State, and then may it spread until it will (liquor, I mean), be put out of the United States and the whole world is my prayer. To God be all the glory. May God bless the editor of our much-loved paper, the Baptist and Reflector. I could not be without it. The articles about temperance are worth the price of the paper. I am greatly interested in the forward movement. I want to try to get a club of five subscribers. T. D. Berry.

Orlinda, Tenn.

I have now been on my field in Oregon about two months and the Lord has greatly blessed our work. I held a meeting of eighteen days with Second Baptist Church at Baker city and the meeting resulted in 36 additions to our church, and since the meeting the church has organized a fine B. Y. P. U.

Then on the 19th of this month I closed a gracious revival with the Baptist Church at Elgin, Oregon, which resulted in 33 additions to our church there, and the church was revived along all lines. We

organized a fine B. Y. P. U. and a fine Junior Band, and the church gave me a collection of \$43 for missions. I am now in a meeting with the Calvary Baptist Church at Cove, Oregon. There are many noble Baptist churches out on the Pacific coast. Glad to see the Baptist and Reflector in many homes out West. God bless you.

Cove, Oregon.

Earle D. Sims, Evangelist.

The fifth Sunday meeting of Concord Association met with Powell's Chapel Church Friday night, March 27th. Bro. G. A. Ogle was elected chairman and E. S. Bryan clerk. The following preachers were present: G. A. Ogle, J. S. Rice, S. G. Shepard, J. Sanders, P. W. Carney, E. S. Reaves, C. S. Dillon, J. W. Bealer, E. S. Bryan. Quite a number of brethren and sisters from the various churches were present. A great spiritual feeling was manifested throughout the entire meeting. The speeches were of a high order. A number of churches promised to double their contributions to State Missions. I think it was the best meeting of the kind we have had in this Association for two years. We want very much to bring our churches to the front in their contributions to missions. The meeting adjourned Saturday afternoon. The hospitality of the community was all that could be desired. The dinner spread on Saturday was sumptuous.

Lascassas, Tenn.

E. S. Bryan.

The floral beauty of this country almost turns even the most prosaic nature into poetry and song. But my mission here was not to sing but to preach the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. The Lord is blessing almost every service with the conversion of some sinner. Last Sunday night, in the presence of a crowded house, I buried four happy converts by baptism. After the benediction a gentleman came to me and said that his daughter wanted to join the church, so we called to order and she came and joined by letter. It seemed that God was hovering over us, and I said that if any one wanted to be saved before we left the house to come at once. A young lady came and was saved and received into the church before she took her seat. Four gave evidence of saving faith last night at prayer meeting. Many thought my move a mistake when I left my noble charge in Tennessee, but oh! what a broad field here, white already to harvest. Pray for us. May God bless the work in Tennessee. There are many things I would love to write, but I remember the editor's hint. E. H. Yankey.

Exeter, Col.

At the request of Pastor Wood I will give a short sketch of our fifth Sunday meeting. The young people met on Friday and carried out an interesting program. On Saturday at 10 a. m. the fifth Sunday meeting met and organized by electing Bro. J. B. Davis moderator and Bro. Riley Davis secretary. An excellent program was interestingly discussed, interspersed with some fine music. Elder J. R. Wiggs of West Point added greatly to the interest of the meeting by some good talks and preaching a strong sermon on Sunday evening. A mass meeting on missions and temperance, led by Pastor Wood, elicited great enthusiasm on Saturday night. But perhaps the climax of the meeting was reached on Sunday. Bro. R. W. Deford, a member of our church, was regularly ordained a minister of the gospel. Elders J. R. Wiggs, R. J. Wood, T. Riley Davis and W. H. Moser acted as a presbytery. By request Pastor Wood preached the sermon, and a good one, too, to a packed house. Elder Wiggs offered the prayer, W. H. Moser delivered the charge and presented the Bible. The young people's meeting was opened with a testimony service on Friday and aroused a fine spiritual feeling, which continued throughout the entire services, and while the visiting ministers and brethren were not so many as we desired, yet the local attendance was fairly good, and on Sunday it was fine. Ample dinner was served on the ground each day, and altogether the meeting was much enjoyed. Our next meeting will be held with the West Point church in May next. We collected \$15.32 for the Iron City church.

Philadelphia, Tenn.

A. O. Montague.

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Pastor Evangelism Begun.

We now have twenty-three pastors in the State who have offered themselves for a meeting at some mission point or at some weak church. These noble brethren will give from two to four weeks each to this work.

Bro. I. N. Penick, pastor at Martin, has offered four weeks, and is the first to enter the work. He begins his first meeting on Sunday, March 29th, and will continue two weeks. I want to urge the brethren and sisters all over the State to make special prayer for Bro. Penick and the pastorless church at Decaturville. All our missionaries will be praying for this.

Pastors, please mention this meeting to your people on Sunday morning, and pray for it there, and then remember it at your prayer meetings and in your homes. I hope that the women in some of the churches will have special cottage prayer meetings for this object. What a privilege to join with Bro. Penick and the church at Decaturville in prayer. How I wish I could speak to each one of you in person, and tell you how anxious I am that we lay these meetings on our hearts and begin our praying for them as the meetings begin.

Bro. G. W. Sherman of this city will soon go to Linden to begin a similar work there, and a number of others will begin as spring opens up. Remember that these men leave their churches and go as missionaries with-

out any charge to any one. Their expenses are paid by the State Board. The pastor gives his time, and his church gives him to the work. God bless the pastors that are willing to be sent on such errands as these.

The Secretary goes to Lawrenceburg to-day to try to save that splendid church building from being sold. On the first Sunday in April he will be in Charleston for the opening up of their beautiful building, and he will stay there a few days and preach. Then he will go to Pulaski for a few days meeting, to be with Bro. I. G. Murray and his people, who are making such a strong effort for their much needed house of worship.

Again the writer begs for daily prayer for each of our workers and each of our fields. Read what Bro. Penick will say in the Baptist and Reflector after the meeting closes at Decaturville.

Will not other churches send me an offering for State Missions while these men are making such offerings as these? W. C. Golden, Cor. Sec'y.

Nashville, Tenn., March 27th.

Woman's Missionary Union.

At the last annual meeting of the State Union, held at Humboldt, there was a general expression of strong desire that we go forward. How to accomplish this desire is a question sought to be answered by the recent appointment of a Committee on Plan of Work, with Mrs. J. P. Jordan of Nashville as Chairman. Mrs. Jordan has written to every Associational Vice-president, asking what, in her opinion, is the most feasible way to arouse an interest in missions among the women of her locality. She asks especially that a practical discussion of this question be held at meetings for women at the Associational gatherings this summer, that suggestions may be ready for consideration by the next annual meeting of Tennessee W. M. U.

The importance of a woman's meeting at the District Association is very great. If our vice-presidents cannot be there to conduct such a meeting, will they not secure some capable woman to seize the opportunity and win the attention of at least a part of the many sisters who are present? There are pastors and brethren heartily in favor of woman's work who will lend assistance if given necessary information regarding the Woman's Missionary Union, and requested to grant us their aid. Begin in time to prepare the way. Write to the pastor of the church where the Association meets. Send literature to him and to others prominently interested. Try to have the meeting announced and sisters invited when publication is made of the meeting of the Association. Try to have a comfortable place provided. Arrange for simple exercises and plain, direct statements, with singing in which all can join.

One of our vice-presidents well acquainted with conditions in the country writes thus forcibly and intelligently of the need of an advance movement: "The work of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Union is of sufficient importance to call forth the most earnest and painstaking endeavor to effect its accomplishment. Their results from the small per cent of societies organized are but a faint beginning for the greater things to come if all our hosts of Southern Baptist women were at work. The woman's society in my home church gave \$60. Multiply that by the thirty churches of the Association and we have \$1,800. Divide that by two and then by two again and we have a wonderful result. Multiply that one-fourth estimate by the number of country churches in Tennessee and divide again and still a wonderful outcome. Were there an active society in every church in our Association, supplies enough could be gathered which would not be missed, from this Association, to feed the number of orphans now in the Home. The people are not too stingy to give, but there's no one to gather it up. And consider not alone the money and supplies. Much of talent and zeal lies hidden that only need opportunity to burst forth into loyal, grateful and efficient service.

"There is this in favor of keeping up the societies both of women and young people. The social life in the country is all in the churches, and much can be done by cultivating the social side along with the missionary feature. People in the country have not the thousand things to distract attention and consume energies like city people, and, when they know how to manage it, they will carry on the work with greater singleness of purpose. There is many a consecrated soul only waiting to be told how to do something. When I had finished my little talk to the women of a country church, a dear old lady in a black calico sunbonnet came to me, her face shining with awakened zeal, and handed me a small sum of money, saying that it was for the mission cause. Oh! yes, people like that will do things. And when I turn from the present prospect and think of the wonderful possibilities so near to us, I feel like pleading with all the ardor of my soul for careful and prayerful consideration of this matter on the part of those who make the plans."

Sunday-school Progress.

The many indications of advancement and improvement in the teaching work of the churches cannot be spoken of in the compass of an article. Some of the factors in which Baptists are more directly concerned may be treated possibly to profit.

The constituency of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention may congratulate themselves on the forward, epoch-making moves of this great agency for this especial service. The courses of lectures at the Seminary in Louisville in 1902 attracted as much attention as that of the preceding year. The institute held in connection with it helped all the Sunday-school forces of the city. This work, begun by Baptists, has been exalted by others, and emulated by at least one other Seminary,

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that of the Cumberland Presbyterians at Lebanon, Tenn. In connection with the course there, Sunday-school Work, a publication of theirs, announced a "carefully organized institute." We took the first steps. I believe we are generally credited thus. Others are now following. Let the good work go on until every "school of the prophets" in the world pays especial attention to the important work of teaching in the Sunday-school.

The field workers of our Board constitute another advancement. The Lord has certainly led in the selection of Brethren Spilman and Inlow. I have been privileged to know both of these workers. May God use them greatly to his glory and give further blessing and approval to the work of the Board by guiding in the choice of others which are yet to be chosen. Such laborers can but prove powerful helpers in a much-to-be-desired growth.

The books for the Sunday-school now being published by the Board are destined to become factors of no little importance in Sunday-school progress. The two which contain the Sunday-school Lectures before the Seminary, Dr. Hatcher's "Pastor and the Sunday-school" and Dr. Schauffler's "Pastoral Leadership of Sunday-school Forces," will enlarge the influence of those addresses and perpetuate their usefulness. The series for teachers and to-be teachers should be furnished, if possible, by the school to every worker. Bro. Spilman's "Normal Studies for Sunday-school Workers" and Dr. Moore's "The Books of the Bible" are already in print. Others will doubtless be forthcoming. Dr. Frost's recent tracts, "A Word and a Plea with those Not Using the Sunday-school Periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention," and "The Sunday-school Problem and What Can be Done with It," are very timely. It is to be hoped that every school which needs it will listen to this plea and order its literature henceforth from the Board at Nashville. The last named tract is a powerful presentation of a most important matter. If it is given a general reading by pastors and other interested persons it can scarcely fail to accomplish untold good in doing something with the prob-

lem which it discusses so ably. Dr. Frost has done monumental service.

All these items mentioned call for greater devotion on the part of the Baptists of the South. Both pastors and churches should take hold of the Sunday-school with new vigor. Let us give especial attention to the call on page 6 of "The Sunday-school Problem." Our Secretary there says: "Our watchword is for a vigorous campaign for Sunday-school extension. Speaking broadly, we need more schools, larger schools, better schools." May we not see to it that the efforts of the Board are heartily seconded all over the territory of the Convention, new schools organized where there are none, and old ones increased in numbers and efficiency? Is there a better way in which to help—in bringing in the kingdom of our Lord?

Cabell W. Chadwick.

Honey Grove, Texas.

Drifting Afar Off.

It seems to us that some who call themselves Baptists are drifting a long way from the landmarks of the Bible when Baptist preachers and Baptist Governors can find so many good things to say of "General" Booth, the Commander of the Salvation Army, on his recent trip to Nashville and Atlanta, and so many Baptists attend his speakings. What is Booth that he should be boosted up so much? The census of 1890 shows that he had only a little over 8,000 members in his army scattered over thirty States, and eighty of these commands had less than thirty in number, and none of them had 200. Their property that year amounted only to a little over \$380,000 in the United States. The Salvation Army, according to the census report, allows women to preach, have no communion service in honor of the Master, and have a "general" whom they are strictly to obey instead of Christ. Here are three things strictly against New Testament teaching. Then their mode of worship is not creditable or honorable to Christ. They cast pearls before swine. They create no capital in this country, but appear as beggars on the streets, hence their small outlay in church property. It takes what they can beg from the people for themselves and "General" Booth. When Booth is gone, he is now very old, he has several sons trained up to take his place. It is no doubt a "fat" position, and he is anxious to keep it in the family.

J. S. Williams.

Cumming, Ga.

A Recent Experience of Affliction.

On the first days of last week I was feeling unusually well, and had planned and executed a great deal of pastoral work on this extensive field. On Wednesday evening I led the prayer meeting in the church, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. On retiring for sleep that night I detected for the first time a sore spot on the hip and on the thigh joint, but as it gave me no pain I soon fell asleep and slept till morning. On rising the

next day I noticed an increase in the soreness of the affected member, and soon found it necessary to use a cane in walking about the house. My good wife applied liniment treatment and soon had the skin in a blister, and I supposed that would relieve it. I spent a restless night of suffering, and next morning found it impossible to make the slightest movement of the limb without the greatest pain. This was a new experience, and being convinced that something more radical must be done, I hastened to summon my family physician. He came at once, and having committed myself first to the Lord, I did the same to him, asking the Lord to direct him in the diagnosis and treatment to the end that I might have a speedy recovery. Two days have passed and the pain has all gone. I can use the limb and walk without the help of a cane, and every indication points to a speedy and complete recovery.

Bro. W. C. Cleveland of the city did me the kindness to come out and fill my pulpit morning and evening. The Lord will reward him for it.

The present week will be observed as self-denial week in the interest of Home Missions by the Ladies of our Missionary Society of about thirty members. Wednesday evening they hold a public meeting in the church, for which an attractive program has been arranged. To God be all the praise.

J. M. Phillips.

West Nashville, Tenn., March 23d.

Accommodations at Savannah.

Delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Bodies may procure entertainment at the following places and terms per day:

- 700 The DeSoto Hotel (headquarters), \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.
- 200 The Pulaski Hotel, \$2 to \$2.50.
- 150 The Screven House, \$1.75 to \$2.
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- 50 The Marshall House, \$1.
- 75 The Planters' Hotel, \$1.
- 60 The W. C. T. Union, new, with shower baths, \$1.
- 10 The Central Hotel, \$1.
- 20 The Oglethorpe Hotel, ladies only, \$1.
- 12 Helmken's Cafe, \$1.50.
- 20 Mrs. Young, 104 Harris St., East, \$1.
- 16 Mrs. Jenkins, 125 Habersham Street, \$1.
- 10 Mrs. Whatley, 224 State Street, West, \$1.
- 75 Mrs. Allen, 18 Oglethorpe Ave., West, \$1.
- 30 The Palmetto House, \$1.
- 8 Mrs. Miller, 122 Bryan Street, West, \$1.

All of these places are within five blocks of headquarters and the meeting places of both men's and women's meetings.

The numbers to the left indicate the capacity of the house for guests.

In a few days we will have a folder published with all places where guests can be entertained. These will be

furnished in quantities to all State Secretaries, and may be obtained either from them or the undersigned.

The committee shall be glad to serve any brother or sister, but we advise all to make their own arrangements in writing with your host.

Bannon Lodge at Thunderbolt—three miles out on the salts—will entertain twenty gentlemen for \$1.50 each a day. Cars run both ways every fifteen minutes. Here is the finest eating place for sea food in the South.

John D. Jordan.

Savannah, Ga.

M. T. S. S. Convention.

Program of Middle Tennessee Baptist Sunday-school Convention to be held with the Centennial Church, Nashville, Tenn., April 16, 17, 1903:

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Baptist Young People's Union. "The Sphere of the B. Y. P. U. in the Church Life." Spencer Tunnell,

"Practical B. Y. P. U. Methods." E. S. Reaves.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.—Devotional services. J. P. Brownlow.

9:30 a. m.—What Can the Sunday-school do for the Home? R. R. Acree, A. W. Lamar, P. B. Jones.

10:30 a. m.—What can the Home do for the Sunday-school? Martin Ball, Raleigh Wright, W. M. Woodcock.

2:00 p. m.—The Relation of the Sunday-school to Missions. W. L. Howse, J. B. Alexander, E. M. Gardner.

3:00 p. m.—Requisites for Efficient Sunday-school Work. Charles McKenzie, C. T. Cheek, F. W. Moore, J. J. Hill, W. B. Paul, R. R. Caldwell. (In five minute talks).

Query Box. Lansing Burrows.

Evening—7:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises. W. F. Sloan.

8:00 p. m.—The Holy Spirit in the Sunday-school. J. O. Rust, G. A. Lofton. General discussion.

What Shall Take Its Place?

The question of temperance is being agitated throughout Tennessee and other States with marked success, and the praying people, the Christian men and women have cause to rejoice over the victories won. But the battle is only begun. What are we going to give to our young men, our old men, to every frequenter of the saloon which will take the place and acceptably fill it in the Christian sense? Drinking is only one of the many evils of the saloon. Every town has boys and young men whose idea of life seems to be to loaf. "Sons of Rest" is possibly the order to which they belong, and unless some clean, healthy, moral place is provided where they can find entertainment they will create one of lower order. Reading and recreation rooms are what we need, not necessarily a Y. M. C. A. department, but on that order. If such were provided where young men and boys of all classes could find profitable entertainment and amusement, the loss of the saloon would be hardly felt.

Why not agitate this question? Our small towns must save their boys. Who will help? A Friend of the Boys.

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Hon. H. L. Dunham, Ex-Mayor of Dover, N. J.

An interesting letter to our readers from Hon. H. L. Dunham, Ex-Mayor of Dover, N. J.

Dover, N. J., Nov. 12th, 1902.

I had both kidney and liver trouble for over three years. I tried the best physicians in Washington, D. C., Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Chicago, and regret to say that I received very little benefit until I commenced taking the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. After taking the first bottle I noticed quite a change which satisfied me that at last I had found the right medicine. I continued on until I had taken four bottles, by this time I noticed such a marked improvement in my health, in every way, that I felt satisfied I was cured. But, to be positive beyond a question or doubt, I was in Chicago during July, 1902, and went to the Columbus Medical Laboratory, No. 103 State St., and had them make a thorough and complete microscopical examination which showed my kidneys and liver to be perfectly well and healthy. I have their written report in my possession, signed by the doctors of the above Medical Laboratory, which is recognized as one of the best in the country.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Dunham

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THE RESURRECTION.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead." That is certainly a most astonishing statement. The idea that anyone should or could rise from the dead. Reason, philosophy, science, all would pronounce against such a thing as an impossibility. The cold, critical, cultured Athenians scoffed at the idea. And so does the world today. And yet Paul makes the statement in a positive, unequivocal manner, "Now Christ is risen from the dead." Or as it is in the revised version, "Now hath Christ been raised from the dead"—that is, by the power of God. This statement, if it be true, is the most remarkable fact in the world's history. It is the central fact in the world's history. It is the consummation of his wonderful life, the test of his miraculous power, the proof of his divinity. So important is it that there is no Christianity without it. He died for our sins and rose again for our justification. His death saved us from death. His resurrection brings to us life. It showed that we have a living Christ, not a dead Christ.

But is it a fact? We have not time to argue this question at length. Here are a few points which seem to us to render the fact incontrovertible: There is the testimony of witnesses that they had seen him after he rose. There were ten appearances. Among others he was seen by as many as 500 at one time, many of whom were living when Paul wrote this epistle. Then there is the remarkable fact of the effect of his resurrection on his disciples. Before that they were downcast, despondent, even cowardly; but after that they were hopeful, bold and brave. How else can you account for this transformation, this revolution in their character, except by the resurrection of Christ?

Then there was the empty tomb. How else could you explain that? It stands as a mute but eloquent witness to the fact of the resurrection. So strong are all these evidences that they produce overwhelming conviction in the mind of anybody who will study the subject.

But this is not all. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." He conquered death and the grave and his resurrection became the earnest, the pledge, the guarantee of the resurrection of our bodies from the grave. It was through Adam, as the representative head of the race, that death came into the world. And it was through Christ, the second representative man, that the resurrection from death came. This resurrection from the dead, however, does not mean that we shall have the same bodies in the other world. Heaven is a spiritual place, and flesh and blood cannot enter there, nor that which perishes. But everyone who died or shall be alive at the second coming of Christ shall be changed in an instant, and the corruptible, the perishable body, shall become imperishable, the mortal shall become immortal. Then shall be fulfilled the saying of Isaiah, "Death is swallowed up in victory." Death is conquered and led captive at the feet of Jesus. Paul then breaks out into that ecstatic exclamation taken from Hosea, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" The sting of death is sin. If it were not for sin and the remorse and condemnation which it brings to us we should not mind death. The sting of sin is the law. Death is conceived of as a scorpion. Sin is its sting and the law is the power which drives in the sting—the law which said "the soul that sinneth it shall die." Is there no hope, no escape? In ourselves there is none. But there is a way out. Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory *through our Lord Jesus Christ*. Through him we overcome death. What a glorious truth! How noble, how inspiring, how comforting! How it strengthens us in our Christian life! How it should enable us to abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labors are not in vain in the Lord!

MONEY NOT EVERYTHING.

The papers have had a good deal to say recently about Mr. Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, the richest and mightiest business combine in the world. When Mr. Schwab was first elected president of the Steel Corporation it was announced that his salary was \$1,000,000. This was afterwards denied, but evidently the salary was very large. Mr. Schwab has taken two trips to Europe, one in the interest of the Steel Corporation, when he astonished the natives by his lavish expenditure of money, among other things ordering special trains to travel from point to point. His second trip was for his health, which had broken down under the strain of his great responsibilities.

Mr. Schwab seems to have labored under the idea that money was everything. He delivered an address before a school in New York in which he indicated that it was a mistake for boys to be spending years in school studying, that they ought to be at work making money, instancing himself as a notable example. What is the sequel?

In an interview published in the *New York Post* recently Mr. Schwab confesses to have been disillusioned. He has made the tardy discovery that money is not everything in the world. He has piles of money—more than he can use—but somehow he is not happy. He avers that if he had to choose between living up to a half million dollars a year, and living

on five hundred a year, he would choose the latter. All along he has thought of altruism as a fad, an abnormal sentiment, an empty and insincere thing. He admits that his ambition in life has been to make money and become rich, and that he has fully attained the object of his ambition. Now Mr. Schwab professes a change—a change that set in when he woke up to a realization of the fact that he had more money than he could possibly use for his own benefit and gratification.

So it has ever been and so will it ever be. Money in itself is nothing. It does not give happiness. It brings cares and burdens and responsibilities and often uneasiness and misery. Money as a means to an end of helping our fellow-men is greatly to be desired. But when a person drops the *l* out of gold and makes a *god* out of it he descends to a plane of materialism which is invariably accompanied by bitter disappointments and regret and often remorse.

The trouble with Mr. Schwab was that he made the mistake of living for self and not for others, of trying to get all he could for himself without regard for others. The selfish life is always a miserable life. No life is worth living which is lived for self. It is cold and bare and sensual and miserable. Only that life is worth living which is lived for others, the altruistic and not the egotistic life, God centered not self centered, the essential law of whose being is centrifugal not centripetal, leading outward not inward, giving not getting, or at least getting only to give. We hope that the experience of Mr. Schwab will impress upon the youth of our country the important fact which many of them seem in danger of forgetting—that money of itself is not everything nor does it of itself bring everything.

A NEFARIOUS BUSINESS.

We have received the following letter:

E. E. Folk, Nashville, Tenn.:

Dear Sir:—Please use this stamped envelope as requested below. It's the third one we have sent you within a year. In our many letters to you we have always tried to be courteous and business-like, but we don't want to take up any more of your time if you are not interested. Put yourself in our place and you will appreciate the slight favor we ask. It won't take you a minute and it costs you nothing.

If you don't use whisky, not even as a medicine, kindly say so on this sheet and we will not write you again.

If you do use whisky, tell us why we have not interested you, if you don't care to fill out and mail us the enclosed card.

If you do use whisky, please let us make you a shipment on approval. You pay nothing, not even a postage stamp, if you are not perfectly satisfied after you have tried it. We pay express charges going and coming back, too, if you don't like the whisky. You risk nothing. We ship in plain sealed case. No marks to show contents.

Remember this whisky goes direct from our distillery to you, with all of its original purity, strength, richness and flavor, thus avoiding all chances of adulteration and saving you the enormous profits of the dealers. We supply regularly with our whisky nearly half a million of the most prominent business men in this country who wouldn't have anything but the best. There is nothing cheap about—whisky except the price. It's better than you can get elsewhere for even double the money. We ship on that guarantee. It won't cost you a cent to try it. Just fill out and mail us the enclosed card and we will do the rest.

Yours very truly,

The ——— Distilling Co.,
——— President.

We publish this letter because a similar letter is evidently being sent to other people in the State, and we want the public to understand about the matter. It seems to us a very nefarious business.

PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL.

Have you made a contribution for Home and Foreign Missions this year? If not, do so at once. You certainly want to have a part in the grand work of saving the lost world, do you not?

Iowa recently adopted a law permitting the confinement of confirmed drunkards in lunatic asylums. What about confirmed saloon-keepers? Shall you punish the victim and let the tempter go free?

The Mann liquor bill in the Virginia Legislature, which has been amended so as to make it apply only to rural districts and villages under 500 inhabitants, stands an excellent chance of passage with the amendment. That does not seem a great deal. But still it is something. And besides, it is a forward step.

Both Waco and Houston, Texas, have decided to invite the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1904. We shall be glad to go to Texas, but hope that the Texas brethren will agree as to which place shall invite us. It would be embarrassing for us to have to choose between the two places.

It is announced that the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C., has tendered a call to Dr. M. W. Egerton of Knoxville to become its pastor. While Wilmington is a fine field, we see no reason why Dr. Egerton should leave Knoxville, where he is doing so much good. We should be sorry to lose him from Tennessee.

The total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board up to March 15th were \$109,736.04. The indebtedness was at that time \$53,635.71. This seems a large amount to be raised in six weeks, but we believe that it can and will be done. It will require, however, that every man shall put his shoulder to the wheel. Let each one do what he can.

Pastor, have you taken a contribution for Home and Foreign Missions from your church this Conventional year? You haven't? Well, what is your church for, and what are you there for, except to lead the church in the salvation of the world? Will you not take a collection this month so that it may reach the Boards before their books close on April 30th?

The picture of Rev. R. J. Campbell, who as the successor of Dr. Joseph Parker at City Temple, London, England, has been having remarkable success, shows him to be quite youthful and almost effeminate in appearance. Evidently, however, he is a man of much power. It is thought that he will take the place in London formerly occupied by Mr. Charles H. Spurgeon.

The Tennessee Farmer said recently: "More horses, hogs, cows, sheep and fewer saloons and worthless dogs and the State would be much better off." This is true and strikingly said. We are glad to see the Tennessee Farmer taking such a firm stand on the side of temperance. The editor, Capt. Sadler, is our neighbor and is one of the cleverest men in the State. The Tennessee Farmer is one of the best agricultural papers in the South.

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards will have fine reports to present to the Southern Baptist Convention of work accomplished this year. Do you not want to have a part in that work? Then give a contribution to Home and Foreign Missions—not necessarily a large one, but something, anything that you feel able to give, so that you may come into partnership with God in the work of saving lost souls, both in our own and in foreign lands.

We regret to learn of the death, on March 25th, of Mrs. Stubblefield, wife of our Bro. E. Stubblefield of Rutherford, Tenn. She was in Nashville some weeks ago for treatment, but the physician's skill could do her no good. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Daniel of Rutherford, and was a lady of fine culture and noble Christian character. We tender to her loved ones, and especially to the bereaved husband, our deep sympathy in her loss.

We are glad to report that Dr. A. U. Boone, who, as we stated recently, was at a hospital in this city,

is getting along nicely, and is now with friends in Kentucky. He expects to fill his pulpit in Memphis next Sunday. It should be stated that the reason why Dr. Boone came to Nashville to have the operation performed was because he has a brother-in-law here who is a specialist in the disease from which Dr. Boone suffered.

We were glad to have a visit on last Monday from Rev. Paul Price, the well known evangelist who is assisting Dr. G. A. Lofton in a series of meetings at the Central Baptist Church, this city. The meetings have been quite successful. Up to last Sunday there were twelve additions to the church. Much good was accomplished among Christians. The preaching of Bro. Price is clear, strong, evangelical and effective. He is a safe evangelist. We recommend him to pastors needing an evangelist.

We call attention to the program of the Middle Tennessee Sunday-school Convention on page seven this week. As you see, the program is quite an interesting one. We hope that there will be a large attendance, and if so, we are sure that the meeting will be quite helpful. As has previously been announced, the West Tennessee Convention will meet at Whiteville on April 22d. Bro. Glass has been working to secure an attendance of 500 at that meeting.

Dr. G. C. Savage, the distinguished oculist of this city, was taken seriously ill last week with appendicitis and had to be operated upon. We are glad to say that the operation was quite successful and he is now fairly on the road to recovery. He is one of the most valuable men in the State. Outside of his profession he is prominent in denominational circles, being a member of the Sunday-school Board, State Mission Board and President of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist University. We hope that he may soon be fully restored to health.

On our recent trip to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at Biloxi, we traveled over the "old reliable" L. & N. R. R. The service on this road is unsurpassed. Trains are equipped with day coaches, chair coaches, sleepers and dining cars. It was not surprising that the travel was heavy. Hon. John Bell Keeble, district attorney of this road for Tennessee, is making a fine reputation in that position. He is a Baptist and a high-toned Christian gentleman. We have known him from his boyhood and have watched his successful career with much interest and pleasure.

Gen. W. H. Jackson died at his home, Belle Meade, near this city, on last Monday night. Gen. Jackson was a distinguished soldier in the war between the States. Soon after the close of the war he married the daughter of Gen. W. G. Harding, and at the death of Gen. Harding became the proprietor of Belle Meade, which, under his skillful hand, became one of the most famous farms in all the world. All who have ever had the privilege of going to Belle Meade and of sharing its hospitality will miss the genial and hospitable host who was for so many years its master. Gen. Jackson was a member of McKendree Methodist Church, this city.

We were glad to have a visit last week from our friend Dr. H. P. Hudson of Haywood County. He is greatly interested in the question of education in the rural districts, and he came to Nashville to see what could be done about the matter of securing longer terms in the country. He found a ready sympathy in Gov. Frazier. Dr. Hudson is one of the strongest Missionary Baptists and one of the most active laymen in the State. He makes it a point to attend all of our denominational gatherings whenever practicable—his own church services, the fifth Sunday meetings of his Association, the Associations, the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following towns are to be added to those mentioned in our issue of March 19th which have gotten rid of saloons or are in process of doing so under the Adams law: Rogersville, Sparta, Huntingdon, Germantown, Mason and Collierville, making

thirty-seven altogether. This leaves saloons in only five towns in the State under 5,000 inhabitants—Winchester, Lynchburg, Camden, Bartlett and Raleigh. Winchester lost by twenty-seven votes. At Camden it was lost by 52 to 50. Fraud is charged, however, and an appeal has been taken to the Legislature. We hope that it will abolish the saloons. But counting Camden, and counting Bartlett and Raleigh as parts of Memphis, this leaves only twelve places in the State where liquor can be legally sold.

That is quite a suggestive article on page seven, headed, "What Shall Take Its Place?" Perhaps we may be allowed to violate confidence to the extent of saying that "A Friend of the Boys" is a young lady—and a fine one, too. We think her suggestion eminently wise, and especially appropriate just now. Young men want and need some kind of recreation, some place to go. One of the most attractive aspects of the saloon was its social feature. It was through that feature that many boys were drawn to it. Now that the saloon has been driven from nearly every town in Tennessee, let these various communities see that something shall take its place. We like the suggestion of a reading room. We would suggest also that a literary club be organized in every town to meet once a week. Give the boys somewhere to go, and they will not want to go to a saloon.

We return thanks to Dr. Oscar Haywood, formerly pastor of the First Church, Jackson, now pastor in Waterbury, Conn., for a genuine Waterbury watch. We hope that by its assistance we shall be able to keep better time than ever—if it does not take all of our time winding it up. Dr. Haywood says that his work in Waterbury is "glorious." The congregations are so large scores of people are turned away at every service. He baptizes people every week. There have been fifty or seventy-five conversions since he took charge of the church three months ago. Some thirty or forty have been received for baptism and as many more by letter. All of this has been without any series of meetings. The membership of the church is about 800. The Sunday-school has a membership of 450, with an average attendance of 400. This is fine.

A good sister, the widow of a Baptist preacher, who was a very useful minister of the gospel in his life, writes us in regard to the Baptist and Reflector, which she has been getting: "Of course I have enjoyed it and would be only too glad to have it, but I sew for fifty cents a day to keep three children in school, and cannot possibly pay for it. May God bless you and the paper. Pray for me and my three fatherless children. If it should fail to come we will miss it sadly." We have credited her paper up to the present. Now is there not some one who will send it to her for another year? If you will send us \$1 we will continue the paper a year to her. We hope to have an early response to this appeal. We believe that we have never made an appeal of the kind without receiving a response. If there should be more than one, we could easily find other persons to whom to send the paper.

Mr. M. C. Byrum, who states that he recently came to Nashville from Robertson County, has written a letter to the Board of Public Works, this city, applying for a position as a member of the police force, in which he gives the names and addresses of twenty-nine different gambling houses that are now running contrary to law. He says that as the one hundred policemen now on the force have not been able heretofore to find them, and as he has done so, and thinks he can find others, he is entitled to appointment as a member of the force, and suggests that the Board might afford to lay off some fifteen or twenty policemen for a rest this spring and let him take their places. We fully agree with Mr. Byrum in this conclusion. The question, by the way, is being openly and persistently asked, What is the secret of the power of these gambling-house proprietors which enables them to run their nefarious business so openly as is done in Nashville? Do they pay money for their privilege? If so, to whom? We cannot answer. But an answer is demanded.

THE HOME

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.
Nurse puts me to bed in my little room
And takes away the light;
I cuddle down in the blankets warm
And shut my eyes up tight,
Then off 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 ponies 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 played like he used 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.

A Story About Mr. Blue Jay.

I had always heard stories about the disagreeable disposition of the Blue Jay family, but I never liked to believe them—the Blue Jays are such handsome birds!

Last summer I had an opportunity to watch a pair, and now I think myself that some Blue Jays are not very amiable.

The two bright creatures chose a branch in the great Maple by my pantry window on which to build their nest. I soon noticed that, when Mr. Blue Jay might just as well have been at work a not, he was so busy telling Mrs. Blue Jay that she must "work a leedle, work a leedle, work a leedle," he quite forgot to work himself!

When he did help, he used coarse twigs for the outside because they went so much farther than small ones; and he was not at all particular about the lining. Instead of hunting for horse hair and bits of wool, he took the dead grass at the foot of the tree because it was less trouble.

But Mrs. Jay didn't seem to mind the rough nest, nor Mr. Blue Jay's idle habits. She used to sit there on her eggs and turn her head this way and that, to watch him as he flew about. He was such a beautiful fellow, with the softest of blue coats and the blackest of satin ties, that she thought he was too fine to work, and she hoped that the children would look like him.

But one day a dreadful thing happened to him.

That morning, instead of going to the brook, he flew down to the ice-water drain to get a drink of water, and almost at once he saw another bird marching straight toward him. (It was only his reflection in the cellar window, but Mr. Blue Jay did not know that.) With a shrill cry of rage he ruffled his feathers, and, hopping toward the window, raised his wings to strike. The other bird did the same thing. This made him so angry that he bounded into the air like a ball, and drove his sharp beak against the window. He meant to

make an end of the saucy fellow; but there he was still unharmed.

Mr. Blue Jay was so angry that he fairly screamed as he tried it all over, his feet and bill striking against the glass. Mrs. Blue Jay heard the noise, and almost stood on her eggs, looking down to learn what was the matter.

I could see the poor thing flutter. "Jaygee," she called gently, "I'm so hungry! Bring me up a bug, won't you, dear?" She did this to get him away from the other bird, I suppose.

"Just wait until I finish this rascal!" he called back.

He spent the morning fighting; and by afternoon he was so tired that he had to stay on the nest while Mrs. Blue Jay hunted bugs for herself.

The next morning it was the same thing over again. Even when the little birds were hatched, Mrs. Blue Jay had to feed herself and the four hungry children, because each time that Mr. Blue Jay went for a drink he would forget his family and everything else in fighting the bird in the window.

I used to hear Mrs. Blue Jay pleading, but all in vain. Mr. Blue Jay might have gone on fighting until this very time if one day he had not nearly broken his wing trying to kill the bird in the glass. That taught him a lesson. —Paul Howard Campbell, in *Little Folks*.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them.

It was a cold, bleak winter's afternoon, and every now and then the gusts of wind blew the snow into Mr. Elliot's face as he drove from S—, a neighboring town, to his home.

About eight miles from S— the road led past a country school-house. As it was just a few minutes past four, he saw groups of the children issuing from the school-house and wending their way homeward. Just ahead of him, trudging along the snowy road, were two little girls.

On coming up to them he invited them to ride with him, as they were going the same way.

As they accepted the invitation he was impressed with the difference between them. The older of the two was a strong, rugged-looking child, well dressed and evidently well cared for, while the other was a slim, fragile little thing, in whose blue eyes shone a wistful look. Her clothing was threadbare and of a poor quality. The first child spoken of said her name was Elsie, and she chatted freely with Mr. Elliot, but little Lucy uttered scarcely a word.

After a little while Elsie got out at a comfortable looking house, which she said was her home. As they drove on, Mr. Elliot turned to the child at his side and inquired;

"Where is your home, little girl?"

"I haven't any in this world," she answered. "I just stay with some people."

"Yes, but where you live is your home, is it not?" asked Mr. Elliot.

"No, my home is where my mamma is," persisted the little maid. "She told me all about it before she went to live in heaven. She said that some day I could come, too, if I loved the Lord Jesus. Mamma always told the truth, so I am sure of having a nice home, a better one than Elsie's is. Do you know I am afraid Elsie will never go to heaven," she continued gravely, "for her father and mother are not Christians and she does not love Jesus. It is too bad, isn't it?" she said, looking up into his face with childlike confidence and simplicity.

Mr. Elliot did not answer her for some time. She did not know that her earnest, simple words had painted a picture before him, this busy man of the world, but he could see himself a boy again, and hear the words of his good old mother, as she spoke to him of that heavenly home where she hoped to meet her child. Oh, what memories they stirred in the heart of the stern-faced man! He had been called cold and selfish, but now his heart had been made tender by the faith of this child, who was homeless. Long ago his mother had prayed for him, and he was wondering if God were answering her prayers in this way. It was even so, for the impression made was so deep that Mr. Elliot in after days became a Christian. He and his wife had no children of their own, so they concluded to take Lucy into their hearts and home. Thus our Heavenly Father careth for the little ones who put their trust in him. —Mrs. Florence M. Gwinn.

Good Treatment for Southern Floors.

I get a number of inquiries this time of the year in regard to the best treatment for floors, especially from my dear Southern sister housekeepers. A Florida housewife gave me an excellent stain for floors which is well suited to warm climates. I found it an easy floor to take care of, inexpensive and pretty almost as a hard-wood floor. The preparation necessary before applying the stain is to get the floor thoroughly clean, so that the stain will adhere firmly without peeling off.

The best way to clean grease spots and soils, and not leave an uneven or clouded surface beneath is to not use strong soap or lye, but make a good warm cleansing suds of soft rain water and pearline. If there are cracks between the boards, they must be filled before the stain is applied or the floor wiped up.

Next, mix linseed oil and burnt-umber in the proportion of a tablespoonful of burnt-umber to a

pint of oil. Apply with a paint-brush, rubbing it well. A second coat may be put on after a few days, which gives better results, but one coat usually does me. Lay a little of the stain on a piece of board before you put it on the floor.

An oak-stain is made by mixing a pint of linseed-oil, a gill and a half of turpentine, three table-spoonfuls of whiting, half a table-spoon of yellow-ochre, a half tea-spoon of bismarck-brown, a half of analine-black.

Kentuckienne.

The *March Woman's Home Companion* brings with it a breath of spring. Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes writes delightfully of "Early Wild Flowers," and other spring signs are the five pages devoted to Grace Margaret Gould to the newest fashions in frocks and hats. In fiction there are the opening chapters of a novel, "The Farm of the Dagger," by Eden Phillpotts; "The Flight of Fenella," by R. S. Powell; and "The Steerage Passenger," by Frederick M. Smith. "How Modern Science Proves the Bible True," by Rev. A. T. Clay, is an article likely to provoke discussion. Other features are "What the Baptists Are Doing to Better Mankind," and "How a Great City is Kept Clean." The Departments present all sorts of suggestions relative to spring cleaning, garden-making, and such matters which are of timely interest to the housewife. Published by The Crowell Publishing Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.



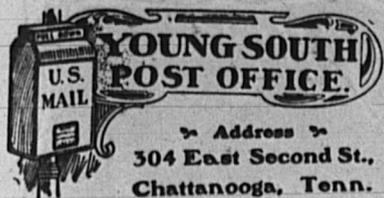
Sideache,
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Head-
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And many other aches to which women are peculiarly subject are generally the result of a diseased condition of the womanly organism. When this diseased condition is cured, sideache, backache, headache, etc., are cured also.

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"I will drop you a few lines to-day to let you know that I am feeling well now," writes Miss Annie Stephens, of Belleville, Wood Co., West Va. "I feel like a new woman. I took several bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and of the 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I have no headache now, no backache, and no pain in my side any more. No bearing-down pain any more. I think that there is no medicine like Dr. Pierce's medicine. I thank you very much for what you have done for me—your medicine has done me much good."

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Mrs. Laura Dayton Eakin, Editor

All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. Eakin, 304 E. Second Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Young South Motto: *Qui non proficit, deficit.*

Our missionary's address: Mrs. Bessie Maynard, 141 Machi, Kokura, Japan, via San Francisco, Cal.

Mission Topic for April—Italy.

The Foreign Board has 4 missionaries in Italy, and they have 26 native assistants. Pray for these!

Bible Learners—Learn Acts xx. 35. Prove it this year.

Young South Correspondence.

I have given the order for 100 Young South Pins. The next thing is to collect the necessary cash to pay the jeweler for them when they reach Chattanooga. Quite a number have spoken for them. About a dozen have already sent in the money. Now, will you send at once for the ones you wish? Enclose 25 cents for each one desired. I think we will have them by May 1st at farthest. Of course though that depends upon 100 sending in their orders, accompanied by the cash. They are stick pins, a sterling silver shield with the monogram "Y. S." in raised lettering in the center, being the design.

This morning's mail brought me the following encouraging letter from Murfreesboro:

"At our last meeting, our leader told us of the 'Y. S.' stick pins, which the Sunbeams are going to wear, and each of us decided that we wanted every one to know we belong to this mighty band. So we want you to send us eleven of these pins. We will send you the money next week with our dues. Our band is doing nicely. Three new members have joined us recently. We now number 19. We always have very interesting meetings, and we enjoy our work and our study very much. We are anxious for Mrs. Eakin to come and make us another visit. We wish all the bands success."

Roy Byrn, Treasurer.

When lamp
chimneys don't
break my name
is on them.

MACBETH.

If you'll send your address, I'll send you the Index to Lamps and their Chimneys, to tell you what number to get for your lamp.

MACBETH, Pittsburgh.

Now, if all the bands would act promptly in that way! You know I shall feel dreadfully mortified if I have to say to the jeweler, "I can't take the pins just yet. They are ordered but not paid for." I am sure you will spare me any such humiliation by sitting right down and sending in your order. Then how busy I shall be sending them out! I hope all our workers who go to Savannah will get one so they will know each other. I would suggest an extra collection at the band meetings to present one to your leader and president. It will be nice for all the officers to wear them. Any one who reads the Young South, or prays for it, or gives to its various objects, or works for it in any capacity, is entitled to wear a Young South pin. They are suited to old and young, children and grown people, boys and girls alike. How many will you take? Address Mrs. L. D. Eakin, 304 East Second Street, Chattanooga, Tenn. Coin, 1 or 2-cent stamps, checks or post office orders may be used. Bills come safely also. But bear in mind that what you do must be done quickly, as no one can have a pin until the whole 100 are paid for. Let me have a "rush" in April, so that we may all be decorated in May. I shall send Mrs. Maynard one of the first as a gift from the Young South. I know she will wear it with pleasure in far-away Japan, and think of us affectionately and prayerfully every time she puts it on.

The following have paid for the first ones made: Miss Hattie Shackelford, Mrs. J. N. Brown, 2, Mrs. Cora M. Herd, Mrs. Addie Light, Mrs. Bettie Moore, Miss Maud H. Turner, Mrs. Lena Judson Williams, Arthur B. Jones, B. A. Bowden, 2. These make the "advance guard." Who will join them?

The ninth year has ended! We are celebrating with the adoption of our "official badge" the beginning of the tenth under the present leadership. We do not begin with any great rush and scramble, to be sure. But the best momentum is not gained that way always. We are simply "getting up steam" we'll say, for our tenth year's travel. The wheels of the Young South train are just beginning to turn slowly, but we'll go faster and faster as April weeps and smiles. We are going to carry lots of happy givers by the time the Convention meets, and add \$200 to the \$1,000 we have already gotten on April 1, 1903. Every band is going to be represented, and many Sunday-school classes, many dear loving hearts who give for themselves. Many family circles and many grateful souls to whom have come special blessings, or who would commemorate their birthdays, and many sweet babies will get on in April.

Now, let us see who comes to begin the new year.

The very first one is from a Young South "grandchild," at Oak Grove:

"I am three weeks old and I want to have my name enrolled in the Young South Babies' Branch. Find enclosed 12 cents. My mother is very much in favor of the Young South

pin, and will send you orders for several later."

Janie Swaun Huggins.

Isn't that a sweet beginning? God bless you, little Janie Swaun, and make you a comfort and a joy always! The B. B. welcomes you most cordially.

No. 2 comes from one of our most faithful bands, and bears date Jonesboro:

"Enclosed find \$6.04. Give \$3 to our missionary and the rest to State Missions. This is the last received from the distribution of nickels, and brings the total to near \$75 from Limestone Church. A few years ago our church gave \$7 or \$8 annually. If some good brother or sister who reads this would lend the Lord \$5 until next fall, the results will be surprising. Break it up into 100 nickels. Give one to each child in the neighborhood to invest for the Lord, and see what can be made out of it by next November. The donor will be amazed what rapid strides his church will make along missionary lines. We have the returns on 'Children's Day,' and it is the most glorious of all days, both in contributions and spirituality. Just try it once! The Young South has our best wishes."

W. S. Squibb.

That's fine work! Many thanks for the generous offering and the practical suggestion, which I hope many will take up. I have known it work well in a number of places.

No. 3 comes from Puryear:

"Enclosed find 50 cents for two 'Y. S.' pins. I like the plan."

B. A. Bowden.

That shows faith! The pins will go at the earliest possible date. Many thanks.

No. 4 is from Gu'dger:

"Find enclosed \$1 for Japan, the proceeds of our Wednesday eggs."

Ella, Harriet and Tom Isbell.

Now which of these will wear the button? It will go just as soon as my fresh supply comes from Philadelphia. I am sure "Daisy" will want a pin. I hope the hens will outdo themselves on Wednesdays. We are most grateful.

No. 5 comes from that lovely band of ours in Cleveland:

"It was raining yesterday so I could not go to church, nor could Mrs. Davis be there. So I had the children come to my home, as I felt we must have one more meeting this month. My sitting room was full of the brightest 'Sunbeams,' notwithstanding the lowering clouds, and we had a most helpful meeting to me, and I hope to them. The little boy who sent the last dollar has 33 cents on another, and there are others who will soon be wearing buttons, I hope. We enclose \$2 for Mrs. Maynard. We will send the roll next week. We have sent her over 500 cards."

Emma Hampton.

I think we shall hear from our dear missionary before long. I know she appreciates Cleveland's kind remembrance of her work in all these ways. We hope to see some of the Cleveland Band at our "all-day meeting" on April 8th. Many thanks for this

new proof of their love for the Young South. I know we shall have an order for pins from them soon.

We do not often have tidings from South Carolina, but No. 6 comes from that grand old Southern State:

"You will find enclosed \$2 for Mrs. Bessie Harlowe Maynard's salary. I hope to do more in the future for her. May God bless the Young South in its work." Mrs. W. T. Fireshuts.

We are deeply obliged, and so glad to enter South Carolina in Young South territory, and we hope to hear again from this new friend.

No. 7 is from Russellville:

"Please send me a coin-taker which I will try to fill. I am a little boy of 10, and a cousin to Lizzie Pangle of Three Springs. I saw hers, and that made me want to try to do some work for God." Allen T. Currier.

I send you a coin-taker and ark both. Won't you try too to interest some one else? Thus we provoke each other to good works. When you send in the coin-taker or ark filled, I'll send you a pretty Bible button to wear as a souvenir of your work for the Master.

There's just one more thing. This is for the grown-up members of this great wide-spread band. The beloved

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president of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union writes me that Mrs. A. M. Gwaltney of Richmond will arrange the program for young people's work at Savannah. I want to beg that any one asked to take part in it will not refuse. I only wish I was going myself, but since that is not possible, I want the bands of Tennessee well represented by those who are interested in Young South work, and who can be at the annual meeting of the W. M. U. I will take great pleasure in furnishing any data needed. Mrs. Wheeler will honor us by wearing our pin.

That's all for our first week. Let's double, if we do not treble, the number of letters next week. Pray and work hard for \$200 in April. Tennessee needs your help, Dr. Willingham says. She must not fall behind in her appropriation. Come on now, fast and steadily! Most hopefully yours,

Laura Dayton Eakin.

Receipts

First week in April, 1903.	
FOR JAPAN.	
Limestone Church, Jonesboro, by W. S. Squibb	\$ 3 00
E. H. and T. Isbell, Gudger	1 00
Cleveland Sunbeams, by Miss Emma Hampton	2 00
Mrs. W. T. Firebush, South Carolina	2 00
FOR STATE BOARD.	
Limestone Church, by W. S. Squibb	3 04
FOR BABIES' BRANCH.	
Janie Swann Huggins, Oak Grove	12
FOR PINS.	
B. A. Bowden, Puryear (2)	50
For buttons, L. D. E.	30
For postage	02
Total	\$11 98
Received since April 1, 1903.	
For Japan	\$ 8 00
" State Missions	3 64
" Babies' Branch	12
" Pins	50
" Postage, buttons, etc.	32
Total	\$11 98
First three quarters	\$702 92
January offerings	198 35
February offerings	88 59
March offerings	76 32
Total	\$1061 18
Annual Report of Young South From April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903.	
For Japan	755 00
" Orphans' Home	184 93
" Home Board	55 30
" Foreign Board	29 75
" State Board	31 80
" Foreign Journal	11 00
" Ministerial Education	2 00
" Ministerial Relief	1 00
" Colportage	4 82
" Postage, buttons, etc.	15 15
Total	\$1061 18

Laura Dayton Eakin, Treasurer.

RECENT EVENTS.

Rev. W. S. Leake resigned the pastorate of the Fulton church, in Richmond, to take up evangelistic work under the direction of the State Mission Board.

Mr. Ernest W. Provence, son of Rev. S. M. Provence of Tuskegee, Ala., will publish the Western Baptist for the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. He is a skilled printer as well as a cultivated Christian man.

Dr. L. M. Roper of Spartanburg, S.

C., has declined the presidency of Furman University, to which he was recently elected. He says that he has been in Spartanburg only three years and his work is in no sense complete.

Rev. A. J. Reamy of Madisonville, Fla., recently assisted Rev. Fred Jones in a meeting in Pensacola. There were quite a number of additions to the church both by profession and letter, with more to follow in the near future.

Rev. K. W. Cawthon has resigned the pastorate of the church at St. Augustine, Fla. to accept a call to Marshallville, Ga. The Baptist Witness says: "His removal from Florida will be a real loss to our cause not only in the Ancient City, but throughout the State."

Rev. W. A. Mabry died recently at Sylvester, Ga. He was for some time field editor of the Christian Index and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and daughter. Bro. W. D. Upshaw has undertaken the education of the daughter at Monroe College.

Mr. John R. Slater, who for seven years has been associate editor of the Standard, retires from that position to become managing editor of Christendom, a new paper soon to be published in Chicago. Mr. Slater is a writer of much grace and ability. We wish him great success in his new position.

Rev. George Braxton Taylor, D.D., pastor of Liberty church, at West Apomattox, Va., has accepted a call to the Enon and Troutville field, of the Valley Association. In connection with his pastoral work at these two churches, he has been elected as resident chaplain of Hollins Institute. His duties in the new field began April 1st.

One of the saddest affairs which has occurred in this city for some time was the death of Mrs. Benson, wife of Dr. G. G. Benson, by burning, caused by her clothing catching fire as she was about to prepare breakfast. She was a faithful member of the Third Baptist Church and an exemplary Christian woman. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Wright.

Rev. Frank M. Wells recently closed a meeting with the Erie Avenue Baptist Church, Williamsport, Pa., with about 25 professions. His next meeting is in Philadelphia. Bro. Wells' wife is a fine soloist and gospel singer and is a great help to him in his meetings. He expects to bring her with him to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Savannah, and will be glad to make engagements for meetings in Tennessee.

Bro. W. D. Upshaw recently held a meeting at the Glenn-street Church, Atlanta, Ga. The church was revived and strengthened in many ways. Eight were received for baptism and many others professed conversion. The congregations were good from the start and increased to the end. Bro. Upshaw spoke the last night on Christian Education, and was given a great collection for Monroe College. Bro. Upshaw is doing a fine work as financial agent of Monroe College.

A mother had returned from her club and was showing her son a beautiful and costly prize she had won, and was greatly elated over it. When she had done, the boy replied: "That's

nothing, mamma, I won ten dollars in a game down town last night." Her countenance fell, and it dawned upon her that her boy was a gambler, and she had set the example. Full many mothers in this city will one day weep over lost boys whom they have led astray. Fortunately for society, women of this kind usually have but few children.—Geo. W. McCall in Baptist Standard.

A Happy Pastor.

Thursday, March 26th, 10 a. m., a procession of buggies from east and west clashed in front of our home in Watertown. For several minutes the wildest confusion seemed to prevail. You can imagine our feelings when streams of people rushed in and demanded an unconditional surrender. With hands uplifted and our hearts in our mouths we stood aside while members of Round Lick Church dumped into our back porch and dining room between twenty and thirty sacks of flour, several sacks of meal, nice hams, shoulders, sides, jowls, sausage, bushels of potatoes, dried fruits, cabbage, white soup beans, vinegar, soap, coffee, pickles in variety, canned fruits by the box, preserves in varieties, garden seed, beets, pepper, spice, sorghum, syrup, lard, apples, crackers, bananas, candies, sugar in heaps, salt, butter, milk, eggs, soda, greens, a box of canned vegetables, cash and many words of cheer and hand grasps of love and friendship. I was then called on for a speech, and for the first time in life I was totally unable to find words to half way express my feelings for this token of kindness on the part of these good people, all of whom I dearly love. To one and all I wish to say that I thank you. Your visit, with the substantial of life, your

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tears of gratitude and words of cheer will linger round about my heart for many a day. God bless Round Lick Church, for she has stood one hundred years as a representative of our blessed Lord, and she was never in a position to do greater work than now. To say this pastor and family are happy is but feebly putting it. May heaven's blessing rest upon one and all.

Since the above incident quite a number of brethren and sisters have stopped and unloaded good things to make us happy. It seems to be a protracted affair. John T. Oakley. Watertown, Tenn.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN.

Evangelist H. A. Hunt has assisted Rev. Z. Ferrell in a revival at Dexter, Mo., which resulted in 40 accessions.

Rev. George W. Elliston, a former Tennessean, lately held a meeting at Garfield, Ark. There were 29 additions.

Rev. W. F. Dorris of Camden, Ark., has a strong article in the Baptist Advance of last week on Landmarkism.

Rev. Sam H. Campbell has resigned at Monticello, Ark., to become pastor at Dothan, Ala. The Arkansans hate to lose him.

The church at Monroe, La., is determined not to let Rev. J. S. Edwards go. It has unanimously recalled him and he has accepted.

We must commend the strong, terse editorial policy of the Word and Way of Kansas City. Its columns fairly bristle with good things.

The Biblical Recorder remarks: "If the Arkansas editor who is so opposed to conventions will only stay away all will be forgiven."

The Bible Class Lecture of Dr. B. H. Carroll in The Baptist Standard of last week on "Ecclesia—The Church," is a remarkable production.

Rev. R. J. Dogan of Buchanan, Va., has become field representative of the Religious Herald. That excellent paper is to be congratulated.

Bethel Female College, Hopkinsville, Ky., is to have a great baccalaureate address on May 26th from Prof. E. C. Dargan of Louisville.

The Olive-street Church, Kansas City, Mo., has unanimously called Rev. W. O. Anderson of Springfield, Mo. It is thought he will accept.

Rev. F. H. Martin of Salem, Va., has been heartily called to the care of the church at Henderson, N.C., but

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it is not thought his church will let him off.

Rev. George W. McDaniel of Dallas, Texas, lately held a meeting at Albany, Texas, in which there were 75 conversions and 30 additions to the church.

There are no busier pastors than Dr. George W. Truett of the First Church, Dallas, Texas. Sunday he preached four times and witnessed 13 conversions.

Rev. J. F. McGlothlin of Midway, Ky., one of the brilliant sons of Tennessee, has accepted the care of the church at Franklin, Ky., to take charge at once.

Calvary Church, Kansas City, Mo., has called Rev. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas. It will take a wonderfully strong and united pull to take him from Texas.

The revival at Brownwood, Texas, in which Rev. F. M. McConnell, the pastor, is doing all the preaching, has already resulted in 28 additions, and the great work continues.

It is announced that Rev. W. A. Freeman has resigned the care of the church at Hope, Ark., to re-enter the evangelistic work. He is now holding a meeting at Maynard, Ark.

Field Agent A. W. Bealer of The Christian Index is evidently of a sentimental turn. He writes of a certain town he lately visited as being "the sweetest town in Georgia."

The splendid meeting at Union City, Tenn., was brought to an untimely close by the illness of the wife of Rev. W. H. Sledge, which called him to his home at Helena, Ark.

Rev. A. A. Scrnggs of Conway, Ark., was ably assisted in a revival in his church by Dr. T. W. O'Kelley of the Second Church, Little Rock. There were 25 accessions, 20 by baptism.

Beginning April 12th, Rev. Ross Moore is to be assisted in a revival at the First Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., by Dr. Fred D. Hale. This church seems to be in a perpetual state of revival.

The Baptist churches of Roanoke, Va., have decided to invite the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Waco and Houston, Texas, and St. Louis, Mo., are also to be reckoned with.

Dr. G. A. Lofton of Nashville will preach the commencement sermon of the Southern Normal University at Huntingdon, Tenn. Rev. A. E. Booth, formerly of Georgia, is president of this institution.

Rev. G. L. Merrill of Minneapolis, Minn., has opened in the Masonic Temple of that city what he is pleased to call "The People's Church." Is this an intimation that other churches are not for the people?

The revival at Highland Avenue Church, Jackson, in which Rev. Ross Moore of Pine Bluff, Ark., was to have assisted, has been indefinitely postponed on account of Bro. Moore's illness. He has been forced to go to Hot Springs for recuperation.

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The Annual Sermon will be preached by Rev. W. J. Williamson of Missouri, or his alternate, Rev. W. M. Vines, of North Carolina.

The office of the Secretaries will be in Room 61, DeSoto Hotel. Delegates and Associational Representatives are earnestly requested to register there as soon as possible after arrival in Savannah. Do not wait for the opening of the Convention; come on Thursday, or between 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. Friday. This will greatly assist us and the State Secretaries in presenting at the opening of the session a correct roll of those actually present.

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Woman's Missionary Union, Auxillary to S. B. C.

The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held in the Lecture Room of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga., beginning Friday, May 8th, at 10 a. m.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.
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Baptist Young People's Union, Auxillary to S. B. C.

The Annual Convention will be held in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., beginning Thursday, May 7th, at 10 a. m.

Each local Young People's Union or Society is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five members or major fraction thereof, and churches having no such Young People's organization are entitled to one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof.

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W. W. GAINES, Secretary.

Alumni Banquet for the Former Students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Banquet will be held in the Dining Room of the DeSoto Hotel (headquarters) at 9 o'clock on the evening of Thursday, May 7th, being the night before the opening of the Convention. To this Banquet all former student, of the Seminary, whether graduates or not, are invited. The price will be \$1 per plate. The Executive Committee also invites the Trustees of the Seminary, all Editors of Baptist papers and the Officers of the Convention. Each person is privileged to bring a guest, whether male or female, upon the payment of an extra dollar. As this is the first general meeting of the Alumni for many years, it is hoped that there will be a generous response upon their part, and that every former student who comes to the Convention will be present at this Banquet. A most inviting program has been arranged for the evening, and among other toasts will be a word of appreciation to those godly men in our Southern ministry who have never attended the Seminary.

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Dark, indeed, seems the home where she used to be: gloomy, indeed, are the paths which she used to lead: yet, her memory and peaceful parting, brighten them as we go.

Sometimes, we almost wonder why the rose, just blooming into its fairest and fullest beauty, should fade and wither,—why should one so young and fair be taken? Ah! we'll wait and question not, for

Sometime, we'll understand;
It may be in the better land;
Yet, some day, sometime,
We'll understand.

But, until then, our hearts bid us say:

"A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life has fled,
And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
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SULLIVAN.—On January 3, 1903, Bro. W. P. Sullivan, familiarly known as "Uncle Parker," passed peacefully to rest, after a long and patient waiting for the summons to come.

He was born December 13, 1829. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at Mt. Olivet, October, 1849 and remained an honored and useful member until his death. He was ordained to the office of deacon in November 1874, in which capacity he served faithfully and with true Christian dignity.

He was married to Lou Ann Clemmons in September 1855. She died in April 1877. Her spirit joined that of their little infant daughter Almedie in Paradise, thus leaving Bro. Sullivan with five motherless boys to care for. All of them yet live to mourn the loss of a father.

He was married again in September 1878, to Mrs. Fannie Eatherly. This marriage, like the other, was a happy one. This union was blessed with three children, two of whom are yet living.

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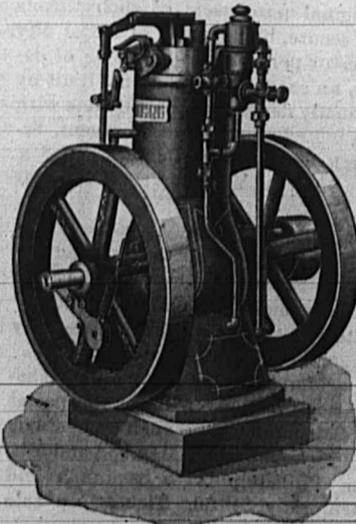
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