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—The historic old Maxwell House of Nashville changed hands last Sunday, having been leased for twenty years. It was first opened in 1869. It has entertained many a distinguished guest.

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—We call special attention to the communication on page 4 by Dr. Lansing Burrows, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, with reference to a memorial service for Dr. R. J. Willingham. The suggestions of Dr. Burrows are very fitting and appropriate. We hope they will be carried out all over the South.

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—On last Sunday afternoon the Nashville Sunday School Union met at the Edgefield Baptist church. President J. H. Wright presided. The principal address was delivered by Dr. G. C. Savage on the subject of "The Passover and the Crucifixion." Dr. Savage takes the position that these events occurred on the Jewish Thursday, and not Friday, as generally believed. He offered strong arguments in proof of his position. These will soon be published in book form.

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—The Watchman-Examiner says that Hon. Sereno E. Payne, who died recently in Washington, was a life-long member of the Baptist Church, at Auburn, and was "an earnest and devoted Christian man." For more than 30 years he was a member of Congress and toward the last was known as the father of the House of Representatives, because he had served consecutively longer than any other member of that body. He was several times candidate for Speaker of the House, and was the author of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

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—Quite a number of our exchanges took holiday either last week or the week before, some of them both weeks. We missed them. The Baptist and Reflector, however, goes on all the same, all the year, every year, fifty-two times in the year. In all the twenty-six years that we have been its editor, the paper has never missed a single issue. At two dollars a year, this is a little less than four cents a week. For the four cents a week, the subscriber gets reading matter, which—leaving out all advertisements—if put in book form would be equivalent to 10 volumes of 250 pages each and which would cost from \$10 to \$15. And yet people—some people, not all people—complain that the price of the paper is too high.

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—The Bulletin of the First Baptist church, this city, for last Sunday, contains the interesting information that during the past twelve months, 82 have been added to the church by letter and relation; 26 by baptism; six are under watchcare awaiting their letters, and four are awaiting baptism, making a total of one hundred and eighteen new members received. The congregations at the church services have greatly increased. This is especially true of the night services. The Sunday school has also grown largely. The church seems prosperous in every department. We extend cordial congratulations to Pastor Allen Fort and the members of the church upon this splendid showing.

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—Secretary of State Bryan recently said: "Last night at Ann Arbor I spoke to 5,000 young people, mostly young men. They had sent me an invitation signed with thousands of names, and they had said, 'We, the undersigned.' It made me feel that we were in a kind of mutual covenant; and so in the midst of my speech I did an unusual thing. I made a digression and asked all those who wanted to take a stand with me against the liquor evil to rise. In an instant nearly every young man in that great throng of students was on his feet." In the light of this statement by Mr. Bryan and his editorials which we quoted from the Commoner, we confess to surprise at the statement of Anti-Saloon League officials that the influence of Mr. Bryan was against the Hobson resolution recently considered and voted on in Congress. Is it one thing to "take a stand against the liquor evil" and another thing to take a stand in favor of a measure for the suppression of that evil? They ought to be the same.

—Governor Ben W. Hooper has proclaimed Jackson Day, January 8, as a State holiday. This is the centennial anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, in which General Andrew Jackson, aided for the most part by volunteers from Tennessee, won so signal and so glorious a victory over General Packenham near New Orleans. In these days of rapid communication through telegraphic and telephonic wires and wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony and cable dispatches and the associated press and the daily newspaper, it is a little amusing to know that this battle was fought two weeks after the treaty of Ghent was signed, in which peace was arranged between the United States and England. Had the battle of New Orleans been one hundred years later—well, in that case there would have been no battle of New Orleans.

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## THERE'S NOW—ONLY NOW.

By Eugene F. Ware.

The charm of a love is its telling, the telling that goes with the giving;

The charm of a deed is its doing; the charm of a life is its living;

The soul of the thing is the thought; the charm of the act is the actor;

The soul of the fact is its truth, and the now is the principal factor.

What use to mankind is a purpose that never shone forth in a doer?

What use has the world for a lover that never had winner nor wooer?

The motives, the hopes and the schemes that have ended in idle conclusions

Are buried with the failures that come in a life of illusions.

Away with the flimsy idea that life with a past is attended.

There's now—only now, and no past—there's never a past; it has ended.

Away with the obsolete story and all of its yesterday sorrow;

There's only today, almost gone, and in front of today stands tomorrow.

And hopes that are quenchless are sent us like loans from a generous lender.

Enriching us all in our efforts, yet making no poorer the sender:

Lightening all of our labors, and thrilling us ever and ever

With the ecstasy of success and the raptures of present endeavor.

—From "Rhymes or Ironquill."

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—It is estimated by the Swiss Bank Verein that the war is costing \$55,000,000 a day, the millions being distributed thus: Germany, fifteen; Russia, fifteen; France, ten; Austria, ten; England, five. The total destruction of property, it has been asserted, amounts to \$70,000,000,000, or one-fourth of the entire value of the wealth of the world. But even greater are the losses by the destruction of human lives. It is estimated that Germany and Austria have lost 1,750,000 in killed and wounded, and the Allies 1,990,000, more than one-half of these being Russians. With the privations of winter coming on, it seems certain that these figures will be exceeded. In economic science the value of a young man of twenty-one years of age is reckoned at \$20,000. Taking this as the average, and not mentioning the sorrow and distress caused by the war, nor the losses by the death of women and children, there is a loss in economic values by the killing or disabling of men of \$74,800,000,000, which, added to the property losses, makes a total of \$144,800,000,000 subtracted from the wealth and wealth-producing power of the world. In the nations at war practically a whole generation has been wiped out, and it is estimated that one hundred years of peace and prosperity will be required to restore the property of the world to the condition that existed before the war.

—In a statement Mr. Thomas A. Edison says that the war will last two years more; that Germany cannot win; that the United States will be propelling their warships with \$15,000,000 worth of storage batteries, which he expects to contract for.

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—A story was afloat that plans for an attack on Japan had been stolen from the Navy Department. When the matter was brought to the attention of Secretary Daniels, he said: "In the first place, there never were any such plans; therefore, they could not have been stolen. Baron Munchausen still lives."

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—Crime has decreased remarkably in London since the outbreak of the European War, according to the statement of a prominent justice in that city. He attributes this decline in part to the restraint naturally exercised by the public in time of war, but principally to the reduction in the number of hours which drinking places are permitted to remain open.

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—The Tennessee Legislature met last Monday and was organized speedily and with little friction. Hon. Hu C. Anderson was elected Speaker of the Senate and Hon. Wm. F. Cooper, Speaker of the House. There is a large Democratic majority in both branches. Assurances have been given that the declarations in the Democratic platform will be carried out. This will mean not only the retention of the present temperance laws upon the statute books, but the enactment of whatever additional legislation may be needed to insure their enforcement.

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—It is announced that the greatest cotton crop in its history has been produced in the United States this year. It amounts to 15,966,000 bales, exclusive of linters, of which there are 600,000 bales, making a total crop of 16,566,000 bales. The pity is that with this enormous production, its value, because of the European war, will be less than any other year during the past five. Based on the average price of six and eight-tenths cents per pound on Dec. 1, the crop, exclusive of linters, is worth \$519,323,684, which is over three millions less than the value of last year's crop. This, however, is not very much less, and under all the circumstances, the showing made above is quite gratifying.

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—The *Biblical Recorder*, North Carolina, has a circulation of 12,500. It says its list is remarkably clean and up-to-date. It says, however, that there are at the lowest calculation 50,000 Baptist families in the State that are not receiving the paper. It proposes a State-wide campaign, having as its objective, putting 10,000 new subscribers on the list. We hope they may be secured. They are deserved. Meanwhile we may say there are at least 30,000 families in Tennessee which the Baptist and Reflector does not go. Why cannot we have a State-wide campaign to add 5,000 new subscribers to the list? That is all we are asking now—that only one-sixth of those who are not now getting the paper shall have it come into their homes. Is this too much to ask? Will you not help us get them?

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—A big brewing company in Ohio has gone into the hands of a receiver. The official statement is that this result is due to the loss of sales beyond any one's control. In 1906 the Legislature increased the liquor tax to \$1,000, which closed nearly twenty-five per cent of the saloons in Ohio. The loss in sales to this firm was more than 17,000 barrels. In the same year thirty-five towns in which these brewers did business went dry. Local option in Ohio continued to extend. Other difficulties multiplied. Finally in 1914 the crowning blow came in the loss of West Virginia, where the firm had been doing a business of nearly half a million dollars a year, and the voting of Old Virginia for prohibition, to go into effect in 1916. This is what the managers of the business say. Yet the liquor people continue to argue that "prohibition does not prohibit." The above facts, however, give the lie to their own argument in a most emphatic way. An ounce of fact is worth a pound of theory.

"Where is now the merry party  
I remember long ago,  
Laughing 'round the Christmas fire  
Brightened by its ruddy glow?  
Some have gone to lands far distant,  
And with strangers made their home,  
Some upon the world of waters,  
All their lives are forced to roam.  
Some have gone from us forever,  
Longer here they might not stay,  
They have reached a fairer region,  
Far away, far away."

### THE FAMOUS JOHNS OF CHRISTENDOM.

#### JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, THE GREATEST PREACHER OF THE GREEK CHURCH.

By Robert Stuart MacArthur.

The name is far and away the most renowned name in the history of the church. John means "the gracious gift of God." In the Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature, by McClintock and Strong, there are mentioned at least one hundred and thirty Johns. Of this number, twenty-three were Popes. Pope John XXIII. was so utterly abominable, and most of the Popes bearing the name John so entirely disgraced it by debauchery, simony and other crimes, that the name has been avoided by all Popes since the death of John XXIII., 1419.

It would be easy for me to add greatly to the number of famous Johns; but I have chosen those who are best known for the orthodoxy of their faith and the consecration of their service in the church of our Lord.

The words of the Evangelist John, when he said, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John," assuredly apply to the famous John, who later was called Chrysostom. He was born at Antioch, in the year 347, and he died in exile in Pontus in the year 407. His proper name was John, but since the seventh century—or, to be more accurate—in the year 680, at the sixth Ecumenical Council, he became known chiefly by his surname, Chrysostom. This word is derived from two Greek words, *chrysos*, "gold," and *stoma*, "mouth." This name was given him because of the splendor of his eloquence; it means "the golden-mouthed." It was borrowed from Dion of Prusa. He was the most famous pulpit orator of the Greek Church, and one of the Greatest Fathers of the early church, Greek or Latin. It is an interesting fact that he came of a patrician family. He had thus the advantages of noble birth and most careful early training. His father's name was Secundus, who died soon after the birth of his famous son.

#### HIS NOBLE MOTHER.

He was most fortunate in having had a mother so cultured and consecrated as was Anthusa. He grew up under her loving instructions, and thus became an earnest, gentle, and spiritual youth. He knew nothing of those wild and fierce passions and terrific struggles through which the great Augustine passed in his early years. Those struggles marked Augustine's character; they gave a somber color to his entire theological system. He, also, had a mother of remarkable character, who impressed her intellectual and spiritual characteristics on the mind of her great son; indeed, but for Monica we never should have had Augustine in his developed Christian character. She is among the most noble and consecrated women who adorn the temple of church history.

Gregory of Nazianzen is another of the early Church Fathers who had a most excellent Christian mother. This pious woman was named Nonna; she, with rare discernment, devoted him when a child to the service of Christ and the church. Perhaps, however, Anthusa surpasses all the other mothers we have named. Libanius, the distinguished rhetorician of heathenism, at the close of the fourth century, having Anthusa especially in mind, exclaimed: "Ah, gods of Greece! What wonderful women there are among the Christians!" The father of Chrysostom was a military officer of high rank, residing at Antioch. His death left Anthusa a widow in her twentieth year. She chose to remain a widow, devoting herself exclusively to the education and religious training of her child. Early did she plant the seeds of religious truth in the soul of her distinguished son. She gave him also the benefits of the best

intellectual culture available at that time. He studied oratory under Libanius, and was esteemed by him to be his choicest scholar. This teacher desired him to become his successor as Professor of Eloquence and Rhetoric. It was the plan of Chrysostom to become a jurist, and it is said that he soon excelled his famous teacher; but God had other purposes for this eloquent youth. God was calling him to the work of the Christian ministry. He, therefore, abandoned all forms of legal study, broke with the world, and devoted himself exclusively to religion. Probably in the year 368, he was baptized by Meletius of Antioch, and soon after was ordained a reader.

It was natural, because of the spirit of the times, that his early impressions after conversion should lead him to embrace the monastic life. Following the leadership of Anthony of Egypt, many of the great men of that day were carried away by the supposed attractions of monasticism. They wrongly believed that it was the life best adapted to secure personal holiness, and so they left the world, and immured themselves in monasteries. It was an entirely mistaken idea; but it largely dominated the lives of the earnest youths of the church in that early day. Here again the influence of Anthusa was exerted to correct this dangerous tendency. For a time at least it defeated her son's design. Taking him by the hand, she led him to the room and to the side of the bed where she had given him birth; and, with tender entreaties, she besought him not to forsake her, and not to devote his life to the rigors of monasticism. He showed himself to be an obedient son by yielding to his mother's wishes. After her death, however, he spent some time in monastic retreats; and even on the patriarchal throne he practiced ascetic habits. Nevertheless, the greater part of his life was given to the active duties of the church in which he was so brilliant a leader.

#### ORATOR AT ANTIOCH.

Chrysostom's career as a churchman began in the church of Antioch. His oratory excited immediate attention; great numbers of Jews, heathen and Christians listened spellbound to his matchless eloquence. He soon acquired the reputation of being the most brilliant orator of the Eastern Church. It was proposed to elect him to a bishopric. He evaded this election by a pious trick, and thrust the office upon his friend Basilus. We cannot endorse the action of Chrysostom at this point. He defended his conduct, and justified the theory of accommodation, as he called it, because his motives were pure and the ends sought were good. "But we ought never to adopt the principle that the end justifies the means, however good the end may be, if the means be bad. We see that other Fathers of that time, as, e.g., Jerome, also held very lax views on the duty of veracity. Similar views were entertained by the heathen philosophers, especially by the Greek sophists. Plato justifies falsehood when practiced by physicians as a means of aiding in the healing of the sick; and also on the part of rulers as thereby they may advance the common good. It is well known even to this day that strict veracity, as that term is understood by Anglo-Saxons, is extremely rare among Oriental Christians.

The desire for the experience of a monastic retreat still remained in the heart of Chrysostom; and, after the death of his mother, he fled from the seductions of city life to the monastic solitude of the mountains near Antioch. In these retreats he spent six years in the study of the Bible, in solemn meditation, and in frequent prayers. He was under the guidance of the Abbot Diodorus, and was associated with earnest young men, some of whom became famous in their after-lives. He gives us later an attractive description of the exercises in his monastic retreat. They rose before the sun; they sang hymns of praise to God; they read the Scriptures; and they bowed the knee in prayer. Then they went out to their labors, interspersing prayer with their toil in the fields. Then, weary with the labors of the day, they retired to rest, to repeat similar duties on the morrow.

Chrysostom's labors, however, and his self-mortification undermined his health. No man has a right to interfere with God's laws of bodily health in the supposed interests of religion. God calls no man to fast, if by fasting he destroys health, and thus unfit himself for labor. This lesson Chrysostom finally learned. About 380, he returned to Antioch, and was ordained Deacon by Meletius; and finally was made Presbyter by Flavian, in 386. His eloquence and spiritual fervor secured the interest and commanded the admiration of the whole church and of

the entire city. His reputation spread to adjoining countries and cities. The love of all classes in every community was lavished upon this eloquent and consecrated preacher. For seventeen years his labors continued in Antioch. Here he wrote many of his great homilies, commentaries, and other learned works. Probably this was, all things considered, the most happy and useful period of his brilliant life.

#### PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

In 389, Eutropius, Minister of the Emperor Arcadius, elevated Chrysostom to the Episcopacy of Constantinople. The brilliancy of his preaching, and the consecration of his living attracted the attention of all in the city where he now had his home. He was chosen to this high office without his own agency in any respect. He preached in the glorious church of St. Sophia. This was far and away the most beautiful church then in the world. It is beautiful to this day, although since 1453 it has been a Mohammedan mosque. Here, for several years, his talent and culture were recognized, and he preached with great acceptance in this metropolis. He at once adopted plans for restricting expenses and conducting his high office with the utmost economy. Amid the splendors of "New Rome," he maintained his ascetic habits, and applied a large portion of his revenues to hospitals and other charities. He gained the surname of "John the Almoner." He strove to reform the lives of the clergy. He preached an earnest and practical Christianity, and he boldly attacked the vices of his age and thundered against the hypocritical religion of the Imperial Court. These were great days in his history. His preaching left an impression on the church which abides to this hour. It was not possible, however, but that the faithful discharge of his high duties in improving common vices should excite the enmity of those rebuked.

#### HIS FIERCE FOES.

No man can live a strong and forceful life, rebuking wrong wherever found, without arousing the enmity of bitter foes. The first of the enemies to attack Chrysostom was Theophilus, the Patriarch of Alexandria. He became the bitter foe of Chrysostom. Theophilus was made Bishop of Alexandria in the year 385. For a time he was very zealous against heathenism, using severe measures against the pagans in his district. His opposition to various Christians who differed from him in their religious views was bitter in the extreme. He condemned the writings of Origen, and threatened with severe punishments all his adherents. He was finally called to Constantinople by the Empress Eudoxia, and secured the deposition and banishment of Chrysostom in 403. The fact is that Theophilus could not endure the prosperity of a successful rival in Constantinople. Preachers are intensely human. Chrysostom showed acts of kindness toward certain Origenistic monks of Egypt; for these acts, Theophilus attacked him with unspeakable bitterness. Chrysostom did not admit these monks to the communion, but he showed them many kindnesses in their great need when they arrived at Constantinople.

Another bitter foe was the Empress Eudoxia. She was a young, beautiful and altogether a very attractive woman. She despised her husband, and gratified her love for other men, even in reprehensible forms. Chrysostom boldly attacked her sinful life. He dared charge her with her sins, even though he knew that his own future was largely in her hands. Theophilus knew how to gratify the jealousy of Chrysostom by accusing him to the Empress Eudoxia. In Chrysostom's diocese, a secret council of thirty-six bishops assembled; the result was that Chrysostom was deposed and banished from the capital in 403. This was a terrible blow to a man so eloquent in speech and so consecrated in life as was the "golden-mouthed" orator. An earthquake occurred soon after his banishment, and the superstitious people attributed its occurrence to the cruelties inflicted on Chrysostom. He was recalled; but was again condemned, and, in 404, was again banished from the court. The reason for his second banishment was in connection with a silver statue of Eudoxia, which was erected close to the Church of St. Sophia, in which Chrysostom preached. Many theatrical performances were connected with the erection of this statue. Chrysostom was greatly aroused by the idolatrous performances, as they were interpreted by him. He said: "Again Herodias rages, again she raves, again she dances, and again she demands the head of John upon a charger." This charge was perhaps unwise on his part. We can well understand, however, his holy indignation. We can also rightly imagine his fierce wrath. He was now taken to Nicea, where the fa-

mous Nicene Council was held, in 325. There he learned that his place of banishment was to be Cucusus; this was a little town in the Armenian highlands, now called Gozene. He undertook this terribly painful journey. He finally reached the unattractive little town, and was kindly received by the Bishop of Cucusus. He at once began his labors of love in that remote locality. Here he wrote seventeen moral essays, dedicated to Olympias. One essay, or treatise, was on the proposition: "None can hurt the man who will not hurt himself." He corresponded with learned men in all parts of the Christian world, and took a warm interest in missions in Persia and Scythia. The Emperor Arcadius, becoming enraged because of the sympathy manifested toward Chrysostom by all true Christians, issued an order that he be banished to the town of Pityus, on the northeast coast of the Black Sea at the foot of the Caucasian Mountains. This was a most desolate spot and to reach it involved a journey of many hundreds of miles on foot over untrodden paths. The town lay on the very verge of the eastern Roman Empire. For three months, the painful journey over the rough roads was continued, Chrysostom being obliged to travel under a burning sun bareheaded. Finally the chapel of the martyr, Basiliscus, was reached. This place is about six miles from Comana, in Pontus. Chrysostom could go no further; he was worn out body and soul alike. September 14, 407, he lay down and breathed out his soul to God, in the sixtieth year of his age. He praised God for everything, even for the bitter persecutions which resulted in hastening his death. His last words were: "Glory be to God for all things." Thus ended the life of the great Chrysostom, learned scholar, eloquent preacher, and consecrated saint of the Christian church. ESTIMATE OF CHRYSOSTOM.

Thirty-one years after the death of Chrysostom, by order of Theodosius II., in 438, the bones of Chrysostom were brought back, in triumph, to Constantinople. They found a resting place in the Imperial Tomb in the Church of the Apostles. The Emperor met the remains at Chalcedon, and fell down before the coffin, and, in the name of his guilty parents, Arcadius and Eudoxia, implored forgiveness. Chrysostom was a man who drew the hearts of his fellowmen to a remarkable degree. He hated lying, worldliness, and hypocrisy. The Greek church celebrates the festival of Chrysostom, on November 13; the Roman church on January 27. He was the greatest commentator, as well as preacher, of the Greek church. He left behind him a spotless name. He was superior, as a sermonizer, to both Athanasius and Augustine. In him were united the noblest qualities of oratory and the highest forms of Christian thought. He was the most distinguished religious interpreter of a remarkable era. His exegesis was carefully guarded against barren philology on the one side; and it was free from the dangers of empty rhetoric on the other side. He has left over six hundred sermons delivered at Antioch and Constantinople. He also wrote discourses on many special occasions. All his writings breathe a noble Christian spirit. Possibly the Liturgy called by his name, was not written by him, as it is said to bear unmistakable marks of a later age.

#### LESSONS.

We may learn, first of all, the value of Christian motherhood, and of early religious training. But for Anthonia, we never had Chrysostom. Godly mothers give the world godly sons, as a rule. We may learn, also, the value of profound but consecrated learning in the Christian ministry. The ministry needs the broadest, wisest, and divinest culture attainable. We see, also, the value of great boldness in pulpit discourse. And, lastly, we learn the resistless power which springs from holiness of heart incarnated in a sanctified life in the Christian ministry. The man behind the words gives them their greatest power. This is true at the bar, in the halls of Congress, on the bench and in the pulpit. God gives us men born of the spirit, trained in the schools, and consecrated in heart and tongue to declare the glorious gospel of the blessed God!

#### VISIT TO WACO.

A word about my visit to Waco, Texas. It was my delight to be with Pastor Frank S. Groner of the Columbus Street Baptist church in a meeting of two weeks, and in addition, to have the privilege of speaking on several occasions to the student body of Baylor University.

I find that all that has been said about Texas is true. They are thoroughly alive to the important questions concerning the coming of the Kingdom. Waco is practically a Baptist city. In a town of some forty thousand people, there are, I think, some ten Baptist churches, some of which are exceedingly strong nu-

merically and financially.

Pastor Groner of the Columbus Street church presides over a magnificent body of people, and he himself is a leader with high ideals, and following a wise constructive policy. It was a great joy to see the activity of the people as they labored for the salvation of souls. There were practically one hundred additions to the congregation during the meeting, in addition to the fact that others united with other churches in the city. Perhaps, including those who came by letter and those who did not unite with any church during my two weeks' stay, there were one hundred and twenty-five or one hundred and thirty people who took a definite stand during the meeting.

Baylor University is one of the great schools of our denomination. With a superb material equipment and with a master at the head of the institution as President, backed by a faculty decidedly above the average, and with a large and enthusiastic student body, it easily stands at the head of our Baptist schools of the South.

Dr. Brooks is in many respects the leading layman of Texas, and it is generally reported in his own home town of Waco that he will be the next United States Senator from that great Empire State. Wherever he may be and whatever position he may occupy, he will be just as true as steel to the great cardinal truths of Christ.

It was a great joy, also, to come in touch with Professor Kessler, who is Dean of the school—a man of ripe scholarship and undoubted piety.

The Bible department of the school had in it over one hundred ministers, and it was my great pleasure to speak to them.

Dr. F. C. McConnell has resigned at First church, much to the regret of many; he goes to Atlanta.

With cordial wishes to the Baptist brotherhood of Tennessee for the New Year,

HERBERT WHITING VIRGIN.

Roanoke, Va., December 17, 1914.

#### SIN.

There are literally five words in original New Testament language which in our familiar English all focus in that black monosyllable whose first letter looks and sounds like a hissing serpent and whose last both sounds and looks like a great door.

1. Error.—A mere missing the mark; a having no part in; an evil deed or thing, conscious or no. (Rom. vii:23.) Wherein a man is as though he had never had or taken his opportunity for an education, had married the wrong woman, or been born or moved to the wrong climate; and so misses it, wandering as astray on the chill, gray pastures of an interminable moral twilight.

2. Lapse.—A falling alongside; a deviation from truth and goodness; a coming short. (Matt. vi:14,15.) In which a man sees the way; has found and in himself confessed the standard; but stumbles, slips, falls down, pleads weakness, and is at once an offense and an anxiety to his neighbors, his wife, his God, and himself.

3. Transgression.—A stepping over, a willful disregarding; the conscious breach of a definite and promulgated rule of right. (Rom. v:14.) When the offender has effectually and insolently exercised his inalienable but pagan privilege of known wrong.

4. Depravity.—Iniquity; a state of being full of evil labors and therefore morally broken down; wretchedness. (1 Cor. v:8.) Which brings a man to where, out of a crooked and corrupted nature, his habit and whole liability are to evil first, and continually, and all but the dearest and best have given him up.

5. Malice.—Pure ill will; a mind to thwart and to injure; a wickedness that is no longer ashamed, but rejoices in its own black designs; malignity. (Acts xxi:22.) The end of the slope; the last level on the terraces of perdition; the bog brink of the moral pervert, in whose abused brain the light has sunken to darkness and the good has been transmuted to evil.—C. A. Waterfield, D.D., Paris, Tenn., in Christian Advocate.

#### CHARLESTON, MO.

Things are getting along very nicely at the First Baptist church of Charleston. Congregations are good and the interest is excellent. We are just now "modernizing" our Sunday school, or rather, completing its modernization. The outlook is hopeful.

The Teacher Training Class which I am conducting is stirring up a good deal of interest. It is pleasing to see their enthusiasm. This is a delightful field and a church of great capabilities. Some very strong Baptist men live here. Sometime I trust you can come

over to see us.

Through our church I am trying to be useful to the churches round about Charleston. I have become pretty well acquainted with conditions in this section of the State. The prospects are encouraging.

I have always read the Baptist and Reflector with zest. I am pleased at the progress the churches seem to be making in Nashville. I would have you give my love to the brethren at the Conference if you will. I remember them as very kind to me when I was at the Third church.

ROBERT L. LEMONS.

#### THE NEW ERA.

By JOE F. BROWNLOW.

The year 1915 will be the ONE year of the beginning of better times. Had you thought of our national progress? Did you know a new department had been added to the government—the Department of Finance? Do you suppose we could conduct wars without a War Department; agriculture, without an Agricultural Department; a great postoffice system, without a Post-office Department?

Is it not singular that, in our development in almost all lines, the greatest and best comes last? The establishment in our government of this new and all important Department of Finance, and the inauguration of a dozen banks, bridges the valley of financial pessimism, and from now on we shall have the best times we have ever had in this country.

Columbia, Tenn.

The tribes obtained their inheritance by casting lots. This method from a human point of view was incompatible with the requirement that the larger tribe should have the larger allotment of territory. These two conditions would probably co-exist only when a superhuman, invisible person was directing and controlling even in the smallest details. God must have presided over the distribution of the land. Reason requires it. Reason and Scripture are here in the most perfect harmony.

In this connection another miracle appears. The twelve tribes were blessed both by Jacob and Moses; Jacob's blessings are recorded in Gen. 49:3-27; Moses's in Deut. 33:6-25. Jacob said of Asher, His bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. Moses said of Asher, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

Was it an accident that Asher drew the district so favorable for raising olives? Perhaps the greatest olive orchard in the world today is in the territory, or division of Palestine, allotted to Asher. One passes through this orchard in going from Beyrout out to a village seven miles distant. They were gathering olives the day I went out to this village. I wish I had kept a list of the fruits and other good things we had for dinner that day.

If the people of Asher had trusted in the Lord and done good, they would no doubt still be dipping their feet in oil.

These wonderful coincidences are easily understood if we suppose the same presiding person was with Jacob and Moses and Joshua and his land commissioners. Here we see Bible election and predestination and clear evidence of the inspiration of the Scriptures.

G. M. SAVAGE.

Jackson, Tenn.

I accepted the pastorate of this church and began work here October 1. I am well pleased and would not change locations now for any small consideration. I am in a small town, but the people are hospitable and progressive—no better people to be found in all the land. They know how to make a pastor happy. Recently they gave wife and me a wonderful pounding, which amounted to about fifty dollars, besides many other kindnesses. Our church is only twenty-one months' old, and in the meantime a nice church building has been erected at a cost of \$4,300. Shortly after moving on the field we dedicated our house clear of debt. On the morning of the dedication we had to raise \$2,100, but Dr. G. W. Danbury of DuQuoin, Ill., who preached the dedication sermon, and who is a genius in his line, raised \$2,742.50 in cash and pledges, giving us \$642.50 more than asked for. We are happy over the victory. This with the other expenses of the church, does well for our flock, and we hopefully look to the future with renewed energy. Our revival is set for January 10, and we are expecting great things of the Lord. We are on a good, fruitful field. Pray for us. We also have a nice Ladies' Aid Society of 25 active members. Give us a visit sometime.

M. L. LENNON.

Burnt Prairie, Ill.

## Greetings

I am wishing for the Baptist and Reflector the greatest era of prosperity it has ever had, and to this end I offer my help

C. A. OWENS.

Humboldt, Tenn.

Dear Editor: I wish for you and the Baptist and Reflector a most glorious year and a successful journey throughout the great coming year.

JAS. H. OAKLEY.

Whiteville, Tenn.

The richest blessings of heaven and continued prosperity be yours throughout the year 1915. Under God let us make it the greatest year in the history of Tennessee Baptists.

W. R. IVEY.

Orlinda, Tenn.

This is a little late, but I send the most hearty good wishes for a year of great growth in spiritual power and brotherly love among the members of the Baptist and Reflector family.

W. B. RUTLEDGE.

White Pine, Tenn.

Out of full and grateful heart I send New Year's greetings to the great Baptist and Reflector family. Long may you live and continue to publish the best Baptist newspaper in the world.

N. N. POOLE,  
Pastor Eastland Baptist church.

Nashville, Tenn.

New Year's greetings to the Baptist and Reflector family. May this be the greatest year in the history of our great work in Tennessee. To this end let all pray more earnestly and labor more zealously. "Heaps of love for everybody."

L. S. EWTON.

Springfield, Tenn., December 28, 1914.

Find enclosed postoffice money order for my renewal for Baptist and Reflector from December 2, 1914, to 1915. I am quite an old man. Yesterday was my fifty-fourth wedding anniversary. Am on my way to the seventy-seventh mile post to the better land and I can't do without your paper, for it is a true guide. I can't see why some people stop their denominational paper and take two or three others. They must be unlike an old man I knew when I was a boy, he said he could feel his religion in his fingers and toes.

J. W. DUNAVANT.

Halls, Tenn.

What shall we make of 1915? A year of Christ-like labor, 365 days of loving sacrifice. Hosts of lost men and women wait to be won for God. Jesus has been looking nearly 1900 years for the gospel to be preached to all nations. Shall we force Him to longer wait? To earnest prayer, to faithful service, to sacrificial giving, to fervent evangelization, and deathless missionary zeal, let us give the coming year. To some of us it may end our service below. The night cometh when no man can work

Elizabethton, Tenn.

E. K. COX.

Please find enclosed check for paper the coming year. This being my first renewal I must express my sincere appreciation of the service the Baptist and Reflector is rendering Tennessee Baptists and the kingdom at large. May the New Year afford its extended usefulness and unparalleled prosperity. Permit me also to say that your welcome and kind consideration for a new comer to Tennessee constantly reminds me that the twelve months of my stay here have been enriched by the touch of your life upon mine. Praying God's richest blessings upon you throughout the year

W. F. POWELL.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

As I have been one of the members of the Baptist and Reflector family for so long a time I feel it my duty on the verge of the new year to send a little greeting. Also in behalf of Watauga Association, (of which I have been Moderator for fifteen years,) I send you greetings from them. We, as the Baptist and Reflector family, led by the noble and efficient leader, Brother Folk, can boast ourselves as being a most noble band, striving for a great cause. Success for the coming year to you, Brother Folk, and to each and every member of the Baptist and Reflector

family. Yours for a prosperous year,  
Doeville, Tenn.

W. H. HICKS.

New Year's greetings to you, Dr. Folk, and may this be truly a new year to you and your paper in every way! As a new pastor in the State I greet the brotherhood of Baptists. I feel at home in your midst, and am glad to see the glorious future that the Tennessee Baptists have before them. I have the honor of serving one of the best people in the State. The Christian fellowship accorded me is like dew in its purity. My Christmas has been made delightful by their kind and many remembrances. We are growing, God has been good to us, for which we are grateful. I am here to serve the Baptist host in the name of the Lord.

TYREE C. WHITEHURST,  
Pastor Fountain City Baptist church.

Through the columns of the Baptist and Reflector, Union University sends the season's greetings to her alumni, patrons and friends. To those of the Baptist and Reflector family who have been compelled by cruel fate to patronize other schools, sweet sympathy is offered in the hope that they may be satisfied with a single rendition of the mistake and not endure it into a continuous performance. If we have been selfish in the past year let unselfishness atone in the new year; if we have wronged let us right; if we have hurt let us heal; if we have been unfair let us become just. Regret without regeneration is an emotional gold-brick. For every member of the Reflector family and for every interest the Reflector would foster, Union University wishes a year of unalloyed happiness and unbounded prosperity.

Jackson, Tenn.

A. T. BARRETT.

Enclosed find remittance on subscription to the Baptist and Reflector. Its weekly visits to our Illinois home are most welcome and helpful. It brings much news, gathered from far and near, also contains strong meat. I congratulate you and the State of Tennessee on the fact that every Congressman from that State voted dry on the Hobson prohibition bill. More States need the training that Tennessee has had. Will the leaders of the Baptist and Reflector kindly join us in prayer for our Father's blessings upon our efforts in special meetings beginning January 10. Rev. W. A. Fuson, President of the Illinois Baptist State Association, will assist us.

I trust that during 1915 you may have the strongest co-operation in circulating your paper that you have ever had. Joshua 1:8.

J. A. McCORD.

Pinckneyville, Ill., December 28, 1914.

### ARKANSAS LETTER.

One year ago last November the Arkansas Baptists organized for a greater work and under a new plan. We consolidated all our work under one general board, namely the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Many of us felt that this would be an advanced movement, because it would cut off much overhead expense, and at the same time increase our offerings to every enterprise fostered by the Convention. I am happy to say at the close of the first year many of us who fought to get this plan adopted by the Convention can see what a blessing the change has been to us. Despite the fact that the first month of the year was practically lost because we did not have a General Secretary to lead us in the work we reached the close of the year with our indebtedness to all our enterprises reduced by \$80,000. Not a bad showing.

Dr. J. T. Christian, our former Secretary resigned at the beginning of the year to accept the pastorate at Hattiesburg, Miss., and not until January did we secure the services of Dr. R. M. Inlow. But Dr. Inlow took hold of the work with a master hand, and has proven himself all through the year a great leader. He has not only made good in every way, but he has won his way to the hearts of Arkansas Baptists, and we are for him and are going to stand by him more loyally in the future than we did the first year. He is a great man. He has vision and religion and great heart power. He never speaks that you do not feel that he is putting his life's blood into his message and work.

The thing that handicapped us all the year was our harassing college debt. Ouachita College owed \$66,000, and we were forced to raise the total amount or lose the institution. What a blessing from God it was that just at this critical time we had sent to us such men as Dr. R. M. Inlow

and Dr. S. Y. Jameson. These two great men went to work in double harness, Dr. Inlow of course, by reason of his position, planning the campaign and leading in the work, but Dr. Jameson making every section of the State feel his marvelous power as he would call upon the Baptists to save the institution, their name and their honor, and now all hearts are rejoicing that the debt is paid and Ouachita is free. Every mortgage has been cancelled, every open account settled. We enter the New Year with greater faith in God and in our leaders, and we are going to come to the close of the New Year, we believe, with less debt than we now have, and we hope with no debt at all. Drs. Inlow and Jameson have just begun their work, and Dr. J. W. Conger, the great and gifted President of Central College, is increasing in power with each coming year. He has already made Central a great school for girls and yet his work there has just begun. Arkansas Baptists are coming and coming fast. We are anxious to measure up with all our sister States in every good work, and we crave your prayers and sympathetic co-operation.

We feel that all our sister States are to share in the honors that come to Arkansas Baptists, because we could never have paid off the indebtedness to Ouachita had it not been for the assistance of the Home Mission Board. God bless the Board and Dr. Gray and all the Southern Baptist Convention for their timely aid. We send across the border line to all our sister States, and those beyond, our greetings. May the Heavenly Father give to you, each and all, every blessing your hearts can crave and His infinite mercy can bestow.

SAM H. CAMPBELL.

Little Rock, Ark.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES TO DR. R. J. WILLINGHAM.

It seems fitting that memorial services should be held by our Southern Baptist churches and groups of churches in memory of the beloved and lamented Dr. Willingham, who for so many years has led Southern Baptists in their foreign mission work, and has achieved such notable success in it. All our people, including the young, ought to be made familiar with the facts of his great life and his administration of high denominational trust. We would, therefore, suggest that memorial services be held by all our churches or groups of churches where convenient, and that the story of his life and labors, information about the great work to which he so unselfishly and faithfully dedicated his powers, and prayers for foreign missions which at this hour stands in special need, be made the features of the occasion. The Foreign Mission Board will upon application furnish such information as is needed to make preparation for these services.

DR. LANSING BURROWS,  
President Southern Baptist Convention.

### IN JUSTICE TO BELLEVUE CHURCH.

No, Brother Ball, Bellevue had already called a pastor when I led the church in worship on a recent fifth Sunday. I was only taking advantage of an idle Sunday to preach once more to some dearly loved friends whom I had once served as pastor, and others that I had learned to love in other places.

I have learned that the brother who was invited to become pastor did not see his way clear to accept the call. So this vigorous young church is still without a pastor. If the church shall succeed in securing a man of God's choosing a great work will be done there, for some of the Lord's choicest saints hold membership with this church.

N. W. P. BACON.

Coffeetown, Miss., January 1, 1915.

Dunlap—Pastor Rose preached on "Means of Growth," and "The Happy Retrospect of a Useful Life." 120 in S. S. Fine congregations. Pastor begins his third year.

New Hope—Rev. R. J. Williams preached on "The Second Coming of Christ," and "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Accepted care of the church for half time.

Dayton (First)—Pastor R. D. Cecil preached at both hours. Annual roll call. Good day. 86 in S. S.

Graysville—Pastor, W. R. Grimsley. Rev. R. D. Cecil preached Saturday evening. Missionary W. A. Howard preached Sunday morning, and Pastor preached at night. Good day. Usual S. S.

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

## NASHVILLE.

Conference opened with Dr. Frost in the chair. "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" was sung. Prayer was offered by Dr. Lunsford.

The matter of Sunday funerals was discussed informally. Reports were made by the following brethren: Revs. Lunsford, Burroughs, Wright, Strother, Inman, Ward, Skinner, Williams, Creasman, Graves, Mason, McElroy, Poe, Bell, Cosby, Savell, Bragg, Yankee, Devault, Carmack, Fort, Fitzpatrick.

Bro. J. E. Skinner's two ministerial sons were present and made helpful remarks.

Some of the brethren made encouraging remarks. Conference closed with song and prayer.

Election of officers resulted as follows: J. E. Skinner, President; J. A. Carmack, Vice-President; J. E. Savell, Secretary.

Bro. Creasman announced that there is a deficit in Association minutes' funds.

Third—Pastor S. P. Devault reported 211 in S. S. Crowded house at 11 a. m. Two received under watchcare. Song service and extra large congregation in the evening.

North Edgefield—Pastor Carmack preached in the morning on "Bitter Tears." 220 in S. S. Good B. Y. P. U. Observed Lord's Supper at night.

Judson Memorial—Pastor C. H. Cosby preached on "The Old and the New," and "It Is Finished." Had an average attendance of 90 in B. Y. P. U. for last quarter. Our S. S. had reached the A-1 standard.

North Nashville Mission—Pastor C. Courtney preached at both hours. Seven converted.

South Side—Pastor Yankee preached on "Silent Influences," and "Lack of Love on the Part of the Church at Ephesus." Good day.

Calvary—Pastor A. I. Foster preached on "In His Steps"—a New Year's service; and "Forgotten Vows." 112 in S. S. 56 in B. Y. P. U. Two for baptism since last report.

Belmont—Preaching morning and night by Dr. E. E. Folk. 98 in S. S.

Grace—Pastor Creasman preached on "The Second Temptation" at the morning hour. Prof. Geo. Burnett preached at night, presenting the needs of Tennessee College. 203 in S. S. Good day.

Eastland—Pastor N. H. Poole preached at both hours. Large morning attendance. Lord's Supper at morning hour. 139 in S. S. Fine attendance at B. Y. P. U.

Lockeland—Pastor J. E. Skinner preached on "Some Plans for the New Year," and "New Testament Evangelism." 187 in S. S. Great B. Y. P. U. Good congregations.

Seventh—Pastor J. H. Wright preached on "Why Have Doubts?" and "Despise Not Small Things." One received by letter. One approved for baptism.

First—Pastor Allen Fort preached on "The Open Door," and "The Elder Brother." Six additions. 303 in S. S. Splendid congregations. Good B. Y. P. U. Pastor begins his second year.

Centennial—Pastor C. H. Bell preached on "The Measure," and "The Sonship Questioned." Very good January day.

Edgefield—Pastor Lunsford preached to fine congregations. Three by letter; one by baptism.

Park Ave.—Pastor I. N. Strother preached in the morning, and Bro. J. T. Tippitt at night. 153 in S. S. One by letter.

Grandview—Pastor J. F. Savell preached on "Redemption Foreshadowed," and "A Conversion in Aristocratic Society." Excellent congregations. 131 in S. S. Fine B. Y. P. U. meeting.

Central—Rev. W. J. Stewart preached at both services. Good congregations and large S. S.

## CHATTANOOGA.

East End—Pastor Buckley preached on "Our Father," and "Dreams of the Future." Good services. One profession of faith; two for baptism; 103 in S. S.

Tabernacle—Pastor J. B. Phillips preached on "Paul's View of Life," and "The King who Procrastinated." Four additions. 337 in S. S. B. Y. P. U. and Jr. B. Y. P. U. organized and the outlook is bright for these two organizations.

St. Elmo—Pastor George preached on "A Bruised Reed and Smoking Flax," and "The Awful Curse." 212 in S. S. Two baptized. One request for prayer. Large congregations. Good S. S.

Oak Grove—Pastor B. N. Brooks preached on "Pen-

alty for Sin" at night. Morning service given to church memorial supper. One approved for baptism; one by letter. S. S. off on account of smallpox scare. Good B. Y. P. U. Splendid day.

East Lake—Pastor Fuller preached on "The Joys and Sorrows of the Past Year, and Giving God a Greater Chance at Your Life," and "Trusting God, Waiting Patiently and Obeying Him." Received a man and his wife for baptism.

Central—Pastor Grace preached on "The Prophet's Staff vs. the Prophet," and "Believing the Better Things." One for baptism. 173 in S. S. Subscription amounting to \$20,000 to cover entire balance on building debt were received in the closing days of the year.

Chamberlain Ave.—Pastor J. E. Merrell preached on "The Death of the Old and Dawning of the New Year," and "The Appeal of God's Love." Very good S. S. Good congregations.

Highland Park—Pastor Keese preached on "Jesus the Door," and "In the End, What?" 208 in S. S. Work progressing on new S. S. addition. B. Y. P. U. qualified as A-1.

Rossville—Pastor J. Bernard Taffent preached on "Son, Remember," and "Perils to a Christian's Life." 213 in S. S.

Alton Park—Pastor Duncan preached on "A Broken Vow," and "I Will Hear What the Lord will Say." Two for baptism. Four conversions. 134 in S. S. Splendid B. Y. P. U.

Woodland Park—Pastor McClure preached on "New Year Resolves," and "Halting Between Two Opinions." One profession. Splendid S. S. and B. Y. P. U.

North Chattanooga—Pastor J. H. Morgan preached in the evening, and Rev. W. D. Powell preached in the morning. 71 in S. S.

Avondale—Preaching by Bro. Paul Hodge in the morning, and by Pastor Hamic at night on "He Cried the More."

East Chattanooga—Pastor J. N. Bull preached on "Paul's View of Life," and "Light in Darkness." 174 in S. S.

## KNOXVILLE.

Lincoln Park—Pastor A. R. Pedigo preached on "Cooperation," and "The Sins Committed Bring Their Punishment." 135 in S. S. Two by letter.

Bearden—Pastor T. N. Hale preached on "Christianity on Trial," and "Sojourners." 148 in S. S. Good day.

Bell Ave.—Pastor Wm. J. Mahoney preached on "Some Resolutions for the New Year," and "The Greatest Historical Event." 537 in S. S. Eight additions.

Middle Brook—Pastor E. F. Ammons preached on "Threefold Deliverance," and "The Lifting Up of the Son of Man."

Grove City—Pastor G. T. King preached on "Immediate Consecration to God," and "Every Believer's Life Has Its Conflicts." 125 in S. S. Two by letter.

Oakwood—Pastor Geo. W. Edens preached on "Happiness," and "The Gift of Giving." 163 in S. S.

Fountain City—Pastor Tyree C. Whitehurst preached on "Forgetting the Past," and "Broken Pledges." 129 in S. S. Year opens with bright prospects.

Lonsdale—Pastor J. C. Shipe preached on "Serving the Lord," and "Every Man In His Place." 244 in S. S. One by restoration.

Beaumont—Pastor D. A. Webb preached on "Our Father's Good Pleasure," and "Two Foundations." 135 in S. S.

Third Creek—Pastor Chas. P. Jones preached on "A New Year Duty," and "Thoughts for the New Year." 149 in S. S. Good B. Y. P. U.

Mountain View—Pastor S. G. Wells preached on "The Home of the Good," and "The Christian's Panoply." 234 in S. S.

Deaderick Ave.—Pastor Wm. D. Nowlin preached on "Go Forward," and "Elements of Greatness." 549 in S. S. Two by letter. Great congregations.

Island Home—Pastor J. L. Dance preached on "Origin of Faith and Its Relation to Conduct," and "Whence Cometh Man?" 380 in S. S. One by letter.

Broadway—Pastor Risner preached on "What I Am Thinking About" in the morning. Bro. J. F. Williams preached at night on "Question of the Hour." 402 in S. S. Two by letter. Great services. 127 in Northside Mission. W. J. Mynatt, Supt.

South Knoxville—Pastor W. J. Bolin preached on "At the Cross," and "White Fields." 253 in S. S.

Euclid Ave.—Pastor W. E. Conner, Rev. A. F. Mehan preached in the morning on "Eternal Life," and Rev. West preached at night on "Seeking the Lost." 164 in S. S. Two by letter. A great day.

Immanuel—Pastor W. C. Patton preached on "The Great Commission to the Church," and "Be Not Overcome of Evil." 186 in S. S. Two by letter.

Beaver Dam—Pastor J. F. Williams preached on "A Trip Down by the Pool." Dr. H. C. Risner preached in the evening on "A Man's Worst Enemy, His Heart." Fine S. S. Great meeting in progress.

## MEMPHIS.

North Evergreen—F. L. Ferkins preached in the morning, and Pastor Koonce at night.

Central—Ben Cox, pastor. At the morning service Mr. L. P. Leavell installed the S. S. officers and teachers and made a splendid address. Pastor preached at night to a good congregation. Six additions by letter and five for baptism.

Temple—Pastor Gaugh preached in the morning, and Prof. Hudgins at night. 172 in S. S.

Union Ave.—Pastor W. R. Farrow preached in the morning on "The Law a Schoolmaster to Lead Us to Christ." Rev. J. T. Watts preached an excellent sermon in the evening on "A Living Hope." 262 in S. S. 90 in B. Y. P. U. Great congregations.

Boulevard—Pastor Burk preached to good audiences. One by restoration. 135 in S. S.

McLemore Ave.—Pastor A. M. Nicholson preached to splendid audiences. Two additions by letter. 131 in S. S.

First—Pastor preached to good congregations. Four by letter. 383 in S. S.

LaBelle Place—Pastor Ellis preached to fine congregations. Fourteen additions. Nine by letter, and five for baptism. 257 in S. S. A day of great spiritual power.

Seventh—Pastor J. T. Early preached to fine congregations. One by letter. 288 in S. S.

Rowan—Pastor O. A. Utley preached on "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ," and "A Man Sent From God." Crowded house at night. One baptized at evening hour.

## JACKSON.

First—Pastor Luther Little conducted the services at both hours, preaching on "The Open-Door," and "Prisoners of Hope." Two additions. Excellent congregations. 491 in S. S.

Second—At the morning hour the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dickens, began a series of sermons on the "Bible Doctrine of Good Works," the subject being "The Need and Nature of Good Works." At the evening service he began another series on "The Bible Doctrine of Salvation." Great day. Big crowds. 250 in S. S. 15 new scholars.

West Jackson—Pastor W. J. Bearden, in spite of the protests of his doctors on account of his recent illness, filled his pulpit at both hours, preaching on "The World's Need of Religion," and "The Lord's Supper." Fine audiences. One addition by letter. 117 in S. S.

South Royal Street—W. M. Couch, pastor. Informal services in the morning. In the evening the pastor preached on "How to Be Happy." Enthusiastic B. Y. P. U. 55 in S. S.

Walnut Ave.—Walter Edwards, pastor. No preaching. Good S. S.

Mt. View—Pastor S. N. Fitzpatrick preached in the morning. Church called him as pastor. He resigned this charge two years ago after being pastor for seven years. Pastor goes to Mt. Juliet tomorrow to attend the funeral of Dr. J. N. Curd, who was 80 years of age. He is one of the best known physicians in this vicinity, a good man and a loyal Baptist.

Whiteville—Pastor Jas. H. Oakley preached in the morning to a very large congregation. At night the auditorium was full. 102 in S. S. 80 in B. Y. P. U. This was a fine day in all services. The outlook for the new year is fine. Preached at Mt. Moriah at 3 p. m. to a very good crowd of people. Good services.

Harriman—Pastor M. C. Atchley preached on "John's Vision of Jesus," and "God's Love." 241 in S. S. Two by letter. My first Sunday at Harriman. Work starts off well.

Lenoir City (First)—Pastor A. V. Pickern preached on "The Call of the Kingdom," and "A Fool's Resolve." 325 in S. S. Three additions. Good B. Y. P. U. W. M. S. began week of prayer with good attendance and interest.

Halls—Pastor J. A. Mitchell preached at both services to good congregations. 83 in S. S.

## MISSION DIRECTORY.

State Convention and the State Mission Board—J. W. Gillon, D. D., Treasurer of the State Convention and the State Mission Board, to whom all money should be sent for all causes except the Orphans' Home.

Orphans' Home—C. T. Cheek, President, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. J. Stewart, 2141 Blakemore Ave., Nashville, Tenn., Secretary and Treasurer, to whom all communications and funds should be directed. Send all supplies, freight prepaid, to the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, Callendar Station, via L. & N. R. R. Express packages should be sent to Nashville, in care of Rev. W. J. Stewart.

Ministerial Education—For Union University, address A. V. Patton, Treasurer, Jackson, Tennessee; for Carson and Newman College, address Dr. J. M. Burnett, Jefferson City, Tennessee; for Hall-Moody Institute, address Dr. H. E. Watters, Martin, Tennessee.

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"GOD'S APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST," by Phillip Mauro, published by Fleming H. Revell Company. Price 50 cents net.

The author of this book, in his preface, says: "The writer's object is to put before the reader a view of the three-fold work of the Son of God; past as the Apostle of God present as High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary fulfilling the type of the great day of atonement, and future as King Priest of the age to come." In every respect he has been absolutely true to the purpose which he thus outlines. The reader may not agree with him in his peculiar views with reference to the second coming of Christ, and there may be minor details of the discussion that will not be readily accepted, but for the most part the book will carry both the reader's heart and judgment. The author has greatly exalted the Saviour.

Mr. Mauro is a lawyer who was converted only about twelve years ago, and who, up to that time, had been pronouncedly irreligious. He is now a worthy champion of the high things of the Christian religion.

J. W. GILLON.

"A MAN AND HIS MONEY," by Harvey Reeves Calkins, published by the Methodist Book Concern of New York. Price \$1.00 net.

This is a volume of some 350 odd pages. The author has divided his discussion into five parts. The first division is a discussion of the general subject, "The Pagan Law of Ownership," under which general topic he gives six chapters. The second division is under the general head, "The Christian Law of Stewardship, a Survey of Certain Facts," under which general topic there are ten chapters. The third division gives us a discussion of "The Meaning of Value," and under this general head there are three chapters. In the fourth division he discusses the general topic, "The Ownership of Value," and under this topic there are eight chapters. In the fifth division he discusses the general topic, "The Stewardship of Value," and here we have nine chapters.

It has been the privilege of this reviewer to read widely the literature dealing upon the general subject discussed in this book. I do not hesitate to say that, for breadth and saneness, this book surpasses any other book on the subject that has fallen under my eye. There are only two or three defects in the book. In discussing the child's conversion the author seems to put himself clearly on the side of the cultural idea of salvation of the child. He also seems to advocate federation and comity. With the exception of these two errors, the book is as nearly a perfect discussion of the general question of stewardship as it is possible for any individual man to produce. It ought to have a wide and general reading. Unquestionably the hour has struck for an earnest, intelligent presentation of the doctrine of stewardship. The churches everywhere must be brought to the stewardship conception of the individual's relationship to material possessions, or else we are to experience a retrograde movement in all religious work and life. We have worn out the schemes and inventions of men as means for securing money for carrying on God's kingdom work. Mr. Calkin's book is a mighty call to our generation to give recognition to the fact that God owns all that we possess, and that, as the owner, He has a right to expect that we will deal with Him as an owner deserves to be dealt with.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. NOTES.

W. D. HUDGINS, Editor,  
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Sunday School Motto—"We Seek the Lost."

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We trust that every worker has had a merry Christmas and that the new year may bring to each one all the happiness and prosperity that heaven may hold in store for them.

Let us all resolve for the new year to make our lives count for something in the bringing in of God's kingdom in the World. If we have done nothing definite heretofore may we determine not to waste our lives longer, but make them count for service in our local church and the denominational endeavor.

The Superintendent who is willing to let his school run along in the same old rut that it followed last year will never be a success in the Sunday School.

A fine time to take an inventory of your work and determine what should be placed on the bargain counter. Suppose you take stock and see if you do not need some new goods on your shelves. Take a census of the community and find the ones not in the hands of your teachers in such a definite way that some one will be responsible for every one. Call your teachers and officers together and have a talk with them. Plan some new work for the year and get busy doing things worth while. Organize a teacher's meeting, if you have none, and a Training Class. Get your workers to work, equipping themselves for real service. Why not?

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There are eighteen B. Y. P. U.'s in the Knox County Confederation. They are all enthusiastic and doing good work, most of them, at least.

The report concerning the number of Unions in Memphis is a mistake, for more than six have already reported their work to this office. It appears that there are ten altogether.

Brother J. W. O'Hara, Newport, reports a splendid showing along all lines of endeavor. His church gave last year more than \$4,000 to all causes. The Sunday School reports an enrollment of 609; 220 church members; 13 baptisms, and gifts and benevolences from the school, \$149.23. The average attendance in the Primary Department for the year was 93.9; for the Junior Department, 44.7. This is a fine record. The B. Y. P. U. shows up well also, with an enrollment of 85 working members. With few exceptions where you find a live Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. you find a church doing fine work along all lines. The gifts also show the work done by its working forces.

First Baptist Church, Nashville—The attendance on the B. Y. P. U. is fine. Let all the young people come to this meeting on Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Mr. A. L. Edwards has charge of the Bible Readers' course. Read the following chapters—John 8:31 to John 12:50—and come prepared to enjoy the lesson.

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We go back to the Old Testament this year for the entire year's study in the Uniform Lesson, so we thought it might be helpful to give to our workers an outline of the work for the year. Following is a brief review of the year's work taken from Mr. L. P. Leavell's suggestions:

SEVENTH CYCLE OF LESSONS,  
1912-1917.

1912—New Testament. Life of Christ. From Birth to Transfiguration. Synoptic Gospels.

1913—Old Testament. Genesis to Joshua.

1914—New Testament. Life of Christ finished. Synoptic Gospels.

1915—Old Testament. Judges to Second Kings with Prophets.

1916—New Testament Acts, Epistles and Revelation.

1917—January to June, New Testament. Gospel of John.

1917—July to December, Old Testament. Second Kings, Ezra and Nehemiah.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS.

First Quarter—Judges 2:7-19 to I. Samuel 14:40.

Second Quarter—I. Samuel 15 to II. Samuel 12.

Third Quarter—H. Samuel 18 to I. Kings 21.

Fourth Quarter—I. Kings 21 to II. Kings 18.

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This letter has been sent out through the State in anticipation of our Christmas offering for China.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 4, 1914.

Dear Sister: We have come again to the time of preparation for our special season of prayer for Foreign Missions and the gathering of our Christmas offering for China.

In the editorial on page 4 of "Royal Service" for December are these wise words: "It will require courage to keep this year's Christmas offering up to the standard; but we must not forget that our Missionary Union accepted the aim set for us by the Foreign Board. They retained the women missionaries on the field because of that promise; we have trained the Board to expect a large offering. The missionaries are buoyed up by it each year. Shall we disappoint them this year? China's need was never greater; let us Tennessee women, young women, girls and boys, respond to the call. Your Christmas offering helps to meet your apportionment for Foreign Missions.

In the programs sent to you emphasis is rightly placed on prayer. Let us not only plead for His blessing on World Wide Missions, but seek to know His will, then determine to do His will. God will surely hear and answer the prayer of His servants.

Yours for a larger Christmas offering,  
MARGARET BUCHANAN.

Week of prayer program World-Wide Missions, January 3-9, 1915, Woman's Missionary Union Southern Baptist Convention.

Sunday Morning Sermon—Theme: "Christ for Every Life."

Sunday Afternoon—Subject: "The World Field."

Devotional Services—Hymn: "Fling Out the Banner;" prayer for Divine Presence; Bible reading: Three World Visions: Matthew 4:8-11; John 17:9-18; Matthew 28:16-20; hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Prayer for the World—"Nine hundred Christians are being added daily to non-Christian lands."

Prayer for North America—Population over 120,000,000. Dr. J. F. Love says: He who died for our salvation gave to the saved the task of the world's evangelization. American Christians stand in peculiar relation to that task, and to American Baptists in particular falls a large share of the responsibility. Upon the Baptists of the South eventually must devolve the major part of the inescapable and paramount Baptist duty. "There are 5,895,261 Baptists in the United States, 2,522,633 being the white Baptists of the South."

Hymn—"America."

Prayer for South America—"The population of South America is over 49,834,000. In many parts, vast areas have not been trodden by the foot of

civilized man. Millions of heart-beats cry for us from this vast expanse. Brazil is the only country which has developed a strong, native Christian leadership and in it is virtually one-half of the entire South American missionary force."

Prayer for War-Torn Europe—Solo: "The Recessional."

Prayer for Africa—"Robert Moffat was not too good for Africa; David Livingstone was not too good; it needs the highest to raise the lowest."

Prayer for Asia—"A century ago, in all Asia, there were only a few thousand Protestants; today they far exceed 2,000,000."

Prayer for Australia and the Islands of the Sea—"In the first seventeen years, 30,000 converts were won in Fiji."

Announcements—Hymn: "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Monday—Subject: "United States."

Devotional Service—Bible readings: Our Danger, Daniel 9:16-19; Place of Refuge, Joshua 20:1-5; Jehovah's People, Psalm 144:12-15; hymn, "We Praise Thee, Oh, God."

Prayer for U. S. President and Government—"October 4th was set aside by President Wilson as a day of prayer for Europe."

Prayer for Social Betterment—"Average monthly salary of women school teachers in 1910 was \$34; in 1912 there were 12,981 suicides; and in 1909, \$671,158,000 was used in malt liquor manufacture, \$385,000,000 for women's clothes, while less than 7,000,000 of the population were wage-earners."

Hymn—"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

Prayer for Religious Conditions—"In the United States, there are 74 Buddhist and 1,520 Mormon temples; 1,769 Jewish synagogues; and 1,230 Christian Science, 477 Unitarian and 15,072 Catholic churches."

Announcements—Lord's Prayer in Concert.

Tuesday—Subject: "Africa and Japan."

Devotional Service—Hymn: "More like the Master;" Bible reading, Galatians 5:16-26; 6:1-10; prayer for Personal Consecration.

Prayer for Better Commerce in Africa—"It is seeing a greater development in land settlement, railroad building and economic growth than any other region in the world. It has been blocked out by the European powers. Herded together in great compounds, the natives acquire European vices and diseases easier than they acquire European standard of morals."

Prayer for Protestant Advance in Africa—"In a mining compound, a missionary often has an audience of 1,000. A missionary bears personal witness to the changed lives of converted Congo wilds. In North Africa stretches the unbroken belt of Mohammedanism."

Prayer for Our Work in Africa—(See 1915 Topic Card for May.)

Hymn—"Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer for Our Work in Japan—(See 1915 Topic Card for April.)

Prayer for Social Betterment in Japan—"The place of woman has been exalted, but 62 per cent of the factory workers are women and 5 per cent are children; there are 48,769 prostitutes; the national religion, Shintoism, is without a definite moral code. Japan's weakness lies in naturalism and materialism."

Prayer for Christian Education in Japan—"In the Imperial University there were 3,000 agnostics and only 60 Christians. 350,000 Japanese are in college or high-school; 96 per cent of her daughters attend school; and there are 27,125 primary schools."

Announcements—Hymn, "Lord Speak to Me."

Wednesday—Subject, "China." (See Ingathering Program.)

Thursday—Subject, "Italy and Mexico."

Devotional Service: Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Bible reading Hebrews 2:17, 18; 3:1-4; 7:15-28; silent prayer; hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Prayer for Our Italian Missions—"Foreign Mission Board reports 42 churches, 88 out-stations, 1,314 members, 6 missionaries, 14 native helpers, 9 day schools with 390 pupils, and 1 theological seminary with 13 students.

The Woman's Hymn—(See Union Year Book, page 41.)

Prayer for Our Work in Mexico—(See 1915 Topic Card for August.) Dr. T. B. Ray says: The progress towards peace has encouraged some of our missionaries to return to their fields, where they have found the people much more cordial towards the gospel message. The present government in Mexico will see to it that perfect freedom is given to Protestants. Never have we been given such an opportunity in Mexico.

Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers." Announcements.

Prayer for Religious Awakening in These Lands.

Friday—Subject, "Brazil."

Devotional Service—Hymn, "Publish Glad Tidings." Bible reading Isaiah 26:2-13; Acts 8:26-39.

Prayer for Our Brazilian Missions—Foreign Mission Board reports: work begun 1882; 23 of the 159 churches self-supporting; 340 out-stations; 11,006 members; 43 missionaries; 128 native helpers; 18 schools; and 876 students. Dr. Ray writes: South America has felt, heavily the stressful hand of the European war, as its business is almost entirely absorbed by Europe. The failure of Brazil to float recently a great loan in London made even more distressing the terrible panic which has been in existence in that country for more than a year. These facts have made the problem of living a heavy one. Our missionaries have felt this burden in their own households. A still greater hardship for them has been the hunger and poverty they have met and sought to relieve amongst the poor all about them. However, in the midst of it all, has been felt the guiding hand of God. Wonderful successes have rewarded their labors, for which we thank God and take courage.

Prayer for All Christian Work in Brazil—"Brazil has completely separated church from State. Moral and intellectual blight and spiritual blindness are the contributions of Rome to Brazil."

Announcements—Hymn, "Savior Breathe an Evening Blessing."

Saturday—Subject, "Argentina and Uruguay."

Devotional Service—Hymn, "I Love

Thy Kingdom, Lord." Bible reading Luke 10:25-37; Acts 17:26; Hebrews 2:9-11; 1 John 3:16.

Prayer for Our Missions in These Countries—The report shows 13 churches, one being self-supporting; 15 out-stations; 610 members, 112 having been recently-baptized; 16 missionaries; 11 native helpers; 2 day schools with 82 pupils; and 1 theological seminary with 8 students.

Prayer for Christian Education in Both Lands—"Fully 90 per cent of the 5,000 students in the University of Buenos Aires are in a state of unbelief. They must have higher educational institutions that will give the Bible and its authority the place it must have in man's training for life. South America challenges us to come to her deliverance from three centuries of ignorance and superstition."

Report of Christmas Offering—Testimony of Week's Blessings. Hymn, "I Am Thine, Oh, Lord." Mizpah Benediction.

### LETTER FROM MRS. BURNLEY.

Dear Sisters: As we are all planning and devising ways and means that shall enable us to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" of our beloved W. M. U. during the year upon which we are entering, let's put on the list of anticipated endeavors the introduction of our best and most helpful literature into every Baptist home possible.

Without information there can be very little interest. Through the medium of our fine periodicals, home and foreign, we keep in touch with the progress of missions in all fields—our own Royal Service, speaking especially to the Baptist womanhood of the South who are enlisted in the great work and seeking to interest others.

Another source of information right at home—our own denominational paper, the Baptist and Reflector—we should earnestly strive to give greater circulation. It comes as a weekly visitor to our Baptist homes, full of information pertaining to our denomination and its work: The genial editor shares its pages so generously in the interest of our W. M. U., and our own Mrs. C. C. Phillips, who has charge of the W. M. U. page, is so untiring in her efforts to give us the very best possible, and through this medium a vast amount of good can be accomplished.

The Baptist and Reflector has proven to be an evangel for good in every home it visits. Let us urge more of our people to subscribe for it the ensuing year.

Let Associations, through their Superintendents and Societies, or through some one appointed to represent this work, make an added effort to bring our State paper before our people. The influence of such a movement would, we believe, be far-reaching, and its effect seen in the summing up of another year's work. Shall we not all stress this special means of broadening our work and encouraging our good editors?

MRS. A. F. BURNLEY.

January the eighth is the day appointed by the Federation of Women's Board of Missions of United States for day of prayer throughout the country.

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## HIS PARTING MESSAGE.

We copied, a week or two ago, a letter from Dr. Robert J. Burdette to a friend in Cincinnati, which he began by saying: "It is very pleasant here in afternoon land." The following letter to Dr. J. W. Brougher, pastor of the Temple church, San Francisco, of which Dr. Burdette was formerly pastor, was probably his last message:

"I am neither bed-ridden nor house-bound, but I am woefully weak.

"Because it is sweet and quiet down here we still remain in 'Eventide.' And 'Afternoon Land' is very pleasant. Every evening as I sit in the sunroom and watch the sun go down beyond the rim of the blue Pacific, I know what is over there. There is no mystery in that unseemly space beyond the sunset. I have been there. I have journeyed in those lands. There, where the sun is just sinking out of sight, is Japan, Yokohama, Tokyo, Nikko, Fujiyama, the beautiful Inland Sea—I can see it all. And there, where that silver star is shining through the crimson bars of the sunset, that is China. Over there is Manila. Yonder is Port Arthur. I know it all. I have been there.

"Well, beyond the gates of the sunset there is another land, farther away than the stars. I have never seen it. I have never seen any one who has been there. But all that I know about the Oriental lands wherein I have journeyed, is the merest conjecture compared with my knowledge of the Blessed Land which eye hath not seen. That Fair and Happy Country I do know. Know it with a certainty, a positive knowledge which has never been shadowed by a cloud of doubt passing over my belief. I may be confused in my earthly geographical locations. But this Heaven of ours—no man, no thing, no circumstance has ever shaken my faith in that. As the sun sinks lower, Faith shines more brightly, and Hope, lifting her voice in a higher key, sings the songs of fruition. So, every evening when the sun goes down, I see that shadowless land of eternal noon. I know it is there—not because I have seen it, but because I do see it.

"Take this greeting to my Dear Children, dear Pas-

tor. Tell them how I think of them daily, and pray for the church so dear to all of us. May the dear Heavenly Father grant unto every one of us abundant entrance into that sweet and heavenly country where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; and where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes."

How beautiful! How tender! Such expressions could only come from a Christian.

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## A WAVE AND A WAIL.

The Menace quotes the following from The Western Watchman, a prominent Roman Catholic paper, giving the date and the page, "November 12, 1914, page 10." "In several parts of the country, especially in the great State of New York, our Catholic people have within the past month been inundated by a tidal wave of bigotry that has greatly outraged their religious feelings and injured them politically. The attacks were made on them as Catholics and simply as Catholics. The attacks came sometimes from men who were professed Protestants; but in the main from men who have no religion at all. This latter feature of the warfare appears very strange to people who do not reflect that Protestantism is not a religion—never was a religion. The most that could ever be said of it was that, it was a form of rape and robbery masquerading as a religion, and a hypocrisy wearing the livery of Christianity to serve the seven deadly sins in. We must not forget that three-fourths of the people of the United States are unbaptized heathens; and in a world of that religious complexion the position of the Church of God must always be precarious."

It is just such an attitude as that assumed by the Western Watchman that has caused Catholic people to be "inundated by a tidal wave"—of bigotry or whatever you may choose to call it. The name is not important. The tidal wave is the essential thing. We may say to the Western Watchman, though, that the tidal wave which inundated Catholic people last November was very small compared to the tidal wave which will roll over them if they persist in their efforts to gain control of this country. This is not a Catholic country. The people of this country, to a large extent, have come here to escape the evils of Catholicism, and they do not propose to have those evils thrust upon them here. The sooner Catholic people in general, and the Pope of Rome in particular, learn this fact the better it will be for all parties concerned.

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## DENOMINATIONAL HONESTY.

That he may have greater doctrinal liberty a minister in New York has resigned his pastorate and accepted an invitation to a church of another denomination. He has been very successful in the place he now occupies, and will leave behind him a host of friends and well-wishers, so that he is not making this transfer to escape from an uncomfortable position.

Commenting on the above the Christian Advocate says: "The man's honesty is to be commended, and his example might well be emulated by all who secretly hold views which they know to be contrary to the standards of the denomination to which they belong. It is quite impossible for any man long to conceal his theological aberrations. Almost unobserved by him they will slip into his public speech. As soon as a minister has discovered that he is hopelessly at variance with the tenets of his church he should frankly seek affiliation with another body."

This is very true. It seems strange that any preacher should continue occupying a pulpit or chair in a church or school of any denomination after he has ceased to agree with the tenets of that denomination. It looks as if common honesty would demand that he surrender his pulpit or chair as soon as he realizes that it is not in accordance with the doctrines he is expected to teach. There is such a thing as denominational honesty.

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## INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Hon. Lloyd George, in a contribution to the Christmas number of The Methodist Times, tells what he saw on a recent visit to the battlefields of France. "I saw in a village being shelled by German guns a prisoner of war being brought into the French lines. He was under guard, wounded and looked ill and in pain.

"The French general with whom I had gone to the front went up to the wounded Prussian and told him he need not worry; he would be taken straight to the hospital and looked after as if he were one of our

own men. The Prussian replied: 'We treated your men in exactly the same way.'

"It was a curious rivalry under these conditions; for you could hear the 'wizzle' of the German shells and the shuddering crack with which they exploded, dealing out death and destruction in the French trenches close by. We were in sight of a powerful French battery which was preparing to send its deadly messengers into the Prussian ranks.

"A little further on I marveled that this exhibition of good will among men who were sworn foes should be possible amid such surroundings, until my eyes happened to wander down a lane where I saw a long row of wagons, each marked with a great Red Cross. Then I knew who had taught these brave men the lesson of humanity that will gradually, surely overthrow the reign of hate. Christ had not died in vain."

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## READ THESE FIGURES.

A Chicago company producing a staple food commodity writes agents in Nashville as follows:

"Just as a matter of information we give below a comparison of exports from the United States for the month of November, showing Europe's big demand:

Commodity.	Nov., 1913.	Nov., 1914.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Oats -----	17,904	7,087,540
Wheat -----	3,850,392	19,181,802
Corn -----	421,878	2,121,769
	Pounds.	Pounds.
Fresh beef -----	493,670	12,156,321
Canned beef -----	177,975	9,107,545
Miscellaneous beef ---	1,838,048	2,316,425

There have been some good reports the past few days on movement of cotton, as follows:

It is reported that two boats have been chartered to carry 25,000 bales of cotton to Germany, value \$1,750,000.

Shipments to Germany are increasing and it is estimated by the end of the month Germany will have received 250,000 bales.

Galveston reports exporting to Great Britain 15,239 bales, and to the continent 29,140 bales.

Over 54,000 bales, valuation in excess of \$2,000,000, have been shipped from Savannah the past week.

Total exports of cotton today (December 18), all ports, 107,331 bales, against 63,000 bales yesterday.

Winter wheat acreage reported December 18, 1914, shows an increase in the area in the Southern cotton states of 2,577,000 acres."

Certainly these figures do not sound like hard times. On the contrary, they seem to presage the era of unprecedented prosperity predicted by Mr. Chas. M. Schwab.

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## CATHOLICISM IN MEXICO.

Rev.-H. A. Phillips, a Presbyterian missionary in Mexico, writing to the Assembly Herald, says:

"One of the important changes that we have noticed and that has a distinct bearing on the religious situation in Mexico, is seen in the widespread realization of the corruption of the Roman Catholic church. A knowledge of this corruption has not been lacking for many years. It would be impossible to live in Mexico, even for a few months, and not know it. It is evident even to an inexperienced observer. But while the people have long known of these facts, yet the public conscience has been stupefied by the power of the church, criticism has been effectually silenced, and opposition has been rendered virtually impossible. Now we find all this changed. That which was before vague and unrelated knowledge has suddenly become clear and well-defined, as though some substance held in a solution had been precipitated and crystallized by the introduction of a new element. And this is really what has happened."

If the result of the Mexican war, or rather wars, shall be to free Mexico from the domination of Roman Catholicism, then all the strife and turmoil and bloodshed incident to these wars shall not have been in vain, but rather shall have been for the best interests of Mexico in the end.

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## NEGRO POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

In a preliminary report of the United States Census Bureau, issued recently, the number of Negroes in the United States, according to the census taken in 1910 and now published for the first time, is 9,827,703. This is an increase of 993,769 over the census report for 1900.

In 1910 negroes formed 10.7 per cent. of the total population, against 11.6 per cent. in 1900. The increase

for the decade was 11.2 compared with 20.8 per cent. among the native whites and of 30.7 per cent. among the foreign-born whites.

The number of negro males in 1910 was 4,885,881 against 4,941,882 females, the number of males to 100 females, thus being 98.9 per cent. against a ratio of 106 for the whites. They were the only race in which there were more females than males.

The number of negro rural dwellers was 7,138,534, forming 14.5 per cent. of the rural population.

Of a total of 2,953 counties in the United States there were only 110 in which there were no negroes; and there were fifty-three counties in 1910 against fifty-five counties in 1900 in which 75 per cent. of the population were negroes.

Of the total number of negroes ten years of age and over, 2,227,731, or 30.4 per cent. were reported as illiterate. The percentage of illiteracy decreased from 57.1 in 1890 to 30.4 in 1910.

The total value of farm property operated by negroes was \$1,144,181,000 against 449,941,000 in 1910. The death rate among them in the registration area 25.5 per cent: 1,000 against 29.4 in 1900.

About 2,000,000 of these negroes are members of Baptist churches. Allowing three constituents to every member, the usual estimate, 6,000,000 of these negroes are Baptists, or under Baptist influence—three-fifths of them, of course, in the South. These facts put a tremendous responsibility upon the white Baptists of the South, to help their brothers in black in the evangelization and education and general uplift of their race.

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#### YOUNG MEN AS SOLDIERS.

We called attention sometime ago to the fact that the generals on both sides in the present great European war are comparatively old men. But while the generals are old, the soldiers are mostly young men. The figures of our Civil War, recently recapitulated, will throw light on this point. Of the nearly three millions of enlisted men in the North, 1,500 were fourteen or under; 850,000 were sixteen or under, 1,150,000 were eighteen or under, and more than two millions were twenty-one or under. Those over twenty-one numbered less than a third as many as those below that age. The average of the whole number was 19.7 years. The statistics for the Southern armies would probably show even a smaller average. We know that in the South, many of the brightest and best young men went into the war—a large number of them leaving school to go—and never came back again. It seems a tremendous pity that such men should have to give up their young lives for their country. Far better would it have been if they could have given their lives to their country. Oh, the senselessness of war! Oh, the horror of it all!

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#### THE WAR.

In the West the French after an overwhelming bombardment, as the Germans called it, captured the village of Steinbach in Alsace. Otherwise there has been little change in the lines in Belgium and France. The British battleship Formidable was sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel. On the east the Russians have checked the German advance on Warsaw, have driven the Austrians again over the Carpathian Mountains, but have themselves been driven back in the Caucasian Mountains by the Turks. The Turks, however, are said to be anticipating the loss of Constantinople on account of the bombardment of the Dardanelles by the French and English fleets.

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#### RECENT EVENTS.

In renewing his subscription to the Baptist and Reflector, Rev. T. O. Dake, of Niota, says kindly: "I am always very anxious for it to come. It fills a place that no other paper can fill. May this be a happy and prosperous year to you, and all its readers."

It is announced that the Bellevue church of Memphis has extended a unanimous call to Dr. R. M. Inlow to become its pastor. Dr. Inlow is at present General Secretary of the Mission Board of Arkansas, in which position he has done very efficient work, as indicated by the letter of Dr. Sam H. Campbell, published this week. Dr. Inlow is well known in Tennessee, as pastor for several years of the First Baptist church, Nashville. His acceptance of the call has not yet been announced, but it is confidently expected. Dr. Inlow is an able preacher and a progressive pastor. The Bellevue church presents a fine opportunity for usefulness.

An Italian desiring citizenship papers was asked by the authorities: "Who is the President of the United States?" "Mr. Wilson," he replied promptly. "Who is the Governor of New York?" "Mr. Glynn," said he. "If President Wilson should die who would take office as President?" The applicant smiled confidently and said, "George Washington." Informed that the first President had been dead for some years, he looked surprised. Nevertheless he was accepted as a "first paper" man.

The Word and Way says that Dr. J. T. Henderson, Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, is credited with this: "The time has come for laymen to lay more. They ought to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets them, especially the sin of covetousness. They should seek to lay up treasures in heaven, and they should lay aside on the first day of the week as God has prospered them." As we remember, Dr. Henderson had several other suggestions as to how the laymen might lay.

Henry Noble MacCracken was chosen President of Vassar College on December 15, to succeed Dr. James Monroe Taylor, who retired last February after many years of honored and greatly successful service. Dr. MacCracken is at present professor of English in Smith College. He is a son of Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCracken, long Chancellor of New York University, and a brother of Professor John Henry MacCracken, LL.D., of New York University, who was chosen President of Lafayette College on the day before his brother was chosen President of Vassar. Certainly a remarkable record.

The following invitation comes to us:

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Mary Catherine Cason  
At Home  
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730 p. m.

This is quite interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Bond are the parents of Dr. Albert R. Bond. We extend to them warm congratulations upon the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their married life, with the hope that their lives may be spared other years.

There are a total of 175,685 Sunday Schools in the United States and Canada, with 16,750,297 scholars and 1,690,739 officers and teachers, or nearly 18,500,000 in the Sunday School army. Of these schools nearly three-fourths are in the rural districts, and doubtless the larger number of the teachers even in the city schools come from the rural churches, as do the preachers and missionaries. It might be pertinent to raise the question as to whether the magnificent international and the various State and other organizations, now numbering scores, give a proportionate amount of time to the peculiar problems of the rural school as compared with the town and city school. The rural school is difficult to reach, is small, and often closed for the winter, but it has therefore the greater need. It is encouraging to find the Sunday Schools contributing nearly \$350,000 annually to missions.—Christian Evangelist.

Dr. P. A. Baker, General Superintendent; Dr. E. C. Dinwiddie, Legislative Superintendent; and Drs. James Cannon and A. J. Barton, and Wayne B. Wheeler, Esq., members of the National Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America, issued the following statement shortly after the taking of the vote on the Hobson resolution: "The temperance forces of the country have reason to be deeply gratified by the results of this day. It is the first time in the history of the Republic that the question of national prohibition has gotten upon the floor of either branch of Congress. The fact that the first effort should show a clear majority of eight, exclusive of pairs, with both floor leaders, the Chairman of the Rules Committee and the prestige of the President and Secretary of State invoked against us, in view of the further fact that no member of the present Congress was elected on this issue, is exceedingly gratifying. A record has been made. The friends of the measure will no longer be fighting in the dark. For the first time the battle line is fairly and clearly drawn. Our appeal is now to the people. The longer it takes to secure submission, the shorter time will be required to reach ratification. The next immediate step is to secure a favorable report from the Judiciary Committee of the Senate."

Washington, D. C., December 23, 1914.

The Asbury Park Evening News of December 21, publishes a sermon delivered on the previous day by Dr. W. A. Atchley on the subject of "Moral Worth Needed in the City's New Heads," urging that only men of unselfish devotion to the public need be named as commissioners.

Rev. E. H. Marriner and Miss Mary Ella Bishop were married in Jackson last week. Brother Marriner has for the past several years been a student in Union University. He has accepted a call to the church at San Diman, Cal., for which place he left immediately after his marriage. We extend cordial congratulations with warmest wishes for happiness and usefulness, as Bro. Marriner embarks upon the sea of matrimony.

It will be a matter of much grief to the hosts of friends of Col. O. C. Barton of Paris, to learn that his daughter, Mrs. Hawkins of Colorado Springs, Col., has been very seriously ill for several weeks at an infirmary in Nashville. At this writing she is somewhat better than she has been, though still in a critical condition. We trust that she may be fully restored to health and strength.

A week of Prayer and Resolutions is being conducted this week in the Baptist Tabernacle, Chattanooga, beginning with a New Year's sermon Sunday morning by Pastor J. B. Phillips, and closing on Sunday, January 10, with an "Eye-Opening Address on Mexico and Its War," by Dr. R. W. Hooker. On Monday evening, there was a "big church banquet," at which a "real old-fashioned picnic dinner was served."

The following paragraph from the Baptist Times and Freeman will be read with deep regret by the friends of Dr. Len G. Broughton: "We are sorry to learn that Dr. Broughton had a relapse last week. It is evident, pending more definite medical reports, that Dr. Broughton must take some much-needed rest before he can take up the more active duties at Christ church." We stated recently that Dr. Broughton had been called to the pastorate of the Clarendon Street church, Boston. Probably the call is providential, furnishing him an opportunity for lighter work than that of the pastorate of Christ church, London.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Third Baptist church, this city, of which Rev. S. P. DeVault is the popular pastor, sent a very generous offering to the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage on December 22. The articles were: One hundred and sixty-one quart cans of fruits and preserves, forty-five pounds of beef, three and a half hams, three strips of bacon, twenty pounds of lard, one barrel of apples, one box of oranges, five bushels of Irish potatoes, one bushel of sweet potatoes, one bushel of turnips, one dozen bunches of celery, twenty-five pounds of cabbage, two quarts of beans, and one dozen knee pants.

On Thursday of last week Rev. G. A. Ogle of Springfield gave a dinner party to a number of hungry preachers. At the table were Brethren G. A. Ogle, J. W. Gillon, J. H. Wright, L. S. Ewton, P. W. Carney, W. F. Shannon, W. F. Roe and the editor. The dinner, prepared by the skillful hands of Mrs. Ogle, was a very delightful one and the hungry preachers did full justice to it, with emphasis on the full. In the afternoon, Brethren Ogle, Wright, Gillon and the editor went out for a hunt. Of the hunt it is sufficient, perhaps, to say that—the weather was fine. And it was certainly fine exercise tramping through fields and woods and breathing the pure ozone of the country air uncontaminated by city smoke. Supper again at Brother Ogle's, a brief but sweet season of devotions closed the day, and the visiting preachers left for home with happy memories of a most delightful day.

G. A. LOFTON.

I cannot feel like Dr. Lofton is gone. How vigorous and brilliant he was at our State Convention this fall. Our Southern Baptist Zion is poorer because of his going. A profound theologian, a brilliant writer, a ripe scholar, an eloquent preacher, a faithful pastor—above all, a consecrated Christian, it was a privilege and blessing to know him. No man among us had a mightier grip on the great doctrines of the Bible. None stood more steadfastly for the teaching and the integrity of the fundamentals of our faith. He walked with God "and he was not for God took him."

E. K. COX.

Elizabethton, Tenn.

## THE HOME PAGE.

A Short Story and Items of Interest for the Home.

## BEDTIME.

As A was sitting fast Asleep  
"It's time for Bed," said B;  
C crept into his little Cot,  
To Dreamland off went D.

E closed his Eyes, F Fretful grew,  
"Good-night," G softly said;  
H hurried up the wooden Hill  
To put itself to bed.

J jumped for Joy when bedtime came,  
K kissed good-night all 'round;  
L asked for Light, M got the Match,  
The land of Nod N found.

O Owned that it was Overtired,  
To Pillowland P Pressed;  
Q Queried why it was so Quiet  
When R Retired to Rest.

S went in Search of Slumberland,  
Too Tired was T to stay;  
U went Upstairs, V Vanished, too;  
And W led the Way.

When X 'Xlaimed, "How Y does  
Yawn,"  
With Zest responded Z;  
"Dear me! it seems I'm last of all,"  
And tumbled into bed.

—Exchange.

## BIBLE AS WAR VOLUME.

By the Religious Rambler.

When newspaper dispatches impinge on the Bible narratives there is at once a stimulation of interest on the part of millions of readers. That is why the extension of the present war into Bible lands quickens the attention of countless persons who pay scant attention to the details of the struggle in Europe, especially so far as names and places are concerned.

Now the most luminous comments upon the war are not provided by the "military experts" or the special correspondents, but by the old Bible itself. The cablegrams have not furnished any commentary upon the Turkish campaign against Egypt so illuminating as the five books of Moses; and it needs the Old Testament to make interesting the scant war news from down the Persian Gulf way. The fighting between Russians and Turks in Armenia is meaningless, geographically, to the average reader; until he is reminded that it centers near Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark rested after the flood.

War news from the cradle of civilization, and the traditional site of the Garden of Eden, has been scanty. We only know that the British have cleared the Turkish forces out of the Persian Gulf region, and from the shores of the Shat-el-Arab, the river which is formed by the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates. The city of Bosra, which is the center of the world's date market, has been captured by the British.

## NEAR THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

All the littoral of Arabia—and indeed of the whole of Asiatic Turkey, for that matter—is controlled by British ships. The new Indian navy, which is a recent unit of the British sea forces, has patrolled the Arabian coast line from the land of Ur of the Chaldees back to Mosra, to the realm of the Queen of Sheba, which is the hinterland of Aden. The prime work of this fleet has been to prevent gun-running into India, but the cultivation of friendly relations with the Arab sheikhs along the coast has also been an important function. Now that the

issue is at last fully and fairly joined, it is expected that the Arabs, who have been sporadically fighting the Turks for generations will throw in their lot with Great Britain, rather than with the Ottoman Empire.

Not only will the land of Abraham and of the Hebrew exiles (many thousands of whose descendants will dwell in the region of the captivity) come under British control, but also the old home of Queen Esther and the Prophet Daniel, in Southern Persia. Apparently this region also is to fall to Britain in the collapse of the Islamic political power.

## WHERE MOSES FOUGHT.

According to the cables, Sinai Peninsula, which once reverberated with the thunders of the hour when the law was given to Moses, is now echoing the noise of cannon and rifle fire, for there the Turks and the British are fighting, as the former try to force a way to the Suez Canal.

Sinai is the oldest of the holy places of monotheistic faith. There the children of Israel received the law, and there they became a nation. To the Christian it is the most sacred spot on earth, except Mount Calvary. Today the Sinai Peninsula is a part of Egypt and controlled by the British Government. The boundary line runs from a point on the Mediterranean coast near El Arish, a short distance below Gaza, where Samson carried off the gates, to the head of the Gulf of Akaba, where a mean village of mud houses, about the ruins of an old fortress, stands on the site of a city of ancient might and splendor. The length of the Egyptian coast line within what is known as Palestine, from El Arish to Port Said, is more than 100 miles.

All this land of Sinai is waste and well nigh waterless. A recent book by Dr. F. E. Hoskins, "From the Nile to Nebo," is the most vivid description of it. There are no towns in it, and the inhabitants number about 6,000 Bedouins. The Russian Church maintains, at the base of the Mountain of the Law, the monastery of St. Catharine, a fortified enclosure originally erected by the Emperor Justinian, at the request of the Christians.

No clearer knowledge of the difficulties of travel and subsistence in this region can be gained than by reading the Book of Exodus. The Turkish commissariat will have even greater problems to face than Moses, for they will have no supernatural supplies of manna, meat and water, as had the Israelites. In addition to being harassed by the Bedouins, as were the Jews, the Turkish expedition will have drilled British troops, camel corps, infantry and airmen to contend with. The sand will prevent or make difficult the transport of heavy artillery.

## BRITISH FLEET CAN RAKE.

Worst of all, from the Turkish standpoint, will be the deadly fire of the British fleet, which can direct its guns upon the ancient caravan routes, which must still be the line of march, from ships in the Mediterranean, in the Suez Canal, in the Red Sea and in the Gulf of Akaba. The coast is lowlying sand, with no shelter or fortifications; and no bases of retreat nearer than Jerusalem, which is almost two hundred miles away.

Thoughts of the passage of the Red Sea by the Children of Israel recur to the reader's mind as he perceives that the Turkish expedition against Egypt will have to cross the waters of the Suez Canal, a good-sized river, and cross it, too, in the face of fire from both naval and land forces, for a

British railway runs along the entire length of the canal, on the western side, making possible the quick distribution of troops from Cairo. There is no railroad at all on the Sinai Peninsula.

To cross the body of water the Turkish forces would seem to require a miracle like that which succored Moses and his host. Boats and timber for pontoons or rafts could scarcely be carried over the cruel desert marches of hundreds of miles; and there is practically no timber on the Sinai Peninsula that could be used. This campaign is not to be thought of in the same terms as that in Belgium or Poland. Those are in civilized, settled regions; this is in a sandy, waste, without a single town or city, and as primitive as it was four thousand years ago.

Nowadays not to know the Bible story and its background is to be ignorant of the setting of the most interesting phase of the most modern war.

## GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DARKNESS.

Ingersoll's eulogy of whiskey, which appeared in Dr. Buckley's Personal Sketches IX, makes me think of a sign over a saloon which I saw, from the car window while passing through a Western city recently. The saloon called itself "The Alma Mater." What a name! I began thinking at once of its graduates! From this alma mater graduates go forth not with the zest and zeal of young and hopeful life, but with the blight and blast of disease, the mark of the beast and the bruise of the serpent. Sons go forth from hence to curse father and mother, not to honor them; and daughters to bring disgrace, not pride; sorrow, not joy. Graduates from this alma mater go forth to curse their generation and age, not to bless it. Their pursuits are not in the paths of virtue, but in the broad way which leads to destruction and to the gates of hell. They bring to society curses, not blessings; to the home anguish, not comfort; to the State, problems of misery and want; to the nation, ill fame and ruin.

Those graduates go forth bearing the torch of the incendiary, the gun of the murderer, the knife of the assassin, the bomb of the anarchist. They kill and destroy, they rob and debauch, they deceive and despoil. Down where the scarlet woman is, there are they, and where hell holds high carnival among gamblers and thugs, lepers, and outcasts, and denizens of the alley and tenderloin, there they resort. With bleared eyes and swollen faces and shivery nerves and unsteady steps, their lips breathing out curses and blasphemy, they form a procession annually one hundred thousand strong, marching on, not to victory, but to despair; to night, not to day; to death,

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**AT THE YEAR'S CLOSE.**

If fault of mine, or pride, or fear,  
Has cost one soul, or far or near,  
One bitter pang, one burning tear,  
May the hurt die with thee, Old Year!

If sorrow ever deafened me  
So that, in vain, on doubt's dark sea,  
One called on me despairingly,  
Old Year! oh, hile that cry with thee!

If gracelessness in anything,  
Has weighted some poor struggling wing,  
Or heedlessness has left a sting,  
O speeding year, my pardon bring!

If I have failed where need was sore  
Appreciation's wine to pour,  
Selfishly keeping it in store—  
Now heaven absolve me I implore!

May every wrong and hurt of mine,  
Or felt or given leave no sign,  
Touched with the blessed anodyne—  
Good will! God's peace! the birth divine!

—Charlotte Fiske Bates.

During the excitement of getting ready for Christmas and giving there are many true and loyal givers who have remembered the Young South and the Orphans.

This week we have a number of letters with generous offerings for the Orphans' Home. We thank each and every one of you for your Christmas gift and we hope that all of our Young South friends will have a bright and prosperous New Year and with your help and interest we are going to try and make 1915 one of the best years of the Young South.

"Dear Miss Annie White: On this, my first birthday, I wish to remember the little orphan children, so here is \$1.00 for the Orphans' Home.—EVELYN IRENE AUSTIN, Antioch, Tenn."

"My dear Miss Annie White: We are sending you one dollar, our Christmas gift to the orphans. A merry Christmas to you and all the Young South friends.—NELL DAYTON AND AILA LEE BETTIS, Newcastle, Cal."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed you will find check for \$3.25 sent to the orphans as our Christmas offering. May this Christmas be merrier than those that have gone, but not merrier than those yet to come.—Your little friends, MARIANNA, RUBY, RUTH, AND WILLIAM, JR., LANIER, Jackson, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: I am sending you check for \$2.75 from the Sunday School of the Brush Creek Baptist Church. Give this to the Orphans' Home. May God's richest blessings rest upon the

Home and the Young South for 1915, is our prayer. Give your father my love and best wishes in the great work he is doing for the great cause we both love.—J. F. NEVILLE, Brush Creek, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: You will find enclosed a P. O. money order for \$3.50, which my Sunbeam Band is sending as a Christmas offering for the orphans. The weather has been so bad we haven't met in some time, and fear we won't get to meet any time soon. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. With success to the Young South.—DORA MAY PREWITT, Leader, Bolivar, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 for Orphans' Home. This is a part of my tithing for this year.—MRS. JOE STEPHENSON, Petersburg, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed find one dollar for Orphans' Home. This makes \$13.41 our Sunday School has sent this year. We wish we could have doubled it, but are thankful that we have done what we could. Wishing you a glorious New Year.—From Coghill Baptist Sunday School.—PEARL HARALSON, Etowah, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed find one dollar for Orphans' Home; 25 cents from Myrtle Barnes and 25 cents from Hazel Barnes, both of Indian Springs, Tenn., and 50 cents from myself. Oh, I do hope to see more letters in the Young South, and pray that the Lord will put it in the hearts of His people to do more this year for His cause than they have ever done. Wishing you a happy Christmas.—A FRIEND OF THE YOUNG SOUTH, Bluff City, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Please find enclosed P. O. money order for \$2.35 to go to our Orphans' Home from the Sunbeam Band of Dyersburg Church. Yours sincerely.—MRS. C. L. WALTON, Dyersburg, Tenn."

"Miss Annie White Folk: Enclosed find \$7.75, our Christmas offering for the Orphans' Home.—MADISON GOGGIN, Shelbyville, Tenn."

"Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed find check for ten dollars—a Christmas gift from the Sunbeam Band of Woodland Church to the orphans. While we are enjoying the happy Christmas time surrounded by our loved ones, we want to help make glad the hearts of the dear little ones who are not so fortunate as we. This is our first contribution, as our Band has not been organized very long. We have just seven members—Lucille Rice, President; Jocille Clark, Secretary; Marian Rice, Treasurer; Viness Clark, Organist; Kathryn Norvell, Robert Dickinson, Lloyd Wilson. May God bless you in your noble work.—LUCILLE RICE, Brownsville, Tenn."

**A SUNBEAM STORY FROM JANUARY'S PROGRAM.**

An angel passed over the earth one morning and met a little child in a sunny field. "Little one," said he, "do you love the Master?"

The child looked up with bright eyes and said, "Yes, I am one of his little lambs."

"Then," said the angel, "there is work for you to do; go and do it."

"Yes, I will after a while," said the child. "It's only morning now; the day will be so long, and I do love to play." And the child ran away after the butterflies and flow-

ers. The angel as he went his way murmured, "The day will end, the night comes, and it will be too late."

In a few years the child had grown into a big girl. The angel visited the earth again, one morning, and passing near the school, found the girl locked out, too late for school.

"My dear girl," said he, "the day is passing, night will come, and your work is not yet begun."

"Oh," laughed the girl, "there is plenty of time; the sun was shining so brightly, I could not stay shut up in a schoolroom."

In a few more years the angel visited the earth for the last time. He was passing down a hill one evening when he overtook an old woman leaning on her staff. Slowly she plodded down the hill.

"My friend," said the angel, "have you completed the life work which was yours to do?"

"The night is come," said the old woman, "and my work is not yet begun; the day seemed so long, but now it is too late."

I am sure this little child who became a big school girl and then an old woman could never have been a Sunbeam or she would have worked in working hours and played in play time; and when night came the angel could have said to her: "You have spent a good day and your evening will be a happy one." Does the little angel in your heart tell you to go to work?

We hope every Sunbeam Band and every scattered Sunbeam will have or read the Sunbeam program for January from which this striking little story is copied. We are hoping you have not, in the joys of Christmas week, forgotten the card with its tree and candles to be lighted for children in foreign lands.

Try to have the ingathering of these cards at the close of your first meeting this month. Make a special time of it, tithing the children—tell how they managed to "light the tree."

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His voice and whole attitude showed that he was in distress. As I looked into the face of that dear boy my heart was touched deeply. There was no cringing, beggarly ring about him, though his clothes were soiled and his face was dirty. He walked down the street with me. As we walked together I questioned him very closely. He said he had been attending the meetings every day and wanted to be a Christian. He said: "Mr. Who, I don't believe in these idols and burning of paper to them. I want to be a Christian."

I urged him to trust Jesus, and told him as kindly and as sympathetically as I could that Jesus wanted to save him. I told him to go to the Chinese pastor and tell him about the whole matter. He promised me that he would. That night he was back at the chapel, and after the service he came to me and said:

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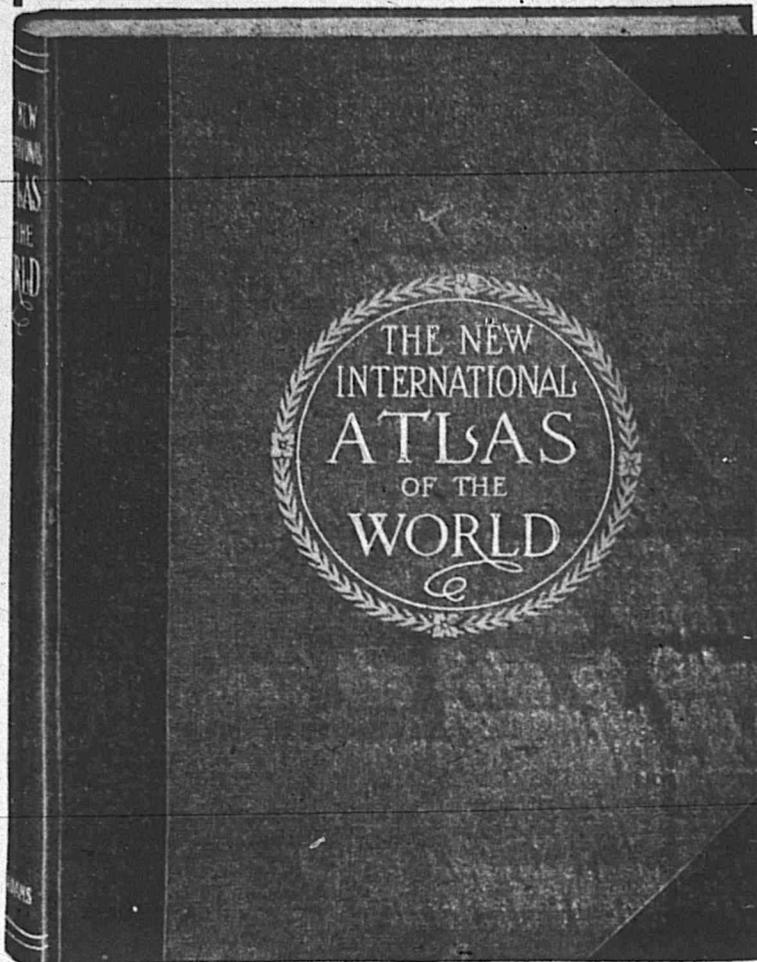
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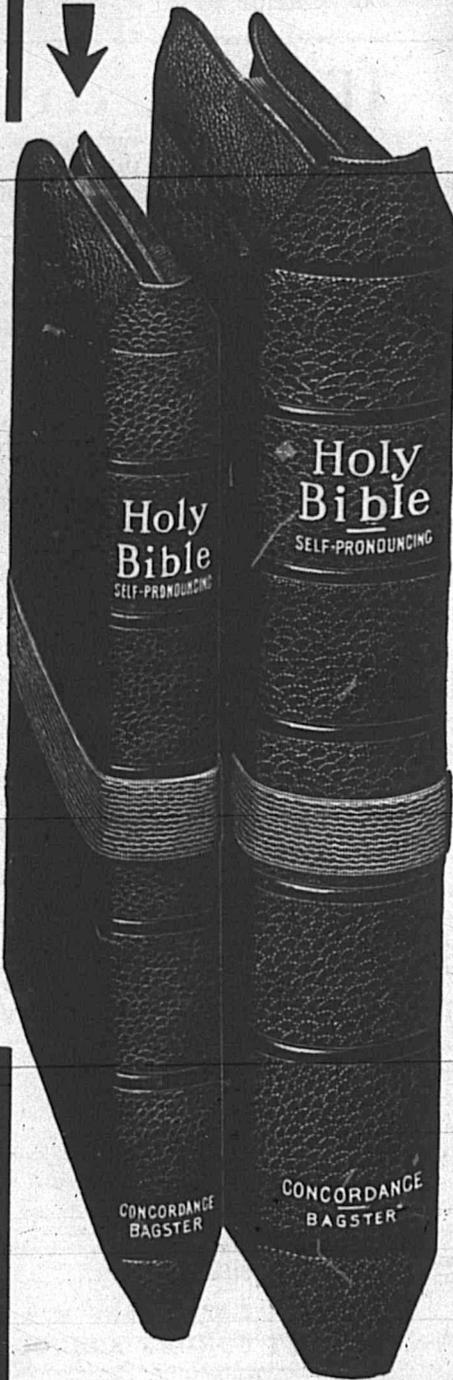
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Brother Davis died as he wished to, fully conscious and left a beautiful testimony, and as he was passing he and his son quoted promise after promise of Jesus, and expressed perfect confidence, and like Tennyson he could say:

"Sunset and evening star,  
 And one clear call for me!  
 And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
 When I put out to sea.  
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"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,  
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The messenger of death has again visited our "Aid Society" and taken away one of our most beloved and highly respected members, Mrs. Rhoda Alice.

She was born August 24, 1869, and fell asleep in Jesus on June 26, 1914. She professed faith in Christ and joined Bethel Baptist church in April, 1882, and remained an active, consecrated member until she was called to meet her Savior.

She was married to Dr. L. J. Jenkins, May 16, 1886. To this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters, who are still living.

She was a devoted Christian. She stood firm on her convictions of right and wrong. She contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Her life was a beautiful life of usefulness and of loving thoughts of others. She loved her home, and stood nobly by her husband in his great work. In her home all friends ever found a kindly welcome.

We miss her so much, but while we deeply feel our loss as an "Aid," we realize it is her gain, and we should lift our hearts in thanks to God for the noble life of this good mother, which has been well spent.

We, the "Ladies' Aid Society" of Bethel Baptist church, esteem it a great privilege, as well as duty to thus give expression to our high appreciation of Sister Jenkins. And we extend to the bereaved husband, children, brothers, sisters, and aged parents of Sister Jenkins our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow. To have known her was a rare privilege.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist and Reflector for publication, a copy sent the family, and also a copy spread on our Aid record.

MRS. R. M. DEW,  
MRS. CLARA FARMER,  
MISS M. E. FARMER,  
Committee.

**BATES**—Virginia Elizabeth, aged one year, six months and ten days, died at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Bates, on Nov. 10, 1914, after a short illness. The remains were laid to rest at Malesus, the services being conducted by the writer.

Virginia Elizabeth, with her twin brother, were the charter members of the Cradle Roll Department of our Sunday School, and we all extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved ones.

"Dear little bud, thou was plucked  
Before thou wast hardly open,  
But thou wilt make a lovelier  
flower  
When thou dost open in heaven."  
W. M. COUCH.

**CASTEEL**—On November 20 at about 5 o'clock in the morning at the home of her brother, Rev. John Casteel, in Ethridge, Tenn., Miss Lydia Casteel, of Waynesboro, after an illness of a few days, answered the summons to come home. She was converted more than fifty years ago and united with the Green River church, with which she was identified all those years.

She was a faithful Christian, a loving sister, denying herself many pleasures that she might make others happy. Being her pastor for a time, I think her life is summed up in this statement, "She hath done what she could."  
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Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of the First church, Dallas, Texas, has our thanks for one of the most beautiful, expressive holiday greetings that came to our desk. It is a gem both in mechanical design and in phraseology.

A unique and useful holiday greeting which came to our desk was a card from Dr. F. W. Barnett, editor of the *Alabama Baptist*, containing a calendar of 1915 and a splendid likeness of Editor Barnett. The most striking thing about the card is Dr. Barnett's personal pulchritude.

The church at Gate City, Va., refused to accept the resignation of its pastor, Rev. T. H. Francisco, raised his salary \$300, and insisted on his remaining with them, which he has decided to do.

Rev. Herbert B. Cross, of Stanton, Va., is to be assisted in a revival beginning next Sunday by Dr. William J. Cambron, of Nashville, who has been holding some very successful meetings in West Virginia.

Calvary church, Fort Smith, Ark., loses as pastor, Rev. Virgil C. Neal, who has resigned to accept a call to Morrilton, Ark., where he formerly lived and labored.

Dr. H. M. Long resigns as field man for the *Baptist Advance* of Arkansas to return to a similar position with the *Baptist Record* of Mississippi. He seems to Long for subscribers and the cash.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, aged 64, wife of J. S. Kennedy, died Friday at her home east of Lexington of congestion. She was a devout and useful Christian and will be sadly missed. To her aged husband goes much condolence. She was buried Saturday in Bethel graveyard after services by the writer.

Rev. W. C. McClung has resigned as pastor of the Parker Street church, Fort Worth, Texas, to take effect January 1. He is pursuing his studies in the seminary at Fort Worth.

Evangelist B. L. Ayers, of Crockett, Texas, and Singer Chester F. Harris, lately held a meeting at Forrest City, Ark., which resulted in over 40 professions, most of which were additions. They are a part of the T. T. Martin

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Dr. J. E. Dillard resigns Delmar Avenue church, St. Louis, Mo., to accept the call to the First church, St. Joseph, Mo. He begins on the new field February 1.

In the recent revival with the First church, Jackson, Miss., in which Rev. James B. Leavell, of Oxford, and Singer W. B. Sholfield, assisted Rev. W. A. Borum, there were 78 additions.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson, was dedicated on Tuesday night, December 22. The building is complete and beautiful and furnished for about fifty patients. Dr. J. B. Lawrence delivered the principal address on "The Hospital and the Kingdom."

Rev. W. C. Boone, of Hernando, Miss., has a strong and sensible article in the

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*Baptist Record* of last week on "Is Christmas Baptist?" He says to argue Christ was born on December 25 is false, the theory being unhistorical and pagan. He proves it.

When protesting against the installing by the Baptists of missionary work among Bulgarians in Granite City, Ill., under the care of Rev. E. A. Petroff, the Presbyterians said: "The field belongs to the Presbyterians by right of

priority and occupation." That argues too much, if it argues anything at all. On the same hypothesis the Presbyterians ought to get off the face of the earth, for the Baptists were here 1,511 years before they were ever heard of. John Calvin, a French Catholic, started the Presbyterians in 1541; Jesus Christ started the Baptists in A. D. 30.

Dr. J. G. Bow has resigned the care of Calvary church, Louisville, Ky., after serving five years gloriously. He is ready for evangelistic or pastoral work.

Rev. J. J. Coar, of Gainesville, Fla., a Tennessee exile, began services as pastor of Tabernacle church, Louisville, Ky., last Sunday, and the brethren of the "dark and bloody ground" are rejoicing to have him.

Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Ridgecrest, N. C., began last Sunday an engagement with Rev. W. R. Hill and the church at Princeton, Ky., of which much is expected.