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THE GRACE OF GIVING.

Rev. O. C. Peyton.

Paul heartily commends the Corinthian Christians for their marked attainments in many worthy virtues, and he urges earnestly and lovingly that they see that they abound in this grace also—the grace of cheerful, loving, systematic giving to the Lord's cause.

Quite a remarkable movement was then in progress and being pushed to a successful issue by Paul and his associates. It had long been the custom for wealthy and generous Jews living in foreign countries to send contributions to Jerusalem for the support of poor Jews who lived there. Many of these had themselves come from foreign countries, moved by a desire to spend their last years and find their graves at the holy city. Now when any of these poor Jews became Christians, they were at once cut off from all share in such contributions.

This situation gave occasion for that magnificent outburst of Christian generosity in those early years at Jerusalem, when many of the brethren regarded nothing as their own, but held all for the benefit of others. Such a plan was, of course, only temporary.

But as Christianity became diffused in far-away regions and many Gentiles became Christians, the plan naturally was formed that these Gentile churches might send contributions to Jerusalem to help support the Christian poor there, as the Jews had done for the Jewish poor.

Paul was active in impressing this duty and privilege on the churches, and, in this very connection, he gives several strong reasons for giving which are as pertinent now as then. Let us note some of these.

Giving ought to be done in imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich"—what an example! We are enjoined in our giving to imitate our Lord in His sublime sacrifice, in all that He gave up and all He endured to save men. Such an appeal ought to stir us to the noblest generosity.

We must give in emulation of other givers. Paul cites the Corinthians to the example of the churches of Macedonia. "We make known to you, brethren, the grace of God which has been bestowed on the churches of Macedonia that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Is this not a remarkable statement? The Macedonians were poor and, so, their overflowing liberality was all the more remarkable—wherever we see cases of striking liberality, specially in the poor, let us emulate their example and bestir ourselves to give.

Other reasons for our giving can be given. Self-respect ought to prompt it. The hope of divine reward is not, when linked with other motives, wholly an unworthy one. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Here is the promise that God will reward for generous giving. Liberal giving makes the soul fat. There are rewards in this life. It is a sweet comfort to know we have through our liberality helped a needy and deserving cause. And, amid the blessed and perfect rewards of the life to come, our giving will be graciously remembered.

But, the greatest of all the reasons for giving to alleviate the needs of others and for the advancement of the cause of God is gratitude to God for the gift of His Son. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." How deeply impressive this appeal! We have so much to be thankful to God for—His favors make fragrant the air we breathe. His goodness crowns our days—"God so loved the world that He gave"—oh, what was it He gave? Heaven and earth speak to tell, if you can—Time and eternity can

never fully tell. Let God's superlative gift to us lead us to look on giving to Him as a privilege and a delight.

Erin, Tenn.

SHALL WE BE BIG OR LITTLE?

J. B. Gambrell, D.D.

What a momentous meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans next month. It does not appear to me that we ever faced such issues as will crowd on us in the coming meeting. We will meet in the biggest day the world ever saw. I am wondering if we will be big or little people when we meet. We are right now meeting the highest tide of opportunity and responsibility Baptists ever confronted. If we are big enough we can ride the waves out to limitless success. If we are little the tide will submerge us.

Confronting us at the start will be questions of organization and methods going out and into small details. We must deal with them in some way. I personally hope ample time will be given at the outstart for fair consideration. And of course, all discussions should be free and fraternal. There are no privileged classes in the convention and should be none. What I would now impress on every reader is that even small details, necessary details, can be dealt with in a big spirit or a little spirit. Who has not seen a great occasion played down by a small, contentious spirit, higgling over little points. It is the way of a little man to put little things first and to contend for minor matters to the neglect of the greater things. And the center of littleness or greatness is in the soul. The old saying: "The mind is the measure of the man" is not true. The soul is the measure of the man. Big souls grow big people and that is why Christianity, which is spirit and truth, has grown the big nations of the earth, and the big men of the nations.

I call attention to the fact, as outstanding as the everlasting hills, that life is the real force, the working principle in this world. An acorn dropped in the crevasses of a rock begins to grow a tree, and, with the force of life rends the rock that withstood the elements through centuries. Spirit will measure the New Orleans Convention. If we assemble there in the fulness of the Spirit, we will dispose of all the issues to be handled in a becoming way. If we meet in a little contentious spirit, separated into groups, each contending for some particular measure we will play ourselves down and out.

We glory in our democracy; but what a dangerous thing is a religious democracy turned loose without the mastery of a big purpose and the Spirit of the Lord of Glory. I never heard a more heart melting prayer than was prayed by a country pastor in an association when contentions were rife. "Lord keep your hand on us. We are dangerous men when we are turned loose."

We need a great big Convention in New Orleans; but that cannot be unless we go there with a big Spirit; to do big things. I am tired of religious parades. In the tremendous times we are in tameness, Laodiceanism, piddling away time and opportunity with trivialities will leave us in the shallows. The Convention must pull in on the main trunk line, get up steam, and move on or not on the side tracks. I put emphasis on steam.

What we need now, and my soul knows it well, is the Spirit on us in great power. We need to be impassioned. We need close heart touch with Jesus. We need to be greatly enlarged in our souls. We need our eyes anointed to see our day and duty. Shriveled souls are fearful misfits in this tremendous hour. No cold calculating methods of finance will meet the calls on us. We must rise to higher heights, and play the part of the Macedonian Christians.

And if things go well in New Orleans, there must be preparation before hand. What sort of preparation? Prayer first and all the time. I mean real prayer. Souls must cry out to God for help. Souls must lie in the dust at the feet of the Master. There must be strong cryings to the Father of Mercies. Whoever now is prayerless is sinning. I speak the truth and lie not, my soul is oppressed for my people lest they be little and nearsighted.

There must be giving, large, generous giving to meet the large call to us. These are not ordinary, but extraordinary times. They call for extraordinary doing and consecration.

I wonder how pastors and churches will acquit themselves—as big men should do, or as Tom Thumbs?

PREPAREDNESS.

By J. W. Gillon, Cor. Sec'y.

Does the single word sound strange? Does it seem lonesome standing alone? Have we been unfamiliar with it until now? Whatever we have known about it, just now this word is heard more frequently and seen in print more often than any other four-syllable word in all of our language. In the homes, on the streets, in the stores, offices, banks, shops, factories, on the trains, in the churches and on the farms people are talking preparedness.

Preparedness for What?

The present chief aim of all that is written or said is to stir up the people and the nation to get ready for war. We are talking and writing about financial preparedness, munition preparedness, army preparedness, navy preparedness and agricultural preparedness. All of this is to the end that we may be able to give a good account of ourselves in the battle hour.

We have entered a war that no man can see the end of, and to prepare to give the best there is in us is the duty of every citizen. One will serve in one capacity and one in another. Each one who does his or her best is a hero or heroine in the eyes of men.

But what are we to help to do? Our ultimate aim, to be sure, is to defend the rights of our nation and to defend our nation's name. To do this, we must kill our enemy either at the mouth of guns or at the point of the sword or by starvation. We justify it all by the plea of self defense or the preservation of democracy or enduring peace.

While we prepare for war and death to the other man, how much attention is being given to preparedness to make captives of men for Jesus Christ? How much is being done to prepare our boys who go to war to die, or if they do not die to prepare them to live right while they wage war? Parents, are your boys prepared to die? Are your boys prepared to live right? You will prepare them with knapsack and uniform and your nation will prepare them with gun and munition in order that they may wage war. Are you doing all in your power to prepare them to die or to prepare them to live nobly and well? Die they will surely by the thousands if they go to battle; at least, somebody's boys will. Do you expect your boy to escape while the other boy dies? Preparedness for all the awful things of war we must have. Prepare well as individuals and as a nation. The better prepared we are for war and the more we succeed in war the more we preach the gospel of hate to our enemies. In this war it is Christian hating Christian. We cannot truthfully assert that all the Christians are on our side. There are Christians in the German army as well as in that of the Allies. These German Christians think they do God service as much so as our Christian soldiers think they serve humanity and God. They will believe in our hatred

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GREAT PLANS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

I. J. VAN NESS, D.D.,
Acting Corresponding Secretary.

The Sunday School Board at its meeting on March 15th, with the State members present, authorized the following appropriations to be paid as the current funds may justify, but as we hope before May 1st:

\$5,000.00 to the Foreign Mission Board for work similar to our own on their field.

\$2,500 to the Japan Publishing House through the Judson Centennial Fund.

\$7,500.00 to the Home Mission Board Church Building Fund to establish a Frost Memorial.

\$500.00 to the Home Mission Board to translate various Teacher Training books into Spanish for use in Cuba and other Spanish-speaking countries.

\$600.00 to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for its department of Religious Education.

\$10,000 to the W. M. U. Training School for their building fund.

Previously the Board had appropriated \$12,600.00 to the several State Boards to help maintain the various Sunday School field workers in these States.

It is also our hope that the larger part, if not all, of the special \$100,000.00 we have asked to be allowed to hold intact for the Old Ministers' Fund will be in hand by May.

The Board has adopted the following statement of a future policy in regard to appropriations, and this will be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention for approval:

That hereafter it shall be the policy of the Sunday School Board, save in very exceptional cases, to dispose of its surplus funds systematically according to the following plan:

1. To maintain and develop its own field work for both the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

2. To co-operate with the State Boards in their Sunday School work in an increasing degree, and especially to encourage on the part of these State Boards adequate plans for reaching the town and country districts, the Sunday School Board co-operating in these plans to the fullest extent of its ability.

3. To extend its system of free tract distribution.

4. To extend the Bible and colportage work of the Board as far as may be wise and prudent, co-operating to the fullest extent with all State Boards and other institutions.

5. To make such contributions to the work of the Foreign and Home Boards as will secure on their fields the development of Sunday School, publication, church building and tract work, such appropriations hereafter to be based upon definite programs on the part of these Boards for this character of work.

6. To assist the educational institutions insofar as they may become definite helpers in the work of Sunday School extension.

The Board also received and approved a report from its Book Committee announcing an enlarged book policy. Several volumes are now in course of preparation, to be ready by the Convention. A number of other books have already been accepted and will be published during the summer and fall. Among the books for which we are now making

plans is a song book suitable for the Sunday school, prayer-meeting, evangelistic services, etc.

In the development of our book business we have been confronted by some serious difficulties. We have been handicapped by the lack of ways to dispose of books after they were published. To create a successful marketing organization is the first essential in successful book publishing. The book stores in the South through which we can work are comparatively few, though every year some under Baptist control are coming into existence. We hope to solve this first problem and then the rest will be comparatively easy, but until it is solved we shall still have great difficulty, save for certain kinds of books which can be disposed of through our training courses.

We have also suffered from a lack of binding facilities. We think this has been overcome by some recent improvements in one of our printing houses. If not, we shall have to solve it by carrying our books to other markets to be bound. Of course, the Board will never be able to publish all the books offered to it, but we hope the time will come when no Southern Baptist writer will be under the necessity of seeking a publisher elsewhere, provided that which he has to offer is saleable, or is of sufficient importance to be published regardless of its immediate sale.

We are sure to have the goodwill of the brethren in this enlargement of our book plans, and we ask their patient indulgence as our plans are worked out.

In this connection let me say, that the Board has not been unmindful of the instructions given in regard to a Baptist history. The circumstances connected with Dr. Frost's illness and death made it impossible to deal with this and other questions until very recently. We have had many matters which pressed for immediate attention, yet we have all the time been mindful of this particular task.

As has already been announced in the papers, Dr. B. F. Riley has been engaged for this work. As this is written many matters regarding the character of the history, the form in which it shall be published, and so on, are being discussed with Dr. Riley. There is every reason to be assured that a worthy history will be forthcoming and that we shall report to the Convention the completion of the arrangements. A matter of so great importance has to be proceeded with slowly.

Our business has been most successful and gives promise of a record year. We have tried to anticipate the new conditions which we now face in common with all business ventures, but feel sure we face the uncertainties with ample provision for all contingencies.

OUTLINE STUDIES IN JOHN'S GOSPEL.

Wm. J. Mahoney, D.D.

VII. JESUS PRESENTS HIMSELF AS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, 11:1-54.

1. The preliminary account, 11:1-16. In this account is set forth the occasion for the presentation.

a. The tidings, 1-4. Jesus receives

tidings of the dangerous illness of Lazarus.

(1) Identifying the characters, 1-2.

(2) The news of Lazarus' illness, 3.

(3) The comment of Jesus, 4.

It is "for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby." That is, it is for the purpose of giving occasion for the display of His power and glory, by which will be revealed His function as the Resurrection and the Life.

b. The action of Jesus, 5-16.

(1) Delay for two days, 5-6. Comp. Vs. 15 for the reason.

(2) Ready to go, 7-8. He announces His readiness to go, at which His disciples remonstrate with Him.

(3) My hour is not yet come, 9-10.

(4) The purpose of His going, 11-16. To restore him, who is now dead.

2. His great claim, 17-32.

a. Lazarus in the grave, 17-19.

b. Jesus comforts Martha, 20-27.

(1) Martha's complaint, 20-22.

She went to meet Him; tenor of complaint; flash of faith, "Even now &c."

(2) The word of promise, 23-24.

Jesus hushes Martha's complaint with the word of promise, "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha misunderstood Him, thinking that He was speaking of the resurrection in the last day.

(3) Jesus asserts His claim, 25-27.

At which the faith of Martha is awakened and declared: "Yea, Lord," it is true, Lord. This is the truest and simplest word of faith. This declaration of faith is followed by Martha's confession of Him as "the Christ, the Son of God."

c. The coming of Mary to Jesus, 28-32.

3. The victory over death, 33-44; which proved the truthfulness of His claim.

a. His sympathy, 33-37. "Jesus wept." Cp. Heb. 4:14-16.

b. His command, 38-39 a. "Take ye away the stone."

c. His reproof, 39 b-40. He reproves Martha for her unbelief.

d. The word of life, 41-44. "Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth."

4. Various results of the miracle, 45-53.

a. The multitude, 45-46.

(1) Some believed, 45.

(2) Others, through unbelief, report to His enemies what He had done, 46.

b. Council and High Priests, 47-53.

(1) The council's conclusion, 47-48.

(2) The prophecy of Caiaphas, 49-52.

(3) Their determination, 53.

5. His retirement to Ephraim, 54.

HOME MISSIONS AND WAR.

Victor I. Masters,
Superintendent of Publicity.

In the providence of God, following the lawless and persistent taking of the lives of our citizens by war-mad Germany, our country has at last been drawn into the European conflict. American citizens did not want this war, and perhaps in a larger degree than in any former war the forces are humanitarian and spiritual which at last have brought them to act.

A wave of patriotism is sweeping over the country. Along with it is sweeping another wave, more silent, but perhaps deeper. It is a whelming sense of the need of God. Prosperity has been a trial to the religious faith of our people, severe and subtle. But all through history their religion has been very close to the

sources of their action, and now that we are forced to take account of possible sacrifices and burdens which have been brought upon us, so far as we can judge through no fault of our own, we turn instinctively to Him who strengthened the hearts and nerved the arms of our American fathers from the earliest days in which they sought freedom from tyrannous autocracies in the unknown forests of a wild country.

No pacifist every portrayed war as a more horrible thing than it is, but America is full of peace-loving people who will, with William J. Bryan, perhaps the greatest pacifist leader, now that our country has been forced into a war in the interests of a righteous peace, give themselves unreservedly to serving their country's needs in the prosecution of war. In peace the sources of our national strength has always lain in the hearts of a people made worthy of liberty by the fear of God in their hearts. If there must be war, it is these spiritual forces, lying unseen behind the pomp and ceremony of great armies and the strength of frowning navies, which will be the surest guarantee of our success.

In this hour when tens of thousands are humbling themselves before God and preparing to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary to safeguard democracy and human rights in the world, our people will be quick to respond to the appeal of Home Missions. In the last analysis, the inconspicuous but loyal and faithful efforts of the Home Missionary have enabled us to build up in America a civilization that does not leave God out of its count and a people who will, if necessary, fight for the right even though their own selfish personal interests shall suffer.

There has in this country perhaps not been a time in a generation when the harvest was so ready as now for the sickle of the missionary, or when our people were so ready to give of their substance to help make and keep here a nation whose people shall really know and fear God.

How shall this new sense of need register among Southern Baptists at this time? The one distinct and present way in which they may set forth their concern for a Christian nation is in their prompt responses to the urgent and pressing needs of our Home Mission Board. With only a few more weeks until the books of the Board shall close on April 30th, for the present fiscal year, considerably more than \$250,000 remains to be raised to pay for the year's work and to strengthen the Board for a large and progressive service in the coming year.

We urgently beg every pastor to put this needy, this great and jeopardized cause, on the hearts of his people and that he lead them in a sacrificial offering. We also urge that laymen shall stir their pastors and the churches with a sense of their opportunity and of the almost tragic need. Let the people of God be in prayer to Him for our country and may He move upon them to do great things for Home Missions.

DON'T BALK.

By M. H. Wolfe.

When I was a fifteen year old boy my job was to haul cord wood. My team was a big black mule and a small yellow pony. The mule and the pony made a splendid team on good roads, but every time we struck a mud hole the pony would balk; just slam his feet in the mud and stop the

wagon in spite of the mule and the driver. Twisting the pony's tail did no good; the sight of a mud hole was the blow up signal for the pony.

Many men are just like that yellow pony—they drive right on when the skies are bright, but when they see a black cloud of uncertainty arising, they balk; just when the crisis comes they blow up.

Home and Foreign Missions right now have reached the crisis and if the men in the South balk and leave the boards in the lurch an explosion will take place that will mean disaster to the cause of Christianity. Never in the history of the Southern Baptists was there such an urgent call for men to come to the rescue of the mission situation and take the risk for the future.

The financial graveyard is white with the tombstones of the men who have side stepped their obligations to support the cause of Christ while the men who have stood four square on the platform of Jesus Christ have seldom met their Waterloo.

Dallas, Texas.

"THE ARMY IN THE FURROWS."

A conference was held April 11th in the Capitol building to consider plans by which the people of the State might more intelligently assist in the production of more food in view of the war situation. Commissioner of Agriculture Bryson was elected chairman. A number of short addresses were made and the committees on permanent organization and food supply were appointed. The reports of these committees are so important that we give them in full.

Suggestions Made For Permanent Organization.

After the adoption of the plan for food supply which is published elsewhere in this paper the conference adopted the following report on the organization and operation of the conference:

"Nashville, Tenn., April 11, 1917.

"Mr. Chairman—Your committee on organization beg leave to recommend:

"1. That this conference be continued as at present organized with Commissioner H. K. Bryson as chairman.

"2. That the execution of its plans be assigned to the public safety in food preparedness committee, with Dean H. A. Morgan as director-general and H. B. Potter as secretary.

"3. That Dean Morgan be authorized to complete the committee by appointing members representing all parts of the State.

"4. That members of the committee, in all sections of the State co-operate in forming plans of organization in their immediate vicinities.

"5. That county organizations be created composed of farmers, agricultural workers, press representatives, ministers, teachers, railroad representatives, bankers, professional men, business men, representatives of women's clubs and representatives of other women's organizations, working wherever possible with existing organizations.

"6. That the Governor be requested to send a communication to all the mayors of the cities and towns and to the county courts, urging their co-operation.

"7. That county organizations provide for the formation of organizations in similar form in each community within the county.

"8. That organizations address

themselves to: (a) Inspiration, (b) Finance, (c) Land (d) Labor, (e) Seed, (f) Implements, (g) Marketing. (Signed)

C. J. Haase, Memphis; J. D. McAlister, Nashville; C. A. Benscoter, Knoxville; R. B. Cooke, Chattanooga; Dr. H. H. Shoulders, Nashville; R. L. Jones, Murfreesboro; J. B. McLeMore, Nashville; C. J. Jackson, Nashville; Rev. J. W. Gillon, Nashville; C. C. Gilbert, Nashville; Miss Virginia P. Moore, Knoxville.

Plan Adopted For Increasing Food Production in State During War.

For increasing the food production in the State during the year, and as long as war continues between the United States and Germany, a plan was adopted at the State Agricultural Conference at the Capitol April 11. The plan, which is to be read in all the schools and churches of the State, follows:

"Responding to our country's call as brought to us by Assistant Secretary Vrooman of the Department of Agriculture and with a full understanding of the momentous problems confronting the country in this, its entrance into a world war, your committee on food supply and conservation begs leave to submit the following suggestions to be transmitted by your organization to the city and farm life of your State, and we respectfully urge that it be read or published in every pulpit, schoolroom and newspaper in the State at the earliest possible hour:

"1. Your committee recommends that county organizations be immediately effected in every county in the State, consisting of merchants, farmers, women's organizations and all other associations which can be utilized in the teaching and executive work of organization along food production and food conservation lines.

"2. We suggest that the boards of education be requested to release, without loss of credit, the schoolboys and girls of sufficient age to take part in garden or crop production and impress upon them this national crisis that calls for their labor and assistance to the great army of the furrows.

Immediate Necessity of Taking Stock.

"That all business interests, merchant interests and landlords of every character be impressed with the immediate necessity of taking stock of their community as to its food supply and food requirements and that they form organizations to immediately secure such seed and labor and distribution of same as will insure in that community the plan of the department of agriculture for the home production of home food; that these organizations supervise through the proper agencies and with the help of the State Department of Agriculture and the division of extension of the College of Agriculture this crop production, the care of same, including all garden work, arranging for properly canning and properly storing of such products.

"That in every community these local organizations take up all labor problems; that they create in their community that patriotic feeling that will bring home to every man, woman and child that sense of personal responsibility to their nation and to their nation's allies as will result in securing the self-sacrifices necessary to victory.

"In further recommendation, your committee would suggest that partic-

ular emphasis be brought home under three general headings, to be submitted in one group to the city people, in one group to the country and village home life, and in the third group to the farmers, themselves.

All Available Ground Must Be Used.

"To the first group of the city people, your committee would suggest:

"First. The city people must, through their business organizations and themselves as individuals, strongly discourage all speculation in food products and materials necessary for complete victory.

"Second. The cultivation through all organizations and through individuals of every foot of available ground in gardens and for home consumption and preservation of surplus products by canning for future use.

"Third. Stimulate in every manner possible through the co-operation of all business interests food production and home gardening by furthering not only their own city production, but by reaching out into the country within their city trade territory and bringing home to every merchant, farmer, man, woman and child their country's necessity and their personal obligation at this time.

"Fourth. A most careful conservation of all present food and of future food stocks produced by their efforts.

"Fifth. A utilization of all idle labor and strict enforcement of present laws against vagrancy and losses resulting from such sources.

Succession of Garden Crops Suggested.

"To the country and village home comprising the second group, your committee would suggest:

"First. By planting a garden for present use and to continue to plan a succession of garden crops throughout the year, emphasizing especially the stable food crops suitable for immediate consumption and preserve the surplus by canning.

"Second. To, wherever possible, keep poultry, a cow and pigs, and to further economize by using whole wheat flour and whole corn meal, which can be locally produced.

"Third. To safeguard their winter requirements by proper canning of surplus food supplies, particularly vegetables and fruits.

"Fourth. To eliminate in every possible manner waste of every kind, both of human and live stock food.

"Fifth. To secure to the greatest possible extent the most perfect utilization of all labor, by using smaller members of the household and those whose age would preclude a fuller service upon the farm, and to co-operate with their neighbors at such seasons of the year as the farmers may have the greatest demand for labor, by assisting in every manner possible in addition to the work they are doing at home, and to further co-operate in local purchase and sale of these food supplies, whereby the transportation problems can be most greatly assisted. Urges Farmers to Plant Food Supply.

"To the third group, consisting of farmers themselves, your committee would suggest:

"1. The immediate planting of food for present use of themselves and live stock and the planting of such surplus crops as will secure an adequate food supply for the coming year. Plant to the limit of successful production, confining such planting by preference to the food products with which the individuals are most familiar. Plan now for an increased acreage in wheat and other fall grains

for the coming year.

"2. Guard most zealously the seed supply for the coming year. The neglect of saving on the farm of sufficient seed may defeat future planting and crop production.

"3. Wherever surplus seed for this planting exists arrange to help and in every way assist your more needy neighbors by lending, to be returned in kind, or by actual sale.

"4. Through your county organizations arrange to protect and guard your seed supply and to secure equitable local distribution of same. Each county should see to it that sufficient seed is maintained in the county for liberal planting this fall of wheat and other grains before any is sold upon the open market.

"5. Make up an accurate estimate of the food requirements of your family and your live stock and set aside before any sale of surplus crop is made. It will save freight congestion, delay any unnecessary expense if products can be disposed of to advantage locally.

"6. All breeding animals should be zealously conserved. There is some question, however, of the advisability of an undue increase of meat animals that will consume large amounts of human food products, needed particularly by those in the trenches and upon every line of offense and defense.

"7. Production of cotton and tobacco should be carefully considered and food production be given preference in all such counties, and we urge county organizations where cotton and tobacco predominate to urge upon the growers first the necessity of food supply for families and live stock.

"8. To secure for the tenant farmer consideration from their landlords and the furnishing by such landlord land free from rent for garden and work stock feed.

"9. The utilization and the further creation in every manner possible of farm labor to the fullest possible extent and the assistance to one another in solving the problems resulting from any possible shortage. This can best be done by co-operative community enterprises, well projected in advance, and further served by weekly meetings and discussion of such problems.

Terrible Lessons of Europe Noted.

"Your committee feels that it cannot close its report without further emphasizing the fact with which we are confronted, that we must gather from the experience of the terrible lessons that all of Europe has gained in the past three years of this great struggle, the absolute necessity of rigid economy in personal and stock food consumption, and that such lessons be brought directly home to every citizen of Tennessee.

"In the words of our President in his message to Congress, 'There are, it may be, many months of fiery trial and sacrifice ahead of us. To such a task we can dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness of the peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other.' And that we, in accordance with that solemn charge laid upon us, bring this so home to the people of Tennessee that in this time of trial they will not be found wanting.

Signed by the Committee.

THE LATEST FIGURES ON HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

B. D. Gray,
Corresponding Secretary.

I know the brethren are anxious for the latest figures on Home Missions. Here they are with a comparison:

1916.
Received up to April 15.....\$167,000
Balance Needed 274,000
Received of Amount Needed. 220,000

1917.
Received up to April 15.....\$168,000
Balance Needed 280,000

Last year we failed by \$54,000 to raise the amount needed during the last two weeks in April. This \$54,000 added to a debt brought over from the previous year made our debt something over \$72,000.

We need now to raise approximately \$280,000 in the next two weeks. This would meet the appropriations for the year, which includes a part of our brought-over debt.

We have only two weeks left. Fortunately there are two Sundays and that ought to count for much.

We are in a serious plight. Southern Baptists never were more seriously situated. It would be calamitous beyond measure for us to come to the Convention in New Orleans with a debt on our Boards. We ought to raise the current expense and wipe out the debt brought over from last year.

Heroic, sacrificial giving is necessary. Some men ought to give thousands just now. Hundreds ought to give by hundreds. The whole brotherhood should have a hand in the task.

Our pastors should lead their people into the greatest liberality we have ever known.

With our country drawn into the great European War it becomes doubly important for us to clean the ledger just now and close our year without debt. The greatest tasks that ever confronted us are before us now. Freedom from debt is all important, that we may rightly face the tremendous situation that confronts us.

Men of Israel, help! Let there be no "slackers!" We need volunteers now for this great task! May the Lord of Hosts lead us to victory!

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

CLOSING THE BOOKS OF THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS.

Our fiscal year closes with April 30th, but in order to give time for the transmission of funds, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards have agreed to hold our books open until midnight Wednesday, May 2d.

We beg brethren everywhere to send on their contributions as early as possible.

On behalf of the Boards—

B. D. GRAY,
Corresponding Secretary.
J. F. LOVE,
Corresponding Secretary.

On April 22 the First Baptist church of Cleveland is to begin a meeting of two weeks, in which the pastor, J. A. Carmack, is to be assisted by Rev. J. L. Dance of Knoxville. Rev. Carmack has been ill for one month, during which time he spent some days in an infirmary in Nashville. But he is back at his post now. Prayer for the meeting is earnestly solicited.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS TO APRIL 12.

	Apport	1917	1916
Ala.	\$ 36,000	\$ 16,641.84	\$ 14,775.29
Ark.	12,000	1,219.90	691.75
D. C.	4,000	1,905.04	1,380.18
Fla.	8,500	4,332.26	3,485.93
Ga.	75,000	30,568.85	33,217.48
Ill.	1,000	942.84	393.52
Ky.	55,000	45,668.27	40,759.98
La.	12,000	8,720.31	5,841.44
Md.	15,000	11,240.86	11,441.67
Miss.	35,000	8,009.69	10,336.14
Mo.	25,000	17,428.40	16,336.68
N. M.	2,250	242.50	357.33
N. C.	55,000	19,840.43	23,376.33
Okl.	11,000	1,160.25	1,547.99
S. C.	50,000	35,191.38	32,679.12
Tenn.	33,000	16,469.82	10,117.15
Tex.	100,000	3,408.98	7,342.60
Va.	87,000	53,647.81	50,528.70
Misc'l.		2,887.55	6,953.72

Total \$616,750 \$279,526.98 \$271,562.70

Please observe that the increase over last year is much less than it was last week.

REPORT OF HOLSTON W. M. U.

The fourteenth quarterly meeting of the Holston W. M. U. was held in the Central Baptist church, Johnson City, March 9, 1917, with a good attendance. The President, Mrs. F. M. McNease, presided. Devotional services were led by our splendid State Secretary, Miss Margaret Buchanan. We were given a gracious welcome by Mrs. Lee F. Miller. Mrs. W. T. Whitlock, of Jonesboro, responded.

Eight societies responded to roll-call, each having a good representation and an encouraging report. Each subject was discussed in an able manner, proving that the speakers were wide awake W. M. U. workers.

Miss Buchanan's presence was an inspiration. Her talk on the Training School, and individual development through the Circle plan were very helpful indeed.

This spiritual and consecrated woman of God is always a tower of strength.

At the noon hour a bountiful and delicious luncheon was served in the basement of the church.

Dr. Green very generously relieved the ladies of all responsibility and made them feel that they too were visitors, enjoying the hospitality. What a delightful social hour! Mrs. Fred Moses lead the devotion for the afternoon session.

The thought was prayer, and the lesson was taken from Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

Our beloved Superintendent, Miss Tipton, was kept away by the sickness of her aged father.

A chain of prayers was offered in behalf of her and her father.

The talks and papers on the different subjects during the afternoon were good, and the discussions were spiritual and to the point.

The Circle plan was discussed by members of the different societies who have adopted the plan. Splendid results were reported.

The special music, a solo by Mrs. Dr. Kenedy, a song by the Sunbeam Band, and a solo by Miss Peoples was very much enjoyed.

The Pageant by the Y. W. A. girls, of "How the Standard Convinced" was not only interesting, but helpful.

Mrs. Geo. Green was given the honor of placing the star on our pennant of efficiency.

Our next meeting will be with Old Cherokee church in May.

L. W. C., Secretary.

OUR BOOK CORNER

All Books Noticed Will be Sent on Receipt of Price

A SPECIAL OFFER.

We have on hand about 25 copies of "The Black Prophet," by Guy Fitch Phelps, which we should like to dispose of. The price of this book is \$1.35. In order, however, to sell the copies of the book which we have in stock, we are making a special offer of one dollar. If you have not read this wonderful book on Roman Catholicism, you should order it at once.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR,
Nashville, Tenn.

"Modern Messages From Great Hymns by Robert Elmer Smith. Abingdon Press, New York. Price \$1.25 net. Seldom does the present reviewer receive a book that gives such unmingled delight as this study of the 12 great hymns of Christendom. The book is a history of the occasions leading to the writing of these hymns and an interpretation of their messages with reference to modern life. The author indicates the place that these hymns have held in Christian experiences and evangelistic services. He refers to incidents in which these hymns have played an important part. His style is easy-flowing, chaste and in perfect keeping with these great hymns. The book will serve as an excellent basis for pastors in preparing Sunday-night or prayer meeting night addresses upon these hymns. Such a course of a song service will be found greatly helpful. The hymns are also illustrated with copies of some of the world's great paintings which, though not painted for the purpose, show forth the message of these hymns. The hymns included are:

"Jesus Lover of My Soul."
"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."
"Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break."
"God Moves In a Mysterious Way."
"Nearer My God to Thee."
"Majestic Sweetness."
"The Faith of Our Fathers."
"Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."
"Rock of Ages."
"Lead Kindly Light."
"Onward Christian Soldiers."
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The book will be a splendid introduction to a study of the larger works of Duffield and Benson in hymnology. Get it. Read it. Give your people the benefit of its inspiration. Every lover of these hymns should have the book.

Cardinal Truths of the Gospel.—By Samuel F. Halfyard, Ph. D. Abingdon Press, N. Y. Price, \$1.00 net. This book is all the title implies. The author is thoroughly acquainted with the subjects he discusses. He expresses himself in no uncertain way on some of the most vital subjects of the day.

The necessity of the study of theology is clearly brought out. "The aim of theology is not to create religion, but to understand it." Christianity, therefore, insists on a union of faith and intelligence. The author gives us the very essence of Christianity, and shows how love was overshadowed by the great doctrines. He goes back to such men as Wickliff and Luther briefly and in the most interesting way. The age needs no new religion but a new and vital interpretation. A dynamic gospel that really changes men's hearts and lives is what the world needs; the cross is where we must commence; for it is here we get an adequate conception of sin, of judgment, atonement, and redemption. The author in a very forceful way discusses faith and reason, showing the sustaining ground of each; one to the other. Last of all he discusses religion in action, teaching that the Christian life is not a retreat from stormy winds and tides of woe, but an advance through them. The book is a real gem. I commend it not only to the ministers and students, but to laymen as well.

C. L. SKINNER.

JUVENILE FICTION.

"Blue Bonnet Keeps House."

"Blue Bonnet Keeps House; or The New Home in the East. By Caroline E. Jacobs and Lela H. Richards. A sequel to 'A Texas Blue Bonnet,' 'Blue Bonnet's Ranch Party,' and 'Blue Bonnet in Boston.'"

Here is Blue Bonnet again, charming little Blue Bonnet, yet not so very little after all, for Blue Bonnet is now a demure young woman with a most interesting personality, and every reader of the former stories in that delightful series will hasten to read it. Blue Bonnet leaves the Texas Blue Bonnet ranch to go to Boston to keep house for Uncle Cliff, and this means no small undertaking for the young woman who was already manager of a Texas ranch. Things on Beacon street are somewhat different from things on a Texas ranch and this has given the authors a most versatile theme which they treat in their usual happy way of writing most interesting stories. Blue Bonnet also makes a visit to the south, and her experiences in both the southland and the east are as fascinating as ever. Amusing incidents, pathetic happenings are mingled together, such as real life offers to all, and the reader closes the volume, hoping that another one will follow. (1 Vol. Cloth, 346 pp. Boston, Mass.: The Page Co. Illustrated by John Goss.)

An Outline for the Study of Old Testament History.—By Frank Seal, Professor in the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn., 1917. Price \$1.00 net.

This book is written for use in the course of study for itinerant and local preachers, but it is hoped that it may be found useful as well for courses in Old Testament history in schools and colleges, for advanced classes in Sunday Schools and other organizations, and also to individuals who in private study wish a general survey of the Old Testament history by a first-hand study of the Old Testament material itself (Preface, p. 6). The author has kept well to his purpose, avoiding critical questions of data, authorship and other introductory matters. The arrangement is splendid and the book should have a large use by its intended class of readers.

In Farm and Fireside we read: "A sheep authority of nation-wide reputation says: 'Were the rough idle lands in only three Southern States stocked with goats, that territory would furnish sufficient leather to supply the demand of the United States.'"

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"China Inside Out"—By George A. Miller. The Abingdon Press. Price \$1.00 net.

Intimate and revealing sketches of life in China—in the homes, along the by-ways, among the crowds, and in the temples. By a man who traveled with eyes wide open, mind alert and a heart all human. The book is attractively illustrated by Alice and A. W. Best from photographs by the author.

"It is not surprising that the richest agricultural States are among the most prominent in banishing booze," says Farm and Fireside. "Years ago popular sentiment caused the disappearance of liquor advertisements from the leading farm papers of the country, and of late the farmers' vote is becoming more and more intensely feared by the liquor interests when State-wide prohibition or even county option is before the voters."

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

It is earnestly requested that communications for this page be written as briefly as possible. Take time to write plainly and as nearly as possible conform to our adopted style. These notes come in at the last hour, when every moment counts much in getting the forms made up for press.

NASHVILLE.

Shelby Ave.—Pastor J. N. Poe spoke at both hours. Two received by letter, one for baptism.

Park Ave.—Pastor I. N. Strother spoke on "Prayer for Those in Authority," and "The Abiding Question." 180 in S. S.

Eastland—P. E. Burroughs spoke at both hours. 187 in S. S. Good congregations and a good day.

Judson Memorial—Pastor C. F. Clark spoke on "A Sinner Coming to Jesus," and "The Unanswerable Question." 148 in S. S. Meeting progresses with growing interest.

Franklin—Pastor Albert R. Bond spoke on "National and Christian Conservation," and "Confession Plus Conduct." Good congregations.

Belmont—Pastor Hacker spoke at both hours. Three baptisms and one profession. Good day.

Lockeland—Pastor W. R. Hill spoke on "My Country and I," and "Evidences of Conversion." Good congregations. Fair B. Y. P. U. 200 in S. S. Third—Pastor Creasman spoke on "The New Jerusalem," and "Patriotism." 217 in S. S. One by letter. Large audiences. Good day.

Edgefield—Pastor Lunsford spoke on "I Would Do Good, But—" and "The Young Christian and His Church." Two additions.

Calvary—Pastor C. H. Cosby spoke on "Home Missions," and "Prayer." Nine requests for prayer. S. S. has attained A-1 Standard.

Seventh—Pastor C. L. Skinner spoke on "God's Help in the Hour of Trial," and "Whose I Am." Two additions. One baptized. Good S. S. and B. Y. P. U.

South Side—Pastor C. W. Knight spoke on "Home Missions," and "Elijah." One addition.

North Nashville—Pastor S. B. Ogle spoke on "Rewards," and "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." Fine congregations. Good S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Our meeting closed with nine additions, eleven professions. Bro. J. H. Oakley did us good and endeared himself to our people. Our church is moving.

Whitsitt's Chapel—Pastor Fitzpatrick spoke on "Unity of Christian Work," and at night Bro. Dorris McClendon spoke on "The Rich Young Ruler." Collection for Ministerial Education. One received by letter. Good S. S.

Centennial—Pastor J. Henry DeLaney spoke on "Rewards," and "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Three by letter. 105 in S. S. \$59.45 for missions. Splendid Unions. Pastor spoke at Mission Home in afternoon on "One Thing Needful." Eight conversions.

Grandview—Pastor J. F. Savell spoke to good congregations on "Pots and Plumes," and "Honoring God Rather than Man." S. S. and B. Y. P. U. rendered good service.

North Edgefield—In the midst of a great meeting. More than 70 have professed conversion. Fifty have united with the church. Meetings will continue another week. Dr. Nowlin spoke four times yesterday; more

than 50 made profession at the morning service. Bro. Nowlin is a great gospel preacher, and Jesse T. Williams is a great gospel singer. 256 in S. S.

Grace—Pastor W. Rufus Beckett spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ," and "The Fourth Saying On the Cross." Three by letter. 219 in S. S.

Antioch—Fine congregations. 111 in S. S. Observed the Lord's Supper. Pastor W. M. Kuykendall spoke on "God's Keeping," and "Good Cheers of Jesus."

KNOXVILLE.

Bell Ave.—Pastor U. S. Thomas spoke on Job 1:22, and Luke 5:27-32. 701 in S. S. One baptized. One by letter. Great crowds.

Mt. Olive—Pastor Wm. H. Fitzgerald spoke in the morning on "Seeking the Kingdom First." Fine S. S. Convention in afternoon. 173 in S. S.

Deaderick Ave.—Rev. J. C. Shipe spoke on "Jesus' Concern for His Disciples," and "Pilate's Answer to the Jews." Good S. S.

Lonsdale—J. C. Shipe, pastor. Rev. S. A. Larew spoke on "Visions," and "The Final Consummation." 325 in S. S. Splendid congregations.

Grove City—Pastor John F. Williams spoke on "Our Duty," and "The Compassion of Jesus." 193 in S. S.

Mt. View—Pastor W. C. McNeely spoke on "Tithing," and "Soul-winning." 249 in S. S.

Euclid Ave.—Pastor W. M. Griffith spoke on "Christ, the Portal into the Heavenly Fold," and "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel." 226 in S. S. One by letter. Our revival starts with promise.

Central, Fountain City—Pastor A. F. Mahan spoke on "Obedience Better than Sacrifice," and "The Gracious Invitation." 187 in S. S.

Lenoir City—Rev. J. Pike Powers spoke in the morning. Rev. J. K. Haynes declined call to church. 325 in S. S. 16 baptized. 51 additions to the church during recent revival.

Gillespie Ave.—Rev. S. G. Wells spoke on "The Gospel to All the World," and "The Word Made Flesh." 130 in S. S.

Lincoln Park—Pastor T. E. Elgin spoke on "The Ordinances," and "Christ As King." 175 in S. S.

Bearden—Pastor R. E. Corum spoke on "The Church the Body of Christ," and "The World's War." 119 in S. S. Island Home—Pastor J. L. Dance spoke on "A Plan in a Plan," and "The Sixth Psalm." 426 in S. S.

First—Dr. Len G. Broughton spoke on "Faith in God in the Present Crisis." Union service at night. 715 in S. S. Three by letter. Great meeting at Grange, Ga.

Immanuel—Pastor A. R. Pedigo spoke on the first chapter of Revelation, and "Christ in the Garden." 168 in S. S. One by letter.

Oakwood—Pastor Wm. D. Hutton spoke on "The Purpose of the Heart," and "The Three Social Evils." 253 in S. S. One baptized.

Calvary—Pastor S. C. Grigsby spoke on "Looking Through the Glass Darkly," and Joel 2:1-2. 121 in S. S. Two

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additions. Interesting day.

Beaumont Ave.—Pastor H. Massengill spoke on "Paul's Conversion." D. W. Lindsay spoke at night on "Jesus the Good Shepherd." Large congregations.

Corryton—Pastor D. W. Lindsay spoke on "The World for Christ," and "The Ten Virgins." 81 in S. S. Two by letter.

CHATTANOOGA

Woodland Park—Rev. E. A. Eaker spoke on "Ask." Pastor spoke at night on "Law and Grace." Good S. S. Revival begins April 29th. Rev. W. C. Tallant will assist in the meeting.

Silverdale—Pastor Paul Hodge spoke on "Sanctification," and "The Book of Genesis." Communion service in the morning.

Alton Park—Pastor J. W. Wood spoke on "The Neglected Soul," and "Hell and Who Will be There." 165 in S. S. Our Jr. Union is growing all the time. Fine congregations. One addition at night. Revival begins on April 29, with Dr. Phillips to assist us. Pray that we may have a great meeting.

Oak Grove—Pastor E. J. Baldwin spoke on "Missions," and "Christ in His People." S. S. growing. Good congregations.

Chamberlain Ave.—Pastor G. T. King spoke on "A Call from Refreshments to Labor," and "A Shipwrecked Soul." Received three by letter. Big crowds and the meeting starts off with fine interest. Dr. J. B. Phillips is doing the preaching. 112 in S. S.

Rossville—Pastor J. Bernard Tallant spoke on "The World's Saviour," and "Modern Conditions." Great crowds. Six united with the church. Sixteen baptized. 334 in S. S.

East Chattanooga—Pastor J. N. Bull spoke on "The Last Call to Service," and "David's Charge to Solomon." 160 in S. S.

First—Pastor, Wm. Francis Powell. Revival; preaching by Dr. Henry Alford Porter of Atlanta. 879 in S. S. Fifty decisions for Christ yesterday.

Twelve additions to church.

Ridgedale—Pastor Jesse Jeter Johnson spoke on "Southern Baptist in Regions Beyond, and Why," and "The Loss of Delay." 166 in S. S.

Highland Park—Pastor E. A. Jackson spoke on "Bringing Back the King," and "A Winning or Losing Fight—Which?"

North Chattanooga—Pastor D. E. Bialock spoke on "Counting Our Possibilities," and "Training the Child." 115 in S. S. Good Unions. One by letter. Fair congregations.

MEMPHIS.

Rowan—Pastor J. E. Eoff spoke on "Blessed Are the Dead which Die in the Lord." 87 in S. S. Good B. Y. P. U.

Temple—Bro. Ray, returned missionary from Japan, spoke at morning hour. Pastor J. Carl McCoy spoke at night on "Preparedness." Fine congregations. 236 in S. S. Spent last week in Training School at Jackson.

New South Memphis—Pastor T. E. Rice spoke at both hours. 93 in S. S. Good B. Y. P. U.

Central—Pastor Cox preached at both hours. Five received. Three baptized. 301 in S. S.

Calvary—Pastor Norris spoke on "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy," and "The Sin of Achan." 145 in S. S. Fine Christian Culture class. Combination service in prospect.

MeLemore Ave.—Pastor Roswell Davis spoke at both hours. 122 in S. S. Union Ave.—Pastor W. R. Farrow spoke at both hours. 192 in S. S. Good B. Y. P. U. Large congregations. One wedding. Meeting starts fifth Sunday. Rev. C. L. Neal, returned missionary from Mexico, will preach.

Bellevue—Pastor R. M. Inlow spoke in the morning, and Bro. Frank Ray at night. Three by letter. Good S. S. and Union meetings. Men's Bible Class presented the pastor with a very fine gold watch.

First—Pastor, A. U. Boone. Dr. Al-

(Continued on page 13)

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

W. D. HUDGINS, Editor,
Estill Springs, Tenn.

The school at Second church, Jackson, starts off well. Have four classes going at the same time with more than 100 enrolled in the four classes. Mr. Filson has charge of this school, with Dr. I. N. Penick, Rev. J. C. McCoy and Rev. C. E. Wauford helping in the teaching. Dr. R. W. Weaver and Dr. J. W. Gillon will address the school at the evening hours during the week. This is a fine showing and we are proud of this school. The writer is to spend the week in Birmingham helping in a training school. This explains why he is not in the Jackson school.

Everybody ready for the Middle Tennessee and West Tennessee Sunday School Conventions. We hope to make these conventions record-breakers this time, and hope that every school in the Middle and West Tennessee sections will send representatives to one of these conventions.

Bro. J. C. McCoy, Memphis, writes that they had 238 in Sunday school on Mission Day, and gave a good sum for missions. They are planning to have 300 in school next Sunday.

Many schools report large gifts from Mission Day, March 25th. It looks like a goodly sum was given for missions by the schools on that day. Many report as much as \$200, while others much more than ever before. We do hope that the schools have done their part in this great work, for this is the test of our work after all. What we do for God, and not so much what we say. We are teaching Missions in our Sunday school now as never before, and we will be greatly disappointed if our people do not give more.

Reports come from every quarter of large increases in enrollment in the Sunday schools on Go-to-Sunday-School-Day April 8th. First, Chattanooga, had 1,211 present. Others report a fine showing. The main thing now is to hold those that came. If this can be done, there will be a great increase in membership soon.

The little church at Estill Springs is taking on new life since they have their new house usable. The superintendent and teachers have been at work on the A-1 Standard for several weeks, and lack only two points now. Their aim for the Go-to-Sunday-School Day was 125. When the enrollment was made and the sum total given they had 152 present. This is a fine showing when we consider that they have less than 45 church-members in this little church. All the three schools in the village had 356 present. The population of the village is less than 300. This means that many came from the country around about. It is said, however, that a greater per cent of the population of this village is in Sunday school than any community in Tennessee. This is a record that we are proud of, as this is our home community.

A letter from a leader of Union No. 2, First church, Chattanooga, to his members, showing how we can really do the things we say. This young man sends a letter to his members each

week with a definite message to each of them.

SHALLWEORSHALLWENOT?

Last Sunday night only one member of the Galatian group was absent. This is the best record any of our groups have made so far, and we congratulate them.

But we must not stop there. Let us set our mark this early in the week to have every group up to this standard next Sunday night, and all of them 100 per cent if possible. This means that every Group Captain must accept a personal responsibility for all the members of his group. And that every individual member of the Union must do his part by being on hand, and urging the others to come also. It depends on YOU. Your group cannot be a success without your help. What sayest thou?

Shallweorshallwenot?

Had 1,211 in Sunday school April 8th.

Sincerely,

AHHWER.

Rev. J. W. Storer, Ripley, sends in another splendid paper. This time on "The Doctrines of Our Faith." This merits Seal No. 6.

Following is a fine class of Juniors who have received certificates in the B. Y. P. U. Study Course from Bellevue, Memphis. This class was taught by Miss Mary Cason. Mention was made of this in a former note: Carrie Leigh, Evelyn Leigh, Martha Leigh, Gladys Green, Lillian Brown, Ruth Tuttle, Marion Calvert, Frances Calvert, Alice McKnight Vernon, Mary Holmes, Robert Inlow, Orum Waddey, Lyle Williams, Platt Allen. All did good work and turned in splendid papers.

A fine Union has been organized at Wartrace. Bro. W. C. Raines reports this union and says that prospects bid fair for a splendid work there among the young people.

The three unions organized in Carson-Newman college have applied for the A-1 Standard. We are glad to welcome this splendid union on our honor roll and will soon have a list of all the A-1 unions of the State, and when we do get this correct list we will keep them in the notes constantly with special recognition. If any other union holds this award, wish you would report the fact to this office so that we may have a correct record.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Besides the regular Associational Institute or Convention, we are also planning to hold in every Association a regular "Three Days Training School." In this school we will teach one or two divisions of the Normal Manual and grant certificates for same just like we do in the city training schools. Workers from over the Association will be urged to attend and take these courses. The church where the school is held is asked to entertain all who come without cost. This will place the training work within reach of the most rural school and any one who cares to know Sunday school work as it is carried on in the best schools and by the best equipped workers.

The plan is to have a regular program printed as we do in the city schools and also enrollment cards. These programs and enrollment cards

will be placed in the hands of the associational superintendent for distribution and advertisement. He will be expected to select and organize a force of, say ten or a dozen, young men who will agree to visit the churches of the Associations sometime during the two or three weeks previous to the school, and speak to the churches on Sunday school work and distribute programs. They will also have the enrollment cards and will enroll the names of all those who will agree to attend the school and take the course. In this way we will leave no stone unturned whereby any one may have an excuse to say that they have not had a chance at the training course of our denomination.

Where this is properly done there will be no excuse for failure. In this way we not only get the school well advertised, but these young people get a fine training themselves and their presence and messages will bless and enthuse the schools where they go. We appeal to the workers all over the State to help in this matter, for it is the greatest means of educating our people that we know and it must be done.

Any Association wanting a school of this character will please write the State superintendent at once, as he is planning to hold them in every Association as rapidly as they can be scheduled. Volunteer help is also requested. Many have already offered their services to these schools and there will be but little trouble getting them going.

We now have additional help in this department and can run two or three with you for a great uplift in your Associational work.

A HILL-TOP EXPERIENCE.

G. M. Savage, D.D.

In the J. R. G. Society, the subject for discussion was "The Call to the Ministry." I never heard it better handled. The young men in a simple straight-forward way gave scripture, reason and experience. The divine hand was plainly seen, and a mere glimpse of his glory transports us. The youngest member of the society, a boy of about 17 years old, honored by all, both teachers and students for his gifts, his honesty, and inflexible purpose, said that for several years his convictions had been fixed and irresistible that his life's work was to preach; and Africa had been constantly before him, and as soon as his course of study is finished, he expected to go and live and die in Africa. This being the first time he had ever mentioned it, the society was deeply moved. Everybody believes in Mark Harris. Like Samuel he has a praying mother. It was now in few minutes of five o'clock, and one young man asked that all who had the purpose prayerfully fixed of being a foreign missionary line up in front of the speaker's stand. Seven promptly came. That looked like a long line. A suitable song was sung as only negroes and J. R. G. boys can sing and a stirring time.

Jackson, Tenn.

Question: Why are there seven red and six white stripes in our flag?

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Hood's Sarsaparilla should be taken before meals and Pepton Pills after meals—patients taking them so report the benefit is four-fold—prompt, positive, permanent. Both these medicines are economical and pleasant to take.

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The Southern Baptist Convention meets at New Orleans May 16-22, 1917. We will make our usual offer of a

Free Trip to the Convention.

A little effort will do the work. Our offer: Send to the Baptist and Reflector one new subscriber for every dollar your round trip railroad ticket will cost. Each new subscriber is to be secured at \$2.00 each, or two six-months' subscribers at \$1.00 each will do the same as one yearly. Send us the money and we will credit your Convention account with one dollar for each yearly subscriber or fifty cents for each six months' subscriber. Remember to send entire amount to us, as you send in each new name. Later we will mail you check for amount due. We must follow this plan in order to keep our books correct.

The minimum railroad fare from a station in Tennessee is \$12.25. Thirteen new subscribers would get your ticket at that rate. The maximum is \$23.65. Twenty-four new names would be all that are needed. Most of the stations are between these two amounts.

The Value of the Trip.

This will be a great Convention. You cannot afford to miss it. A broader vision of Kingdom affairs and a deeper interest in spiritual things will result.

Conditions for Trip.

1. Only new subscribers will count. This means that you must get some one not now taking the paper.
2. The full amount (\$2.00 for one year, \$1.00 for six months) must accompany the names.
3. All subscriptions must be in this office by May 10.
4. You may include your hotel bills in this offer. Get more than enough for your ticket and it will be good for your other bills.

Send Your Pastor.

Members of the various organizations, as well as other members, could co-operate in securing new subscribers and thus send the pastor. Start now, work hard!

All aboard for New Orleans!

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR,
Nashville, Tenn.

SEND US A NEW SUBSCRIPTION.

Woman's Missionary Union

FIELD NOTES.

THE "MISSIONARY" LIBRARY.

April 4th was the day set for New Salem Quarterly meeting, at Carthage. Tuesday afternoon Miss Nettie Henderson joined me at Shop Springs. In vain did I look for representatives from the churches at Watertown, Round Lick, Brush Creek, Hickman, Lancaster, Alexandria, Linwood, Boma and Cookeville. We were hospitably entertained in the pastor's home. Wednesday was gloomy and rainy, but a good company gathered from the Carthage church; two came from Peyton's Creek, and we were glad to have as visitors from Bledsoe Association, Friendship church, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Burnley, Mrs. Carr and Miss Geneva Carr.

Mrs. A. P. Moore, superintendent, was very much disappointed that the societies of the Association did not respond to her first call for an associational meeting, but as the number grew she felt better and those present we trust spent a pleasant and profitable day.

The paper read by Miss Carr, Superintendent of Bledsoe Association, was splendid. Her subject "Are Quarterly Meetings Worth While?" was strongly presented in the affirmative. An excellent paper prepared by Mrs. W. E. Wauford on the needs of New Salem Association was read by Mrs. Edgar High, who also voiced the welcome to the visitors.

Mrs. Lee was not well enough to be present, but sent a good paper on "Mission Study."

Miss Nettie Henderson's paper on "Our Training School," was good indeed.

Mrs. Flippin followed with an interesting talk on this theme that has been so long uppermost in many minds. The remaining time was given to a round table discussion led by your Secretary, on practical subjects. A delicious lunch was served in the large summer dining room at Mrs. Bradford's, whose home is next to the church. This feature is always enjoyable. It was a good day at Carthage. The next meeting the Associational Union will be the guest of Round Lick Society at Watertown, in July.

It was our purpose, Mrs. Moore and I, to meet the Peyton's Creek women on Thursday, but a downpour of rain prevented, but I hope to meet them in the near future. M. B.

To the Superintendents of East Tennessee:

The East Tennessee Divisional Meeting of the W. M. U. will be held in Sweetwater, June 25 and 26—the annual sermon on the evening of the 25th, the all day session on the 26th.

Please announce this at your April Quarterly Meeting, urging attendance.

The S. B. C. meets at some distance from us this year, and the State Convention in the extreme western portion of the State, so that our divisional meeting remains the largest opportunity of the year within easy access.

May I suggest that associations send their superintendents, and societies send their presidents? Sweetwater is centrally located, and the expense would be small.

Faithfully yours,

BERTIE H. BERRY.

The following outline of the plan now being used by Murfreesboro W. M. S. will be of interest to many. The plan is practical and we commend it to other societies.—Ed.

The Library Committee is a standing committee composed of one member from each circle who shall serve as Circle Librarian and Circle-Library Treasurer. The Woman's Missionary Society president shall serve as advisory member of this committee.

The province of this committee is to select and secure books for each circle.

A Library Fund of 5 cents per month from each member shall be collected by the circle librarians. Personal loans and gifts shall be taken advantage of to further keep this fund intact.

A Woman's Missionary Society Librarian shall be selected from among the members of the Library Committee. She shall keep a strict account of all books turned over to her from the circles and of all books loaned. This officer shall serve as Library Treasurer.

CIRCLE LIBRARIAN.

This officer shall see to passing the books to be read from one member to another during the period (one month) set apart for this. The circle Librarian sees to the needs of her circle in urging their subscribing to and reading denominational organs such as Baptist and Reflector, Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service. At roll call she will ask each member to mention such periodicals as she has been privileged to read. This is done because each of us feels the need of high pressure methods for developing thought along religious lines. A spokesman for each circle shall be appointed by the circle librarian each month to present at the Missionary-Library meeting a ten minutes synopsis of the book studied by her circle. Not more than one-half hour shall be given to hearing these synopses from the different circles. At roll call each member shall be asked to respond with some item of interest from our denominational papers.

It is our intention that the character of books used shall be as different as possible, thus enlarging the thought of each circle when at the monthly meeting the spokesmen give the synopsis of the books read. Biography, Doctrine and Field Labors, together with Denominational History and such fiction as may be possible, shall constitute the reading matter provided by the Library Committee.

Three books shall be supplied to each circle of fifteen members.

As the Murfreesboro Baptist church has given \$100.00 for subscriptions to the Baptist and Reflector, and as our women represent 50 per cent. of the membership, we have been given the privilege of distributing to such members of the Woman's Missionary Society as do not already subscribe, a year's subscription to the Baptist and Reflector.

Synopsis For February 20.

Circle 1—Manhood of the Master.
Circle 2—Southern Baptist Missions.

Circle 3—Ann of Ava.

MRS. GEO. J. BURNETT.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY FOR FEBRUARY, 1917.

This month has been one of work in the office. I have prepared the General and College Y. W. A. Programs for ROYAL SERVICE and assisted in the editing of the other programs. Much of my time has been given to reviewing books for the correspondence course. I have selected some that I think it may be well to use in the course and I hope by next month to have a definite plan to present.

On February 15 I attended a splendid rally of the Y. W. A.'s of Baltimore. There were about 300 girls present; the good time which they had together will help to unite them in their work for the coming year.

When in New York for a few days, I had the privilege of attending the banquet in the Hotel Astor celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. There were nearly 900 women at the banquet. Interesting reviews of the work of the past forty years were presented and Mrs. Brown, their vice president, gave an inspiring talk looking toward the future. It is interesting to note that Mrs. McIntyre, the young people's secretary of one of the Canadian Boards, was present, thus making all English-speaking North America represented at this gathering of workers for Christ.

While in the city, I also visited the mission rooms of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. I was very sorry that the young people's secretary of the former was not in, but I was much interested in talking with Mr. Wilson's secretary about the work which they are doing for the rural districts. I had a long talk with Miss Lindley, the secretary of the Mission Board of the Episcopal church. As she has been until recently their young people's secretary, this was not only interesting but very helpful. They are just beginning what they call a three years' experiment in which they are trying to bring about a closer co-operation between the Sunday Schools and the young people's auxiliaries. It will be helpful to watch this and to learn what they think of its success after the three years have elapsed.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY FAISON DIXON.

Sec. Young People's Organizations.

MODERN NEW ORLEANS.

Who among the early settlers of "The Crescent City" could have foreseen the New Orleans of 1917 with its paved streets, modern buildings and its unsurpassed filtration plant? Canal street, our main business thoroughfare divides the historic section from modern New Orleans. It is like passing from a foreign city into a progressive American metropolis situated 110 miles from the gulf; there are steamship lines to the West Indies, Mexico, Central America, Panama, and European ports as well as to New York. New Orleans is "the gateway" of the Mississippi Valley. Is it 600 miles nearer the Panama Canal than any other large seaport in the United States. Statistics show that in the last five years New Orleans has increased more in manufactures than any other city in the South. None can boast of such cotton, sugar, coffee,

rice and banana markets.

Immense municipal cotton warehouses of concrete and steel have been erected and the largest grain elevator in the country has recently been completed. The floating steel dry dock, the sugar refinery and the oyster markets are the largest in the world. No other city of the United States can boast of public belt railroad facilities, municipally owned. "Nature has endowed Louisiana with many wonderful resources. Inexhaustible deposits of sulphur, salt, oil, natural gas, many fine Kaoline and clays can be found in its borders."

From an educational standpoint the city is making rapid progress. In addition to Tulane University and Sophie Newcomb Memorial College there are over 100 public schools and kindergartens and a number of private schools. Naturally there are a number of Catholic institutions of learning.

There are many modern church buildings, one that we are especially proud of is the 1st Baptist on St. Charles avenue, equipped with the most modern church conveniences. It is in this edifice that the convention W. M. U. sermon will be preached.

Magnificent post office and court house buildings have just been completed.

Office buildings, libraries and banks are numerous. Hotels have splendid accommodations or they could not otherwise care for the thousands that annually flock to the center of social life.

Mindful of her heroes, monuments show the love of the people for "Old Hickory," for Robert E. Lee and other Confederate generals; for Henry Clay, and John McDonough. There stands one too in honor of "Margaret," a plain, unlettered woman who gave her all to the orphans of her city.

Attractive as are many of the residences their beauty is enhanced by spacious lawns, lovely flowers and graceful palms. Nothing can be more picturesque than the beautiful live oaks seen throughout the city. The charm of the place is difficult to describe. One has to visit the city to appreciate and understand it, and having once come, as a rule, the trip if possible will be repeated.

The W. M. U. of New Orleans extend a hearty invitation to all delegates and friends to the Convention in May. We trust each State will do her part in making 1917 the banner convention.

MRS. CICERO A. RAMSEY,
Publicity Chairman, W. M. U.

SEND US A NEW SUBSCRIPTION.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles as the prescription othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength othine as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

A Clear Brain and healthy body are essential for success. Business men, teachers, housewives, and other workers say Hood's Sarsaparilla gives them appetite and strength, and makes their work seem easy. It overcomes that tired feeling.

Editorial

CHRISTIAN NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS.

The Apostle Peter suggests a list of virtues that ought to be true of every Christian. He sums up in a picture the character of those Christians who lack these virtues, "For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins" (2 Peter 1:9). The picture is that of a nearsighted man. The medical term for the disease of nearsightedness is the Greek word of this passage simply put into English form. The suggestion of Peter, based upon this physical defect, includes a large class of Christians.

Neglectful of the Past.

How easy it is to forget favors. Men have short memories, when they deal with kindnesses in by-gone days, when they do not feel especially in need of other favors. The Christian all too easily lets slip from his attention what God has already done for him. The days of the fresh and bounding joy of the first days of Christian life may stand out in our memory clearly and strongly. Then sins of former life glare at us out of the darkness in which we walked as sinners in order to quicken our appreciation of salvation. The heart was filled with thanksgiving and we joined with the Psalmist in singing: "Bless Jehovah, O my soul; all that is within me bless His Holy Name." If any one had then suggested that we would at any future time cease to entertain the same lively sense of our rescue from sin, we probably would have considered him mad. But often later, when the cares of the world attract us, we squint at our sins and fail to see their blackness, while the freshness of Christian joy becomes dulled. What ingrates we are! The nearsighted Christian almost closes his eyes on the past. The warning of Peter is surely needed to recall us to proper gratitude.

Seeing a World.

The nearsighted Christian does not behold God's world-wide work. Religion should make us citizens of the world rather than of our own narrow community. God works in the entire world both in His sustaining power, providential order and wonderful blessings, and also in His far-reaching plans for the Kingdom of God. He plans that His worshipers should be active and efficient co-workers with Him in the salvation of all men, but many Christians prefer to close the eyes almost entirely on this large plan of God, lest they should see the sin, misery and helplessness of heathendom and the need for the duties.

The paltry excuse is sometimes offered that we have heathen all around us who should be evangelized before we send the gospel abroad. Those who offer this excuse are usually as little concerned for the sufferers who are near as for those who are far away. But he who does not believe in a world-wide gospel does not and cannot see the deepest need for it at home, because his eyes are half closed. He is nearsighted. Failure to take part in the world-wide enterprise of the Kingdom shows a narrow idea of God in His relation to the world and distinctively in His relation to the world as lost.

The Jew of olden times thought that his race had a patent-right on God's favor; he would limit the blessings of heaven to his own nation or to the Gentile only in so far as he submitted himself to Jewish customs. Modern Christians too often adopt this supreme selfishness, cutting off all the world except themselves and their own, from God's love, mercy and redemption. To exclude God from a saving work among the heathen today would be to make God dependent in His redemptive plans upon those who are gifted with material, intellectual or social benefits.

China, Japan, Mexico, Africa—nay THE WORLD—should know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Anything that stops short of this must be called Christian nearsightedness. But often this spiritual disease is a wilful self-neglect. Men will not open their eyes, lest they see, and seeing lest they be forced out from their narrow, selfishness into the larger work for all men, regardless of race distinction, class privilege, commercial enterprise or individual work. To look out over the whole world, borrowing the eyes of Jesus Christ, would bring to the Christian of today a sense of personal responsibility and would prevent "squint eyes" or shortsightedness.

Seeing Success.

Does mission work pay? The answer will show

whether one is nearsighted or not. He who answers no will look only at the comparatively small number of converts, churches and chapels and will be wrong in his judgment. "What shall a man give in exchange for his life?" The question of Jesus put long ago needs a fresh answer by the men of this generation. If it were a matter of individual salvation, no one of us would think that the whole world of wealth would be badly spent if in our behalf. Remember that Jesus Christ had no limit in His estimate of the value of one's soul.

Lack of the missionary zeal and effort is largely due to the lack of the sense of sin and its effects. United with this inadequate conviction will often be found social opposition to the heathen. But social and race standing does not win God's favor, nor does its lack decrease the value of a man's soul. "A man's a man for a' that." God measures success by other standards than that commonly made by man. The marvelous and rapid increase in every phase of mission work in the home land and on the foreign field should cultivate a world sight. The nearsighted man shuts himself out from God's great plans in God's great redemptive work for God's own world.

Tennessee Baptists cannot afford to be nearsighted.

A SUBSTITUTE—NOT WANTED.

Said an old Confederate veteran of three years' service: "I have tried to do my duty in the war. I never flinched. I was color bearer of my company and many times I had my flag shot from my hands, but I always raised it on another staff. I have had thousands of shells burst above my head, so that for days after a battle I could not hear a thing. I was at the siege of Vicksburg and the enemy's battery was trained on my colors; but I never flinched; I had rather have died. At one time my friends at home wrote to me that they would send me a substitute if I would come home. I wrote them that if they had a man to send to the front send him for himself, I was not wanting a substitute."

What a story of devotion to a dear cause. In the present national crisis it will not be likely that men will secure substitutes for themselves, if the call to arms shall include a vast number. Loyalty to country rests as a duty upon every man. We are now becoming accustomed to think in war terms. Our national figures have to do with large expenses for the task of preparation for battle.

It will not be likely that our country will be committed to such a military program that has brought disaster to Europe. We may take our share in this world war and yet remain true to our national ideal that peace is greater than war. However, the Christian warfare makes its call to arms as loud and forceful as that which Congress and the President have sounded. There is no place for substitutes in this warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil. Each soldier of Christ must fight his own battles and win his own victories, while helping in the organized conflict against these same foes. The very greatness of the Christian military program, which to the ends of the world has its firing lines, is a sufficient rebuke to any Christian who would allow a substitute to do his work in his appointed duty. If the picture of the Christian army be true to the Scriptures, there will be found no place to shift responsibility. The Captain of our salvation accepts no substitutes.

THE FAMILY OF PAIN.

The ancients pictured the Fates as three sisters with their thread and scissors. The poet, Alexander Pope, has suggested the modern counterpart of this group in this stanza: "Hate, fear and grief, the family of pain." This family group is far more worthy of our attention than that of the ancient picture, because each sister in this modern family has her distinct gift of pain.

Hate holds in her hand a sharp dagger and in her face gleams the desire for murder. Her brow is furrowed with intense passion and her lips are pressed with the firm purpose to do her aims. It is a face from which beauty and winsomeness have been driven by the fierceness of anger. Wherever she goes she makes her family name felt. She is a frequent but unwelcome guest in countless homes. Jesus has outlawed this passion of hate. He has decreed exile for this sister from every Christian circle by declaring that he who hates his brother is a murderer. Prisons, electric chairs and the scaffold await

him who takes the life of his fellow man. But Jesus has given a larger place to murder by transferring it from deed to motive, from the physical to the spiritual and from the occasional to the all too frequent committal of this crime in the heart. Wrecks of character, ruined homes, embittered lives follow in the path of hate, the chief sister in the Family of Pain.

Fear follows second in the Family of Pain. She cowers with uplifted arm to ward off the blow. Her lips quiver with fright, her eyes are strained in horror. She is a common visitor, making her presence known in the nursery days and stories, and even down to old age, casting her blighting shadows over the timid. It is a dreadful thing to be mastered by her. Jesus will give to the trusting disciple power to break the spell of this terrible sister. There need be no occasion in which the Christian cannot rely absolutely upon Jesus to bring good out of evil, success out of approaching failure and help in every time of need.

Grief, the third of this family group, with her garments of black, bends her head with shaded, but tearful eyes. She is not a pleasant companion, but there are few homes in the land that have not listened to her knock at the door. To dispel the gloom of her company, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit who should be a real comforter. The religion of Jesus Christ is the only sure cure for care and grief. One may show stoic indifference and in a measure bear the presence of Grief, but only he who knows Jesus Christ is fully able to look Grief in the face and realize the "peace that passeth all understanding."

The Family of Pain in their mission to distribute woe will know the authority of but one voice in whose accents are the source of the world's rest call that mellow grief into resignation, that dispels fear like quieting the storm-tossed Galilee, and that commands hate to give place to brotherly love. Jesus of Nazareth conquers the Family of Pain.

THE MAN WITH THE HOE.

Some years ago Edwin Markham secured world fame through his poem with the above title. We are not here concerned with his message, but desire to use his caption for a message upon the national duties of the hour. America stands at the crossroads of her destiny. On the one hand, the road leads to defeat and disaster at the hands of the Germans. We would thus become sufferers with all Europe and after them with the whole world. On the other hand, the road leads to victory over the Germans, to a restoration of the rights of the small as of the large nations to exercise liberties that will bring to them justice and prosperity; to the vindication of America's rights to the pursuit of happiness and prosperity through the freedom of the high seas and the privileges of commerce with all the world and to the prospect of a compact among first-class nations that there shall be no more war.

The call for soldiers will bring from home, farm, business and professions men who will prepare themselves for heroic services and for women who will be no less heroic in their ministries of comfort and nursing. If the pangs of war shall be suffered by our soldiers on land or sea. No one may now forecast to what extent in time and service America will be called upon to give. In this time of excitement and preparation for war it becomes the binding duty of every loyal American to do his or her best to serve the country.

In the nature of things it will be impossible for every man to enlist or every woman to do Red Cross service. There is the privilege, however, that every individual may have—to make the food supply adequate to the enlarging needs that come because of the war. We give on another page the plans formed by the State-wide conference on the food situation. "The Man With the Hoe" may be as useful as the man with the gun. "The army in the furrow" will bear as vital a part toward the success of the war as the army in the trenches. Let there be no waste in food supplies, and no idle, uncultivated lands. Proper attention to the crops this season will furnish sufficient food for the large demands and at the same time tend to reduce the cost of living. Americanism is in the test. It remains partly with each individual to say whether such tests will end in failure or success. May God, who still rules despite the evil ways of men and nations, soon restore peace to the world, that His Kingdom may get first attention.

COUNTING ON THEM.

In one of his "Quiet Talk" series Mr. S. D. Gordon tells of an imaginary conversation between Jesus Christ and Michael, the Archangel, shortly after the Lord's return to heaven when his earthly life and ministry had been ended. The angel, speaking to Him upon the streets of the Holy City, said: "Master, may I ask Thee a question?" "Speak, swift messenger of heaven," replied the Lord. "Master, you have been to the earth and have ended your labors there. May I ask, what you did?" said Michael. "I lived" said the Lord, "thirty silent years of preparation, then gave three years to an intensive ministry that ended at the cross. I told men of how they, through me, might come to God." "Master," said Michael, "may I ask a further question?" "Speak," said the Lord. "What plan," said Michael, "did you make to carry on the work after your departure?" "I gathered together," said the Lord, "a little band of disciples and I told Peter and James and John and the rest about my kingdom plans, and they were to tell others and these yet to others to the end of the world and of time." "But," said Michael, "what if Peter, and James and John or some others down the line of the ages should fail to tell others, then what? What other plan have you made?" It seemed as if a more heavenly light, if that were possible, shone in the eyes of the glorified Redeemer as He answered: "Michael, I have made no other plan, because I am counting on them."

The Lord placed Tennessee Baptists among those upon whom He expected to count. How far shall we justify His expectation of us? Just now the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board face such a situation as has never before appeared before them. The Home Mission Board brought over from the last Convention a large debt; the Foreign Mission Board during this year raised its debt by a special campaign. The Home Mission Board will shortly add to its debt and the Foreign Mission Board will make a debt this year, unless the Baptists of the South do more than they have ever done in the period that now remains until the 30th of April. The war situation adds to the difficulties. If these two Boards come to the Convention with debt and Tennessee fails to do her part, the blame will be attached to us in proportion to our failure.

The time is short. Duty is pressing. No Tennessee Baptist can afford to do anything short of sacrificial giving. Two more Sundays remain. The appeals from both the Home and the Foreign Mission Board are nothing short of a great cry of distress. Remember, brethren, and sisters, that your glorified Redeemer is depending on you. Do not break the line through which He expects the word of His redemption to pass.

Editorial Brevities

Orders have been received for the mobilization of the First Tennessee Regiment at Nashville at once.

The French and British continue to make gains over the Germans on the western front. It is claimed that the British are more efficient in artillery than the Germans.

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the President, appeared in a song recital at the Ryman Auditorium, this city, April 12. The entire proceeds of the concert will go to the work of the American Red Cross.

Strong pressure is being brought in opposition to the movement for drafting of soldiers. Many contend that the country should have the chance to show what they will do upon the voluntary enlistment plan. Congress is working hard upon the military measures.

A committee of five has been organized upon the call of the Council of National Defense to direct the operation of the American railways throughout the war. It will be the purpose of this committee to see that the railroads give the government the best possible service not only in transporting troops and military supplies, but in handling every necessary commodity. The following railroad executives constitute this committee:—Fairfax Harrison, Southern Railway, Chairman; Howard Elliott, New Haven; Samuel Rea, Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, Burlington; Julius Kruttschnitt, Southern Pacific.

Argentina and Costa Rica give assurances of their moral support to the United States in war against Germany, while not breaking off relations with Germany.

The Brazilian government has handed the German Ambassador his passports. This action was due to the recent destruction of the Brazilian steamer, Parana, by a German submarine.

The stars and stripes went into battle for the first time during the world war when the allies stormed a ridge in France and a young Texan enlisted from Ontario carried the stars and stripes on his bayonet and fell wounded.

The American flag is to fly immediately over the front in France. The Lafayette flying corps, composed mainly of American airmen, is to adopt the American uniform and carry the stars and stripes during their incursions into enemy territory and in the battles in the air with German aviators.

We extend sympathy to Rev. Joe W. Vesey, pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla., upon the death of his mother, Mrs. R. J. Vesey, at the age of 84 years. She had been a reader of the Baptist and Reflector for more than thirty years, having resided until the last few years at Columbia, Tenn.

President Wilson has placed under the Civil Service rules more than ten thousand first, second and third class postmasterships. Present officeholders will not be affected, but upon vacancies because of death, resignation or removal, the Civil Service Commission will hold open competitive examinations and the name of the highest eligible candidate will be submitted to the President. The Senate retains the right to reject presidential appointees. This is toward a Civil Service based on personal preparation rather than political favor.

The Review and Expositor for April presents an inviting table of contents: "The Sermon on the Mount", by Prof. H. C. Vedder, D. D.; "Missionary Activity, the Test of Church Life", by W. T. Whitley, D. D.; "The Position of Women in the Christian Church", by Rev. E. W. Stone; "Sin, Righteousness, Judgment", by E. C. Dargan, D. D.; "Subjective Religion", by Rev. J. E. Walters; "Jesus' Method of Interpreting Parables", Prof. C. B. Williams; "Is the Modern Church a Good Samaritan", by Rev. M. I. Mertins; "Apostolic and Present Day Preaching", by Rev. W. E. Henry; "Our Seminary", by S. M. Provance, D. D.; Book Reviews.

The State Department of the United States announces that a British commission, headed by Arthur J. Balfour, minister of foreign affairs, will arrive within 10 days to discuss with the United States government questions connected with the war. It is also probable that a French Commission, headed by M. Viviani, Minister of Justice in the French Cabinet, will take part in this conference. It is not expected, however, that the United States will form an organized alliance with the European powers. The main support that we will be able to give the allies will consist in loans to their governments, supply food and munitions and the effort to break the German submarine blockade.

It will be the purpose of the United States to attempt to break down the German submarine blockade and to keep the allies plentifully supplied with food-stuffs, clothing and munitions. Washington officials have been engaged upon this problem for some weeks and have now virtually completed every detail. The plan embraces the building of three ships a day for a year. Hundreds of private plants will assist the government ship yards in rushing this order for light wooden ships which will make the first fleet of merchantmen. The question of labor is giving the officials some concern, as the shipping board estimates that it will take 150,000 men to work all the plants to full capacity and to enlarge the building program in due time. The first of these vessels will be ready in about six months. The officials believe that such a number of ships will be able effectively to end the blockade of the Germans and thus materially assist in ending the war.

The government's armor plate and projectile factories for which Congress appropriated \$12,700,000, will be built at Charleston, W. Va., a location recommended by a special naval board as offering an ideal place, assuring military safety and easy access to manufacturing materials. The construction work will begin at once and will be hurried to completion.

Various accounts have been given of the origin of "Jesus Lover of My Soul," by Charles Wesley. Prof. R. E. Smith gives the true facts thus: "Mr. Wesley was standing one day by an open window looking out over the beautiful landscape. Presently he saw a little bird approaching pursued by a hawk. The poor, frightened bird, seeing the open window, flew in and sought refuge in Mr. Wesley's bosom. With fluttering heart and quivering wing it nestled close to the poet and escaped a cruel death. At that particular time Mr. Wesley was passing through severe trials and was feeling the need of a refuge in just as real a sense as the little bird which flew to his bosom for safety. So he took up his pen and wrote: 'Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly.'"

"Where shall we get the idea of what is worthy of God? There can be one source of such knowledge. It is the final account God gives of Himself. It is no expectation of ours, no presumption in us of what a god-like God would do, no imagination of a God projected from our need. God's account of Himself, of His way with man, and of the purpose He infuses into history, His account of His will, on the scale and depth of the great convulsive judgments, is in Christ and His Cross, or it is nowhere. It is in the cross which so many are disposed to treat as an incident, or at most an object-lesson, though one falsified by all the stern course of history. The Cross of Christ, with its judgment-grace, its tragic love, its grievous glory, its severe salvation, and its 'finished work,' is God's only self-justification in such a world. But is it not a salvation full and free? Surely, Full of the passion which sets the soul free for Himself. Free? It was all of His own will. Hard? Yes, but hardest of all for Him. He took on Himself there more than He ever inflicts; and His infliction from us there He turns into His redemption."—Forsyth.

PREPAREDNESS.

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as we press the war, but will not believe in our love and religion. What is even worse, the so-called Christian nations fight before the heathen. We are spending billions of dollars and are preparing to destroy millions of lives in exhibition of our hatred for each other and that before the heathen. What are we going to do to show that we have the love of Jesus Christ in our hearts?

This is a serious question just now for all Southern Baptists. Will Southern Baptists give the \$1,055,500.00 asked for Home and Foreign Missions for this Convention year? If we do, we must raise \$636,112.00 in fifteen days! We have no right to shut our hearts to this fact. We are not as much Christian as we are Americans if we give our sons and our money for the death of our foes and the honor of our country and withhold our gifts to the cause that is concerned with the redemption of men. Americans, and patriotic Americans we must prove ourselves, but shall we prove ourselves Christians, true Christians, with the spirit of our Master? Brethren of the South, we must raise this \$636,112.00 before May 1st!

Will Tennessee Baptists Do Their Part?

Tennesseans beat New Yorkers volunteering for war service. Are Tennesseans more patriotic than Christian? The dollars that we must have for the cause of Christ now must be dollars given voluntarily. Will the Lord's volunteer band come forward with their gifts?

As We Stand Now.

Up to Monday morning, April 16th, I have received in the mission rooms—

For Foreign Missions.....\$15,480.36
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For Foreign Missions.....\$17,519.64
For Home Missions..... 15,759.54

What do you say, Tennessee Baptists, shall we prove our love to the lost by doing our full part? Shall we be as loyal to Christ as to Nation? The cash or the lack of it will be our answer.

The Home Page

A Short Story and Items of Interest in the Home.

GOD OF THE OPEN AIR.

These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Peace of the silent hills
Shelter of forests, comfort of the
grass,
Music of birds, murmur of little rills,
Shadows of clouds that swiftly pass,
And after showers,
The smell of flowers
And of the good, brown earth—
And best of all, along the way, friend-
ship and mirth.
So let me keep
These treasures of the humble heart
In true possession, owning them by
love;
And when at last I can no longer
move
Among them freely, but must part
From the green fields and waters
clear,
Let me not creep
In some darkened room and hide
From all that makes the world so
bright and dear;
But throw the windows wide
To welcome in the light;
And while I clasp a well-beloved hand,
Let me once more have sight
Of the deep sky and the far smiling
land—
Then gently fall on sleep,
And breathe my body back to nature's
care,
My spirit out to Thee, God of the open
air. —Henry Van Dyke.

THE BOY WHO DIDN'T PLAY FAIR.

There was to be a party at Ned Harper's house and nearly every boy in Houghton was to be there.

Tom Gaynor stood in the corner of his aunt's big porch, trying to make himself think he was glad that he had not been invited. But some how or other, he could not even pucker his lips into the right tune. His whistling was so shrill and ugly that his pet pigeon flew down from the rafters and disappeared in the direction of the barn.

"I wouldn't have gone, anyway," Tom told himself. "I hate stuffy old parties." Just then three boys turned in at his gate and ran briskly up the path.

"Going to the party?" the older one asked.

Tom's face flushed contemptuously. "No," he said, "I'm not going. I don't care a snap for parties."

"I bet you weren't asked," one of the boys said hotly.

"Well, what of it?" Tom retorted. "I don't play with Ned Harper any more; he's not my kind."

"He's too honest and straight for you," John Peters called back, as the boys started down the street.

For a while, Tom sat on the porch railing and sulked; then as other boys kept passing on their way to the frolic, he drew back into the friendly shadows. It wasn't much fun after all, to see the others go by laughing, and to know that he was the only boy of the crowd who had not been asked to Ned's party.

There, in the dark porch corner, hot, disappointed tears ran down the boy's cheeks and he turned quickly to go into the house. Some one spoke to him as he ran up the back steps, but he did not stop to answer, instead, he hurried blindly up until he reached a big, room cupboard at the top of the house. This little room he had been allowed to darken

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and use as a developing room. There in the darkness he crouched down and had it all out with himself.

"It's all because I haven't played fair," Tom said aloud. "If I hadn't treated little Bud Hale so mean, and been so selfish when Nancy Buford wanted to borrow my arithmetic notes, so that she could catch up—Oh, they've treated me just right! I've been mean enough to other people. I'd have liked the party a lot."

"Tom!" his aunt called from the foot of the stairs. "Tom, I wish you'd come down and help me put the rest of the labels on my jelly glasses."

Tom went slowly down to the sunny kitchen where Aunt Alice was busily cutting out strips of white paper to be pasted on the rows of jelly that stood on a big tray in the deep window sill.

"I thought we'd hurry and go to the lake for a row this evening," she said.

The boys face brightened. "That'll be fine, Aunt Allie," he agreed. "I was hoping that we could go somewhere so that I could forget"—. He had not meant to tell, but once started, the words fairly tumbled over each other, and the whole story was soon out.

"Tom," his aunt said gently, "Ned Harper has taught you a lesson you will never forget, and I'm very grateful to him. Boys may be full of fun, but they nearly always play fair, and, when the boys found that you didn't, they took the best way to make you understand that if you wanted to be one them you'd have to live up to their standards."

Tom and Miss Gaynor had a lovely, long row on the wide, moonlit lake, and, when they came back to the house, Tom found a square package tied on the doorbell. He took it into the lighted library and gave a cry of surprise:

"Why, this is from Ned Harper," he said.

In the neat little box was a generous slice of fruity white cake, and down at the bottom lay a hastily penciled note: "So sorry I couldn't have you old fellow, but you've never joined the 'Play Fair Club'; join to-morrow. Ned."

Sure enough, next day at recess, the "Play Fair Club" took in a new member, and the boys cheered long and heartily for Tom Gaynor.—E. G. R. Young, in King's Treasuries.

STOP THAT PAIN.

The few misguided people who argue against the relief of pain as a first step in treatment, either have never suffered from any pain themselves or else they do not know what they are talking about.

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The Young South

Dear Young South:

At last I believe Spring has really come, and the sunshine and these beautiful days make me want to do something. Does Spring give you that feeling, too? I have been doing the same thing that a great many of you have done, planting a garden. It feels so good to get out in the warm air and live with mother nature again. I have the dearest little bed of pansies, and I love to care for them. Their bright, cherry little faces seem to smile at me, and talk. So you see not all of my garden is in potatoes; we must have the beautiful as well as the necessary.

But I musn't talk any more about Spring. I have a good many letters for you this week, and some that you will be especially interested in. I am sure all of you remember Dan I. Wilkes. Since I have been editor of the Young South Dan has been one of my very best little friends. For a long time he was away from us, and we missed him, but we knew that he was trying very hard to win back his health, and so we just prayed for him and loved him. Now we are more than happy that he has been successful in the fight, and we welcome him into our ranks again. Dan always helps us when we need it.

"Castalian Springs, Tenn. Dear Miss Annie White: It seems ages since I wrote you. The last time I wrote I was in South Dakota. We were in Colorado all last fall and Xmas. We surely meant to remember our dear Orphans on Xmas, but on account of so much sickness and me having a severe attack of appendicitis, together with my other trouble, we just simply neglected doing so. Just after Xmas we came to our home in Tenn. I continue to improve, am gaining every day and mother and father are happy. Wish I could tell you how our hearts went out to you in sympathy in the loss of your dear, kind, and loving father, but you are so true and brave and bear such grief only as one of God's children can. Enclosed you will find \$5.00 from mother and me to be used in helping to furnish our room at the Baby Building. Hope to be able to send more before much longer. May God bless you. Your friend, DAN I. WILKES."

"Whitlock, Tenn., April 10, 1917. Dear Miss Folk: We are sending 'The Young South' Department a box with a few things that we have prepared for the little ones, and hope that they will prove beneficial. We wanted to prepare more but, owing to the very bad weather, we have not been permitted to meet and carry out our plans. We sincerely wish for you and your department a most happy and fruitful year. Lovingly, The Young Ladies Class of Bird's Creek, S. S., Mrs. G. F. HUDDLESTON, Teacher."

Yesterday was just like Christmas at my house. Two great big packages arrived by mail. I fairly flew to open them and see what they contained. What do you think was in them? This box that Mrs. Huddleston's class sent had the prettiest crocheted towels, bath cloths, sheets and even some talcum powder in it, and they looked like Christmas gifts, they were so pretty. We are so grateful to all these young ladies for their interest and their offerings, and I can assure them that their time has

been well spent in making many little hearts happier.

"Dear Miss Annie White: We are sending you three pairs of pillow cases for the Young South room, if they are the right size, if not, use them for another room. We hope you will like them. My brother, Jarmon, not 12 years old, made pair number one, and I made two and three. We go to Sunday School at New Bethel Baptist church, where the Association was held last year. We hope to do more in the future for the orphans. NANCY AND JARMON BARNETT, Lewisburg, Tenn."

The other box came from two dear little friends at Lewisburg. I wish you could see those pairs of pillow cases they sent. They are all crocheted, and just think Jarmon made one of them! Why I can hardly believe it. Just think of being able to crochet and sew when you are not even twelve years old. I confess to you that I can't crochet one bit myself, and I envy Jarmon. I think Nancy that these cases will fit and I shall see that they belong strictly to the Young South room.

"Michie, Tenn. Miss Annie White Folk, my dear beloved friend: I have been wanting to tell you how sad I was over the death of your father but I have been grieved too much for utterance. When I opened the paper to read, a glance at the first page told the sad story. I fell over against the table weeping. Mother said, 'What in the world is the matter?' could not speak but handed her the paper. I cried day and night for a whole week and I am still too sad to talk to any one about Dr. Folk without breaking down with tears. No one felt the loss of Dr. Folk any more than I except his own dear family. No death ever brought such grief to me except the death of my father. My father was such a true friend to Dr. Folk and your father proved to be one of my best and truest friends. I could always depend upon him. He was never too busy and worried, or felt himself too high to render to me any service that lay in his power to do. We had the pleasure of entertaining him in our home one day and night, which is so pleasant to think about and I know he was one of the sweetest, noblest and greatest characters that ever lived. How we will miss him! One day while I was in the office he gave me his picture and his brother's, the governor. They were the large size for framing and I am going to have them both framed and put under glass right away. By the help of the Lord I am going to do all in my power to help hold up his paper he loved so dearly and gave the best energy of his life for, and upon my word and honor you may depend upon me for one that will stand by his dear little girl, the editor of the Young South with my best service I can give for your support. As the Mantle has fallen on you, I know you feel that the burden is heavy, but trust the Lord and ask His people to help you. You and your family have our deepest sympathy. May God uphold and guide our Baptist leader. Faithfully, SARAH ROWSEY."

I have never appreciated a letter more than this one from one whom I feel is a friend to me, and whom I know was a friend of my dear father. These words come straight from a noble heart and they mean a great deal to me. With support such as Miss Sarah promises, the work I have to do is not a burden, it is a blessed privilege, and I love to do it.

I wish I could know Miss Sarah. I know I would love her.

"Ripley Tenn. Dear Miss Annie White: We have just finished raising our apportionment of \$15 for Home and Foreign Missions, and we want to send \$4 of what is left in the treasury to be used on the Baby Building. Best wishes from Ripley Sunbeams. VIRGINIA TUCKER, Secretary."

This shows what a splendid Sunbeam Band they have at Ripley. Fifteen dollars for missions is a lot of money for such little folks to make, and I know their leaders are proud of them. But 15 was not all they made. They send four more to us, and I want to thank them for it.

"Memphis, Tenn. Dear Miss Annie White: Find enclosed money order for (\$1.33) one dollar and thirty-three cents for the Orphans from the Eudora Baptist S. S. We are sorry it is so little, but will try to do better next time. God bless you in your work. Mrs. J. G. BROOKS, Treas. Eudora B. S. S."

It isn't the amount that really counts, it is the spirit in which it is sent that makes the gift what it should be. So Mrs. Brooks, you need not apologize for the money you send us. We know in what spirit the Sunday School gave it and we appreciate it accordingly.

"Lea's Springs, Tenn., April 9th, 1917. Dear Miss Annie White: Find enclosed money order for three dollars. One dollar for Orphan's Home, one dollar for Home Mission, one dollar for Foreign Mission. Our church did not meet, I wanted to help some, so I decided to send it to the Young South. Miss Annie White I was sorry to hear of the death of your father. Hope the Lord will take care of you all. Your friend at Lea's Springs."

I told you we couldn't do without friends. I've found out another one that we have. Just because the church could not meet and send money for our Christian work, out of the goodness and fullness of her heart, this dear friend sent her own contribution. And I want to tell her that I appreciate her sympathy also. It means much to sad hearts.

"Etowah, Tenn. Dear Miss Annie White: Enclosed please find check for (\$1.00) one dollar and ninety cents for Orphan's Home, from Cog Hill Baptist Sunday School. EVA BROWN, Secretary."

We have a card here in the office which says, "The three sweetest words in the English language are 'Enclosed find check.'" That is what Cog Hill Sunday School always says, so you see they are always welcome.

Keep writing to me, you are making me very happy. Tell me what you are doing. Lovingly, ANNIE WHITE FOLK.

Now I'm going to tell you about something that I have for the Young South room, that I haven't told you of before. Not long ago a great big box came, of course I opened it as fast as I could and what do you suppose was in it? You'd never guess, so I'll have to tell you. A big crocheted basket filled with soap, powder, towels, pins, and guarding the basket and attached to the handle was a black worsted doll full of safety pins of every size and fashion. That basket will give such a personal touch to "our" room and I am more than thankful to the dear, kind fairy who sent it. She was Mrs. Atkinson at Santa Fe, and I know her kind loving heart prompted her to send such a loving gift.

RHEUMATISM AND INDIGESTION.

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The following letters are interesting in this connection. Dr. Crosby, a South Carolina physician writes:—"I have tested your Spring Water in several cases of Rheumatism, Chronic indigestion, Kidney and Bladder Troubles and in Nervous and Sick Headaches, and find that it has acted nicely in each case, and I believe that, if used continuously for a reasonable time will give a permanent relief. It will purify the blood, relieve debility, stimulate the action of the Liver, Kidneys and Bladder, aiding them in throwing off all poisonous matter."

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Mr. Rhodes of Virginia writes:—"Please send me ten gallons of Shivar Spring Water quickly. I want it for Rheumatism. I know of several who were relieved of Rheumatism with this water."

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AMONG THE BRETHREN.

By Fleetwood Ball.

Broadway church, Galveston, Texas, of which Rev. R. D. Wilson, a former Tennessean, is pastor, is experiencing a gracious revival, in which Revs. R. L. Cole and C. D. Owen, other ex-Tennesseans, are assisting. Already there have been 27 additions.

In speaking of the meeting being held by Dr. L. R. Scarborough in Petersburg, Va., the Baptist Standard says the services are held under a tent "which has a seating capacity of \$3,000." Does that indicate that there are paid admissions to hear the sermons? Our guess is that the proof-reader only nodded.

Rev. G. M. Workman of Ponca City, Okla., has just closed a meeting at Lamont, Okla., resulting in the organization of a church of 23 members. The new church received five by baptism and three by letter. Bro. Workman lived up to his name in Tennessee.

The editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas nominates Dr. J. B. Gambrell, "the great commoner," for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. The editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma had already nominated Hon. J. C. Stalcup. We have an idea the editors will hear from somebody else by the hour of election.

Rev. I. N. Penick of Martin, Tenn., and C. R. Nichols (Campbellite) of Sherman, Texas, debated last week at Dongola, Ill., on the differences between Baptists and the other folks. There are several ways of brightening Nichols and one is to let Penick rub against them.

Dr. W. P. Price of Waycross, Ga., has leaped into the limelight by vigorous newspaper articles in which he has argued that the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board should be abolished on the ground of inefficiency and economy. He avers that the policy is all right, but the practice all wrong. He says a passion for results has taken place of a passion for souls. It is pointed out that the department has averaged financially a deficiency of \$20,000 a year for the past four years. On the ground that the State Boards can easily do the work of the Home Board, some go further than Bro. Price and urge the abolishing entirely of the last named Board. Evidently the brethren have their eyes open.



GRUNEWALD HOTEL, HEADQUARTERS FOR S. B. CONVENTION AND WOMEN'S WORK.

Rev. C. S. Thomas is leading the saints at Parsons, Tenn., to noteworthy achievements. The contract has been let for the erection of a \$5,000 or \$6,000 brick church, and work is to begin at once.

Rev. M. L. Lennon of Dupon, Ill., writes: "Have resigned my work here, effective Sunday, May 13th, in order to enter Union University, Jackson, Tenn. I expect to enter the Summer School June 11-Aug. 3rd. However, I will be open to pastoral work after the month of May and revival work in August. Expect to take M. A. degree at Union next year."

Dr. C. A. Owens of Humboldt, Tenn., writes: "Am in the middle of a fine meeting at Ocala, Fla., with pastor Bunyan Stephens. Have had some 20 to join upon profession and many others expected. Meeting will continue through Sunday, April 15."

The members of the first church, Paris, Tenn., though pastorless, are preparing to erect a \$5,000 parsonage of brick veneer, on a beautiful lot adjacent to the church. The foundation is being dug now. When completed the building will be an eight room structure with full basement. The committee hopes for its completion within 90 days.

The Baptist Advance arises to nominate Dr. P. H. Mell of Georgia, for the Presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Here's our vote, McKinney! We like the Mellifluous Mell-ody of your nomination.

Rev. W. L. King, of Parsons, Tenn., filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Second church, Lexington, Tenn., preaching to gratifying audiences. He also preached in the country at Mazie's Chapel church in the afternoon. The revival will be held with this church beginning the Third Sunday in July.

Ninth Street church, Ballinger, Texas, of which Rev. J. W. Milton is pastor, has just experienced a genuine revival. There were about 300 conversions and 124 additions. Evangelist H. H. Friar of San Antonio, Texas, and singer Herbert Reynolds had the meeting in charge. The meeting lasted nine weeks.

Dr. H. C. Risner of Knoxville, Tenn., who has given himself to evangelistic work, is to assist Rev. W. C. Taylor in a meeting at St. Petersburg, Fla., beginning Sunday, April 22.

Rev. J. F. Borex has resigned as pastor at Williston, Fla., to accept the regular field of Inverness and Dunnellon churches.

Mr. W. M. Ketley, a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., has accepted the position of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. field worker in Louisiana, under the State Board.

Landrum P. Leavell, one of the field workers of the Sunday School Board, has been nominated by Rev. Edward Stubblefield of Galveston, Texas, for the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board, succeeding Dr. J. M. Frost.

The Gospel Mission aggregation in Tennessee and Kentucky plan to hold a mission rally at Antioch church, near Atoka, Tenn., April 27-29. "The main object," they say "is to inaugurate an upward move in mission work." Well, thank the Lord! The main movement among these malcontents on the matter of mission work has hitherto been downward. Maybe we are about to see the dawn of a better day.

A typographical error made it ap-

pear in these columns last week that Rev. H. H. Street of Waco, Texas, had been called to the care of the church at Harrison, Okla. It should have been Harrison, Ark.

Rev. James B. Leavell of Oxford, Miss., is assisting Rev. W. H. Major of Capitol Avenue church, Atlanta, Ga., in a revival.

The First church, Moultrie, Ga., of which Dr. J. M. Haymore is pastor, is enjoying a gracious meeting in which the preaching is being done by Dr. C. W. Daniel of the First church, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. R. H. Pitt of the Religious Herald, announces that for five years continuously he has not attended the Southern Baptist Convention, and will not do so this year. Yet, he freely and voluminously commends or condemns the proceedings as though he was present and on the platform. The charge that the Convention has ceased to be a deliberative body, originated with him.

Prof. J. T. Warren of Rockwood, Tenn., has been elected President of Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn. Prof. M. W. Robinson, who had been elected to the position, declines in order to accept the vice-presidency of Marshall College, Marshall, Texas, of which Dr. H. E. Waters is president. Prof. Warren accepts.

Rev. Arthur Fox has resigned the care of Parkland church, Louisville, Ky., in order to accept the First church, Hope, Ark., effective May 1st. He was formerly pastor in Arkansas.

Dr. C. P. Scott has resigned the care of the church at Pembroke, Ky., and will reside at McDonald, W. Va., until he reaches a decision to another field.

Evangelist J. W. Hickerson of the Home Mission Board force, lately held a meeting at Gastonia, N. C., which resulted in 151 additions to the East Baptist church of that city.

The church at Lenoir, N. C., has succeeded in inducing Rev. Bayless Cade to become permanent pastor.

Rev. G. A. Martin of Rutherford-

ton, N. C., leaves that pastor to take up the work with the First church, Marion, N. C., beginning May 1st.

Rev. Will T. Ward of Fort Worth, Texas, a former student in Union University, Jackson, Tenn., has accepted a call to the care of Forrest Avenue church, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. L. T. Hastings, who for some time was supply pastor of the church at Columbia, Tenn., has accepted the care of the church at the Polar Valley, Grove and Seldon churches.

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ten Fort spoke at three services to very large congregations. 520 in S. S. Five received by letter. Two approved for baptism. Meeting continues.

LaBelle Place—Pastor D. A. Ellis spoke to very large congregations. Two by letter. 275 in S. S. Great interest.

Boulevard—Pastor T. N. Hale spoke on "Three Primal Needs of the Christian," and "Three Primal Needs of the Non-Christian." 129 in S. S.

Seventh Street—Pastor S. A. Wilkinson spoke at both hours. Three additions. Fine day. 214 in S. S.

Kingston—Pastor J. H. O. Clevenger spoke in the morning on "The Proud Abased and the Lowly Exalted." In the evening Prof. Gentry of Carson and Newman College, spoke on "The Mission of the Church." 153 in S. S. House crowded at each service. We had with us at 2:30 the Federation of B. Y. P. U.'s of Big Emory Association. A splendid program, many churches represented. Watch our young people grow.

Columbia (Second)—Pastor O. A. Utley spoke on "I Am the Good Shepherd and Know My Sheep," and "A Good Soldier." The evening sermon was directed to young men of war age. Fine crowd and splendid attention. Good day.

East Lake—Pastor W. E. Davis spoke on "The Habit of Right Thinking," and "Prepare to Meet Thy God." One profession. Two additions. 142 in S. S.

FIELD NOTES.

Charleston—No pastor. Supplied on Sunday morning. 50 in S. S.

Cleveland (Central)—Pastor, J. A. Carmack.

On Wednesday conducted prayer-meeting. Sunday evening attended B. Y. P. U. and heard Rev. J. H. Rosenberry, superintendent, Hebrew Christian Association.

Pastor Carmack announced meeting to begin April 22. Rev. J. L. Dance of Knoxville, will assist.

R. D. CECIL.

Cleveland, Tenn.

The Houston Post, the great daily paper of Houston, Texas, which in other years has championed the liquor traffic, announces that no advertising of whiskey, beer or other intoxicants will not appear in its columns after April 20. One by one they bow to the inevitable.

The commencement program of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 23-25 includes a sermon by Dr. Hight C. Moore of Raleigh, N. C., and an address to the Woman's Training School by Dr. J. L. Johnson of Clinton, Miss.

Rev. M. E. Woodridge, co-principal of Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn., will sever his connection with that school at the expiration of the present term. He will be available for pastoral work.

Rev. S. M. Moore of Scottsville, Ky., accepts a call to the care of the church at Dexter, Mo., and the hope is expressed that he will lead the church to the erection of a new house of worship.

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Mt. Isabel Baptist Church, April 27, 28 and 29. This church is on the Rafter Pike, near Tellico Plains. All persons coming on the train to Tellico Plains Friday morning will be met and conveyed to the church.

The program follows:

Friday—11 a. m., sermon, Rev. J. C. Miles. Dinner. 1 p. m., "What the Bible Teaches About Baptism," Rev. H. C. Pardue and Rev. N. P. Stephens; 2 p. m., "What the Bible Teaches About the Lord's Supper," Rev. M. R. Carroll and Rev. S. C. Peoples; 3 p. m., "What the Bible Teaches About the Deaconate," Rev. Jas. Pardue and Rev. C. C. Hunt; 4 p. m., "What Baptists Ought to Read," Rev. W. A. Carroll and Mrs. T. E. Moody; 7 p. m., sermon, "Scriptural Sanctification," Rev. J. H. Sharp.

Saturday—9 a. m., General Topic, "The Needs of the Sweetwater Association"—(1) "The Preaching We Need," Rev. W. R. Haun, Rev. W. N. Cagle; (2) "The Fields We Need," Rev. J. E. Johnson, Rev. J. H. McDaniel; (3) "The Evangelism We Need," Rev. W. M. Curtis, Rev. D. F. Lillard; (4) "The Sunday Schools We Need," J. N. Johnson, Rev. J. C. Miles; (5) "The Laymen We Need," C. E. Pennington, Rev. J. H. Sharp; (6) "The Women We Need," Mrs. T. E. Moody, Mrs. Lois Axley.

Dinner.

1 p. m., "Baptists Co-operating," Rev. W. A. Carroll, Rev. C. C. Seagle; 2 p. m., "What the Bible Teaches About Giving," Rev. J. H. Sharp, Rev. C. A. Kennedy; 3 p. m., "The Every Member Canvass," Mr. C. E. Pennington, Rev. J. C. Miles; 7 p. m., "Sermon on Missions," Rev. D. F. Lillard.

Sunday—9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 10:30 a. m., The Sweetwater Sunday School Association, J. N. Johnson; 11 a. m., sermon, Rev. H. C. Pardue.

J. C. MILES, Chairman.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Central Association will be held with Herron Baptist church, Bemis, Tenn.

PROGRAM.

Friday Evening.

8:00—Sermon—O. W. Taylor, E. F. Adams, Alt.

Saturday Morning.

9:45-10:00—Devotion—W. C. Skinner, E. E. McPeake.

10:00-10:30—Query Box.

10:30-11:00—Importance of Sunday School Teacher Training—C. H. Warren, H. W. Ellis.

11:00-11:30—Importance of Teachers Meeting—R. E. Guy, A. West, K. L. Chapman.

11:30—Christian Education—A. T. Barrett, G. M. Savage.

Saturday Afternoon.

2:00-2:30—Query Box.

2:30-3:00—The Duty and Qualification of Deacons—C. A. Owen, F. O. Fowler.

3:00-3:30—Relation of Grace and Works—J. F. Hailey, J. L. McAlley.

3:30-4:00—Difference Between Salvation and Rewards—Luther Little, W. R. Riley, O. F. Huckaba.

Saturday Evening.

7:30-8:00—Query Box.

8:00-8:30—God's Financial Plan—J.

E. Skinner, J. W. McGavock.

8:30-9:00—B. Y. P. U. Work—J. E. Burkstresser, Lynn Claybrook. Sunday Morning.

9:30—Sunday School Mass Meeting—The Lesson (30 minutes)—G. M. Savage.

10:00-10:30—Best Methods of Teaching—General Discussion—A. R. McGehee, M. H. Harris, W. R. Riley.

11:00-11:15—Devotion—W. M. Fore.

11:15-12:00—Missionary Sermon—E. F. Adams, J. G. Hughes, Alt. Sunday Night.

7:30-8:00—W. M. Couch T. T. Harris.

8:00—Sermon—J. F. Hailey.

T. R. HAMMONS, Pastor.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Ebenezer Association, Santa Fe Church, April 28-29.

PROGRAM.

9:30-9:50—Devotional Service—W. T. Ussery, D. D.

9:05-10—Organization.

10:00—Our Association; Its Needs and How Best To Supply Them—J. E. Hight.

10:45—Elements of Power In the Church—O. A. Utley.

10:30—Unattained Possibilities of the Church—J. H. Barber.

12:15—Recess.

1:15—Song and Prayer Service—J. W. Patton.

1:30—Christian Missions in the Light of the World War—Geo. H. Freeman.

2:15—Tithing; Its Why, Its How, Its Results—W. E. Walker.

3:00—Practical Religion: Our Duty To Our Poor—G. E. Goodwin, S. A. Lotta.

3:10—Our Duty To Our Orphans—J. A. Walters, G. P. Howell.

3:20—Our Duty To Our Hospital—W. C. Brooks, J. H. Redding.

3:30—Our Duty To Our Old Ministers—J. F. Brownlow, J. S. Haywood.

7:30—Sermon—Geo. H. Freeman. Sunday.

9:30—Song Service.

9:45—The Sunday School As a Means of Indoctrinating the Young—J. E. Hight.

10:10—The Sunday School As a Soul Winning Agency.

10:35—Need of Teacher Training In Sunday School—W. E. Walker.

11:00—Sermon—J. H. Barber.

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PROGRAM OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Indian Creek Association, will be held with the Liberty Grove Baptist church, Lawrence county, Friday, April 27-6, 1917. Friday night, 8 p. m., sermon by John W. Barnett, alt., Silas Huckaby; Saturday, 9:30 a. m., devotional, by Rev. Thompson. Saturday, 10-11 a. m., Home Missions, T. P. Stanfield, Z. R. Overton, J. J. Taylor; Foreign Missions, J. W. Stanfield, S. Huckaba, J. W. Barnett. Saturday, 11:12 a. m., sermon, by Rev. Fowler. Saturday, 2 p. m., devotional, by Stephen Wheatley. Saturday, 2:30 to 3:30, Evangelism, by J. L. Lynn, W. H. Rhody, E. F. Olive. Saturday, 3:30 to 4 p. m., The Place of Prayer in the Kingdom Building, A. N. Hollis, W. J. Barnett, John W. Stanfield. Saturday, 8 p. m., devotion by Milas Brown; B. Y. P. U. work by Rev. Poindexter, Stephen Wheatley, T. P. Stanfield, J. N. Irwin. Sunday, 10 a. m., devotional, by Rev. Baxter; Sunday School mass meeting led by John W. Barnett. 11 a. m., sermon by T. P. Stanfield. J. N. IRWIN, T. P. STANFIELD.

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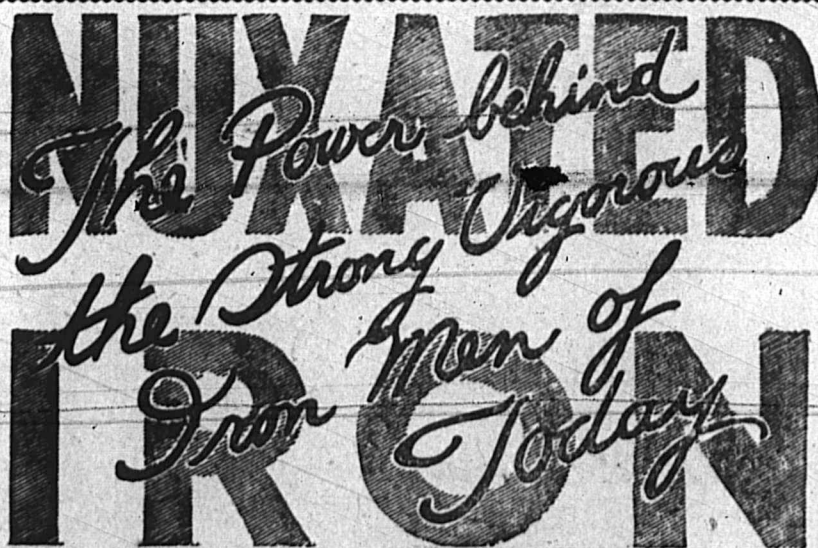
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Laurie Motley, youngest child of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Motley, of Winchester, Ky., has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis in the Hosmer Hospital, at Dyersburg, this State. The operation was altogether successful, and she is spending some time with her brother, Dr. Lyle Motley, a member of the operating staff, before returning to her home. The many friends of the family in Tennessee will be glad to learn of the child's splendid recovery.

Dr. J. B. Phillips, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Chattanooga, is rejoicing over the splendid meeting in which he was assisted by Evangelist Sid Williams. Eighty additions to the church resulted. At the close of the meeting the church presented the pastor with an automobile. Dr. Phillips will begin tent meetings the last Sunday in May, having the services of Rev. L. C. Wolfe, of the Home Board, and later Dr. T. W. Callaway, of Dublin, Ga.

Rev. M. L. Lennon is planning to return South. He says:

"I have recently offered my resignation as pastor of the church here, effective May 1st, to enter Union University, Jackson, Tenn., for my M. A. degree next year from which institution I took my Bachelor's degree in June, 1912. I shall enter the summer session there June 11th, the Lord willing. I shall come South about May 15th via Southern Baptist Convention and shall locate in Jackson about June 1st. I shall then be open for pastoral and revival work in territory contiguous to Jackson.

Dupo, Ill., April 9, 1917.

Bro. J. B. Moseley, Secretary of the First Baptist church, Shreveport, La., gives good news of the church: "The work in the First Baptist church continues to prosper under the blessings of our Heavenly Father. There were eleven additions to the church last Sunday, at which time the pastor, Dr. M. E. Dodd, began his sixth year. During the five years of his pastorate here there have been 1,316 additions, making a present membership of 1,470. For all purposes the church has received during this time \$152,582.05. Dr. Dodd has just returned from Laurens, South Carolina, where he conducted a ten-days' meeting with Rev. Samuel H. Templeman in the First Baptist church. He reports that there were eighty-six additions to the church and a great spiritual revival."

Dr. Ben Cox reports a good meeting.

"I have just returned from the Johnson City meeting, where I spent about ten days very pleasantly. There were forty additions to the Central Baptist church, thirty-three of them joining last Sunday. I preached five times on that day: Sunday School, 11 o'clock, at 2 p. m. at the National Soldiers' Home, 3 p. m. on Sex Purity to men, and at the night service.

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—Mrs. THOS. DWYER, 989 Milwaukee Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story, that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."
—Miss IRENE FROELICHER, 1923 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

If you would like special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Old Looks?

(BY DR. L. H. SMITH)

Persons suffering from too much uric acid in the system frequently look older than they should. They age faster and the appearance of gray hair or baldhead in early years is, indeed, often a sign of uric acid. The face appears lean and haggard, lines and wrinkles appearing in young men or women.

The best way to combat this premature age and the obstruction to the arteries and faulty circulation is of the simplest: Drink copiously of pure water between meals. This will not make you fat, as it is only the water taken with the meals that fattens. Obtain at any drug store a small package of Anuric, which is to be taken before meals, in order to expel the uric acid from the system. The painful effects of backache, lumbago, rheumatism, gout, due to uric acid in the blood should quickly disappear after treatment with Anuric.

"Superintendent Wofford is to be heartily congratulated upon the marvelous progress being made by the Sunday School, and Pastor George Green upon the wonderful advances in all departments of this great church's activities since he became

EXPULSED—every poison and impurity

of your blood, by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Then there's a clear skin and a clean system. Tetter, Salt-rheum, Eczema, Erysipelas,

Boils, Carbuncles, Enlarged Glands, Swellings, and all Blood and Skin Diseases, from a common blotch or eruption to scrofula, are benefited by it.

In building up needed flesh and strength of pale, puny, scrofulous children, nothing can equal it. In liquid or tablet form.

FOR GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE

Do not eat meat more than once a day. Drink plenty of pure water, exercise outdoors, and take a pleasant laxative at least once a week. Such a one is made of May-apple, root of jalap, juice of aloes, sugar-coated, and first made up and sold as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—nearly fifty years ago.

their pastor, about three years ago. He and his estimable family occupy a very enviable place in the hearts of the church members and of the community in general."

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THE WORK OF THE MINISTERIAL STUDENTS OF HALL-MOODY INSTITUTE FOR 1916

Name	Church	Association	Conversions	Baptisms
C. W. Baldridge	Bethel	Friendship	5	5
	Curve	Friendship	5	6
	Hallettsville (Texas)	Colorado	4	4
	Rock Island (Texas)	Colorado	2	2
	Woodville	Friendship	18	22
G. C. Boston	Cane Creek	Central	2	2
	Columbia	Central	1	
	Oakwood	Central	14	16
V. B. Castleberry	New Bethel	Blood River		
	New Harmony	Blood River	9	5
	Pleasant Valley	Blood River	6	
A. F. Crittendon	Blooming Grove	Gainesville (Ark.)	31	30
	Finley	Friendship	25	15
	Mengelwood	Friendship	32	30
	New Home	Beulah	9	11
	Rector	Gainesville (Ark.)	59	37
	Samtown	Friendship	5	
C. M. Crosswy	Bethel	Beulah	13	13
	Jolly Springs	Weakley County	7	2
	Lebanon	Robertson County	30	26
L. P. Fleming	Mary's Chapel	Friendship	11	5
Earl Gooch	Beulah	Beulah		1
	Cypress Creek	Beulah	16	18
	Harris	Beulah	5	5
	Harmony	West Kentucky	15	
	New Hope	West Kentucky	1	
	Pleasant Grove	Graves County (Ky.)	10	
	Pleasant Grove	Beulah	1	1
	Terrell	Beulah	1	
W. E. Hughes	Walnut Grove	Friendship	11	7
W. D. Hutton	Calvary	Tennessee	20	11
	Oakwood	Tennessee	61	51
	Smithwood	Tennessee	8	8
H. L. Janes	Ephesus	Southwestern	15	26
	Mansfield	Western District	8	
	Mt. Lebanon	Western District		1
	Mt. Pelia	Beulah	12	
	Mt. Sinai	Western District	6	
J. W. Joyner	Auston Springs	Weakley County	1	3
	Bethel	Weakley County	6	6
	China Grove	Beulah	6	4
	Mount Pleasant	Central		1
	Old Bethlehem	Beulah	5	3
	Point Pleasant	Western District	7	5
	Thompson's Creek	Weakley County	6	4
A. E. Lassiter	Ledbetter	Blood River (Ky.)	21	13
Chas. A. Massagee	Harmony	West Kentucky	16	13
	Lowes	Graves County	2	5
	Moscow	West Kentucky	20	16
	New Bethel	West Kentucky	4	3
	Pleasant Ridge	West Kentucky	4	7
J. O. McMillon	Cottage Prayermeeting	Beulah	4	
	Spring Creek	Blood River	5	
Charles Shirar	Enon	Friendship	14	14
	Gardner	Beulah	1	2
B. F. Smith	Bethany	Western District	2	1
	Mansfield	Western District		6
	McCamble's Grove	Western District	6	4
	McDavid's Grove	Western District	3	
	Mt. Sinai	Western District		4
W. C. Solomon	Buscoda	Black River (Mo.)	2	4
	Mission Point	Black River (Mo.)	2	
D. L. Sturgis	Bells	Central	6	2
	Clarendon	Ark.	3	
	Edith	Friendship	9	9
	Grace	Friendship	8	8
	Lilbourne	Mo.	1	
T. T. Tansil	Camel Grove		2	7
	Near Dresden	Weakley County	13	
	Whiteside	Beulah	6	
W. C. Tharp	Macedonia	Beulah	2	
J. H. Thurman	Blood River	Blood River	18	16
	Nevel's Creek	Stewart County	2	2
	Poplar Spring	Blood River	20	15
	Sugar Creek	Blood River	10	6
J. J. Underwood	Garland	Big Hatchie	1	4
	Smyrna	Big Hatchie	3	5
J. E. Wood	Bethel	Beulah	10	12
	Hickory	Graves County (Ky.)	1	1
M. V. Wood	Ridgely	Beulah	4	
	Tenemo	Beulah		1

The sum of the conversions is 734 and the reported baptisms are 579. The total for Union University and Hall-Moody Institute: Conversions, 1870; baptisms, 1,482.

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