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Shall Anything but Christianity Survive This War?

J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary

Those who are skeptical of religion and of Christianity in particular, have put Christians on the defensive by asking such questions as "Has Christianity failed?" "Will Christianity survive the war?" Suppose we turn the matter around and ask the critics the question, what but Christianity shall survive the war? Some things have failed already, some are failing, and some things are doomed to still greater failure. This war presents a great clash of arms. The world has never seen anything like it. But it is not in this chiefly that it has its great significance. Ideas and ideals have collided and the impact has jarred the world. All this powder and steel are being used in defense of one set of ideas and ideals and for the destruction of others. For our part we do not believe that there is anything in the realm of ideas and ideals, of thought and moral motive, which will be affected less adversely by the war than essential, fundamental, vital Christian thought. All admit that we are witnessing the welter of conflicting schools, systems and popular aspects of political, social and religious thought. It is inevitable that in such a death grapple some of these should be overborne and expire. Indeed, some are already in the death throes, while the increasing vitality of others is evident.

How goes the case for peculiar Christian truth and ideals? The man who cannot see that these are more in evidence now than ever before, than they were even three years ago, that they have gained a new recognition and ascendancy, is no diagnostician of his times, no interpreter of current events. Let us take a brief review of some non-Christian and anti-Christian things which show decline, and then of some things which prove, yes PROVE that Christianity is already showing signs of survival and triumph.

For one thing, a conventional religious neutrality has broken down. This was never Christian, and its deem does not constitute a Christian loss. Before the war your average politician, the representative office-holder, the diplomat, and the secular editor and the popular magazine, all maintained a decorous conventionalism which forbade any word or sign of religious bias and any announcement of any article of Christian faith, except it was to utter some criticism or publish some half-baked religious fiction. Note the change! With a great Christian President setting the example, see how frankly and openly men are avowing a need of God and a reliance upon Him. See how in a day all public servants, agents and agencies have found out their need of the support of churches, preachers and the Christian communions. Editorials in great dailies are now suitable for vesper meditations. It is no longer a breach of intellectual, literary or social etiquette for the best magazines and story writers to give their readers orthodox confessions of faith, soundest evangelical avowals and frank preachments on repentance and the sure hope of immortality. These have made religion a popular topic of the day. Society women have become sensible and unashamed to own their faith in any drawing room. Conventional neutrality has passed, and it has become good manners to be a Christian in society. The National Cabinet and polite literature alike adorn themselves with Christian professions.

Take another observation. Anti-Christian and anti-orthodox scholarship which has so long flaunted its infidelity, is now as unpopular as German sauerkraut. The reverse has come so suddenly one fears that some of his friends have not had time to retire in good order. Some we know who were most jealous

of their reputation for scholarship, and could lay best claim to kultur, are now in the plight of certain preachers who some years ago cut their sermonic cloth by the Darwinian pattern of evolution, and then, alas! after awhile found that they had cut it too short to cover the case: Changing the figure, the tide which these "scholarly" men have followed has run out so unexpectedly that they have not had time to change their sails and get back into the deep waters of gospel truth. A few of them are on the sandbars. The war has put a test to some of the "rational" theories, and confusion befalls some of the "scholarly" and "independent" thinkers "thinkers." We will not taunt our friends of the schools and of the advanced pulpits who were but recently so self-conscious of intellectual superiority to men of the "like precious faith." Tried as by fire, much proud intellectual glory has withered. We sympathize with the unfortunate in their dejection.

In like manner the battle goes against that which has hitherto been defiant of Christian proprieties. Mr. Beer Barrel has lost cast, and he is being relegated even as a ward politician. His faded glory has become a matter of common remark. In like manner the knitting society has actually superseded the euchre party and the prize mug as a pastime in bejeweled semi-Christian circles. What is society coming to, anyhow? Ah, the war is changing ideas and ideals. The world will never be the same again, because it will never again be ruled by the same things. Many of these things which are passing before our eyes did not come to America in the Mayflower nor with any of the Pilgrim or Puritan Fathers. They came as Bob Burdette said of certain religious denominations, after the forests had been cleared, the fields planted, the towns laid out, the green grass growing around and around, and paint was on the houses. They were not the pioneers, but parasites. They did not come to take a continent, but to enjoy one once it had been subdued.

What now are the chances for Christianity? One feels a sort of triumph in raising the question. It is so easy to be positively Christian these days and to talk for Christianity. It does not cost one either social, political or intellectual preferment to have religious views. What positive signs of promise have we?

In the first place, some men have found God. They have found Him to be a necessity and a reality. Even H. G. Wells discovered that he and the world cannot get along without God. Harry Lauder has found in tears that back of his laugh and life of fun-making there has always been a subconsciousness of God, who now comes forth into his wounded life to comfort and to heal. Christ is in the camp and the trenches with our soldier boys, and war correspondents have become preachers of vital missionary messages to their chums and schoolmates at home. Jesus walks amidst the fields of blood and wounded heroes, and "The healing of his seamless dress is by their beds of pain" in hospital wards. No soldier feels himself equipped who is without his Testament, and the Holy Book is read by candle dip in darkened billet and in muddy trenches.

Discerning men see that Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Syrian, Belgian and Armenian relief, activities in which the finest qualities of human nature are now expressing themselves, do not mark the supercedure of the churches, but have their sources and strongest reinforcement in the churches of Christ. Men who own no allegiance to the churches give to these and glory in them. But, though they may be unconscious

of it, such men have been influenced by the churches and the ideals which these have cultivated, and their sympathies have matured in the atmosphere which the churches have created. This war has revealed the superior humanity of those who have had their consciences sharpened and their sensibilities softened by the Old and New Testaments. Human relief which this war has called out, and which has poured forth in such generous streams of unselfishness, expound the exceptional value of Biblical ideals, and constitutes a sure prophecy of the survival of the Word of God and that which it reveals and teaches. Of course, the temporary popularity of the churches will be somewhat affected by the readiness or the reluctance with which the dispensers of Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross benefits credit the churches with these fruits of activity.

Now, briefly, what lessons have we to learn from all this? Perhaps there are many lessons, but there is one we must not miss. This war furnishes for this age an affirmation to the question, Will Christianity survive? The hour also sounds a new hope for Christianity and a new challenge to those who believe in it. Many things shall not survive, and at last heaven and earth shall pass away, but be it known that not one jot or tittle of God's Word shall pass until all be fulfilled.

The missionary strategy which a right use of such an hour imposes should not be overlooked. Christianity and Christian ideals are found to have new importance as controlling and directing forces, and the times are favorable to internationalize them in the activities and interchanges of the hour. We should get and keep our missionary machinery in order and readiness for a supreme offensive at a moment's notice. The war will give us our opportunity if we are ready for it. Men and women who desire to see evangelical Christianity internationalized, and to guarantee the Lord of Glory His universal reign, should at this time stand forth in heroic support of Foreign Missions. The lines of the world's destiny have so converged that we can now as never before apply Christian effort to the distributing and determining center and into the channels of national thought, influence and power.

AS TENNESSEE'S RECORD IS NOW.

Just one month and a half of the Southern Baptist Convention year remains in which to finish our campaign for Home and Foreign Missions. A big task is before us. It is large enough to challenge us to do our best.

Our Task.

\$43,000.00 for Foreign Missions.
\$32,000.00 for Home Missions.
\$13,793.69 for Foreign Missions.
\$6,525.45 for Home Missions.

Amount Yet to Be Secured.

\$29,206.31 for Foreign Missions.
\$25,474 for Home Missions.

This Year as Compared With Last Year.

On March 18th last year we had received—

\$9,338.21 for Foreign Missions.
\$5,885.11 for Home Missions.

We must secure in the remaining days of the year \$14,563.46 more than we received in the same period last year.

Brethren, pastors and laymen, men and women, will you do your best? If you never have done your best before, do it now. The needs of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards demand it.

Sincerely and fraternally, J. W. GILLON.

Notice to Readers: When you finish reading this copy of the Baptist and Reflector place a one-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employee, and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers at the front. No wrapping. No address.—A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General.

THE BALANCE OF LIFE

By G. A. Ogle.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
—1 sam. 7:12.

I had a short say recently on "All The Way." It braces that thought to have this, we must not console ourselves with what has been will be again, because if we read the head lines of life yesterday we will be able to read them in tomorrow, because we saw around one elbow of life last week we shall be able to understand the approaching elbow of next week, because plenty of wine in the cellar yesterday there will be plenty of wine in the cellar tomorrow, because the table was full to day it will be laden tomorrow,—only the rioters said, "tomorrow shall be as this day and more." But the wine may give out, the table may be sparsely furnished. The hanks may be worst tangled, new head aches, and depressions of life may come as great armed forces to cower us, and hinder us, and like Elijah, we may feel like hiding down under the juniper tree. But, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," I will mark the place; I will set up a stone and call it the stone of help. We know that we are partakers of a store that we did not prepare, spectators of a beauty we have not conceived or executed, and sharers of a glory we only dimly understand.

Hitherto shall mean to me a series of unbroken chains of mercies, and interpositions of Divine deliverances that shall anchor my soul—in hope—and a mighty faith that opens the eyes—in time—to see the armed force of heaven back of him. Religion is nothing to me if it does not appeal to the invisible, and enable me to commune and converse with the unseen glories, "hid from the wise and prudent." B & F—Gal FOUR

ent." Hear the still small voice." Wait till the earthquake is past; wait till the last stone is hurled down the heights to the plains below; wait till the violent commotion and passion of the whirlwind has gone by; let Saul of Tarsus wait in blindness till the scales fall, and he could see Jesus. Let all the qualities of the soul hold their place; strong unyielding virtues stand out in full strength, for often the storm struggles must precede the conscious safety of the kept soul of the believing child of God.

I will have you notice that God will not do for you what you can do for yourself. The gospel will not preach itself. The Holy Spirit will not do our praying and giving. Co-workers together with God is the key note of a conscious communion with and touch with God. Notice every place God helped men they were helping themselves. We cannot calm the storms at sea but we can wake our Master in faith that He can, and will, drive every mad wave back in calmness to its restful place.

Here the Lord helped me. I will mark the place; I will do again the things pleasing to him; I will pull the shoes off my feet and go and see what the burning bush means; I will go and stay with Mary while she washes His Holy feet; I will help Dorcas make little garments for the poor; I will linger around the cross.

The balance of the way—which is short to me—may be in many respects like the past part of the way counted off to me. The sun will continue to rise and set, the routine of affairs

will be a repetition of things over and over, the seasons will come and go, breakfast, dinner and supper, and sleep, and the Bible read a little, and get just as much out of it as a man would get out of a breakfast by sticking his head in at the window of the kitchen and get a sniff of the frying ham, and go away feeling I have helped myself to a good breakfast. Let us be anxious about the meaning of our lives as given over to Him. It was in the "balance" of our Lord's life He said, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." And, "As the Father knoweth me so know I the Father," Heseekiah was very glad when God added fifteen years on the balance of his life; he set his house in order, prayed, and hurried to the house of God. Even the old Prophet said, "Let my last end be like his."

Joseph's last days were his most efficient days. He could mark the days when he was sold and bought; when he married an Egyptian woman, and had an Egyptian scepter; but best of all he would call the elders around him and say to them, "carry my bones and bury them in the land of Canaan, for I know the promise is coming, and I shall share in these promises."

We should not be so anxious about the incline of life being spread with palaces, and roses, and good places, and fortunes; but burdens for the lost, cares for the wayward, sacrifices and service. We want to crowd into the balance of the way any neglected force, every straggling energy, every worked and rested faculty; with eye single, with hope anchored, with faith strong, and love covering every defect and fault; pull into port, go into the pay office of Heaven and receive our reward *as much for the balance of the way as the first.*

BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION

This Convention, which met in the First Baptist Church of Knoxville at 7:30 p.m., March 11th, was a notable gathering. The first floor of the auditorium was full of representative men from all sections of East Tennessee at the opening session. Merchants, farmers, lawyers, stock men, presidents of corporations, a university professor, a college president, insurance men, contractors, bankers, and manufacturers were on the program and spoke with earnestness and conviction. Dr. T. W. Ayers of China deeply stirred the Convention as he spoke in a searching way of the needs of his hospital and the large opportunity he had to minister to the healing of the body and the soul. Only one pastor, Dr. Len G. Broughton, had a place on the program and spoke in a most timely and forcible way of the laymen's obligation in these war times. Secretaries Gray, Weaver, and Love were at their best, and the men surely left this Convention with a quickened sense of their obligation to Home and Foreign Missions and to Christian Education.

While space forbids that mention be made of all the laymen on the program, it is entirely proper to speak of the valuable contribution made to this convention by our only visiting layman, George E. Hays of Louisville. His practical remarks on Personal Soul Winning and Stewardship were reinforced by a rich experience, which was related with striking modesty and

made a profound impression on the laymen.

It was an unusual hour when J. H. Anderson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, just back from the hospital in Baltimore stood leaning upon a chair for support, and spoke briefly and quietly on "Call for Larger Giving." He was deeply moved himself as he said to the men, the tenth is too low a standard in this hour of crisis; no Christian man can afford to save any money during this war; all he makes above a reasonable living should go to the service of humanity and the honor of God. It is blood money and we dare not hoard it.

If such ideas should become general among Tennessee laymen, we would make our apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions and some to spare. *Sacrificial giving is the call of the hour.*

J. T. HENDERSON,

General Secretary.

Knoxville, Tenn.

BAPTIST GROWTH AND EXPANSION.

J. F. Love, Cor. Sec'y.

That Baptists of the South are growing in numbers, in wealth, in liberality, in organized life, and in Christian culture, no one will question who has even a modest acquaintance with conditions in the South. Whatever may be said of decline elsewhere, it is evident to all observers that the Baptists of the South are acquiring a somewhat remarkable robustness. We need not cite the numbers. Every year adds its scores of thousands to our numbers. The financial tables for the last five years show a most gratifying increase in contributions for the care of our churches, our schools, our sanatoria, for church building, orphanages, and the numerous departments into which we have divided our home task of Christianizing thirty millions of people in the South. It is not argued that we have come to the full measure of our duty to any one of these departments of Christian service. We are growing but not grown. The last twelve months have marked the most rapid growth in some departments of our work, such, for instance, as state missions and Christian education, in all the history of the denomination, and we are confidently expecting the denomination to give still more generously to these worthy objects.

We are growing, but are we expanding proportionately? Are we lengthening our cords while we strengthen our stakes? Alas! we are not. Southern Baptists have scarcely moved their forces perceptibly on the battle front during their last five years. We have not materially increased the number of our missionaries and few new stations have been opened, while, to the contrary, the deferred needs of the fields we occupy have become acute and many opportunities for advance have been allowed to pass.

We bid Godspeed to every one of the sixteen state conventions, to every one of the more than 850 district associations, to every one of the numerous city mission boards, to every one of the Christian schools, to all the 25,000 churches, to the Home Board, the Sunday School Board, to the numerous education boards, etc., which are seeking to Christianize this Southland with its thirty millions of those who are dear to our hearts. We do not want a dollar out of the treasury of the needs of these and the support

one of these enterprises. They all contribute to the deepening of the life of Christ in our Southern civilization. They are all needed. But does not which we are giving them shed some light upon the incomparable need which must exist in the case of our Foreign Mission work, where we seek to supply to a thousand millions of the most destitute people on earth the facilities for Christian knowledge and life? Our point is, are we expanding in proportion to our growth? Are we going as fast as we are growing? That we must have a home base we know quite well, and we would contribute our part to its making. But what do we mean by a home base? Do we not mean a base of operations for work abroad? And do we not mean that as we can create the home base, we must more and more, and in every increasing degree undertake the work abroad? God has given us three hundred years for home base making, and now, in what is perhaps for the world and for the principles which must regenerate and sustain society, the greatest hour in the history of the human race. God is undoubtedly calling us to larger international service. Can we demonstrate the value of home base making? Can we utilize resources which God has given us so long a time to create? Can we, with all our churches, with all the wealth, with all the religious privilege we enjoy, with all the consecrated young life we are turning out of our schools, take advantage of a great opportunity? Can we utilize these resources to meet a supreme hour in the history of our race, and to fulfill our gospel mission to the world when the crisis of the ages seems pending?

I suggest that their reader seek for himself in the statistics of the denomination the answer to the question, are we expanding in proportion to our growth? He will find there a fine field for investigation. Those who make the investigation will be amply rewarded, and they will have something to tell the rest of us which we ought to know. What world obligation is created for a great denomination in having the seat of its power and influence in the most prosperous and most fully evangelized country on the globe?

RAILROAD RATES

The Southwestern and Southeastern Passenger Associations decline to make a special tariff, but recommend purchase of all year round trip tourist rates.

We have not been furnished with the rates by States; so would suggest that all who contemplate attending the Convention ascertain from their local Ticket Agents the rate from their nearest coupon station. Those who hold orders for clerical rates can save something by purchasing clerical tickets to some Mississippi River gateway point, such as St. Louis, Memphis or New Orleans; and purchase regular Round Trip Tourist Tickets from there. These tickets allow greater privileges of stop over, and time in transit, than the usual Convention ticket.

"What a beautiful dog, Miss Ethel," exclaimed her bashful admirer. "Is he affectionate?" "Is he affectionate?" she asked archly. "Indeed he is." Here, Bruno, Come, good doggie, and show Charlie Smith how to kiss me."

WHAT THE WAR WORK COUNCIL IS DOING FOR WOMEN.

By Mary Alden Hopkins.

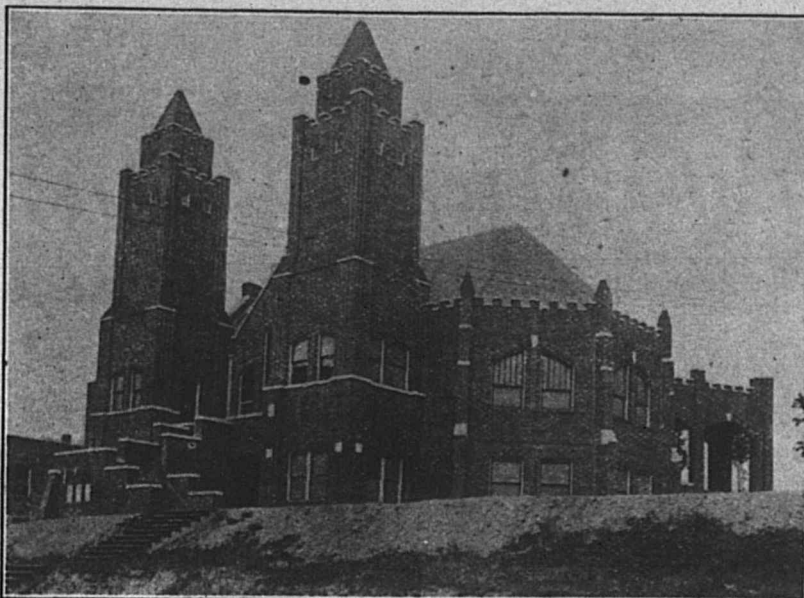
To protect American women affected by the war the War Work Council of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association calls upon the women of America.

Just before Christmas the War Work Council went over the top with their four million dollar war budget. The gifts were generous. When three million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand and some odd dollars had been reported to headquarters in New York a telegram arrived from St. Louis announcing that the donation of Missouri was a hundred thousand dollars. From way up in Dakota came a telegram saying that as the thermometer was falling, the enthusiasm was rising. Mr. Edward F. Stotesbury and Mrs. Stotesbury of Philadelphia gave one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Arthur Curtiss James and Mrs. James of Newport gave one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Mrs. John C. Holmes came on to New York especially to bring the Pittsburgh check of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The largest gift of all was from the Rockefeller Foundation. In addition to its first donation of three hundred thousand dollars, the foundation contributed two hundred thousand dollars more. The needs of women affected by the war appeal to American hearts.

Every state is represented on the council of a hundred women. All denominations are helping. Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is one of the Baptist members. Mrs. John R. Mott, wife of the Secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, is vice-chairman of the War Work Council. She is also chairman of the committee on work in Europe. Women known all over the country for their good works are on this council. The chairman is Mrs. James Stewart Cushman. Mrs. Henry P. Davison is treasurer. The wives of several government officials are identified with the War Work Council. Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Newton D. Baker are doing their bit. Mrs. Robert Bacon, whose husband was Ambassador to France, collected \$55,000 for hostess houses at Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island, New York.

The greater part of the four million dollar budget is being spent in our own country. For the building of hostess houses in the camps and cantonments nine hundred thousand dollars is appropriated. The purpose of these houses is to provide headquarters for the thousands of mothers, wives, sisters and friends who visit the soldiers. A visitor goes directly to the house at the entrance of the cantonment and asks for her soldier. He is notified and comes there to find her. Each of the houses has a huge fireplace in the center of the great reception room. Smaller writing rooms, a rest room for women and a room especially for babies are also provided.

No house is built except at the request of the commandant of the camp. They have already been placed in all sections of our country and more are



THE CHURCH AT KINGSPORT.

Trough a mistake this picture failed to appear with Rev. E. K. Cox's article of last week on "The Church at Kingsport." This presents a modern up-to-date church equipment. We congratulate pastor and congregation upon such a beautiful house of worship and rejoice in their continued success.—Editor.

desired. Thirty-six are in use. Seventeen are almost completed. In the west, Camp Kearney at Linda Vista, California, has its hospitality house. Camp Devon at Ayer, Massachusetts in the north had one of the first buildings. The houses at Camp Beauregard in Alexandria, La., and Fort Sheridan at Great Lakes Naval Training Station show that no discrimination is made between north and south.

Work among girls has always been the first interest of the Young Women's Christian Association. In the emergency plans it holds an equally important place. Forty-six centers of work for girls in communities adjacent to army and navy camps have been furnished with sixty-five specially chosen workers.

A Junior War Work Council, as an adjunct to the Senior Council, has taken as part of its activities the promotion of the Patriotic League. Miss Elizabeth French of Basking Ridge, New Jersey is its chairman. The membership of the Patriotic League of younger girls includes today more than one hundred thousand girls from ocean to ocean, each linked to the other by the pledge: "I pledge to express my patriotism by doing better than ever before whatever I have to do; by rendering whatever special service I can to my community and country; by living up to the highest standards of character and honor and helping others to do the same."

The upholding of the social standards reached through centuries of effort, seems an important matter to the War Work Council. Through a Bureau of Social Morality, fourteen qualified women physicians are enlisted to promote throughout the country the highest moral standards, and the promotion of true patriotism. They lecture to mothers, teachers and clubs of girls. The sum of \$100,000 has been appropriated for this undertaking.

A decent place to live is a fundamental need. The War Work Council has taken up emergency housing. Every army center employs numbers of girls and women in telephone offices, in shops and in restaurants, and as laundresses. In very few instances has any provision for adequate housing of these employees been considered. Practically every industry connected with the furnishing of war supplies employs large numbers of girls. For

these, as well as for the girls employed near the camps, the council has begun to erect houses as an emergency measure and as a demonstration to the employers and to the communities. For this purpose \$500,000 has been reserved.

American women who cannot speak English are in great distress when their men folks are called to the colors. A special sum of one hundred thousand dollars has been set aside for them. Information Bureaus are established where interpreters of twelve languages explain to them about everything from separation allowances to news from the front. Interpreters are sent to the hostess houses to help them when they visit the camps. Every attempt is being made to put the non-English speaking American women on an equal footing with other American women. Mrs. Harry M. Bremer is in charge of the American-Foreign Language Service Bureaus.

France and Russia call for help in their difficult future of reconstruction for women. To France, twenty-one women have been sent, part of them to assist a committee of French women in equipping and directing foyer-canteens for industrial women whose hours of labor are long and on whom the stress of war bears so heavily. Help in providing rest rooms, recreation and proper food are among the services which suffering France is asking of the American Young Women's Christian Association. Others take charge of social huts for the splendid American nurses now "somewhere in France." These huts are being constructed at the hospital base units and offer hospitality to the women when off duty. In Russia, seven women assist the committee of Russian women working to make possible to the Russian working women cafeterias where nourishing food may be obtained.

"The technical lines between 'foreign,' 'European' and 'immigration' are becoming blurred," states one of the Young Women's Christian Association workers. "For this we rejoice. A literal 'world fellowship' is being created among Association people."

All life is given us rigidly walled up. The walls are blessings, like the parapet on a mountain road the keeps the traveler from toppling over the face of the cliff.—Alexander MacLaren.

BEGINNING TWELFTH YEAR WITH BRILLIANT PROSPECTS.

Rev. James Allen Smith has completed his fourth year as pastor of the Maryville Baptist Church, and begins the fifth under the most favorable and hopeful circumstances. The spirit of unity, loyalty, harmony and co-operation is beautiful. Brotherly love and good fellowship pervades the entire congregation. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," could not be more literally fulfilled than in our congregation.

During these four years Brother Smith has not been idle. A church has been built that is the pride of our city, and a beautiful and commodious parsonage built on the same lot.

The pastor has made six thousand pastoral calls, preached four hundred and eleven sermons, conducted two hundred and four funerals, married more than one hundred couples, received into the membership of the church by letter two hundred and sixty, by baptism one hundred and sixty-eight, by statement thirty-nine. Total received, four hundred and sixty-seven.

In all of this he has had the full co-operation of the church, and in appreciation they have increased his salary twice and presented him with a car. The last increase amounted to over five hundred dollars.

Not a week has passed in seven months without from one to twenty people being saved. Prayer meetings average from two to three hundred people. We are not boasting, but just thanking God and praising His holy name, showing our appreciation by loyalty and service. (Signed)

E. A. WALKER,

Chairman Board of Deacons.

IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER.

Do you remember what kind of a day January 18th was. The leaders of the R. A.'s and G. A.'s of Eastland Church, Nashville, had planned for a meeting for that day, at which time the boys and girls were to complete their organizations. When the day came and it was so cold and snowy, Mrs. Gupton, at whose home the meeting was to be held, thought, of course, there was no use in preparing for them, because probably no one would come. But along toward noon she thought she would make sure, so, going to the telephone, she called up some of the girls and found out that five of the girls were preparing to come. Not waiting to find out any more, she returned home and got busy. That afternoon a crowd of girls and boys came to the meeting. They organized a G. A. of about a dozen members, which has since grown to twenty-five. Last week at their meeting these girls gave a beautiful missionary pageant. And they were asked to repeat it at Sunday school.

The boys have also a wide-awake Royal Ambassador Chapter. They are doing splendid personal service, such as delivering invitations to Sunday school, as well as studying missions and making offerings. Mr. John Gupton is counselor for the R. A.'s and Mrs. Gupton for the G. A.'s.

We want news of what other Junior Societies are doing. Write me about yours and we can help each other in that way. I will also be glad to come and help organize Sunbeam bands, G. A.'s, R. A.'s and Y. W. A.'s at any time. Let me know if you need me.

AGNES WHIPPLE.

If You Don't, Who Will?

Millions are being given to welfare work in the armies. This is well. The best we have is none too good to be used for the bodily comfort and mental recreation of our soldier boys. Most of this money is given by members of various Christian denominations, but there are others who join them in welfare work.

These others will not join us in definite Christian work. If we don't give of our substance to bring men to Jesus Christ, who will? If you do not give to maintain the 1,500 Baptist missionary workers who are wholly or partly supported by the Home Mission Board, who will?

Other denominations have their work and will support it. Non-Christians will not give to help us. If you don't give to this it will not be done. If our people don't support their own work, they will be giving comfort to the enemies of the Cross of Christ.

Denominationalism never was attacked by so many as now. Shall the denominations furnish sinews of war for those who attack them, and at the same time neglect their own work? We hate the name "slacker" as applied to soldiers. Is not a religious slacker even worse?

\$31,700 FOR HOME MISSIONS FROM TENNESSEE.

Tennessee's apportionment for Home Missions, as issued from the Southern Convention, is approximately \$31,700. Every dollar of it will be needed to pay for the great work of the year.

Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) is being spent by the Home Mission Board in its great Army Camp work. The Board just had to do it! Our boys needed our best help. This is an increase of about twelve per cent. For Tennessee the increase would be about \$3,745. If your church wishes to do its part to pay for the blessed work in the camps, it should add twelve per cent to its regular gifts. If it wants to make up in this service for some other churches that may neglect to give, it should give more.

\$400,000 must be raised among our Southern churches in eight weeks! The Board confidently looks to Tennessee to do her full share.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN SESSION ONE DAY MORE.

As Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the approaching session of the Southern Baptist Convention, I am asking all our denominational papers to give this a place in their columns, and open them for expressions from the brotherhood.

At the meeting in New Orleans the Convention instructed the Committee on Order of Business to "take into consideration the advisability of continuing the next session into Tuesday." The matter is one of great importance, and the responsibility of such decision is rather heavy for such committee to decide. Hence, I am asking such counsel as brethren and sisters feel disposed to give. I prefer discussion in the papers; but will welcome personal correspondence.

To help in the thinking, permit me to say one or two things. We have often seriously weakened our treatment of vital issues because we do not give time enough. Great questions have multiplied until we cannot give the time we have been giving unless we reduce the subjects or extend the time. The committee is instructed as to certain days. The first day is practically planned before we meet. But this time those plans are very likely to be modified by the Convention itself. There are several amendments to the constitution pending. Some of these would properly come on the first day. To your committee, it seems advisable to dispose of all the amendments at one time, if we can. That

you may appreciate what is to be considered, look at Items 49, 66, 126, 151 of the last Annual. The Convention has instructed the committee to leave "open" the afternoon of each day except the first, unless the Convention shall instruct otherwise. That limits the actual hours in session, except the first day, to from seventeen and a half to twenty hours, actual sitting, if we close at noon on Monday and do not count Sunday. Quite naturally, and I think all will allow, properly, those having charge of important subjects desire a good hour of the Convention in which to present them. When we allow for the necessary preliminaries, and incidental questions, there cannot be found more than two and a half good hours in any morning session, and that is putting the extreme limit. Then one and a half good hours at night will give four hours a day that may be regarded as favorable hours. But you cannot easily divide some of these so as to allow two important subjects, properly balanced, at any one meeting. That means at the extreme limit a possible fifteen good hours during the whole session. This is said on the supposition that we eliminate the afternoons and close at noon Monday.

Consider, for a moment, the important matters which we have decided to consider: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School, Laymen's Work, Christian Education, The Seminary, The Sanitariums and Tuberculosis Hospital, The New Orleans Training School, Old Ministers' Support, The World Crisis, and the ques-

tion of incorporation, Temperance and Social Service, The Negro Theological Seminary, The Denominational Press and the whole sphere of Woman's Work and the B. Y. P. U. That does not take account of the Maryland Memorial, Lesson Committee, Faith and Order, and report of a special committee concerning estate left to the Convention, and several minor interests, which are real. Nor does it allow for anything new that may arise.

To the committee it does not seem possible to do justice by all these matters without adding another whole day. I asked the Pastors' Association of Dallas, of which I have the honor to be a member, to say what they thought about it. Unanimously they said they thought I should plan for the additional day. Now, if the messengers will come prepared to remain until after twelve o'clock on Tuesday, and allow us to place some very important matters after Sunday, the way will be open for one of the greatest sessions in our history. It will be an epoch-making Convention. And we should have opportunity to look toward the future in as wise and capable way as lies in us. Before the Convention shall meet again, the whole world situation may be so greatly changed that we would be not only startled but overwhelmed, if we had not given our best attention to the prospect now. Somewhere, it would seem, a strong committee ought to bring this matter before the Convention in a way to provoke some plans to meet the coming conditions. Our

president is to prepare a paper on "The World Crisis." And out of that discussion something ought to come that would measure up to the Convention. I do not know any stronger simile.

What say the people as to how we, the Committee on Order, should plan the coming Convention, which is due to meet at Hot Springs, Ark., on Wednesday, May 15, at 10 o'clock.

O. L. HAILEY, Chairman.

Having given serious attention to the matters set out by the very thoughtful Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, I most earnestly urge that all the messengers go to the approaching meeting at Hot Springs prepared to give an additional day to the consideration of the very weighty matters which must come before the body. We are called to meet under extraordinary conditions. We need to be serious and thorough in our deliberations.

J. B. GAMBRELL, President.

Mrs. A.—How did you manage to get on the good side of that crusty old uncle of yours, my dear?

Mrs. B.—Fed him the things he liked when he came to visit us. The good side of a man is his inside.—Exchange.

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—THAT this work which has met with such splendid results in the last fifty years MUST GO FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD?

—THAT today, with prosperity everywhere, and all earning more, there must be a new standard of GIVING?

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J. F. LOVE, Cor. Sec'y,
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD,
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
Richmond, Virginia

SUCH A STRANGE CASE.

Paul and Emily were going to move, and they were very sorry. They talked the matter over with their little cousins, Joe and Martha, who had come from another town to visit them.

"We have to leave our Sunday School," said Paul, sadly, "and we have the nicest teacher in the whole world."

"And the nicest day school," added Emily. "Our teacher is so kind and the children have the best times! Oh dear! I wish we could stay right here."

"We are going to move too," said Joe, "though father has not decided just where. But I'm glad to go. We have a horrid school teacher who gives the longest, hardest lessons. My, but I'll be glad to get away from her."

"And I won't be sorry to leave our Sunday School," said Martha. "The teacher wants the children to sit perfectly quiet and we don't have good times at all. Maybe when we move we'll get a nice teacher and a bigger school."

The children did not see one another for a long time. It is hard work to move in the winter time, and there is not much time for visiting. Paul and Emily found the very nicest school—quite as nice as the one they left—and they entered upon the work in a very happy mood. Of course it was different, but the teacher helped them and they soon felt at home in their new place. They liked the Sunday School very much, too, and the teacher and children found them very good pupils.

It was late in the winter when they again saw Joe and Martha. "Oh, we have a worse school than we used to have," they cried both together when they saw their cousins.

"She gives the longest, hardest lessons you ever saw, and she makes us sit as quiet as mice," said Martha. "I don't like her a bit."

"And the Sunday School is not a bit friendly, and I almost wish we had never moved, though the Sunday School we left was not very nice."

"That's too bad," said Paul. "We were sorry to move, but we have found that the new school is as nice as the old one."

But the strange thing about it all you have not heard. Paul and Emily had moved to the town Joe and Martha left, and were in their school and Sunday School, while Joe and Martha were in the school that Paul and Emily had left when they moved. I wonder if any of the little boys and girls can explain this very strange case. Joe and Martha could not when somebody asked them. They only knew that the Sunday School and the day school were horrid—as horrid as the ones in the town they had lived in before, and they were sorry that they had such a hard time of it. I feel sorry for them too, for if they do not find out their mistakes they may find everything horrid as they go along through life, while their happy cousins find everything pleasant and helpful.—Hilda Richmond, in Sunday School Times.

"WIFE."

Did you know that "wife" has a

very interesting history? It is a Saxon word, and as such it has a significance. It means "weaver" and was originally used literally, for the woman who was considered a true wife by the Saxons helped her husband in his work as well as in caring for him during adversities. She must know how to weave to be at her best, and so she was known as his weaver. Later the word was used figuratively, and good wives were spoken of as those who could help weave the golden cloth of their husbands' fortunes. The Saxons believed that the good weaver had her home always around her and always at heart and stayed there where she belonged, and when she was a good "weaver" her husband was indeed proud of her and never tired of telling his neighbors of her accomplishments.—Home and School.

THE NEW BOY.

"A new boy came to our office today," said a wholesale grocery merchant to his wife at the supper table. "He was hired by the firm at the request of the senior member, who thought the boy gave promise of good things. But I feel sure that the boy will be out of the office in less than a week."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because the first thing he wanted to know was just exactly how much he was expected to do."

"Perhaps you will change your mind about him."

"Perhaps I shall," replied the merchant, "but I don't think so."

Three days later the business man

said to his wife: "About that boy you remember I mentioned three or four days ago. Well, he is the best boy that ever entered the store."

"How did you find that out?"

"In the easiest way in the world. The first morning after the boy began work he performed faithfully and systematically the exact duties assigned, which he had been so careful to have explained to him. When he had finished, he came to me and said: 'Mr. H—I have finished all that work. Now what can I do?' I was greatly surprised, but I gave him a little job of work and forgot all about him until he came into my room with the question: 'What next?' That settled it for me. He was the first boy who ever entered our office who was willing and volunteered to do more than was assigned him. I predict a successful career for that boy as a business man."—The Little Christian.

TRENCHANT

Two Irishmen were digging a hole for drainage. One was over six feet in height, and the other not much over five feet. The foreman came along presently to see how the work was progressing, and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. So he called down to the big fellow in the trench:

"Look here, Pat! How is it that little Micky Dugan, who is only about half as big as you, is doing twice as much work?"

Glancing down at the diminutive Mickey, Pat replied:

"And why shouldn't he? Aint he nearer to it?"

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

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

April 17th—Wednesday Night.

7:30 p. m. Devotional—Rev. Ryland Knight, D. D.

8:00 p. m. Convention Sermon—Rev. C. F. Clark.

Assignment to homes.

April 18th—Thursday Morning.

9:00 to 10:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Section; Sunday School Section—V. Filson; Elementary Section, Mrs. Edward Wright and Mrs. I. J. Van Ness.

10:00 a. m. Devotional—Eustice Williams.

11:15 to 11:45 a. m. The Greatest Young Man in the World—Rev. Hight C. Moore, D. D.

11:00 to 12:00 m. Tact in Personal Application of the Lesson—Rev. Austin Crouch, D. D.

Lunch, 12 m. to 1 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon.

1:00 to 2:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Section, W. D. Huggins; Sunday School Section, S. B. Filson; Elementary Section, Mrs. Edward Wright and Mrs. I. J. Van Ness.

2:00 p. m. Devotional—C. A. Jones.

2:15 to 2:45 p. m. Order in the Sunday School—Rev. M. B. Smith.

3:15 to 4:00 p. m. What is the Specific Task of the Senior Adult Department—in Reading, Teaching and Enlisting?—Judge J. H. D. Stevens.

Thursday Night.

7:30 p. m. Devotional—Rev. W. R. Hill.

7:45 p. m. Present Day Church and Sunday School Buildings—Dr. P. E. Burroughs.

April 19—Friday Morning.

9:00 to 10:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Section, W. D. Huggins; Sunday School Section, V. B. Filson; Elementary Section—Mrs. Edward Wright and Mrs. I. J. Van Ness.

10:00 a. m. Devotional—Rev. L. S. Ewton.

10:15 to 10:45 a. m. An Adequate Record System a Modern Necessity—W. D. Huggins.

10:45 to 11:15 a. m. The Peril of Dependence, or the Teacher's Need of Original Work; Preparing the Lesson—Rev. S. P. White.

10:15 to 11 a. m. The Bible in a Busy Life—Dr. I. J. Van Ness.

Lunch, 12 m to 1 p. m.

Friday Afternoon.

1:00 to 2:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Section, W. D. Huggins; Sunday School Section, V. B. Filson; Elementary Section, Mrs. Edward Wright and Mrs. I. J. Van Ness.

2:00 p. m. Devotional—Rev. Wilson Woodcock.

2:15 to 2:45 p. m. Playing the Game—Miss Frances Hickerson, Tullahoma.

2:45 to 3:15 p. m. Unselfishness of a Sunday School Teacher—W. E. Wauford, Watertown.

3:15 to 4:00 p. m. The Sunday School and the Present War Crisis—Rev. G. S. Dobbins.

Note.—Date and Hour of Business Meeting (reports, election of officers, etc.) will be announced.

Quite a number of classes were sent in since last notes, but being away from our records we have not them with us and cannot give them this week, but will mention them later. More than 1500 "On March With the Master" have been placed already and it is hoped that they may prove to be a blessing to the boys in the Army.

February so far has been the biggest month of the entire ten years of our experience in Sunday School work. More has gone through this office and more different things going on over the State than ever before. It is a joy to watch the workers work.

We are watching for the A-1 schools to qualify. I want 50 this year. Please do not disappoint me. Who will be first?

Many of our Unions are striving to become A-1, and we want at least 100 before the year is up. The new A-1 award is out and ready for your walls. Be sure to send for one and place it on your wall and then check up your standard and see how fast you can add the Four Great Seals.

Let every class send in their enrollment to Mr. H. L. Strickland, 161 Eighth Ave. N., and apply for an A-1 Standard of Excellence for your wall. Why not have 500 A-1 classes in Tennessee? Any class can become A-1 that is willing to pay the price. It is largely up to the teacher of the class.

It was our pleasure to be in the First Church School, Nashville, last Sunday and see the work being done there now. I have never seen any church take on new life faster than this great church. The S. S. is being thoroughly organized and the spirit is very fine. Mr. Filson and those splendid workers led by Mr. Jones, the efficient Superintendent, are doing some wonderful work. They grow in numbers, but best of all in Spirit and co-operation.

Mr. Filson's scheme at the First church, Nashville, in "Putting the School Over the Top" is a great one. He has a map on the wall showing the Southern States and France. The different departments are challenged to go over the top by placing a small flag on the line running from a point on our eastern coast to France and each department moves on an air line according to the percentage of attendance each Sunday and also so much allowed for new pupils. Per cent representing the distance in miles. Each Sunday the flags are moved out on the lines toward France, according to the number of per cent made by the department. This is a fine thing to stir up inspiration.

Rev. A. R. Pedigo writes from Vestal, Knoxville, Feb. 25, 1918:

Dear Brother Huggins—I want to write you about our new B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Baptist church at Vestal. We started out with thirty-one charter members. Interest is good and on Friday night we met for the first time to render our program. We had fifty-five present at the first meeting, taking in several new members. You may look out for us, for we are coming to the front. Our Sunday School is coming along fine and as the weather clears up we hope to far exceed what we did last year. We want in the near future to have a training class in the B. Y. P. U. Manual. Will you send me the price of the book? Will try to send you reports from time to time how our work is getting along. Respectfully,

A. R. PEDIGO.

Knoxville, Tenn., R. 3.

A letter from Mr. Lee Duncan, Teacher of the Business Men's Class, First church, Nashville, to his Class members. This shows why this class is growing so:

Feb. 22, 1918.

Dear Sir—I am writing you this letter because I know you are as much interested in our class as I am. Now

is the critical time in its life. As you know, the weather and the devil has simply shot us to pieces and the class is practically gone. Are you satisfied with that? I THINK NOT; then if we are to go back to where we were I must count on YOU. MAY I DO IT?

I cannot believe that you are not willing to get into the game. If you are, and are willing to help me, COME Sunday, and I will explain just what we plan to do.

Now old man, it's up to you and me. Come on—don't let people say we are "quitters." If we will go to work, we will be battling three hundred (No. 300) in the next few weeks.

WHAT DO YOU SAY? Let me hear from you. Yours sincerely,

LEE DUNCAN.

(The above notes were displaced last week for the program of the Workers' Schools.—Editor.)

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEC. AND COLLEGE CORRESPOND- ENT FOR FEBRUARY

Miles traveled, 762; talks made, 10; letters received, 16; cards received, 10; letters written, 19; cards written, 9; Mimeograph letters, 672; articles for the paper, 2; fish, 50; S. B. B. manuals, 6; Auxiliary manuals, 6; R. A. manuals, 3.

New organizations reported in Feb.—Sunbeams, 5; G. A.'s, 3; B. A.'s, 1.

Special programs sent out—Y. W. A. and G. A., 340; R. A., 50; S. B. B., 400.

Envelopes for the special offerings—Y. W. A., 1,350; G. A., 600; R. A., 250; S. B. B., 3,500.

AGNES WHIPPLE.

March 1, 1918.

Expense Fund received in February:

Third Church, Nashville, \$1.00; Covington, 25c; Hartsville, 50c; Highland Park, Chattanooga, \$1.50; Central, Chattanooga, 75c; High Hill, 50c; total, \$4.50.

MRS. J. T. ALTMAN,

Treasurer.

Tennessee W. M. U.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Many people, and especially church members, wholly misinterpret the words "Home Department" of the Sunday school.

Many people think the Home Department is for the infirm church members. The Home Department reaches farther than that. In the Home Department are enrolled those who are not able to be regular attendants upon the Sunday school itself, but who promise to spend half an hour each week in studying the regular Sunday school lesson. Then every Sunday school should have a Home Department, including members from the junior department up.

Organization.

The Home Department should have a superintendent, whose directions are under the supervision of the general superintendent of the Sunday school, the same as departmental superintendents. This superintendent has the field divided up into at least four divisions or sections, and more if necessary. A member living in each one of these divisions or sections is asked to become a visitor for their division. This visitor, with pledge cards, record envelopes and Home Department Quarterlies, sets out to enlist the unenlisted in the systematic study of the regular Sunday school lessons for the quarter. Each member is asked

SPRING TREATMENT

Necessary to Purify Blood and Correct Weak, Run-Down Conditions.

Trying weather, exposure to storms, the grip, hard colds, pneumonia, fevers, diphtheria and other blood-poisoning, prostrating diseases leave the whole system sub-normal—below par—weak and slow—blood depleted and thin, with that tired feeling, poor appetite, backache, rheumatic pains, delicate digestive power or almost none at all. The ideal treatment is

Hood's Sarsaparilla—to be taken before meals—thoroughly to purify the blood and expel poisons, and

Pepton—to be taken after meals—to put power into the blood, give strength, increase red corpuscles and restore tone, and do it quickly.

If there is biliousness, constipation, bad taste in the mouth, or "the blues," the liver is torpid. Take Hood's Pills—they rouse the liver and relieve all liver ills, are perfectly compatible with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton.

to mark his own record, the envelope having been left by the visitor. The new member is asked to study the Sunday school lesson from the Home Department Quarterly just thirty minutes each week, and to make an offering.

By becoming a member of the Home Department the member also becomes a member of the Sunday school and is kept posted as to all the happenings of the school.

The visitor is to keep on the outlook for new members, visit the members of his division as often as possible, and at least make a quarterly visit to gather the pupils' records, collection, and distribute the new Quarterly.

The visitor then fills out report on blank provided for this and gives to the superintendent of the Home Department, whose duty it is to compile these reports and make a general report to the Sunday school, showing the number of members on the Home Department roll, number of new pupils enrolled during quarter, number dropped, number who became regular attendants to the general Sunday school. Many new members may be induced to become regular attendants to the main Sunday school.

If your Sunday school does not have a Home Department, write to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for a free sample package of Home Department literature.

READ THIS LETTER

Memphis, Tenn.,

March 4, 1918.

My dear Dr. Cox:

I am a nunknown friend to you, but I come to you as to a friend in need to ask a favor. Pray for my erring husband. He is (how it hurts me to admit it) a drunkard. I have prayed and prayed until I have almost lost faith in prayer, but I fear the fault is with me. I ask your help and the help of the praying people of your church. He is a hard working man and law-abiding when sober, but when he is under the influence of liquor he has no respect for anything. Some supposed friend of his has him under the influence of strong drink so he can make him do anything. We have been married 23 years. Our only son is somewhere on the Atlantic serving his country. We have a young daughter. I have no father or brother to tell my troubles to and it is so hard to shield him and suffer in silence, but now I am on the verge of despair. I feel somewhat relieved after telling my troubles.

Please do not think hard of me for not signing my name.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"THE HOME MISSION TASK."

By Mrs. W. N. Surface

1.

On seashore or mountain where e'er we
may roam,
Lost sinners are straying from God
and from Home;
The charm of the world with its
beauty and glare,
Seeks daily these lost ones to win and
ensnare.

CHORUS

Save, save, save our homes,
God save our fair Southland
And gather us home.

2.

The exile from foreign lands, now in
our midst,
The schoolboy on mountains that
Heaven has kissed,
The Indian, the Negro, the cities'
dark slum,
Are calling thee, Christian, to guide
them all home.

3.

O shall we not tell them of Jesus who
died,
On Calvary's brow, for their sins
crucified;
O let us make haste and not one of
us ask
To be made free from this "Home
Mission Task."

REMEMBER HOME MISSIONS IN MARCH

Three-fourths of our Home Mission
apportionment and two-thirds of our
Foreign Mission apportionment to be
met in these two months. We must
be up and doing, give information,
acquaint every member with the so-
ciety's task, lay on the heart of every
woman her personal obligation, urge
her to give as God has prospered, not
as her neighbor gives. This is the
duty of every officer of every organi-
zation. Our country sisters have pro-
ducts that are valuable now—honor
God with the first fruits of all in-
crease. The Sunday eggs; the tithe
of the butter milk, early vegetables,
and all products belong to God.

"Prove me herewith, sayeth the
Lord, and see if I will not pour
you out a blessing such as you have
not room to receive it."

If you did not observe the Week of
Prayer the first week in March, do so
later, and bring in the "Thank Offer-
ings" in addition to the tithe.

"Farmers and Foreign Mission Fi-
nance" is a leaflet that should be in
the home of every Baptist in the
country. Send to Dr. J. F. Love,
Richmond, Va., for copies of it. "Sun-
day Egg" envelopes will be sent on
request from W. M. U. office, 161 8th
Ave., N.

We ought to give regularly through-
out the year, but most of us did not
and we have the obligation to give
now in the round up of the year.

Don't forget to meet your apportion-
ment for Bible Fund and Margaret
Fund. If you have not been given
an apportionment, send something any
way. Help our State Union meet all
our obligations.—Ed.

W. M. U. HOT SPRINGS

Let us know at headquarters you who
are expecting to go to Hot Springs.
Delegates must be appointed at the
April or May meeting at the latest.

Each division is entitled to five repre-
sentatives, and the Executive Board
five in addition to the Vice President
for the General Union. We want full
delegation.

M. B.

OUR HONOR ROLL.

Church Building Loan Fund.
First Memphis W. M. S.
Central Memphis W. M. S.
Paris W. M. S.
Brownsville W. M. S.

We are glad to place these on our
Honor Roll this week—making twelve
from West division, and we are count-
ing on Shelby County and Big Hatchie
Association Unions coming on a little
later.

Memphis, First, thus honored their
pastor, Dr. A. U. Boone; Central gives
hers in memory of Mrs. T. S. Potts;
Brownsville gives here in honor of Mrs.
R. Y. Mosés; Paris will place theirs
worthily.

The purpose of Big Hatchie Asso-
ciational Union is to honor the mem-
ory of Dr. Edgar E. Folk.

M. B.

East Tennessee W. M. U. Conven-
tion to be held at LaFollette Baptist
Church, March 26.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday, 26th.

- 9:30 Devotional—Mrs. M. C. Atchley,
Harriman. Special music La-
Follette Choir.
- 9:45 Welcome—Mrs. E. F. Myers, La-
Follette. Response, Mrs. John
Gilbert, Knoxville.
- 10:30 Reports of Superintendents.
- 10:45 Mission Study Report and
Demonstration—Mrs. W. W.
Kannon, Mrs. H. L. Snyder,
Chattanooga.
- 11:30 Young Peoples Work—Miss
Agnes Whipple.
- 12:00 Luncheon.
- 1:00 Devotional—Mrs. J. J. Burnett,
Jefferson City.
Song—LaFollette Sunbeams.
- 1:30 S. S. Board Bible Fund War
Relief Work—Mrs. J. J. Johnson,
Chattanooga.
- 1:45 Church Building and Loan Fund
—Mrs. T. E. Moody, Athens.
- 2:00 Margaret Fund—Missionaries'
Children—Miss Laura Powers,
Knoxville.
- 2:30 Review of W. M. U. Manual—
Mrs. Lee F. Miller, Johnson
City.
- 3:00 Training School Hour—Mrs. R.
L. Harris, Fountain City.
- 4:00 Announcements and Adjourn-
ment.
- 4:15 Private Conference of Superin-
tendents.
Conference of Young Peoples'
Leaders.

Tuesday Evening

- 7:30 Devotional—Mrs. J. V. Ander-
son.
- 8:00—Missionary Sermon—Rev. M. C.
Atchley, Harriman.
Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Robinson,
Chattanooga.
Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Holt, Knox-
ville.

Y. W. A. NEWS.

When I was elected Y. W. A. and
G. A. State Leader in November, 1916,
I resolved to have in my own church.
Third, Nashville, a model Y. W. A. I
have not reached that ideal yet, but feel
gratified over what has been accom-
plished, and am glad that Miss Whip-
ple has given me this opportunity to
tell you about our work.

We have grown in fifteen months
from eight to twenty members, and
have an average of fifteen at our reg-
ular meetings. All of the girls are
learning how to plan and lead mis-
sionary programs, the President ap-
pointing a different leader for each
meeting. Our programs are not only
instructive and helpful, but they are
interesting. The girls are learning to
talk well and tell stories in a beautiful
way. Best of all they are learning
to lead in prayer. At every meeting
we have volunteer prayers for some
specific object, and often every mem-
ber present will respond. How beau-
tiful to hear their young voices rising
to our Father in prayer for His king-
dom!

We are having our first Mission
Study Class now. Twelve girls have
enrolled as regular students, and
others have promised to come when
they can. We are using as a text
book "The Romance of Missions in
girls are deeply interested in the ex-
perience of this pioneer missionary in
Africa. I am sure that other Y. W. A.'s
will find this a most helpful text book
for mission study. All of the girls who
attend every session of our class are
to be invited to an "African tea." We
will tell you more about that later.

My experience teaches me that Y.
W. A. work is most interesting and
inspiring. The young women are eager
to "do something," and will respond
readily if they have a leader. It is
very important to store their minds
with missionary knowledge and fill
their hearts with love for the mission-
ary cause while they are young. Let
us pray and work until there is a Y.
W. A. and a G. A. in every church in
Tennessee.

MRS. C. D. CREASMAN.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR YELL.

"Sing, sing, sing!"

We are servants of the King.
Let's get busy
And do something."

—From Virginia.

OUR AIM

- 25 new Y. W. A's. by May 1
- 10 new G. A's. by May 1
- 10 new R. A's. by May 1
- 35 new S. B. B's. by May 1

OUR FINANCIAL AIM.

| | Amount To Be | Total Already Raised | Reported |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Foreign Missions | \$1,172.00 | | \$533.93 |
| Home Missions | 808.00 | | 166.85 |

All new Sunbeam Bands, R. A's, G.
A's. and Y. W. A's. reported by May
month's standard by Nov. 1st, will
have special mentions.

SPECIAL SIX MONTHS' STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

- 1—One regular missionary meeting
with devotional program each
month.
- 2—An increase in membership of ten
per cent.
- 3—An offering of not less than \$4.00
to some regular objects.
- 4—Regular reports to state officers.
- 5—Royal Service subscribed for and
used by the society.
- 6—Observance of special state mission
program.
- 7—One mission study class or one
missionary book read by each
member.
(Omitted for Sunbeams.)
- 8—Some definite personal service.

9—An average attendance of one-half
membership.

AGNES WHIPPLE,

Young People's Sec'y and College Cor.

REPORT OF COR. AND FIELD SEC., FEBRUARY, 1918.

Miles traveled by R. R., 1,157; miles
traveled by conveyance, 12; quarterly
meetings, 3; other meetings, 2; socie-
scriptions to magazines, 13; Royal
Service, 8; H. & F. F., 5; Manuals
sold, 30.

Office work—New articles prepared,
12; letters received, 44; cards received,
27; letters written, 28; cards written,
37; mimeograph letters, 725.

Packages of March literature mailed
to W. M. S., 400; these contained, 1,900
programs, 4,600 leaflets, and 400 let-
ters.

Packages of envelopes for special
offerings, 400; containing 9,500 other
envelopes, 300.

Regular packages, 47; containing 9
copies of Royal Service, 2 H. & F. F.,
15 Year Books, 11 Treasurers Record
books, 489 leaflets, 9 S. B. C. and W.
M. U. minutes, 4 State minutes.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. W. E. Roten, Pastor, Exeter,
Neb., an ex-Tennessean, is inquiring
about a pastorate in Tennessee. Write
him.

Rev. J. H. Palmer is called to the
Pastorate of Macedonia Church near
Cleveland. Cleveland (First) held
praying meeting Wednesday Evening.
Attendance good. The Pulpit Commit-
tee is trying to locate a pastor and in
the meantime the Building Committee
and the church are arranging to begin
the erection of a new church house.

Pastor W. M. Bragg of Troutdale,
Va., has recently held meetings with
Pine Branch and Baptist Union
Churches, resulting in a number of
conversions and additions to the
churches.

Spent a night with Rev. W. H. Wat-
lington, Whittle Springs, who is in-
terested in the work.

Hampton Church pastorless. Sup-
plied preaching three times and re-
ceived \$12.75 for my service. The S. S.
and B. Y. P. U. were both splendid.
Pulpit Committee appointed Deacon
E. E. Williams Chairman.

Dae River—Supplied Sunday after-
noon and received \$2.00 for my ser-
vice.

Met Rev. James Stout of Elizabeth
ton on the train who at one time was
pastor of both the above churches.

Entertained in the home of Deacon
S. J. Jackson, and took a meal with
Mrs. J. D. Wyrick.

Baptist and Reflector and Home and
Foreign Fields and books represented
with some results for all.

R. D. CECIL,

Evangelist.

Cleveland, Tenn.

THE TRYST.

By Jane Crowe Maxfield.

I have a tryst with God

In the silence of the night,
When the wizard alchemy of doubt
Makes wrong appear as right.

But despair fades into calm,

And I bend to kiss the rod,
In the brooding silence of the night,
When I keep my tryst with God.

—Cambridge, Mass. —Watchman-
Examiner.

EDITORIAL

THE AGE LONG BREAD LINE.

The Sunday School lesson (Mark 6:32-44) deals with the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand. It is the only one of the recorded miracles told by all four of the Gospels. There must have been something striking and significant in this display of benevolence on the part of Jesus in order that the four writers might use it to contribute toward the individual purpose of each Gospel. We suggest some of the direct and by-product teachings of the incident.

Compassion of the Master.

Mark gives a graphic account of this miracle, giving such details as to help us to visualize the scene, but perhaps one ought to linger longer on one passage of the story than upon the others which deal with the more spectacular features of the great event. "And he came forth and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were as a sheep not having a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." It is more essential that we shall remember that the compassion of Jesus was the impelling motive to the miracle than that we should give attention to the wonders connected with it. Jesus was familiar with the shepherd life and knew their supreme need of the sheep for the shepherd. Mark writes by inspiration of the Spirit and interprets to us this motive in the compassion of Jesus. One can well imagine Jesus standing and looking out upon this vast concourse of shepherdless sheep who lack power to protect themselves from spiritual foes and to direct them along right paths. His infinite heart of grace was touched with the need of these people who were so dependent upon divine goodness for the essentials of daily, temporal and spiritual life. We may be assured of the same graciousness on the part of Jesus toward the distressed ones of today.

Loaf by Loaf.

We have always been concerned about bread. The necessities of life must be met. In this particular miracle Jesus responds to the present hunger of the crowds that had followed him all the day. So anxious had been the people to keep in close touch with Jesus that they had either forgotten or neglected to provide for their material wants.

Their earnestness to secure from Jesus the healing of their sick and to hear His words of blessing and grace made them neglect their temporal needs. In great times of stress, whether of joy, sorrow or anxiety, men easily forget the fact that they must eat, but the question of the bread line is as old as human life, and out of this question come many of the economic problems that have perplexed thinkers always. Such problems as compensation for wages, hours of duty, prices of commodities, etc., are to be traced back to the fact that men must eat that they may live. One should not underestimate the vital relationship that these problems occupy in the social order. Jesus solves the immediate problem of the bread line in this miracle and in teachings at other times He indicates the principles that should obtain in order that this age-long problem of the bread line might be solved. If men recognized the brotherhood of a common life in Jesus Christ; if men were willing to share the mutual burdens and joys; if men were agreed that the strong should help bear the burden of the weak, and if such dispositions should be considered a part of the Christian duty to the world, many vexing problems would disappear.

The Bread of Heaven.

Jesus did not perform miracles to advertise Himself. They were His loving response to the wants of men. While He healed the bodies of men, His chief concern was that there might be health of soul. In our wonder at the miracle of turning a lad's lunch into a sufficient store to feed the vast multitude, we should not forget that Jesus Himself is the bread of eternal life. The day that followed this miracle saw the crowd seeking Jesus again. He interpreted their request in terms of their temporal desires. He

declared that there was a spiritual bread of which they should partake, and that He himself was the bread that came down from Heaven. We sympathize with the hungry and starving poor, but often forget that our soul hunger and starvation present a more insistent appeal to our sympathy and service. There is no other relief for the souls of men than the bread of life. The age-long bread line for spiritual hunger must be realized in Jesus Christ.

THE CALL OF THE UNDRAFTED.

In a few days the government will make a second call upon those who are of military age. We are not permitted to know the accurate number of men in the trenches, nor should there be an idle curiosity for such knowledge. We may well leave to the government the direction of such affairs. Great stress has been placed upon the religious side of the life of the soldiers. Every denomination is doing its part to reach the boys in khaki. Even greater efforts ought to be put forth to give them religious privileges, but we are mindful also of even the larger number who have registered and are liable to call to military duty. We have been wondering if it would not be worth while for the churches to take into account these and to make vigorous endeavor to reach them with the gospel. Many of these boys are not saved. Unless more active evangelism is carried on in their behalf, many of them will go into camp life with the honor of serving under the stars and stripes, but the banner of the Cross will not float over their hearts. It would be easier now than ever before to reach these men if the church should realize this special task. The call of the undrafted should press with such crushing accents upon the heart of pastor and church as that there would be special effort made in their behalf. The war has made men keenly sensitive not only to the dangers of military service but even more to the place that religion occupies in the individual life. Why should we wait until the camp brings its call to service before we recognize that these men present a heroic appeal for religious attention? They are none the less patriotic and heroic than their brothers under the colors. They are as willing to make the sacrifice splendid as are those already under arms. It is true that the romance of khaki does not yet encircle them, but no one may correctly prophesy when the call of the undrafted, that now sounds so imperatively upon the ears of those who will listen, shall be turned into the call of the drafted. For the drafted man the government is seeking to energize every possible agency for his military, hygienic and spiritual welfare. In matters religious the great task is committed to the hands of the few, but the undrafted present to a vast horde of Christian workers an unrestricted field of religious contact and service. I have been wondering if attention to this would not bring a new spiritual perspective to that church that would be willing to give itself unreservedly to the task of making the gospel of Jesus Christ a supreme force among these expectant soldiers.

APOLOGY FOR ERRORS.

In the absence of the Editor and the employment of a new make-up man in the printing office, more than the usual number of typographical errors crept in last week's issue. For this we make our apology. Of course it is not possible to print a paper without some mistakes, but we try to reduce these to the minimum. Certain of these, however, in the last issue need mention. A few lines were dropped at the end of the first editorial. The poem on page one should have been credited to E. C. Dargan instead of E. E. Dargan. The Editor's son is named Richmond P. Bond and not Richard. There should have been pictures with "Young People of the Big Emory" and "The Church at Kingsport." We are running these pictures this week. We are sure that our friends will overlook these and other inaccuracies.

A GREATER SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

This title is not to indicate greatness by way of extended territory. It rather would call attention to the fact that the coming convention ought to be the greatest in its history. So many economic, military, social and military forces contribute to make these times tremendous in their obligations which should coincide with their opportunities. The overhanging war clouds have somehow brought men closer to the primacy of spiritual things. Just as we are living in a larger world than ever, because men have been brought into touch with the things of the earth and because their sympathies have been universalized, they are now more competent to get a horizon of spiritual affairs that shall be somewhat commensurate with the program of Jesus Christ and with the universal need for the Gospel. The Federal Government has astonished this nation with the largeness of its military program. Not only have we been forced as a nation to engage in immense direct preparation, but the government is bringing under its domination either by legislation or by the influence of suggestion other departments of our economic and financial strength.

Such largeness of preparation on the part of our nation voices an imperative to a larger Baptist program. The coming Convention should see no signs of retrenchment. Men are wondering what sort of religion it will be that shall carry men after the war—a religion that makes men conscious of their need of God.

Dr. O. L. Hailey has suggested that the Convention should be in session a day longer than usual. We cordially commend the idea. So many things have accumulated that almost compel a longer session. We need not specify these items, but call attention to Dr. Hailey's article. Certainly Baptists should be willing to do the Lord's work in a dignified and efficient way. Let the delegates go with the intention of staying over Tuesday and let the great plans be so made as that the coming year shall see the Baptist program somewhat adequate to the Baptist opportunity.

THE WHITESVILLE CONVENTION.

The West Tennessee W. M. U. and Sunday School Convention met at Whitesville last week. The reports showed that, despite the unsettled conditions incident to the war and the extreme cold winter, the schools had done splendid work. The addresses were well chosen and effectively delivered. The Editor was especially delighted to attend this convention, because the West Tennessee Convention was the first that he attended after being associated with the paper a year ago. All denominations gave themselves to a royal entertainment of the large attendance. Brethren Bass and Ball were re-elected president and secretary. Rev. J. H. Oakley, who has been pastor for nine years, will go immediately to his new field at Lineville, Ala. His congregation will give him up reluctantly and remember his splendid pastorate with gratitude. The pastor and church gave further token of their up-to-dateness by publishing a daily paper of four pages, devoted to the notes about the Convention. We expect to have a further write-up of the meeting next week. Those in attendance were impressed with the spiritual power of the convention.

WHAT A NEW-COMER CAN DO.

Dr. Herman T. Stevens as but recently came to the Deaderick Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville. He came with a reputation of having done things in his former pastorates. We gave him a glad welcome to the working forces of our State. We expected great things of him. He has responded right royally to such expectations. His great church is catching a new vision for world opportunity. Recently he presented the mutual benefit to church and paper that would come from subscriptions to the Baptist and Reflector. His great church gladly responded with thirty-one new subscribers and two renewals.

Dr. Stevens is a man after the Editor's own heart. May his tribe increase and his shadow never grow less. But if a new-comer can so easily and quickly catch this spirit of alignment with Tennessee work and bring to the attention of his people the opportunity of efficient service through intelligent co-operation, why might it not be true that our long-time pastors in Tennessee could do something worth while for the paper? We make this plea not in behalf of the paper because it is a denominational paper, but because of what the denominational paper means to the progress of the Kingdom through the growing intelligent co-operation of the local church.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN.

The Editor recently spent from Saturday to Tuesday with Rev. S. P. DeVault, pastor, with Bethlehem Church, Robertson County. This church has never before had more than four copies of the Baptist and Reflector coming to its membership at any one time. Brother DeVault had made excellent preparation for the visit of the Editor in that he had written to every family in the church calling attention to the expected visit and to other items of church plans. We canvassed thirty-four members and secured thirty-three new subscribers. In my own experience of a year with the paper nothing approaching this has been done before. We have a suspicion that it about equals the success of work in the interest of any other paper.

Although Brother DeVault and the Editor had taken twenty-one new subscriptions in twenty-two solicitations at Eagleville the week before, Brother DeVault turned in eleven others from Eagleville. Such success indicates what might be done again and again by the pastors through out the State. The essential thing is for the pastor to get the needs of the people relative to the denominational paper on his heart. Leadership in service must not only include the public ministry of the Word on Sunday, but the care for the flock between Sundays. Brother DeVault is doing a magnificent work with his three churches—Eagleville, Smyrna and Bethlehem. He often writes each family of the church a letter by way of preparing them for his special services. He thus keeps them in touch with what goes on in the church work and denominational life. These new subscriptions are a tribute to such enthusiastic and efficient pastoral care.

Editorial Brevities

Have you planted God's acre?

Have you planted your war garden?

Do your "bit," but make it your best.

Sin may change its garb, but not its nature.

To hear the voice of God one must be in the listening attitude.

Have you made your plans for Missionary Day on the fifth Sunday?

Sacrifice is an old word that is now being filled with new meaning.

Do not expect to be a joyful Christian unless you are a working Christian.

Personal or social information cannot displace the need for soul regeneration.

Religion and war are opposite terms, but one must carry his religion into war.

"According to thy faith"—a motto to determine the extent of one's spiritual graces.

Have your children to memorize passages of Scripture. They will thank you later in life.

Men may differ in their personal characteristics, but they are all alike in their need of a Savior.

"The Lord has a hard time dealing with a Baptist because of his individualism."—M. Bunyan Smith.

There is no question mark to the promise of Jesus: "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Love measures its greatness by willingness to do anything for its object. When men love God greatly, they will please Him greatly.

"To have and to hold" should not apply to the gospel message. To get and to give the truth is the better plan.

The man without a debt is a man without a sense of responsibility in Kingdom affairs. Paul declared himself debtor to the whole world. He felt responsible for the condition of men until he had fully declared the Gospel to them.

Concrete hulls for ships may take the place of the use of wood and steel. A large reinforced concrete hull has recently been launched by our government. If this plan is successful it will cheapen and expedite our ship building.

Secretary of War Baker is now in France upon a tour of inspection and information. First-hand information was thought to be essential that the war department might be more competent to meet its great demand and to outline a proper program with which to win the war.

The Baptist Standard, of Texas, pays a beautiful tribute to Rev. Carroll Smith, who recently lost his life in an accident while hunting. He was a workman that was efficient and well favored of God and man. He was a son-in-law of Dr. W. D. Powell, formerly Secretary of the State Mission Board of Kentucky. We extend to the stricken loved ones the consolation of the grace of the God of all comfort.

England and the United States have announced their intention of taking over all ships of Holland now in their ports. Fear of the Germans has practically destroyed the shipping of Holland. The owners of these vessels will be compensated for use or loss of their vessels. The German press has been very loud and bitter in denunciation of this act, which they claim is a violation of neutrality. How strange is such talk from Germany—think what she did for Belgian neutrality.

Send your books to the soldiers. This week is nation-wide time to gather books for the soldiers. The books should be those that will stimulate and interest as well as instruct. Poetry, good fiction, technical, religious—all classes of good reading will be welcome. General Pershing can use an almost unlimited amount of material. Life in the trenches grows monotonous between fights. Do not send magazines. Let each community gather its portion.

Dr. Len. G. Broughton, pastor First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., is engaged in two weeks' Bible and evangelistic conference with the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville. Mr. Broughton has the honor of being the first to begin and popularize great Bible conferences in the South. He is a great teacher of Bible truths and a winsome preacher, who has had large gatherings through his evangelistic services. This is his first meeting in Nashville and splendid results are expected. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, former pastor, will be acting pastor during the meeting.

The Gallatin Baptist Church, Rev. M. Bunyan Smith pastor, holds a Bible conference this week. Speakers: Dr. Albert R. Bond, sermon and address, "The

Place and Value of Religious Literature in the Home;" Dr. Hight C. Moore, "A Soul Winning Sunday School;" Dr. William Lunsford, "The Need of Relief and Annuity Fund for Our Retired Ministers;" Dr. H. L. Winburn, "The Church and the World Crisis;" Prof. George J. Burnett, "The Need of Christian Education in National Life;" Dr. Ryland Knight, "The Missionary Outlook;" Prof. J. T. Henderson, "The Layman's Place in Church Life;" Dr. W. D. Nowlin, "A True Evangelism;" Mr. V. B. Filson, "The Benefit of B. Y. P. U. Work in the Church;" Mr. W. D. Hudgins, "A Challenge to Service."

On March the 14th in Nashville a representative gathering of the citizens of Tennessee was held. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the organization of a Law and Order League. Absence from the city prevented the Editor from being present. But he gives his cordial commendation and promise of services to the announced purpose of this movement, which is an effort to create a conscience in Tennessee that shall make lynching and all forms of violation of law impossible. The Baptists of the State without doubt will be found co-operating with this effort. Men of all religious and political affiliations are giving themselves to this movement. We trust that the movement shall be so vigorous as to create a real conscience for law and order and also to put such vitality into the judiciary procedure as to make speedy trial of offenders who might become subject to mob law.

MY JOB.

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do,
I said: You get somebody else — or,
wait till I get through."
I don't know how the Lord came out,
but He seemed to get along—
But I felt kind o' sneaking like—know-
ed I'd done God wrong—
One day I needed the Lord—needed
Him myself—needed Him right
away—
And He never answered me at all, but
I could hear Him say:
Down in my accusin' heart: "Nigger,
Ise got too much to do;
You get somebody else, or wait until I
get through."
Now, when the Lord He have a job for
me, I never tries to shirk,
I drops what I have on hand and does
the good Lord's work;
And my affairs can run along, or wait
till I get through,
Nobody else can do the job that God's
barked out for you.

—Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

MOTHER'S DUTY.

'Tis my country that is calling for
my boy that makes me sad.
And I know that other mothers feel
this parting just as bad.
As they see their boys go marching
in their soldier suits of blue.
And each face is bright and cheerful
and in each heart there's love for you.
And their steps they will not falter.
When the bugle call will sound.
As they bid farewell to mother, now
for France they know they're bound.
But their smiling lips grow sterner
as they face their duty's call.
And they know they're Uncle Sam's
and not their mother's boys at all.
But you mothers know your duty, al-
ways wear a smiling face.
And don't ever be discouraged, but
think if you were in their place.
Wouldn't you be far more happy?
And I know it would be so if your
mother was contented and her letters
told you so.—A. L. B.

Woman's World

Two seeds from Mrs. Leonard Broyles of Jonesboro we are glad to have for our garden. For these two subscribers we send Mrs. Broyles a copy of "The Christ We Forgot."

Watch our garden grow!

Mrs. P. W. Sarrett, Sevierville, sends her renewal and one new subscriber.

"I could not do without your valuable paper." Mrs. J. H. Harris.

Ought not such a letter as the following inspire those of us who are young to bestir ourselves to greater tasks: "I am 82 years old and an invalid, can't walk a step, but I want a seed in the garden, a good seed. We have such a large garden and but few seeds. I can't go to church, but I love to read of good things."

Our dear friend, Mrs. W. H. Nolley of Collierville, sends one dollar for the Baptist and Reflector to be sent to some old minister for 1918. We are sure the paper will be greatly enjoyed by the old minister to whom it goes and that he will be grateful to Mrs. Nolley.

We thank Mrs. J. T. Moore of Gallopway for two new subscribers.

The following letter is so beautiful and has helped us so much that we pass it on to you:

"I take great pleasure in enclosing you one seed for your flower garden, per your request. I trust it may prove to be a perennial and grow and blossom from year to year, throwing its fragrance on all who come in contact with it and may its radiance be felt in the world to come. I am sure it will grow more blossoms for me than for you. She is a member of our W. M. U., and I am sure the inspiration she will receive will be a great help to us. I know you will be surprised to receive this so soon, but you see I had already been working for this seed before you started your garden, or rather before you told me of it—God was working through both. I have found that where you have enlightenment you usually have enlistment, and I know of no better medium for a Tennessee Baptist than the Baptist and Reflector. I am working for two others. I trust you may have a large flower bed."

MRS. J. I. HUGGINS,
Dandridge.

A HUMBLE WOMAN'S GREAT WORK.

It is said that a few years ago there died in a little village of Pennsylvania a woman whose funeral was the most remarkable that the town had ever known. "The services were conducted by a member of the Harvard faculty, a professor in a famous theological seminary, and a minister of wide reputation. A famous doctor and a successful banker left their work in Philadelphia to pay tribute to the memory of the dead woman. Yet she had

been only a humble serving woman." So runs the paragraph that eulogizes her work and influence. What had she done? The answer is given: "She had been a woman with a vision. She had so glorified her work by her faithfulness and devotion that each of those five men declared that she had influenced his boyhood and youth more perhaps than anyone else." In other words, she had realized "the glory of the task." Every God-given task is worthy of honor at the hands of the worker. When the task is that of uttering Christ's gospel and of influencing men to eternal issues, how glorious the task becomes.—Mrs. A. B. Bryant, in Home Department.

We are very grateful to Dr. H. T. Stevens, pastor of the Deaderick Avenue Baptist church, Knoxville, for the following new members to our big family: Mrs. Edith Lynden, Mrs. J. O. Phillips, Miss Louise Carter, Mrs. J. G. Armbruster, Miss Lillian Dupes, Mrs. Heath Lane, Miss Mattie Wilson, Mrs. W. T. Welch, Miss Nannie Ellis, Mrs. Eliza Leek, Mrs. J. M. Kington. Aren't you glad to have these dear friends join us? We are proud of every single one of them and hope they may be an inspiration and help to us.

Inspire me, O Lord, with the heroism of the valleys. Help me to see the elevation of lowly things. Reveal to me the divine beauty of patience, of forgiveness. Show me thine own power—the power of the cross. Let me learn the life of death, the victory of self-surrender, the joy of sacrifice.—George Matheson.

THE HIDDEN GIFT

It was long ago I read the story sweet—
Of how the German mothers o'er the sea,
Wind in throughout the yarn their girls knit,
Some trinkets small, some tiny shining coins
That when the little fingers weary grow,
And fain would lay aside the tire—some task,
From out the ball will drop the hidden gift,
And so I think the Father kind above
Winds in and out the skein of life we weave
Through all the years bright tokens of his love;
Then when we weary grow, and long for rest,
They help to cheer and urge us on for more;
And far down within the ball we find,
When all the threads of life at last are spun,
The grandest gift of all—eternal life.

WANTED—500 Seeds for My Garden!

Not all of you have heard about my garden, so I'm going to tell you about it right here. Every year with the coming of spring (when everything in nature puts on new life, I long for a garden where I can plant seeds and

grow flowers and vegetables. For many years I have lived in a city where it was impossible to have a garden, and I must content myself with watching other people's gardens grow. This year, however, the desire for a garden was stronger than ever, and this beautiful thought came to me. That if I couldn't have a flower and vegetable garden, I could have a Baptist and Reflector. Sown in the hearts of Tennessee Baptists, this seed will produce intelligent church members and beautiful Christian workers. I hope you will like my garden, for I have come to ask you to plant one seed in this garden. You know, I'm sure, of one friend to whom the Baptist and Reflector would be a blessing. I want 500 new subscribers during March—500 seeds for my garden. Won't you send just one? I will be so happy to get this seed and you will be happy, for "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

Many of you have already sent seeds and I want to thank every one of you.

Ours is the seed-time; God alone
Beholds the end of what is sown.
Beyond our vision, weak and dim,
The harvest time is hid with him.

Yours for a beautiful garden,
MATTIE STRAUGHAN.

PERSONALS

Just one seed, if you please.

"Your letter of March 1st received, and I am sending you one seed for your garden."

MRS. LAURA E. LINEBERRY,
Tasse, Tenn.

A crisp, new five dollar bill from Mrs. John Cowan at Castalian Springs pays for one new subscriber, a renewal and a copy of "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill."

Two new subscribers from Mrs. E. M. Hutsell of Athens. The following beautiful words from Mrs. Hutsell are greatly appreciated: "I love to read the Baptist and Reflector and it gets better all the time. If more of our people would read it they would be inspired to do greater things."

Mrs. T. D. Johnson, of Bethpage, sends us another new subscriber. Mrs. Johnson is one of our faithful ones.

Mrs. James Patterson of Leas Springs, is 62 years old, but she is not too old to be a great factor in her Master's vineyard. She sends us two new subscribers and a contribution to

"I Would Not Part with it for \$10,000"

So writes an enthusiastic, grateful customer. In like manner testify over 100,000 people who have worn it. Conserve your body and life first.

The Natural Body Brace

Overcomes WEAKNESS and ORGANIC AILMENTS of WOMEN AND MEN. Develops erect, graceful figure. Brings restful relief, comfort, ability to do things, health and strength. WEAR IT 30 DAYS FREE AT OUR EXPENSE. Does away with the strain and pain of standing and walking; replaces and supports misplaced internal organs; reduces enlarged abdomen; straightens and strengthens the back; corrects stooping shoulders; develops lungs, chest and bust; relieves backache, curvatures, nervousness, ruptures, constipation. Comfortable and easy to wear.

KEEP YOURSELF FIT. Write today for illustrated booklet, measurement blank, etc., and read our very liberal proposition. HOWARD C. RASH, Pres. Natural Body Brace Co. 289 Rask Building, SALINA, KANSAS

Home Missions. Mrs. Patterson is a tither. She is a beautiful Christian and her letters always inspire us to do greater things.

We thank Mrs. A. M. Austin of Brownsville for one seed for our garden.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION CONVENTION.

Our Watchword: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

Our Hymn: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak."

Tuesday Evening, April 16, 7:30 p. m.
Opening Song.

Invocation.

Welcome Words—Mrs. Sterling Fort.

Response—Mrs. C. D. Creasman.

Special Music.

Convention Sermon—Rev. Albert R. Bond, D. D.

Song.

Benediction.

"In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

Wednesday Morning, April 17th,
9:00 a. m.

Conference Room No. 1, Superintendents—Conducted by Mrs. L. A. McMurray.

Conference Room No. 2, Society Presidents and Treasurers—Conducted by Mrs. J. T. Altman, State W. M. U. Treasurer.

Conference Room No. 3, Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. Leaders—Conducted by Miss Agnes Whipple, State Young People's Leader.

10:00. Devotional—Mrs. W. G. McHaffey.

10:15. Election of Secretary, appointment of committees, vice president's message.

10:35. Superintendents' Reports. Open discussion of topics from any one of the conferences.

11:00. Some of the Weapons to Be Wielded by W. M. U. in Crusade Against Indifference, Lack of Information and Non-Co-operation—Mrs. S. P. DeVault.

12:20. Address—By Miss Mary Anderson, of Canton, China.

11:50. Young Women of Tennessee and Our Training School—Mrs. P. E. Burroughs.

12:10. Personal Service, Added War Interests, Red Cross, Relief Work, etc.—Mrs. Owen Walker.

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 O'Clock.
Devotional—Mrs. E. T. Banks.

1:45. Minutes of Morning Session.

1:50. Our Orphans—Miss Cora Holcomb, Matron of Home.

2:10. Objects Fostered by W. M. U.—Mrs. L. A. McMurray.

2:25. Church Building and Loan Fund—Miss Margaret Buchanan, Corresponding Field Secretary.

2:50. Christian Education—Dr. Rufus W. Weaver.

3:20. Tennessee College; Relationship Existing Between Tennessee College Scholarship and W. M. U. of Tennessee—Mrs. G. C. Savage.

3:35. Echoes From Great Campaign for Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis—Mrs. Dora M. Hensley.

3:45. Letter From Miss Hazel Andrews, Yangchow, China—Read by Miss Ethel Jones.

Minutes of Afternoon Session. Reports of Committees.

Closing Prayer.

Song.

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IN MEMORIAM.

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world."

On Sunday night, February 3rd, 1918, Mrs. Laura Dayton Eakin, our beloved sister in Christ, passed away to receive her heavenly inheritance, leaving us to mourn in our great bereavement.

For several years she had been in failing health, but her lovely, gentle patience under trying affliction was a beautiful lesson of Christian endurance and greatly endeared her to those who tenderly cared for her.

Mrs. Eakin was born in Columbus, Miss., on May 19th, 1845. Reared in the atmosphere of intellectual culture, she and her sisters inherited the love of literary pursuits, which has been so noticeably evident in their lives. Her father was a Baptist minister and author of our great denominational work, "Theodosia Ernest."

Uniting with the church at the tender age of twelve years, her whole life was devoted to the Master's cause.

On the 19th of July, 1881, she married Albert Eakin in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

For thirty-five years Mrs. Eakin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., and exemplified more fully than anyone I ever knew the Bible injunction: "Be not weary in well doing, for ye shall reap if ye faint not."

At church and prayer meeting, missionary meetings and Sunday school, always, ever was she in her place when physically able.

For seventeen years she was the

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faithful treasurer of our Missionary Society. Her knowledge of missionary work in the different fields made her an interesting leader in our meetings.

Personally acquainted with many missionaries, her home was always open for their entertainment.

She was also a member of the Ocee Missionary Association, and attended regularly the meetings of that organization.

Until recent years Mrs. Eakin was a delegate to the annual assemblages of the Southern Baptist Convention, taking oftentimes a prominent part in the W. M. U. meetings. She specially enjoyed these conventions and, coming in touch with our official leaders and their work gave her great joy.

In the Sunday school she was an efficient helper, and many young people were led to the Savior by the direct influence of her Christian teaching.

For eleven years Mrs. Eakin edited the "Visitor," our church paper, which gave us items of interest concerning the church work and kept us in touch with the joys and sorrows of our members.

As a writer she contributed many interesting stories in "Kind Words," our Sunday school paper.

For eighteen years Mrs. Eakin edited "The Young South," in the Baptist and Reflector, and the Baptist young people of Tennessee, through her teaching and guidance contributed six hundred dollars a year to the support of a missionary in the foreign field, making a total of \$10,800 during that period.

Mrs. Eakin was a member of the Woman's Club of this city and rendered valuable service in placing the organization on a permanent basis.

As a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, she gave herself lovingly and loyally to the work, holding, at one time, official position as vice president of the order.

Mrs. Eakin was greatly interested in the Florence Crittenden rescue work and held the office of president of the local division for several years. As chairman of the publicity department, she aided greatly in keeping the community interested in the needs of the order.

It has been truly said that the daily life of a consecrated Christian is more effective in the conversion of souls than the most eloquent sermons. How often have we reverted to this thought, given in a sermon by a former pastor, Dr. R. B. Garrett, and how thoroughly did her Christian life verify it! Perfect consecration! Perfect service!

How truly could she have said: "I do not fear to tread the path that those I love have long since trod. I do not fear to pass the gates and stand before the living God. In this world's fight I've done my part; I do not fear to see His face; 'tis what we do, not what we say, that makes us worthy of His grace."

The blessed heritage of a noble Christian life she has left her two children, Albert Eakin and Mrs. W. A. Sharp. To them and to her relatives we, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to this church, extend our deep sympathy, praying that God in His merciful kindness may bless and reunite them in a heavenly home.

The funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist Church by our pastor, Rev. Harold Major. At her request, given the writer years ago, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" was sung.

Gently they laid her to rest in For-

Iron Is Greatest of All Strength Builders, says Doctor

A Secret of the Great Endurance and Power of Athletes

Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Increase the Strength of Delicate, Nervous, Run-down People in Ten Days' Time in Many Cases.

MOST people foolishly seem to think they are going to get renewed health and strength from some stimulating medicine, secret nostrum or narcotic drug, said Dr. E. Sauer, a Boston Physician who has studied widely, both in this country and in great European Medical Institutions, when, as a fact, real and true strength can only come from the food you eat. But people often fail to get the strength out of their food because they haven't enough iron in their blood to enable it to change food into living matter. From their weakened, nervous condition they know something is wrong, but they can't tell what. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals

for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people, who were ailing all the while, most astonishingly increase their strength and endurance simply by taking iron in the proper form and this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated, like nuxated iron. If you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete or prize fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance which comes from having plenty of iron in the blood, while many another has gone down to inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron.

NOTE—Nuxated Iron which is prescribed and recommended above by Dr. E. Sauer, and other physicians, is not a secret remedy but one which is well known to druggists everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists.

est Hill Cemetery, under the shadow of old Lookout, but her memory and her influence will be felt as long as this church exists.

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Committee on Resolutions.

WELCOME TO CLARKSVILLE.
Ryland Knight.

Clarksville, both church and community, extends a most cordial welcome to the Middle Tennessee Baptist Convention, W. M. U. Convention, and B. Y. P. U. Convention, which are to be held in our city April 18th to 19th.

We shall appreciate it if every one who is coming will write as early as possible to Mr. F. N. Smith, Chairman Entertainment Committee, Clarksville, Tenn., and tell him what train you will arrive on and how long you will stay. This will enable us to send you your home assignment before you come, and carry you from the train direct to your home.

If, however, you can not let us know in advance, come right along, and you will be assigned a home after you reach the church. Lunch will be served each noon at the church. It will not be necessary to send in your name if you are to be here only for lunch.

We are hoping for a fine attendance and splendid convention. We assure you of a cordial welcome.

A RICH BOY.

A little thought will show a boy that he has many things to be thankful for. The following story tells how one boy was made to realize this truth.

"O, my," said Ben. "I wish I was rich and could have things like some of the boys who go to our school." "I say Ben," said the father, turning around quickly, "how much will you take for your legs?"

"For my legs?" said Ben in surprise.

"Yes. What do you use them for?"

"Why, I run and jump and play ball, and—O everything."

"That's so," said the father. "You wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for them, would you?"

"No, indeed," said Ben smiling.

"And your arms! I guess you would not take ten thousand dollars for them, would you?"

"No, sir."

"And your voice! They tell me

you talk a little bit. You wouldn't part with that for ten thousand dollars, would you," he asked.

"No, sir."

"And your good health?"

"No, sir."

"Your hearing and your sense of smell are better than five thousand dollars a piece at the very least. Don't you think so?"

"Yes, sir."

"Your eyes, now. How would you like to have fifty thousand dollars and be blind the rest of your life?" "I wouldn't like it at all."

"Think a moment, Ben. Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money. Are you sure you wouldn't sell your eyes for that much?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then they are worth that much, at least. Let's see now," his father went on figuring on a sheet of paper. Legs, \$10,000; arms, \$10,000; voice, \$10,000; hearing, \$5,000; taste, \$5,000; good health, \$10,000; and eyes, \$50,000. That makes \$100,000. You are worth \$100,000 at the very lowest figures, my boy. Now run and jump, throw your ball, laugh and hear your playmates laugh too. Look with those \$50,000 eyes of yours at the beautiful things around you, and come home with your usual appetite for dinner and think now and then how rich you really are."

It was a lesson Ben never forgot; and since that day, every time he sees a cripple or a blind man, he thinks how many things he has to be thankful for. And it has helped to make him contented.—Selected.

A joke on the doctor—A physician boarded a crowded cross-town car. A woman was standing and a big German seated, sprawling over twice the space necessary. Indignantly the doctor said to him:

"See here! Why don't you move a little so that this tired woman may have a seat?"

For a moment the German looked dazed. Then a broad smile spread over his countenance as he answered:

"Say, dot's a joke on you all right. Dot's my wife."

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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.

Grace—The pastor, W. Rufus Beckett, preached in the morning on "God's Controversy With His People," and in the evening on "Finding Rest for the Soul." Number in S. S., 207. There was a fine program by the Junior B. Y. P. U.

Seventh—C. L. Skinner, pastor. Rev. Skinner preached morning and evening. Morning subject, "Christian Warfare." Evening, "Behold the Man." There were good congregations at both services. The church gave the pastor and family a real nice pounding. There was a fine banquet for men.

Greenbriar—The pastor, Rev. W. G. McHaffey, preached morning and evening. Morning subject, "Christ the Savior," Matt. 1:21. Evening subject, "The New Birth," John 3:3. Number in S. S., 86. Resigned Cedar Hill and Greenbriar to accept Portland. Work moving along nicely. Splendid congregations.

Third—Rev. C. D. Creasman, pastor. Preaching in morning by pastor, subject, "The Living God." The pulpit was filled in the evening by Rev. Hight C. Moore. Number in Sunday school, 202. Received by letter, one. The pastor preached at Edgefield for Dr. Lunsford.

Calvary—The pastor, Rev. H. C. Hill, preached in the morning on "A Sinner Saved by Grace," and in the evening on "The Heart Fixed." In Sunday school, 65.

Immanuel—Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, pastor. Number in S. S., 267. Revival services are now in progress, conducted by Dr. Len. G. Broughton.

First—Allen Fort, D. D., pastor. Dr. E. C. Dargan preached in the morning on the subject "The Dignity and Value of Church membership," and in the evening on "The Supreme Resolve." Number in S. S., 359. Our Senior B. Y. P. U. has been reorganized. John Gillon is the newly-elected president. At the Junior B. Y. P. U. 32 were present, and they are preparing a special missionary program for the last Sunday in March.

Centennial—J. H. DeLaney, pastor. Pastor's morning subject, "Who Is on the Samaritan Side of the Road?" Evening subject, "Shall We Know Each Other in Heaven?" Good B. Y. P. U. meeting.

Park Avenue—I. N. Strother, pastor. Rev. C. D. Strother preached both both morning and evening. Number in S. S., 149.

South Side—C. W. McKnight, pastor. Congregational meeting in the morning. The pastor preached at night on "Seeking Jesus."

Lockeland—The pastor, W. R. Hill, preached morning and evening. Morning subject, "Value of the Prayer Meeting in Church Life." Evening subject, "Christ Our Surety." In S. S., 188. Received by letter, two. Fine congregations.

Shelby Avenue—C. A. Mallory, pastor. The pastor preached at the morning service on "The Institution and Nature of the Lord's Supper." His sermon at night was on "The Significance of the Lord's Supper." In S. S., 69. S. S. collection, \$1.98. Good congregation at the morning service; an average congregation at the evening service, and a small number at the B. Y. P. U.

MEMPHIS.

First—Pastor Boone preached at both hours. In Sunday school, 430.

Egypt—L. E. Brown, pastor. The pastor preached at both hours. Two good services. Fine S. S. and splendid B. Y. P. U.

Boulevard—T. N. Hale, pastor. Morning, communion service; night, "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So." In S. S., 125.

La Bell Place—The pastor, D. A. Ellis, spoke at both hours to very good

congregations; 222 in S. S. General interest good.

New South, Memphis—Pastor, Jasper R. Burk; 74 in S. S. Good day.

Highland Heights—The pastor, E. G. Stout, spoke at both hours to very appreciative audiences. Good S. S.

Bellevue—Pastor R. M. Inlow preached at both hours. Four baptized and four others received, three by baptism and one for baptism. Great congregations. In S. S., 360, and fine B. Y. P. U. meetings.

Central—Pastor preached on "Love and Purity." Dr. Gilbert at same hour in Sunday school room. Four received.

Rowan—Pastor J. E. Eoff spoke on "Repentance to Be Preached in All the World" and "Th Sower that Sowed Good Seed." Offering for Foreign Missions, \$18.85; four baptized; two additions, one by letter, one for baptism; 105 in S. S.

Calvary—Pastor Norris preached at both hours, subjects: "The Mission Crisis" and "The Deaf Ear." Good crowds. Fine B. Y. P. U.; 133 in S. S.

Prescott Memorial—Pastor E. L. Watson preached at both hours to large audiences. Preached at West Tennessee State Normal at 6 p. m.

Union Avenue—Dr. H. P. Hurt spoke at both hours.

Speedway Terrace—Pastor Wilkinson spoke at both hours; 98 in S. S.

Seventh Street—Unanimously called Dr. I. N. Strother as pastor, sending a committee to Nashville to persuade him to accept.

Temple—Pastor J. Carl McCoy spoke in the morning on "Over the Top." Dr. O. L. Halley spoke at night on "Christ Jesus Came into the World to Save Sinners, of Whom I Am Chief." There were 199 in Sunday school. It was a great hour in the history of Temple church Sunday at 3 p. m. when we had a service at which we broke ground for our new house. The addresses were delivered by Dr. O. L. Halley, of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. R. M. Inlow, of Bellevue church, Memphis. Dr. Inlow had charge of the offering, and of course did it remarkably well, raising \$5,100 in pledges to be paid quarterly during the year; \$1,138.75 in cash was turned in. This, with other subscriptions, gives us a total of cash and pledges to date of \$10,209.33. Building starts at once.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Euclid Ave.—Pastor W. M. Griffith preached at both hours on "Bought With a Price" and "A Miscalculation." Number in Sunday school, 220. Good day.

South Knoxville—Pastor M. E. Miller is holding a meeting at Harriman. Beaumont Ave.—Pastor D. W. Lindsey preached morning and evening on the subjects, "The New Birth" and "The Conversion of the Thief." In S. S., 160; baptized, 6; received by letter, 5; 86 conversions; 32 approved for baptism. Revival continues.

First, Lenoir City—R. E. Corum, pastor. Morning subject "From Bethlehem to Nazareth." Evening subject, "The Voice of the Blood of the Martyrs." In S. S., 219.

Mountain View—Pastor W. C. McNeeley preached in the morning on "Leading Men to Jesus" and in the evening on "Safety With Jesus." In S. S., 180.

Central, of Bearden—J. N. Poe, pastor. Morning subject, "The Unchangeable Christ;" evening, "The Anxious Soul's Question." In S. S., 116.

Immanuel—A. R. Pedigo, pastor. The morning subject was "A Call to the Colors." Evening subject, "Bought With a Price." In S. S., 194.

Lonsdale—J. C. Shippe, pastor. "Active and Passive Christians" was the subject of the morning sermon by the pastor, and in the evening he took for his subject "The Unrecognized Christ." In S. S., 222. Splendid congregations.

Ball Camp—J. A. Phillips, pastor,

who preached in the morning on "Our Mission," and in the evening on "Life and Character of Noah." In S. S., 140. Good day.

Calvary—Rev. Stephen C. Grigsby, pastor. Morning, "Burden Bearing;" evening, "Repentance." One hundred in S. S. Fine day.

Gillespie Ave.—David N. Livingstone, pastor. Morning subject, "The Unrecognized Savior;" evening subject "Hidden Power." In S. S., 200. Eight came forward requesting prayer at the evening service.

Fifth Ave.—Pastor J. L. Dance preached at both hours—in the morning on "Sidelights of Jesus," and evening third of a series on "Resolution." In S. S., 209. Splendid congregations.

Fountain City—E. A. Cates, pastor, who preached in the morning on "Our Father's Care for His Own." No night services. Three professions, one approved for baptism.

Lincoln Park—Pastor T. E. Elgin preached morning and evening. Subject in morning, "Dark and Stormy Hours in the Will of God;" evening, "Dangers in Quenching the Holy Spirit." In S. S., 139; received by letter, 2. The church has decided to enlarge the building.

Deaderick Ave.—Preaching in the morning by Pastor H. T. Stevens on "The Seated Christ." Pastor's subject at night, "Our Boys in the Trenches." In S. S., 536; received by letter, 8; one profession.

First—Len. G. Broughton, pastor. Morning subject, "Our Mission to the Angels;" evening subject, "A Challenge to Unbelief." Pastor in Nashville for two weeks' meeting.

Third Creek—George M. Reeves, pastor. Morning subject, "The Rejected Christ." Evening subject, "Second Timothy, 2:15." In S. S., 129. One received by letter.

Oak Wood—No pastor. Preaching in morning by Rev. S. G. Wells, subject "Searching the Scriptures." Rev. Uhlis also preached in the evening on "Let the Savior In." In S. S., 191.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Central—Pastor, E. L. Grace. Morning topic, "One Won One." Ordained W. S. K. Yeaple at evening service. Bro. Yeaple is a member of the medical reserve corps and will engage in religious work in the army. In S. S., 218.

Rossville—Pastor W. C. Tallant preached at both hours. Both morning and evening theme, "The Valley of Dry Bones." In S. S., 265. Increased interest in Sunbeam and B. Y. P. U. Two received by letter.

St. Elmo—Pastor Oscar D. Fleming spoke on "The Church of the Living God" and "Jesus Will." S. S., 142.

Chickamauga Chapel—Pastor Paul Hodge preached morning and evening on "God's Unfailing Purpose" and "The New Birth."

Alton Park—J. W. Wood, pastor. Morning topic, "Soul Winning." Evening, "A Lost Soul." Fine congregations; 103 in S. S.; good B. Y. P. U. with Juniors.

East Lake—W. E. Davis, the pastor, preached at both hours. Morning subject, "The Lover's Walk;" evening, "Hurry While God Waits." In S. S., 130; four additions. Fine crowds and a splendid day.

Chamberlain Ave.—G. T. King, pastor. Pastor spoke on "Loyalty" and "Divine Help in the Time of Need." In S. S., 117.

Baptist Tabernacle—In Bible school, 287. Preaching by Claude E. Sprague in absence of our pastor. Morning subject, "Parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin." Evening subject, "Sin and Its Consequences." One reclaimed and one saved.

First Baptist—Rev. Harold Major, pastor. Morning topic, "The Gospel of Power for a World of Sin." Prof. Wells, of Detroit, Mich., spoke at 7:30 on "Health and Holiness." Seven additions—six by letter, one soldier baptized. This young man was brought in from the post by Rev. R. S. Smith, the Baptist camp pastor. Brother Smith has already brought in several and has others who will come later. S. S., 425.

Woodland Park—Pastor McClure spoke on "Being Like Jesus," and "The Death of Christ as related to the Sin-

ner." In S. S., 107. Good unions. Splendid day.

HARTSVILLE.

Hartsville—J. T. Oakley, Pastor. Preached at Peyton's Creek Saturday and Sunday to fine crowds. Have accepted unanimous call to this historic church. It is certainly inspiring to preach to hundreds of men and women. The church unanimously voted to meet all appointments. Good.—J. T. Oakley.

LONDON.

London—J. H. O. Clevenger, missionary pastor. We are in the midst of a great revival, the pastor doing the preaching. Fourteen professions first week. House crowded and many turned away. Looks now like we would have a great awakening in this town. Our Baptist cause looks brighter here now than for many years in the past. Remember us in your prayers.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Twenty-second and Walnut—W. D. Nowlin, D. D., pastor. Morning sermon by J. W. Gillon, subject, "Stewardship." Afternoon, "The Duty of American Christians During the World War." In S. S., 389. Preaching at 8 p. m. by J. W. Gillon, subject "The Giver Blessed More Than the Receiver."

"OVER THE TOP"

At the Chattanooga First Baptist Sunday School.

"Over the top" after 1,000 men, women, boys and girls by May 12th, is the plan of the First Baptist Sunday school of Chattanooga. Superintendent Chas. F. Hood announced the plan Sunday and has enlisted all of his teachers and officers in a great spring drive to more than double the attendance in his school within eight weeks' time.

The plan is to have all departments of the school with five divisions travel 3,200 miles before the front line trenches are reached. The object is to leave Savannah, Ga., cross the Atlantic Ocean, and land "Somewhere in France," each department making its own way of reaching "No Man's Land." Four hundred miles represents one day's journey of the department making one hundred per cent of attendance.

Flags of the Allied Nations will be used to denote progress made by the various departments. The Primary has the Belgium; the Juniors, United States; the Intermediates, the French; the Seniors, the British; the Adults, the Italian.

The attendance Sunday was 425 for all the departments.

Beginning with March 20th, Prof. W. O. Gass will conduct a class in the Teacher Training Course, using "Talks With the Training Class," by Margaret Slatery. This will be taught each Wednesday evening just before prayer meeting, and then Dr. Major will give a series of lectures on the different books of the Bible. His first topic will be "Why I Believe the Bible, the Inspired Word of God."

How many sick people wish they were healthy,
How many beggars wish they were wealthy,
How many ugly ones wish they were pretty,
How many stupid ones wish they were witty,
How many bachelors wish they were married,
How many benedicts wish they had tarried,
Single or double, life's full of trouble;
Riches are stubble, pleasure's a bubble.

AMONG THE BRETHREN.

By Fleetwood Ball.

Rev. W. R. Farrow, of Memphis, Tenn., writes: "Am leaving the city in the morning. Have accepted the call to the First Baptist Church, Amory, Miss., and will take up the work there at once. Am going back to my native State after twenty years' labor in Tennessee. Have been with Union Avenue Church four years and three months. Had over two hundred additions to the church since coming here. Love to the Tennessee brotherhood."

Song Evangelist Paul Montgomery, of Blue Mountain, Miss., writes: "We are closing a six weeks' engagement at Camp Bevier under direction of the Y. M. C. A., and began March 10th with Bro. W. E. Hunter, of Somerset, Ky. Mrs. Montgomery and I have had some of the richest, sweetest experiences with the soldiers in the camp, and the good part of it is we have met a great many of our Tennessee boys and have seen many of them take a stand for Christ."

Dr. George H. Crutcher, of Shreveport, La., writes: Brother Lawrence Zarilla, our Italian missionary, expects to take a vacation about August, and would be glad to visit and speak on the work among the Italians to some church in West Tennessee or West Kentucky."

Fulton Avenue church, Baltimore, Md., has called as pastor Rev. C. Roy Angell, of Crozier Seminary, and he takes charge at once. He is a graduate of Richmond College. Angells as pastors are rare.

Dr. J. H. Strong, of Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, Md., has been granted a release that he may give six months of his time to Y. M. C. A. work in Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

A. G. Winslow, of Juno, and Miss Lizzie Smith, of Huron, were the contracting parties in a marriage solemnized Sunday morning at 11 o'clock while seated in an automobile in front of the Baptist church at Lexington, the writer officiating. These are estimable people, the bride being a consecrated Baptist.

The successor to Dr. Carter Helm Jones as pastor of White Temple church, Portland, Oregon, is Rev. W. A. Waldox, who is reputed to be a preacher of unusual ability. He must be, to follow Dr. Jones.

Rev. J. P. Boone, of Texarkana, Ark., has been called to the care of the First church, Waxahatchie, Texas, and goes to that field of almost limitless opportunity.

Hon. James W. Gerard, late ambassador to Germany, will deliver the commencement address at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, June 5th. It would be worth a trip from Tennessee to Texas to hear him.

One of the richest refreshments at the West Tennessee Sunday School Convention in Whiteville last week was the presence of Dr. O. L. Hailey, of Dallas, Texas, who delivered a masterly address. He was on a visit to relatives in that vicinity. He is a man of affairs in the Kingdom.

Rev. H. H. Burton, of Altus, Okla., is to assist Rev. E. T. Thorn in a revival at Hooker, Okla., beginning April 15. That church is exceeding the gifts

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to benevolences which have been asked of it.

Evangelist Sid. Williams, of Hines, Texas, is in a great meeting with the church at North McAlester, Oklahoma, in which he is assisting Rev. J. L. Watson. Sixty-one had already professed faith at last account.

In the recent meeting at Sow Lake, Texas, in which the pastor, Rev. A. E. Hill, was assisted by Evangelist T. T. Martin and helpers of Blue Mountain, Miss., there were fifty-one additions to the church, forty-one by baptism. Bro. Hill has resigned to engage in associational missionary work.

Rev. Joe W. Vesey has resigned the care of Woodlawn church, Jacksonville, Fla., in order to accompany his sick boy to the mountains near Asheville, N. C., in the hope of restoring his health.

The going of Rev. J. H. Oakley, of Whiteville, Tenn., to the pastorate at Lineville, Alabama, removes from the Tennessee ministry one of the most faithful and energetic of the ranks. We congratulate the Alabama saints. The change is effective April 1st.

Rev. J. H. Snow and wife, of Dallas, Texas, who rightly belong in Tennessee, were attendants upon the West Tennessee Sunday School Convention in Whiteville last week. They are doing a high class of enlistment and evangelistic work and are open for engagements in Tennessee.

Rev. Bunyan Stephens, of the First church, Ocala, Fla., leaves that pastorate to do army Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla. What is to become of the churches if all the brethren go into the army work? Do not the churches need leaders who will develop the sinews of war? "But as his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the staff; they shall part alike."

Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Texas, is engaged in a city-wide Baptist meeting with the First church, Jacksonville, Fla., which began last Sunday. Dr. W. A. Hobson is the pastor.

Rev. J. J. Mayfield has resigned the care of South Side church, Meridian, Miss., to become pastor at Ponotoc, Miss., April 1st. He goes to a most delightful field.

Rev. J. B. Quinn decides to remain as pastor of the First church, Grenada, Miss., although having resigned to go to other work. The pressure was so great from the church that he was compelled to reconsider and remain where his labors have been so signally blessed.

Rev. Will M. Gamlin, of Big Sandy, Tenn., is to have a meeting with his friendship church near Paris, Tenn., beginning the second Sunday in August. It is a matter of great regret that the writer cannot help him at that time.

Dr. George W. Swope, of the First church, Abbeville, Ala., is in the midst of a great meeting with Leigh Street church, Richmond, Va., of which Dr. J. J. Wicker is pastor. Dr. Swope held a meeting there last March, resulting in 176 additions.

The Second church, Easley, S. C., secures as pastor Rev. J. H. Machen, of Greenville, S. C., the services to be held twice a month.

Our sympathies go out to the members of the church at Greenfield, Tenn., who lost their house in a disastrous fire last Thursday. They are a plucky band and will no doubt rise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes, constructing a better house than they had before.

A revival is in progress at Huntingdon, Tenn., in which the pastor, Rev. George S. Price, is being assisted by Dr. I. N. Penick, of Martin, Tenn., who is at home with the saints of that good church.

THE RELIGIOUS VAGABOND.

The religious tramp is a phenomenon of a serious nature for the churches. He is not a foe to religion. He is indeed a believer, in a way, although he asserts with pseudo-liberality that "one church is as good as another." He travels around to the "special services" which one church after another serves up to secure a

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crowd. The churches often do not go behind the returns. There are crowds and there are crowds. The church tramp is a Christian who refuses to assume any responsibilities. He does not want to work regularly, though he drops a chance nickel in the plate. His attitude is one of unconcern and regard to the welfare of the churches. He gets his amusement and his sociability from the churches at the minimum of expense. He asks for no more. Just now in many communities the churches are actively competing for the presence of the church tramp. With concerts and secular lectures and moving pictures of doubtful religious value, they seek to bring the oaters to their places of worship. Their success is as transient as is the interest of the people who come. The cure for church tramps is a serious attitude on the part of the church. Smaller audiences may follow such an attitude, but they will be audiences yielding a more permanent harvest to religion. The serious-minded pastor may not be known just now as a crowd-getter, but he will be known in the end as a church-builder. Meanwhile, the honest doubter outside the church is not offended by the flippancy in the face of problems which to him are of life and death importance. When the church makes her appeal to truth-seekers and not to sensation seekers, she will be a stronger Church.—The Christian Century.

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And he lost his cow in a poker game,
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And swallowed the ground where his house had stood;
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A TITHER'S EXPERIENCE.

By J. H. Diggs.

Having just received my Baptist and Reflector (of which I am a constant reader), I have taken special note of a certain tract in it entitled "A Farmer's View and Experience," which treats on giving the tenth of our income to the Lord's cause. I heartily endorse this good brother in his views and vouch for him in his experience, as I am a tither myself. Since August 1, 1917, I have been giving the tenth of my income to the Lord's cause.

Nearly four years ago I had the pleasure of attending a layman's meeting in the First Baptist Church at Knoxville, Tenn., in which I heard some very able speeches made on this subject, and after hearing these talks and the experience of the ones that made them I was impressed that it was my duty to also give the tenth part of my income to the Lord's cause. However, considering my own selfish interests first, I tried every possible way to get rid of this impression, but the more I thought on the subject the more I was convinced that it was my duty to be a tither; and, after listening to an excellent sermon treating on this very important subject, I finally made up my mind to give the tenth part of my income to my Lord's cause, regardless of my financial circumstances, and, as stated above, I began this very important duty August 1, 1917, and since that time the joy and satisfaction I have experienced from the blessed spirit of giving to my Lord's cause has been worth more to me than many times the amount I have given. Besides, I can realize a prosperity that I never have before realized. It seems that prosperity is on my side, and I am continually filled with joy because I am doing what the Lord de-

mands of me in giving a tenth of my income to His blessed cause. I believe God requires this duty of us just as much so as any other duty, and if God's people would adopt this rule His storehouse would be full and every emergency would be met without the least trouble. If this is put in print, my prayer is that God will so impress those that may read it to do even as I have done and get the joy and satisfaction out of life that is in store for them.

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THE RURAL TRAINING SCHOOL; A NEW VENTURE.

I. J. Van Ness, Corresponding Secretary.

The Sunday School Board has just inaugurated what we believe is one of the most far-reaching of the many enterprises which center about the Board. The plan which we now propose comes from a suggestion made during the recent conference with the various State Sunday school secretaries.

The Sunday School Board has made a contingent appropriation of \$5,000 to be expended for rural Sunday school extension work. The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to enter into negotiations with the various state workers asking for the outlining of a definite program for carrying the training school idea to more town and country churches. Wherever a satisfactory state program was arranged, the secretary was authorized to promise dollar for dollar with the state agency in carrying out such a program.

As a result, some nine states have formulated comprehensive plans for greatly enlarged rural Sunday school work during the coming summer. These state programs call for the expenditure of from \$200.00 to \$2,400.00. In general the programs provide for the use of pastors, teachers and students, whose expenses shall be paid, schools so located as to reach the greatest possible number of churches.

The most far-reaching program is in Virginia, where a great campaign having as its objective the reaching of every rural Sunday school during the coming summer is projected. We are also looking to the future, believing that the campaigns this summer, while effective, will be but the beginning. It is our hope that within the next two or three years we may be able to reach every rural Sunday school with a training class. What this will do for all our work needs no argument. A live Sunday school will be the center of active enlistment efforts along every line.

These new plans are along the line of our greatest needs and we hope will prove to be our greatest success.

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With Bluff City Baptist Church.

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We trust that much good will yet go reaped from this meeting. Those who made professions were practically all grown people.

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The meeting resulted in 15 additions to the church, 4 by baptism. The church was awakened as never before and we are hoping for great things in the future.

It is earnestly requested that all who expect to attend the East Tennessee Sunday School Convention send their name at once to Rev. S. H. Johnstone, Box 176, LaFollette, Tenn.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Rev. J. M. Burnett at his home in Blue Ridge, Ga.

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We have received programs for the following Fifth Sunday Meetings: Big Hatchie, to be held with Woodland Church, March 30-31; Old and New Salem, to be held with Brush Creek Church, March 29-31; Indian Creek, to be held with Beech Groove Church, March 29-31. We regret that lack of space make it impossible for us to publish in full these programs. They are quite interesting and we trust that great good may be accomplished by these meetings.

In sending us his renewal and that of a friend, Brother W. M. Summar of Jackson, makes us glad by adding the following postscript: "You are giving us a great paper and many of us appreciate your work more than we let you know. It is just like people to take the good things that come to us and never say a word of appreciation. I love you and pray for you." Thank you, Brother, we shall try a little harder for these kind words.

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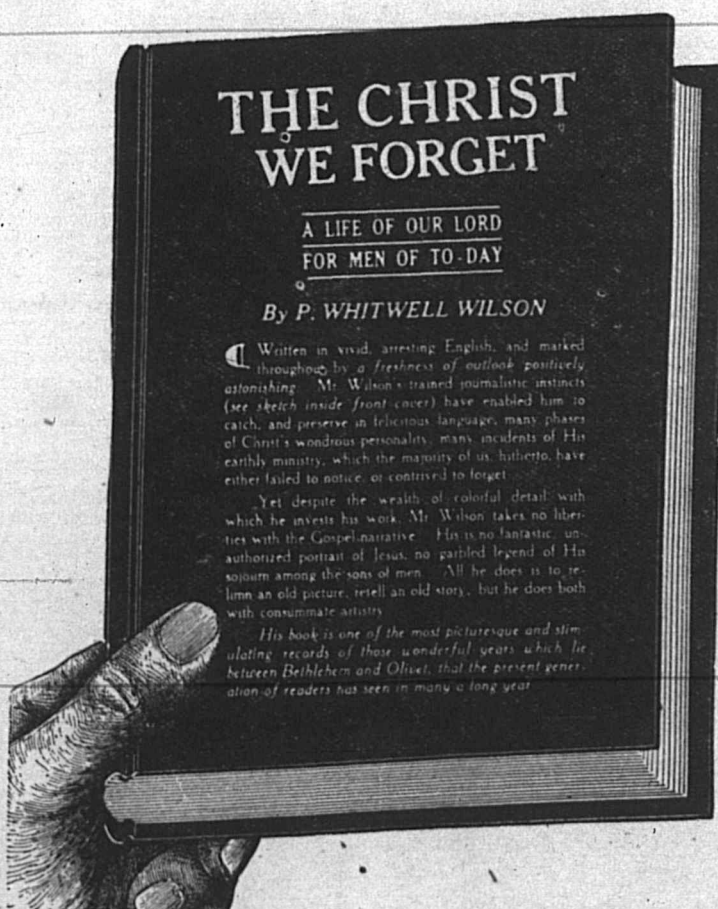
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