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THE PRINCE OF PEACE :--- For unto us a child is born; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, The Prince of Peace.-Isaiah 9: 6.

FEAR DESTROYED:-Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.-Isa. 41: 10.

DO GOOD TO ALL MEN:-Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.-Galatians 6: 9, 10.

LET'S OUTRUN THE METHODISTS.

The Baptist and Reflector and the Midland Methodist, respectively the Baptist and Methodist papers of Tennessee, will engage in a good natured contest for new subscriptions during the period of our Campaign. The Methodist man has sounded the tocsin, and is gathering his forces together to outstrip us, but Baptists know how to win when they get in a victorious spirit. We must not allow our neighbors to excel us. The Baptists and Methodists of North Carolina had a similar contest last year, with good results to both; and will engage in the same sort of rivalry again this spring. In loyalty to the denominational organ and every interest identified with it, let us take the lead. We have a rival worthy of our metal; we must work to win. What say you, Baptists?

THE WASHINGTON DISASTER.

The collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater in Washington, D. C., on last Saturday night in which 95 persons lost their lives and scores of others were seriously injured was well nigh a national tragedy. Congress is conducting an investigation into the cause but the chances are that it can never be ferreted out to the limit. There may be some among us who think it is a judgment of God, but those "on whom the tower in Siloam fell' were not worse than others. These things occur frequently without reference to the moral characters of those who are involved. But it is a meaningless incident and without any providential significance if we do not perceive it to be the call of God to repentance and humility before Him. Such occurrences are not mere happenings, nor the results of causes which may be understood, nor yet the ruthless work of a "revolving fate," but are the overruling and all-wise providence of God. We must not in our thinking separate Him from what takes place in our lives: else worse things will come upon us.

PRAISE AND CENSURE.

A sensitiveness of nature which causes one to unduly appreciate praise also leads one to resent dispraise or blame. Happy is the nature which can resist all that is hurtful in both: that can be insensible of praise as far as it is true, and unhurt by censure in so far as it is wrong and undeserved. Fear the face of no man. Do not allow criticism to cause you to lose your balance, but inquire whether it is just, and be afraid of it only when you know that you deserve it.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OF TENNESSEE.

Lloyd T. Wilson, Cor. Secy. We have come to a crisis hour in the history of our great 75 Million Campaign. The third year will close three months from today. Our receipts for the nine months are \$231,209.51

which is far below what they were this time one year ago. We must receive at least \$712,644.30

this Convention year if we are to meet the demands that are urgent. This means we must

\$481,454.79 during the months of February, March and April. This can be done if our people will give themselves to earnest prayer and a spirit of sacrifice

The need is greater today than ever before and we cannot afford to fail in doing what is suggested above. If we succeed we will still be behind one half year in paying our pledges. Therefore, we must not fail to round out the year with receipts of

\$712,644.30 All together for the last quarter and a great report for the year. February, 1, 1922.

HELP THE OFFICERS OF LAW.

Law enforcement is a plea that is in the mouths of most all of us: the majesty of the law must be maintained and evildoers must be punished. But it "is catching before hanging", and the bootlegger must be apprehended before he can be stopped. The officer of the law occupies a position that at the best is dangerous, and unless he has the backing of the moral support of the better element of citizens, he becomes an easy target for the moonshiner's rifle. He is not the law, but he is an officer of it, an enforcer of it; and the utmost consideration should be shown him when, in the discharge of his duties, it becomes necessary for him to resort to extreme measure to make the law effective. Transgression must be made hard for the transgressor; and the custodians of law and order should be supported by the advocates of law enforcement. Do not preach law enforcement unless you are willing to stand by the officers of the law.

ACCOUNTS WITH THE LORD.

The matter of tithing brings up many inquiries in the mind of the tither as to what constitutes a tenth. These can be safely left to the individual conscience. Through what channels is it to be expended? What is a tithe of the farmer's produce? Some may differ from others in answering such questions, but the chief concern is: Do you tithe? Let the details of the methods involved in rendering it work themselves out in the light of every one's duty as a Christian. But be sure you are honest with God: tithers usually are. But there may be some who are disposed to include in their accounts with the Lord what they might have made, or to charge against Him interest on the money they have paid! One does not need to tithe what he does not receive; only what comes into his hand. He does not need to give a tenth of what is due him but of the amount after it has been paid. The tithe affords a definite basis upon which the Christian estimates the extent of his stewardship as far as his incomes are concerned. The man who does not tithe usually does not give a tenth, no matter how much he may think he gives.

THE SHORTER BIBLE.

The New Testament section of the "Shorter Bible" was issued from the presses of Scribners, New York, in 1918. The Old Testament section is now complete. The "Shorter Bible" was translated and arranged by some Yale professors, assisted by Frederick Harris, Senior Secretary of the Publication Department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, and Ethel Cutler, Religious Work Secretary of . the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations. The alleged purpose of the work is to cut out such portions of the Bible as the authors think are of minor importance and which would therefore be of less interest to the average reader. But they have presumed to invade the sacred realm of the canon of Scripture and have presented a volume which, if it is received at all, must supplant instead of support the whole Bible as the inspired Word of God. We agree fully with Dr. John Fox who writes in the Princeton Theological Review, of January; "It is grievous to see again the names of official representatives of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association appearing on the title page. Do the responsible managers of these great institutions approve or disapprove of this rationalistic assault on the Bible? If they approve it or allow it, they must not be surprised if in due time the churches take official action withdrawing their support from the Associations themselves."

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EDITORIAL

OLD FAITH AND NEW CONDITIONS.

Modernism is merely a tendency to be upto-date in religion. It is conformity to a style, and is that in human nature which accounts for changes in fashions of dress or modes of living. Indigenous Christianity applies to all the times as well as to the country, in which it is fostered. Whatever supports the one will also represent the other. That it has a practical tendency cannot be denied: it is based on an effort to bring Christianty to the plane of life for the betterment of which it is recommended, and to eliminate from it anything which might seem to becloud the minds of men by remote or indirect reference.

Of course, such propaganda are wrong because they proceed from an entirely erroneous origin. Anything which presupposes that it is possible for any organic change to take place in unregenerate human nature without the operation of divine power, or which takes it for granted that men are essentially different in different places of the world or in different periods of time, is fundamentally mistaken. Physical environments change with the revolving fortunes of individuals or with the fitful conditions of the country in which people live, but their essential characteristics are the same, everywhere and all the time. That is a wrong doctrine which is based on the idea that man's essential nature changes with his surroundings. Environments may indeed give one an opportunity, otherwise impossible, to show forth what powers or weaknesses he may have; but they can do no more than furnish an outlet or field for the display of his nature.

Christianity is capable of universal application, and since human nature in all men is essential and always the same, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only thing in the world that is adapted to the spiritual needs of all of them alike. There is no difference in the vital elements of life between the best and the rest who are without Christ, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God". Any distinctions between them are differences of degree rather than kind.

The man who now drives a high-power automobile is the same sort of man that his grandfather was who drove an ox-cart. The emperor is the same kind of a man that his humblest subject is. The Asiatic is the same sort of indidvidual as the American. The belle of society is the same kind of woman as the demirep. Their essential nature is the same and hence their spiritual needs are identical. Jesus does not have one way of saving one class of people and another way of saving another, for the reason both have need to be saved in the same way. There is therefore only one way by which they can be saved. Because this is true of all men regardless of their surroundings, it is true of all men regardless of the times in which they live.

We do not need any new faith; we do not need to have the old faith hammered out to a thinness in order to comport with our own ideas as to its application to modern needs. Instead of trying to adjust the faith, let us devote our attention and effort to bring men to an adjustment to the old faith. This is the line of greatest resistance, but it alone marks out the course of wisdom and of permanent results. We need such adjustment to the faith as the worthies had "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens". We need such an adjustment to the faith as Peter had when, with heart a-flame with a divine message and power, three thousand souls were swept into the Kingdom of God: such an adjustment as the poor widow had who carried two mites to the Lord's treasury and went away without anything. The faith does not need to be adapted to our times but we need to bring modern life under the power and yoke of the faith which is ageless and universally applicable.

There is no doubt that the faith will prevail against all the astute machinations of men to alter its form or change its substance to fit into varying conditions of men. It has withstood all opposition so far, and "the eternal years of God are hers". Critics have blasted away at the Rock of Ages and have themselves perished in the explosions: the faith still stands unscarred and invincible. We need not fear for the ultimate supremacy of our faith. As much as we may lament the apparent prevalence of modernistic tendencies, we are cowardly to become depressed by them. There is need for only optimistic soldiers to go forth to battle for the truth. Let those who fear return to their camps. The contest that is on admits to the Lord's side those only who have victory in their eyes as they look with a lively faith into the face of their Leader who urges them on in the fight. Let the note of triumph be heard above the wails of distress: let us have courage in a full confidence that, though we may be left on the field, others will snatch up the standards as

they fall from our grasp and carry them forward until they are mounted on the citadel of the enemy and "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea".

WHAT'S "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY?"

There is an organization with headquarters at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., of which C. S. Longacre is International secretary, which pleases to call itself the "Religious Liberty Association", the main purpose of which, it seems, is to fight reform legislation which, according to its own standards of morality and religion, affect questions of morals. It is a twin of the "Anti-Blue Law League of America." These two organizations have banded together to contest the enactment of a bill now before Congress, introduced by Representative Fitzgerald at the instance of the Pastors' Federation of Washington City, The Lord's Day Alliance, the National Reform Association and the Methodist Board of Temperance and Moral Reform, which forbids all kinds of Sunday work in the District of Columbia "except works of necessity or charity."

Mr. Longacre announces to the press: "every lover of religious liberty and of the constitutional rights to worship God in harmony with the dictates of his own conscience, should take alarm at these encroachments upon his conscience and should send a vigorous protest to his representative in Washington." We take it that the bill does not propose to provide when and where and how men should worship, but that certain prohibitions are made to safeguard to all the right to worship God as one pleases. The constitution does allow a man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, but there is no constitutional provision made for the protection of the man who wishes to serve the devil according to the dictates of a depraved nature. It is not proposed to legislate morality into people: the law can not make people worship God nor keep them from serving the devil, but it can, and should, affirm that people are not permitted to serve the devil after a certain fashion. Liberty of conscience is the freedom of the soul to worship God in any way which seems right. There is no "religious liberty" in the case of those who wish to use their freedom otherwise than in a religious manner. Already there are certain Sunday laws, the constitutionality of which the "Religious Liberty Association" does not deny; but it protests vehemently against enactments which promise to put the lid on Sabbath desecration merely because there are people who claim the right to desecrate it if they desire to do so.

We do not want an advocate of anti-Sunday laws preaching Religious liberty to us. Saul also is among the prophets. The Greeks are bearing gifts. The advocates of license and self-indulgence are pleading for freedom in the name of religious liberty!

Rev. W. F. Dorris, Monticello, Ark., accepts the call extended him by our church at Calvary Memphis and will take charge March 1. We welcome him to Tennessee.

TWO YEARS AFTER VICTORY WEEK

Southern Baptist Accomplishments

L. R. Scarborough

Two years have passed in the 75 Million Campaign since Victory Week. These have been hard years—"lean years". Drouths, floods, crop pests of all kinds, bottom prices in all raw materials, top prices in all manufactured commodities, high rates of travel, high wages, wars in social, political and economic life, disturbances of all sorts, have come and gone during these periods. All these things have afflicted the world and hindered progress in all advancing lines since Victory Week. And yet, in face of these, Southern Baptists have wrought under God wonderful things in Christ's Kingdom.

Financial Accomplishments

\$30,000,000.00 plus in cash has been turned into the Kingdom channels for education, missions and benevolence. For the same period before Victory Week we turned in around 11 million dollars for the same causes. This shows a marvelous advance. If you count collections on pledges made since Victory Week we are about 61/2 million short. Or if you count 21/2 years we are more than 12 million short. If you count the 75 million as the objective and count only two years. we are up on our obligations. According to this count it will be 15 million dollars every year; and we have collected more than 30 million. If you count 21/2 years on the basis of 75 million, we are something over 6 million short.

When you look at what other denominations and other sections of the country have done in their forward movements, our showing is probably the best, certainly in many cases far better. If you look at the showing made by all commercial and business concerns, our showing is marvelous. Many business institutions in the last two years, and those of the very soundest standards, have failed, closed their doors, gone into the hands of receivers. And most of those who have not failed have been in a stressful, embarrassed situation. But, thank God, no Baptist institution or movement has failed or closed its doors. All of them are still functioning in a remarkable fashion, though many of them are embarrassed. Thank God for the victories we have gained, even in the financial showing.

Showing in Spiritual Gains

The growth in all lines of our work has been marvelous. Our institutions, schools, hospitals, orphanages, our various Boards, the work committeed to them has been greatly enlarged and God's blessings have been on them in a marvelous fashion. In evangelism the record has been without an equal in the world's history. Three years ago Southern Baptists baptized around 108,000 people, two years ago around 175,000, this last year more than 250,000. Has any group of God's people on earth in any one year a record of baptisms equal to that since the days of the Apostles? We have cause for great rejoicing in spritual blessings.

Not Pessimism but Heroism

.There is no reason for depressing discouragement among Southern Baptists. There

is no reason for complaining nor whining, but a great challenge of heroism. Moses turned not back to slavery because of a Red Sea barrier. Daniel went on in the face of the Lion's Den and the rage of the king .Paul in spite of prisons and perils; Christ in spite of Gethsemanes, Calvarys and tombs faced forward for the salvation of a lost world. God always has a way out for the heroic and and self-sacrificing. Whining, pessimistic leaders only help to increase trouble and bring defeat. Heroic, undefeatable, optimismistic leaders drive back storms, scatter enemies and bring on victory. We have now difficulties enough to keep us humble, trustful; victories enough to keep us hopeful and buoyant; tasks enough to keep us all busy; and Divine promises enough to assure us of ultimate triumph. "Go forward" is God's challenge to His people in the face of all barriers and difficulties.

Not Discouraging Criticism but Constructive Co-operation

It is easy to criticize and find the mistakes others have made. Anybody can do this. It takes heroes to co-operate, waive their objections and postpone criticisms until a better day. The critic who finds fault, picks at the sores, and scratches the scabs on the denominational body, ought not to be counted a friend of the cause in these distressing times. He is a mere faultfinder and his work is that of destruction. Constructive, friendly criticism will do good; but he who takes advantage of a bad-world psychology to destroy rather than construct certainly should not find a following among the friends of kingdom building. Many mistakes have been made, doubtless in this great movement. It is natural for fallible men whose experience is so large to make mistakes. Constructive criticism will take care of these mistakes as the work goes on. In a day of bad economic conditions, social unrest, and political upheaval, the carping critic finds his day and seeks to destroy what a heroic, self-denying people has tried to build up. Dr. Gambrell says: "A disgruntled dog barking at the moon must not be regarded as an astronomer, but as a howler." This philosophy might be applied to the man who criticizes others and co-operates none. The real friends of the Campaign in these distressing times will hold their peace on the mistakes that have been made and make their criticisms at a time and place not to hurt and cripple the Campaign causes. They will waive their objections and lend all their cooperative strength to building and helping now. Our great need is constructive cooperation. Dr. Broadus' famous saying nearly approaches the truth at this time-"The kickers do not give and the givers do not kick." Let us correct our mistakes, but do it in such a way as to save our causes.

Our Chance to Win

We have a splendd chance to win and make our five-year program a real victory. It lies in this direction. Hold steady, stand fast, be loyal to our covenants, be heroic not pessimistic, be co-operative not critical, be sacrificing not selfish, be prayerful not complacent, be aggressive and evangelistic, carry every ounce of the load you can, lift like men, do not throw off on your brothers and Christ. A better day is ahead. The

world's storm is slowly passing. A constructive period is coming in. God is in His heaven. Christ is in our great movement. Let's do His will and "press the battle to the gates."

THE TITHERS' CAMPAIGN.

BY EMMETT H. ROLSTON, Chairman.

Among many gratifying "after-effects" of our Tithing Campaign, one report just reaching me from the Treasurer of a Chattanooga Baptist Church is especially heartening. He tells me that the contributions of the membership are being made in more generous fashion, than ever before, and ascribes the excellent condition of the treasury in considerable measure to the toning up of the financial side of the program by the campaign for tithers. He cites to me several cases like one in point which was that a young lady on a salary of \$100.00 per month heretofore giving indifferently and spasmodically, has committed herself as a tither, and is giving \$5.00 on the first and \$5.00 on the fifteenth of each month for current expenses and for missionary work respectively.

We are still getting in lists of tithers daily, and I wish that the work might continue until every church and every individual member in the state might be persuaded to adopt this worth while program. Those who have tried it are unanimous in their conclusion that it will be a means of blessing to any church, pastor, or individual member, who adopts it and puts it into systematic practice.

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Let this be our slogan: "The Payments of at least one-half of Tennessee's Quota by the close of the third year, April 30, 1922."

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but, above all, the power of going out of ones' self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.—Thomas Hughes.

Dr. Frank Crane, of the New York Globe, says:

"Thrift is a general moral tonic. It develops character. It takes self-denial, and hence creates self-mastery, which is the thing any human being most needs."

We regard the Baptist and Reflector as one of our best agencies for educating our people, and will go out best in every possible way to make this campaign go.—Secretary W. D. Hudgins.

Contributions

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAPTIST UNION OF ALL RUSSIA.

The heartiest greetings and a holy kiss of brotherhood from all the brethren and sisters of the Baptist Confession, and also from the brethren and sisters of the closely related Confession known; as "Evangelical Christian" to all our fellow-believers abroad, and their Unions and Associations in America, England, Germany, France, Latvia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia, Rumania, Italy, China, Japan, Australia, Africa, India, and also to all brothers and sisters of various peoples and races (including the three millions-strong Negro Association of America) who are all bound with us in common faith.

Our great Homeland, to which the attention of the whole world is now directed, after all the mighty events through which it has lived, is again afflicted by a terrible disaster—by famine. Hunger, following on the failure of harvest, rages throughout more than 20 governments, among them some—e. g. the government Samara—which were once most fruitful. No fewer than 10,000,000 of our people are threatened by death from hunger.

The prevailing conditions have brought our land to a half-hungry state; all the resources of the country are exhausted, and there is no possibility by our own means to localize this new peril. We are threatened with fatalities incalculable, whatever the efforts of the government, and the unselfish labor of various civil groups, which in spite of differences of political opinion have united for a common effort of relief-to save millions of unhappy persons from death by famine. Already now, whilst there are still some portions of last harvest left, the picture is terrifying. People are selling their very last possessions in order to preserve life for a few days. A sewing machine is given away for 10 lbs. of meal; the peasant sells his whole cottage for 3 cwts. of meal. Parents drown their children to save them from the torture of death by hunger, or simply expose them and leave them to their fate. These abandoned children number thousands, of whom hundreds die daily.

This is only the beginning of the great misfortune. Until the next harvest the danger becomes daily more terrible, accompanied by the inevitable disease that hunger brings with it, and the numbr of the dead is continually multiplied.

Among these unhappy persons are many of our Baptist people, who are crying for help and waiting for it.

Therefore we turn to you, dear brothers and sisters, to you for help in the name of our starving fellow-believers, and the whole suffering people. We appeal to the words "Do good especially to them that are of the household of faith." Nevertheless we will not set bounds to the manifestation of love, but according to our power will also think of our neighbors though they belong to the Samaritans.

We Baptists have left the Orthodox Church of the land, and united in the brotherly union of the whole world without distinction of nationality, and as true followers of Christ we wish to obey His Law of Love. We are accustomed to manifold denials and severe, even bloody sacrifice. Our martyrs have besprinkled the earth with their blood. We will still sacrifice ourselves for the benefit of our hungry fellow-believers and fellow-men.

Our teaching was never that the end justifies the means. We do not believe that good is to be accomplished by unholy methods; but we also do not believe that our good work can have ill consequences. Therefore, we will do our duty quite apart from all human prejudices or political calculations; we will only think of one thing—how to help a hungering humanity.

The Presidential Committee of the Baptist Union of All Russia.

(Signed) P. V. PAVLOFF, M. TIMOSHENKO, W. G. PAVLOFF.

(All money for Russian Relief should be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

A NEW DENOMINATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

J. F. Love, Cor. Secy.

In 1918 Brother and Sister George W. Bottoms of Texarkana, Ark., gave to the Foreign Mission Board in cash \$100,000 to be used in the purchase of a headquarters for the Board and to stop office rent. The inflated values of property which ensued upon our entrance into the European War, the advance in price of building materials and labor caused the Board to go cautiously about the investment of this money. Investigations soon revealed that the safer policy would be for the Board to invest the money in good securities and hold it until a more favorable opportunity was offered for economical and profitable investment. Accordingly the money was invested in United States Victory Bonds, bearing net interest of 434 per cent. Recently the Board has renewed its investigations, and has found a most desirable piece of proprty for our purposes at what all of us believe to be a reasonable price. We have accordingly sold the Victory Bonds for a little more than their face value, and have purchased property on the Southwest corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets. The property is now occupied by the Johnston-Willis Hospital, and cannot be occupied by the Board for perhaps two years. It consists of a lot facing 123 feet 31/2 inches on Franklin and 84 feet 9 inches on Sixth Street, with a thoroughly up-to-date brick office building fronting on Franklin three stories and a basement, and also a three-story brick residence facing on Sixth Street. Heating, plumbing, elevator service, etc., are all modern and in excellent condition. We present with this article pictures showing the front view with entrance on Franklin Street, and the Sixth Street view of both the office buildings and the residence.

Let it be understood by the brotherhood that this property has been bought not out of current funds contributed for Foreign Missions, but with money given by Brother and Sister Bottoms for this purpose. When we get into the property, we shall be able to release for use in our mission work on the foreign field money which is now put into office rent. The brotherhood may find some satisfaction in knowing that the Foreign Mission Board has, through the years, as the records will show, made a most economical arrangement for its offices. These have not always been what was needed for the work, but the Foreign Mission Board has pursued the policy of reducing administrative expenses to the lowest level possible.

The new building will, when we get into it, afford facilities for the great and increasing work which gathers in the Foreign Mission Rooms, and will be a foreign mission headquarters for the Southern Baptists, where our brethren and sisters visiting Richmond can easily find their Board, and to which we hope many of them will often repair. In the building will be found ample room for Secretaries' offices, and our Book and Shipping Department, storage, file rooms, and a large room where the Board can hold all its meetings without having to go outside of its own building. When the Board is thus amply provided for, there will still be considerable office space to be rented, and we hope that other Baptist enterprises in the city will find it practicable and desirable to avail themselves of so much of this space as they need for their work and make this a real Baptist Headquarters for Virginia and the South. The building is located most favorably as an office building, and the Board will have no difficulty in renting at a good price whatever space it can spare.

The site selected is in the direct line of the city's office building expansion, and the property will undoubtedly advance in value making it more than an exceptionally good investment. It is, too, near enough to every street car line in the city to make approach to it convenient while it is not directly on any street car line, and has the quiet which is necessary for effective office work.

The arrangements which we have with the Johnston-Willis Hospital Corporation pending the turning over of the property to the Board, is that they will keep up all repairs, pay all taxes and insurance, and pay the Board 5½ per cent net annually on the \$100,000. We thus have the matter in fine business shape until the Board can occupy the building. The reasonable office rent which we are now paying, together with the above arrangements, enables us to take care of our housing proposition on the most economical basis.

The writer wishes to record for himself, the Foreign Mission Board, and Southern Baptists some expression of the deep and lasting gratitude which Brother and Sister Bottoms have put us under in thus providing for this great enterprise headquarters in which the work of the Board can be done most comfortably and efficiently while releasing for the foreign fields money which otherwise must be spent in providing rooms in which to conduct the work. These dear friends have through the years enriched the cause of Christ in many directions and girded the globe with their Christian influence. The writer has known them for many years, and can testify to the beautiful Christian simplicity of their lives, their unselfish devo-

tion to Christ, and their intelligent interest in all that concerns our beloved denomination. Personally, I rejoice greatly that in their lifetime they have, without such motive, provided for themselves an enduring monument which is to be so practically and intimately related to the greatest work that Jesus Christ their Saviour and Lord has in all the world .We shall have continued inspiration from their example, thoughtfulness, and unselfishness as henceforth we labor day by day in the interests of Foreign Missions. May our Heavenly Father put a great joy in the hearts of these dear friends, and may He give a new dedication to all who shall labor for Christ in this building which stands as a monument to Brother and Sister Bottoms and their devotion to Christ and Foreign Missions.

A VISIT TO UNION UNIVERSITY.

M. E. Dodd.

Returning from our Campaign Commission meeting in Nashville last week it was my good fortune to stop a day with my Alma Mater, Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

I had the great privilege of meeting the student body during their chapel exercises Thursday morning. Every seat in the lower floor and balcony was filled and I have scarcely ever seen a more enthusiastic or finer student body anywhere. During the year 1921 it was my privilege to address more than a dozen colleges and universities, from the state of Oregon to Georgia, and from Kentucky to New Mexico, and nowhere did I find a student body superior in personnel to Union University.

I consider Dr. Watters easily one of the first school men of the South and he has gathered around him a superb faculty, which deserves the prayers and confidence of the entire brotherhood. I also had the privilege of visiting Dr. Penick's Bible classes and Dr. Savage's class in French, and of seeing the work of the Domestic Science department.

All these classes are doing superb work, as are no doubt all the others, but too much emphasis cannot be put upon the Bible classes which have for their object a definite study and clear understanding of the English Bible. The Domestic Science department is to be greatly commended also in its efforts to fit our girls for better home makers.

The one distressing thing which I noted was the need of more buildings. The only new building which the school has erected since I left there in 1904 is the Administration Building, which was a necessity on account of the burning of the former building. The same old dormitories with no additions to them are in use. They need to be enlarged and others need to be built. A library building is also a great need. And there should be an immediate effort to erect a series of cottages especially for ministerial students with families.

It was a great thing that brethren Adams and Loveless did in years long gone in the erection of the dormitories which bear their names. Why doesn't some other brother whom God has blessed with means come forward and erect another building, or erect that very much needed series of cottages?

Union University's contribution to the world of outstanding men of vision and consecration simply cannot be estimated. They are in all the mission fields and in almost every state and occupy prominent positions in every department of human interest and activity. Money invested there will be bringing returns for the glory of God and the good of the world long after the generations that put it in have passed away.

It was an unspeakable joy to find Dr. G. M. Savage still youthful in spirit, vigorous in mind and body and enthusiastic over his class work. Students all over the world who have sat under him during the past forty-five years bear grateful testimony to the inexpressible influence of his gentle and yet strong personality over their lives. Some new building or buildings should speedily be erected for Union University to bear the name of this great man who has literally given his life on the alter of service to this institution.

While they have the largest student body in the history of the school it can still be more enlarged if proper equipment is provided. It is the hope of Mrs. Dodd and myself that some of our children will some day return to Jackson for their college course, and I wish to commend old "Union" to the brother-hood again as in every way worthy of their prayers, contributions and co-operation.

THE "D., P. AND Q." DEPARTMENT

Queries

Brother Editor:

What do you say to this? Here comes a brother Osment, J. H. Osment, of Mt. Juliet, asking a lot of questions. He must want to know a great deal. But I wish you would see how he addresses me. "Sister Adam Adelphos"-That rather gives me a turn. I thought that Adam was the name of a man. I know it was of the first man. Yet this "anxious inquirer" calls me "Sister." All right. I am sister or brother as the needs require. He asks twenty-two questions. What does he think this Department is? A question box? But a word about his questions. He says, "I am asking Sister Adam Adelphos some questions about the blood of Christ. We read that 'the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses from all sin. I Jo. 1: 17" (1) How does the blood cleanse from sin? (2) Must we get the blood of Christ in us, to be cleansed? (3) How can we get Christ's cleansing blood in us?

And thus he goes on through twenty-two questions. He certainly needs some help. An earnest inquirer after truth, who has such materialistic ideas about salvation through the blood of Christ, ought to be helped, if possible. He shows from his series of questions that he has a wholly mechanical theory of the process through which the blood of Christ cleanses from sin. And I am not sure that I can give him any help.

If it will be of any satisfaction to him, I may say that I hardly know of anybody who has a theory of the Atonement which satisfies many students. Nicodemus raised a ques-

tion with Jesus himself, about how one could be born again. Jesus did not offer much explanation of "the how." But he did emphasize the "necessity of the what." So it is not incumbent on one to know many of the "Hows" of Bible truth. I would not discourage the inquiry of the great mysteries of God, so far as the light may lead. But I am venturing a few suggestions for his consideration.

The ritualism established by Moses, and explained in Leviticus, was meant to help us to understand. But the writer to the Hebrews says in the 9th chapter. "The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest,*** which was a figure for the time then present, ***But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands*** by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

In Leviticus, as here, the blood was not applied to the individual. It was sprinkled on the altar. It was an offering, made to God, not applied to the person of the sinner. He "obtained eternal redemption for us" must somehow mean that Jesus Christ, when he made an offering of his own blood, obtained redemption for the saved. Now the blood is the life. And Jesus" gave his life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28). And "who gave himself a ransom for all." (I Tim. 2: 6) Thus what really was done, appears to be that Jesus died in the sinner's place. He gave his life for the sinner's life. I cannot conceive of the actual blood that flowed in the veins of Jesus being applied, in fact, to the individual sinner. The conception is altogether too mechanical. But I can say this to my dear brother. You may rest assured that when a repentant soul really trusts in Jesus Christ as God's Son and only Savior, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses from all sin" whether he can explain how it is done or not. So go on preacing the glorious doctrine, and do not waste your time, nor confuse the minds of your hearers trying to lay out a physical scheme which is both absurd and impossible. "Preach the word."

A. Delphos.

THE OTHER SIDE OF SOME HALF TRUTHS.

No. 5. Variety is the Spice of Life.

This is one of the most frequently used proverbs in existence. Hardly a day passes without its being used by many people in many places. The truth in it is being much overworked these days by popular amusements. According to the movies, vaudeville stunts and jazzers much of life, if not the most of it, ought to be spice.

Every time I think about this proverb I wonder if it is even half true. I don't believe it is. But if we grant that it is half true, there are still some things that we ought to think about in connection with it.

The first is that life doesn't need anything like as much spice as most people have come to think it does. I heard a doctor say one day that spice was poisonous. I think he was right. I get along entirely without any kind of spice and I have perfect digestion, per-

fect eyesight—I haven't worn glasses for twenty years although I used to have to wear them—and I am in perfect health, and I seldom find a creature of the dust who is as happy as I am. My job keeps me busy fourteen hours a day and I like it too well to be unhappy. But wait a minute. Old Peter didn't mean to write an essay on himself. It might be interesting but it wouldn't be proper.

I started out to say that we don't need as much spice as we think we do. Our forefathers ate bacon and beans, and corn bread, and live to a vigorous old age. There wasn't much variety in their lives, although there was plenty of pep. We are letting our environment make us think that we have to have a lot of spices and stimulants by way of hot or cold drinks, and consequently the appendicitis fad is popular throughout the world; and cancer of the stomach is getting such a sway that there is promise of one case for each stomach in the not distant future. But wait a minute. Old Peter must save all that health stuff for the medical journal. The B. R. is not supposed to deal with matters of health. I'll let that go in however, without extra charge.

If I were a man of great prominence and oratorical gifts and had the power to make people think, I believe I could popularize the other side of the half truth of this popular proverb. But whether I popularize it or not I am going to write it down here for the good of those who will think it through. Here it is: monotony is the spice of life. And it is the kind of spice that life needs. The people who are doing the big things in this old world are the people who meet the monotonous problems of life every day and put so much energy into the solving of them that they find all the variety they need in the joy of achievement. The way to be happy and successful is to try to do better today the thing you did your best at yesterday. If you go at it that way you can do the same job every day for ten years and find enough variety in it to keep you interested, and you will soon lose sight of the monotony and even the drudgery of life.

Peter Straightshoulder.

News and Views

The Sunday School Board's Departments, for January, reports as follows for Tennessee: Educational awards, 248; Intermediate classes enrolled, 10; Senior classes 4.

During the pastorate of Rev. T. L. Hall, of First church, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, the church has constructed a new edifice which, when completed, will cost about \$60,000. There have been 102 additions to the church and contributions have exceeded \$12,000. Mrs. Hall is a Tennessean, having at one time taught expression at Union University.

The Third church, Owensboro, Ky., of which Dr. John A. Wray is pastor, is one of the most active and promising in all our Southland. Contributions have averaged nearly \$600 per Sunday; conversions and ad-

ditions to the membership are regular and the Teaching and Training services are efficiently and enthusiastically manned. It was a great pleasure to be with them on Sunday Feb. 5 while Pastor Wray was engaged in meetings in Florida.

Bro. D. F. Lillard requests change of his address from Birchwood, Tenn., to Gorin, Mo.

The Missionary Education Movement announces the Blue Ridge Conference, June 23 to July 3. Among the speakers and lecturers we note the following Baptists, Ashby Jones, of Atlanta; J. L. Kesler, of Nashville, and S. C. Mitchell of Richmond.

The Berean Sunday school class of the First Baptist church of Etowah of which Bro. J. T. Amos is teacher, have purchased a lot and are now building a neat cottage on it, then it will be given to a worthy widow who has seven children.

Mrs. A. F. Mahan's Sunday school class, the Euzelians, have raised forty dollars for the boys to aid them in their good work.

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Bro. J. W. Slayton writes: "I am at Kooskia, Idaho, in a good revival at present. Several have confessed Christ as their personal Savior and the church is stirred spiritually as probably never before in its history; so members tell me. To God be all the praise and glory. I have open dates after the present meeting and would like correspondence with any pastor or church wanting a revival in the following months. I would like to arrange dates in Tennessee for several revivals during the spring and summer if the way opens."

The following scripture selections were read by Dr. Hight C. Moore at a reception to 130 new members in First Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., January 31, 1922.

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I—Our invitation to you (Psalms 95: 1-7). II—Our Fellowship with you (Ephesians 2: 1-10).

III—Our Prayer for you (Philippians 1: 3-11).

IV—Our Benediction upon you (Hebrews 13: 20, 21).

Bro. A. J. Elmore writes from Wilder: The people of Wilder were delighted to have with them from Sunday till Thursday, Rev. J. P. Bilyeu, who preached six great sermons during that time. Not only the Baptist people, but the others as well, were delighted with Bro. Bilyeu's gospel preaching. There were seven additions to the church during Bro. Bilyeu's meetings here. A free-will offering was taken for him to the amount of \$30.00. We have claimed Bro. Bilyeu for the fifth Sunday in April, as his time is all taken except fifth Sundays. The church here is only about three months old, but with fine prospects, if we can get the right man for pastor."

Rev. C. N. Huff writes from Wilsonville: "What was perhaps the greatest revival ever held with the Wilsonville Baptist church came to a close on Tuesday night. Evange-

list Mel Leaman did the preaching with great plainness and much power. The visible results were 71 conversions and renewals and almost every member reconsecrated to God for service. Both the church and pastor have been greatly helped and strengthened by the meeting.

Rev. Leaman is a sound, safe and sane evangelist and use no clap-traps methods, but relies upon the power of God and His Holy Spirit to convict and convert the sinner.

Mr. Leaman is greatly helped in his meetings by his consecrated wife who plays the piano and does personal work.

Rev. and Mrs. Leaman will begin a townwide meeting in Newport, Sunday, February 5, preaching every night in the court house auditorium."

A CLASS IN CORRESPONDENCE.

When you send in notes for the (Baptist and Reflector), please do not write "thrn" for through, "tho" for though, "&" for and, "S. S." for Sunday-school, "ch" for church, "etc" for whatever you have in mind. Do not "slop over" about your pastor unless you want some other church to steal him from you. To say that your pastor is a second Savonarola, John Knox or Billy Sunday isn't news. Nearly every church feels that way about its pastor, but modesty forbids them announcing it from the house-top. Don't report the same item two or three weeks in succession; our readers are intelligent and read the items on the first insertion.

In reporting your revivals, do not include a large number of "reconsecrations;" every church might have such reconsecrations every week if it chose to call for them. There are some churches that we seldom hear from; we wish they would appoint a good, live reporter, for we all want to hear of the good work they are doing. There are some other churches that report so often that they had "a good day last Sunday," that it would not hurt anybody if their reporter should "miss fire" once a month.

The price of paper has gone down again, so it will not be considered a sign of outrageous extravagance if you use only one side of the paper when writing your items for publication. Don't send in a bunch of clippings from local papers and church bulletins; we haven't space in our church news columns to print them entire and the editor hasn't the time to go over them and cull the more important items.

We want the news from all the churches, but after you have written your notes, carefully read them over and see if you would like to see them in print "just as they are written." And please do not delay writing your items until the last minute and then rush them in and say "be sure and print them in this week's paper." We cannot get out a sixteen page paper in one day. Have a heart!—Baptist Observer.

I am just beginning to get subscribers for our Baptist and Reflector, and will not stop until I have made an honest effort to place it in every home in my membership; and I will not stop then, but will talk and work for it everywhere I go.—W. N. Rose.

What Your Money Is Doing

It is interesting to note what the various objects profiting from the 75 Million Campaign are accomplishing with the funds appropriated to them. And it ought to cheer the heart of every Baptist who has had a part in the enlargement of our work to see how the various agencies have strengthened their work along all lines.

I. FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board has enlarged the work in all old fields and has entered many new fields and everywhere the work is prospering as never before.

II. HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board has been able to go forward along all lines as never before in its great history and results have been glorious.

III. STATE MISSIONS

The State Boards have made the largest advancements in all their remarkable history and the work has been so greatly blessed that it is impossible to tabulate the results.

IV. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The departments of Christian Education in the various states have surpassed the wildest dreams of our most optimistic brethren in the results attained. And the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has through the enlargement made possible by the Campaign won for itself a warm place in the hearts of all who know the value of Christian Education.

V. OLD MINISTERS

The Ministerial Relief Board has been enabled to so enlarge its work that today we are assisting through it more than one thousand old ministers or their widows. Who does not rejoice at this?

VI. ORPHANAGES

The Orphanages in the various States have gotten out of debt and a number have been greatly enlarged, and now for the first time we are doing a work worthy of our great denomination. But we must not be content with our present work. Greater enlargement is imperative.

VII. HOSPITALS

The last and newest agency fostered by Southern Baptists is that of Hospitals. How all of us should rejoice that we are doing fine work in this needy field. The results, so far, are glorious.

Are You Going to Let Your Money Continue This Great Work?

That depends upon whether you meet your pledges to the Campaign. That depends upon whether or not you are to recognize the principle of Christian Stewardship as you hear the call of your Lord in this great day of supreme need and of unusual opportunity.

The Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention

Lloyd T. Wilson, Cor. Secy. and Treas.

Christian Education

Harry Clark, Secretary, Nashville

The greatest need in a young man's education is the formation of character, and you cannot get that without the aid of religion! It is surprising to see in how many minds outside of the denominational schools, this realization has come. Elihu Root said in 1921 that the settlement of America's present unrest was not a matter of intellectual power but of character. Newspaper editors, lecturers, business men are beginning to turn to the denominational college as the source of that religious and moral training that is necessary for the leadership of the future.

Southern Baptists and Southern Methodists are so far in the lead numerically in the South that they control its thinking and its political conditions. If there is immorality ignorance, illiteracy, social injustice, the responsibility can be laid chiefly at the doors of these two denominations. In six of the Southern states, there are more Baptists than all other denominations put together. How are we discharging our stewardship of influence? To whomsoever much is given, of him much is expected. Let Baptists build and endow great schools and colleges to train the right sort of leaders for the future.

OVERCROWDING AT STATE UNIVER-SITIES.

The state universities are so over crowded that they can no longer give personal attention to their freshmen. A professor from one of our state universities said recently that three-fourths of the freshmen last year failed on some subject or on all subjects, and that only one-fourth of the students passed into sophomore year without loss. Increasingly the presidents of state universities are urging parents to send their boys and girls to their denominational colleges for the first two years. In his inaugural one state university president said: "The state will try to give higher education to one out of every five students who apply. The other four must attend denominational colleges." It would be impossible to gather all the students from a whole state on one campus even if the state could afford sufficient taxes,

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNION UNI-VERSITY.

This is the greatest year ever known at Union University. Last year the enrollment was 742 and this year 825. We are especially gratified at the large size of the graduating class, 40 as against 25 last year, and last year's class was the largest ever known up until that time. Although the Home Eco. nomics classes were moved to another building, the main building was crowded for class room. Every room in the dormitories was engaged some time before school opened in the fall. Two days before the summer school opened, the President was compelled to write and telephone late applicants that the limit of capacity had been reached and that they could not be accommodated. President Watters has shown remarkable ability as an executive. It is not students that Union University needs now as much as it is endowment, and we ask the prayers of the brethren that some great benefactors for Union may be raised up.

COOKING YOUR WAY THRU COLLEGE.

You have heard of working your way through college, but fifty young women at Union University are cooking their way through. At Dorcas Hall, the girls club together in groups of two to four and do their own lighthousekeeping. The average monthly expenses of the first six such groups were \$10_\$10_\$8_\$5_\$8_\$2, during the first three months of this fall. The lower groups get provisions from home. For seven years the young women have been putting into practice daily what they learned in their Home Economics courses, and their work has been under the supervision of a teacher from the Home Economics department. In this way it is possible for a girl to board at Union University as cheaply as at home. If any young man is looking for a domestic wife, he should buy a ticket to Jackson and inquire the way to Dorcas Hall.

SACRIFICING TO HOLD BAPTIST TER-RITORY.

Your secretary had a delightful trip to Sevier County, Jan. 15-20, for the warmth of mountain hospitality made up for the snow and the cold. Sevier County is almost altogether Baptist territory although the Presbyterians have maintained two mission schools at Ware's Valley and Wilhoite Creek, and the Methodists have planted two splendidly equipped schools, Murphy College at Sevierville with a proposed \$124,000 plant, and the Pitman School at Webb's Creek. In addition, the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity have a remarkable school at Gatlingburg. We have only two Baptist schools, Harrison Chilhowee Institute near Seymour and Smoky Mountain Academy fourteen miles back in the heart of the mountains, from Sevierville. The sacrifices made by the citizens for the latter are appealing. These Baptist parents gave 15 acres of land, all the timber and hauling and excavation work. In snow and ice they carried 100,000 feet of lumber to the school grounds out of their own woods free. Later it became advisable to install a hot air furnace and that called for digging a cellar. Old and young men turned out with pick and shovel, and one older man worked so hard that he was in bed one month afterwards. The Home Mission Board asked the church members to move the church off of the school grounds to give room for a playground, and they agreed altho they could not well afford the expense. Another denomination built a competing school three miles away with steam heat, free tuition and free textbooks and school wagons to bring in the students. The Baptist community rallied all the stronger to its own school and refused to accept the tempting offer. Their children must be reared as Baptists even if they had to pay tuition. Don't you feel that you would like to help Baptist folks who are so loyal? Well, the school needs a library, and many readers of this article have idle books. Mrs. George, of Knoxville, and Miss May Stenger, a student volunteer at our Louisville Training School have sent books. If you send any, please ship by parcel post; because if you send by express, we have to pay for hauling up the rough mountain road from Sevierville. Wouldn't your Sunday School class like to equip a room in the dormitory? We have ten rooms not yet furnished. If you could know those sacrificing teachers, you would want to help.

WHAT \$45 WILL DO.

Every year at Smoky Mountain Academy, more students apply than can be accommodated, and the sad part is that we have ten rooms vacant because we cannot get them furnished. In the simple way that the rooms are equipped, it costs only \$45 to fit up a dormitory room. If we could equip those ten rooms, we could care for twenty more students; and you can appreciate what their tuition would mean. Mrs. Isaac Ogle who lives nearby, the Friendship Church, Lincoln Park Church at Knoxville, and some Indian girls of Nebraska have each equipped one room; and the Deaderick Ave. Baptist Church of Knoxville and the Sevierville Baptists have each equipped two rooms. Wouldn't your Sunday School class like to help? Just think of a school where the total cost is less than \$125 a year, and yet few of us have any better table board than the school provides.

You see it is so far back in the mountains that fuel and food are low priced. A boy cannot spend anything there, because there is no opportunity. If city parents knew the advantages of the school and its faculty, they would take their children out of city high schools and send them to that wonderful climate. I found two Knoxville boys there enthusiastic about the institution. One boy had been in Mississippi and suffered from malaria till he got up on that mountain top. He has gained 28 pounds. A few girls can be accommodated in the teachers' cottage, but we need a dormitory for girls. Principal B. P. Roach is a consecrated man, a missionary compelled to return from China because of ill health; and he has recovered in that wonderful climate. Stay up there two days and see the change in yourself; I wish we could have a summer school there for city

A GREAT SHOWING.

Grand total

\$40,026.78

Balance on hand to local budget. . \$767.72 A. V. PATTON, Treasurer.

C. A. DERRYBERRY, Auditor.

This Church remits to the Treasurer of the Executive Board monthly.

LLOYD T. WILSON.

I know of nothing which will do more for the general and local work of the denomination that to incease materially the number of subscribers to the Baptist and Reflector.— E. K. Cox.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF DE-NOMINATIONAL JOURNALISM

Coleman Craig in Baptist Standard

During six years of connection with Baptist newspaper work in the South, attending conventions, general conferences and associational meetings. I have heard time and again masterful speeches on "the place of the Baptist paper in our denominational life." Most of the speakers have exhausted the superlatives of the vocabulary in saying that the denominational paper is indispensable: that the power of the printed page is the greatest force in civilization and should be harnessed by denominational interests, etc.

These things have been repeated so often that I am afraid they have become almost meaningless. For, facing the denominational paper situation, after these years of speech-making we find, today, that most of our papers in the South are leading a precarious existence, fighting for a bare survival on the most limited and insufficient capital, and on the whole their circulations are small and not touching the great body of the denomination.

Such a condition brings me to say that there is a vast degree of difference in belief of a certain thing and the actual realization of all that may be involved in that belief. In other words, I do not doubt that these men believe all they say. I do not think, however, they realize the entire truth of what they say. If they did fully realize the indispensable place of the paper in the projection and carrying on of denominational programs, our papers before now would have been the beneficiaries of some of the funds which have been distributed magnaminously and wisely to other institutions, such as sanitariums and schools.

In this article I affirm that the denomination would be acting on a wise policy, and one not inconsistent with good business principles, to make its paper the beneficiary of its funds on the same basis as its other institutions. In so doing, it would be following in reality the only wise business course, for the paper is the one agency upon which it depends for putting on campaigns, for the solicitation of funds for its other institutions. It is largely through the educational facilities afforded in the denominational paper that these other institutions gain the support of the people. For that reason alone the paper should stand firmly on a good foundation, unharrassed by financial difficulties. It is a good policy for interested parties to strengthen in every way possible their champion. The denominational paper is the protagonist of every single denominational cause and interest. It is their tool. In the building of a great structure, shall we depend on cheap tools because we have put so much money already in the building material? The initial and most important expense should be incurred for the tools.

Every board, every sanitarium, every college in the South, could be ter afford to take one-tenth of its income and give it as a free gift to the denominational papers to give them added strength as great publicity and educational organs, making them more efficient spokesmen for their causes, rather than see them pursue their present course of struggle for existence. Such a struggle demands curtailment; that curtailment is at the sacrifice of journalistic standards; the papers must suffer in quality; thus their influence is limited. But the denominational causes which the papers represent are the real losers, not the papers themselves.

The chief problem with the denominational papers is circulation. Their circulation is poor compared with the great Baptist constituency. It is worse than poor when compared with the circulations of the secular newspapers and popular magazines. The last twenty years has seen a marvelous growth of newspapers and maga zines, with circulations reaching into the millions. Such circulations, of course, are impossible with a newspaper appealing to a limited constituency, such as a denominational organ. But its circulation should at least be comparable, on a proportionate basis, with these other publications. Why is it that such a comparison would be unfavorable to the denominational paper?

The reply to that question reverts back to finances. The secret of the growth of these other publications is that they have had the financial backing to go into the market and buy the best product of the well known writers; they have made their papers attractive by the lavish use of cuts, printed on good paper. Money has been no consideration with them The important thing was to get what the people would be interested in reading and presenting it to them in such a way they would have to read it. Such a journalistic course has been closed to denominational papers because they did not have the money. It is no reflection on our papers or their editors. They have done what they could. The editors, many of them, have been men with as keen an appreciation of news values as their brother editors on secular publications. But the denominational paper has not been able creditably to compete with papers that could pay \$500 for a good feature, where they. because of financial exigencies, have had to publish the free contributions of persons who "wanted to see their name in print."

The ability to buy the best product of these outstanding writers has brought increased circulation to these Increased circulation has papers. brought increased revenues from advertising. Increased revenues have enabled further improvements and greater attractiveness. Thus, today we have great national magazines, that are organs of great social and political influence. There is not a parallel case in the field of religious

If the denomination were at once to give sufficient backing to its official papers that would enable them to ue a policy of good journalistic initiative, somewhat on the same lines that the magazines do, Baptsts could soon have papers with a circulation at least double what they have now. and they would occupy a position of prestige that would command the resct of their secular contemporarie

Without blaming anyone in partic-

ular, it is true that the denomination during the years has been following a penurious and tight-fisted policy in regard to its papers and its This is nothing less than writers. denominational short-sightedness and has exacted a great price in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

We have been unwilling to make the rewards of writing large enough to enable our greatest writers to leave behind them the product of their brains in books and papers. Men have to live. Our denominational leaders are no exception to this fact. To earn their livelihood they have served the denomination in exacting execuand administrative capacities This left no time for writing, though many of them were great writers. They have passed away, and with them has passed the opportunity of preserving for oncoming generations the great lessons they could have given us in their published works. It is a trend in the right direction for two of our outstanding laymen, Mr. M. H. Wolfe and Mr. R. E. Burt, to have made it possible for Dr. J. M. Carroll to devote his entire time to writing a history of Texas Baptists.

To continue such a policy of false economy in the reward of writers will exact a far greater loss in the future than has been sustained in the past, though that is great enough. In the colleges and universities today there are brilliant young men studying in schools of journalism. Many of them are Baptists. They are young fellows who know that at the top of the writing profession there are great rewards and audiences of millions of people for their writings. I yearn for the denomination to put on such a program in the journalistic field as will challenge the life of some of these young men. Possibly we can never hold out the pecuniary inducements that the secular papers can, but some kind of policy ought to be adopted as would assure the young man who did give his life to religious journalism a good living, and at the same time, under such a policy, great religious journals would be developed that would make one feel he was reaching out into a great circle of influence in writing for those publications.

FROM OAK GROVE CHURCH. By Rev. J. L. Fleming.

How to have a good Sunday school: I. Have a separate Sunday school room for each class; we have ten at

II. Have a good preacher; we have as good a one as there is in Tennes-

III. A good Superintendent, and have a good one; had him 14 years. IV. Have good teachers, and we have them.

V. Have good officers, and we have

VI. Have a good organist, and we have several. VII. A good choir leader, and we

VIII. Have preaching every Sun-

IX. Mother and father go and carry

Be there on time every Sunday and study your Sunday school lesson. Rev. W. R. Puckett, pastor. Mr. E. G. Fortner, supt.

R. Y. P. U. ORGANIZED.

By Mrs. Robert Barcroft,

The young people of this community met Sunday night January 22, at Allen church and organized a B. Y. P. U. under the direction of Mr. W. H. Preston. The following officers were elected: G. B. Herring, president; Miss Elizabeth Harvey. vice-president: Miss Martha McClish, secretary; Mrs. Robt. Barcroft, corresponding secretary; Chas. B. Jacocks, treas urer; Miss Mattle Herring, organist; and Mrs. C. E. McClish, librarian.

We enrolled twenty-five members, and as there was much enthusiasm shown in this our first meeting we hope soon to enlarge our membership.

CHURCH MUSIC. By I. C. Petree.

Why not make some effort to enlist and teach our young people efficient church music. This is absolutely essential, and paves the way for the success of every service; from the cottage prayer meeting to the most exalted Sunday morning church ship.

The way much of our church music is rendered is an absolute mjustice to the Lord, the hymn writers and to

Efficiency is one of the most emphasized words among Southern Baptists today, and it should be. But we are not applying it to our church music as we should

God will in a large measure hold our denominational leaders responsible for the discovery and training of the musical talent of our young people, and the bringing of that talent into His service.

Would the Lord be pleased with a church service without singing? Is He pleased with the kind of praise we are offering Him in song?

David said "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." (Note the difference between joyful harmony and a harrassing discord, "Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." Again he said, "I will sing of mercy and judgment: Unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing." Considering the way much of our music is rendered I would prefer that it be of mercy rather than judgment,

God in His providence has arranged the music most common to church use, into four parts. I cannot designate any one of these parts as being of much more importance than the other. We usually sing one or two of these parts, leaving the other half butchered or untouched. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Singers, like preachers, teachers, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. workers, are not born finished products, but are diamonds in the rough and when polished to a finish and properly enlisted shine like the stars and turn many to righteousness

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a singer that needeth not to be ashamed rightly singing His praise.

Be careful in selecting your hym books, get a good one, and plenty of them.

Knoxville, Tenn.

During the month of November there was an increase for the month of Diplomas-134; and of other awards 16. Just watch December record. We want an average of 350 awards each month this year. We're aiming after 4,000 B. Y. P. U. awards alone

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BYPU

W. D. Hudgins, Superintendent W. H. Preston, B. Y. P. U. Secretary
Tuliahoma 205 Caswell St., Knoxville

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 5.

Nashville, First	984
Knoxville, Bell Avenue	764
Knoxville, Fifth Avenue	702
Chattanooga, First	684
Marvville First	663
Memphis, First	592
Johnson City, Central	563
Johnson City, Central Etowah, First	538
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	488
Nashvile, Third	461
Knoxville, Elclid Avenue	439
Jackson, First	423
Nashville, Edgefield .,	404
Jackson, First	396
Memphis, Central	392
Jackson, Second	390
LaFollette	390
Nashville, Imanuel	371
Knoxville, South	364
Nashville, Eastland	347
Nashville, Grace	339
Lenoir City, First	336
Humboldt	331
Rossville	320
East Chattarboga	
Memphis, Union Avenue	305
Athens	302
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

During the month of January we awarded the following awards by association:

Sunday school awards:

Big Hatchie-Seals, 7. Central-Diplomas, 30; Seals, 4.

Concord—Seals, 36.

Knox County-Diplomas, 10: Seals, 9. Midland-Diplomas, 1.

Nashville-Diplomas, 7; Seals, 154.

New Salem-Diplomas, 9. Robertson County - Diplomas, 4;

Seals, 33.

Shelby County-Diplomas, 8; Seals,

Unity-Seals, 8.

William Carey-Seals, 4.

Total for the state, 69 Diplomas, 262 Seals or a total of 331 Examinations.

In the BYPU the following Study Course Awards:

Jefferson County - Diplomas, 23; Seals, 43.

Knox County-Diplomas, 47 Seals, 9. Nashville—Diplomas, 6.

Robertson County-Diplomas, 11; Seals. 4.

Unity—Diplomas, 8; Seals, 7. Western District — Diplomas, 5;

Seals, 166. Total for the state, Diplomas, 100: Seals, 79, making a total of 179 Ex-

Putting the two together we have during the month of January sent out from the office at Tullahoma a total of 51 0Awards for the written tests.

A fine school at Bolivar. A number of examinations have come in since the monthly report was mode out. Mr. Sturgis is a live wire and always gets things done in a great way.

Mr. Livingstone reports a fine school at Mascot and this week is helping in the Broadway Census taking. He is also working with the Juniors while there. Livingstone always gets things done where he goes.

The Training School at Murfreesboro has been a wonderful success More than 125 have taken the study courses in the Normal Manual this week. No other books have been taught and all asked to take this course again if they had taken it before. Mr. George Andrews has been with us and has done most excellent work. He is a live wire and an excellent teacher. His illustrations are very striking and his suggestions exceedingly practical and helpful. The writer taught the Bible Division of the Manual along with the work of Mr. Andrews. A census has been taken of Murfreesboro and on next Sunday the school will be thoroughly graded and organized on the departmental basis. Seventeen new teachers have been added to the already efficient force. We are expecting to see this school grow to more than 1000 in the next 6 months. Superintendent Brandon is still on the job and Dr. Hampton is leading in every possible way to make this school the greatest in the state. It is our honest opinion that this Murfreesboro church should be an example for the state. They have about 1500 possibilities and this new organization is capable of handling this number.

The workers report a fine attendance at the Jackson City Training School this week. More than 200 in the classes. Eleven classes are being taught. Every book in the course and two Post Graduate books. Further report of this school will be made later.

The last reminder of the State-Wide Superintendents' Conference which meets at Memphis February 12 to 14. Entertainment free to all who attend. Don't forget this meeting and be on hand Sunday to visit the schools of the city.

We are now trying to put on 16 Workers Schools during March and by next hope to have this schedule ready for the paper.

March 5-10 schools will be on at Cycland, Trezevant, Tenn. Valley and

March 12-17, Watertown, Dresden and Indian Creek Association.

March 19-24, Humboldt, Unity, Dibrell and Smithville.

March 26-31, Johnson City, Sweetwater, Rome and Little Hatchie.

We trust that our people will make much of the Sunday School Convention this year as they are the only general meeting through which our work can head up. We have no State Sunday School Convention and must make these divisional meetings worth while. East Tennessee, April 4-6; West Tennessee, April 11-13 and Middle Tennessee, April 18-20.

West Jackson School writes for application for the Standard. Who will be the next to qualify? We want 100 A-1 Schools this year. The standard has been so changed that anyone may meet the requirements. Why not every school work for this standard.

Write for a Wall Chart and place it before your school and check up what you alredy have and begin one thing at a time and you will be surprised how soon you may meet every requirement. It will inject something new into your work each week and keep things interesting and helpful.

Will not every school and Union elect some one to secure subscriptions for the Baptist & Reflector? This paper is part of our denominational program and brould be be in every home in every church. If some one is elected to this definite task and will take the matter seriously we can double the subscriptions in a little while. Let us prove our loyalty be seeing that this is done.

Let your school elect a Reporter and have this reporter write up what happens in your school and send it to the page for others.

Let every church plan to hold a weeks training this year and thus catch step in the onward movement for better work in our Lord's churches.

It has been our pelasure to visit Tennessee College this week while in the Training School at Murfreesboro. We find the most delightful spirit there this year. The girls are enthusciastic in their work and happy in their school home. A large number are taking the course with us at the church also this week. Possibly the work being done by Brother E. L. Atwood in the Bible is the most outstanding Bible work that we have seen done yet. The girls are becoming students and are learning to love their Bibles.

B. Y. P. U. NOTES

At the organization of the Union University branch of the College B. Y. P. U. Extension Volunteers, between twenty and thirty signed up as charter members and elected Mr. M. M. Fulmer as Vice-President for Union University and Miss Lucy Stark as Secretary for the school. The young people plan to organize new unions and conduct training schools during the coming year.

Look out for the Big Convention on June 14-15-16, 1922,

The Southwide B. Y. P. U. Study Course week will be held the week of March 12-17. The plan is that every local B. Y. P. U. shall hold a training school lasting for a week and complete at least one book in the B. Y. P. U. study course. This applies to Juniors Interemdiates and Seniors. Let's make it the biggest study course week we have ever observed! Our aim is 1000 awards for that week.

The B. Y. P. U. Worker's Training School of Chattanooga wil be held at the First Baptist Church, February 12-17, inclusive. The mass meeting on Sunday afternoon will convene at 2:30 o'clock. Rev.U. S. Thomas, pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist Church of Chattanooga will bring the main address of the afternoon on the subject, Spiritual Power." Following that will be the introduction of faculty, announcements and class organiza tion. Beginning Monday night at 6:00 o'clock, there will be a devotional period, having as the theme, "Better B. Y. P. U. Work." Following this will be classes for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. These classes will be as follows: Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual, taught by Mr. E E. Lee of Dallas, Texas; Junior B. Y P. U. Manual. W. H. Preston of Tennessee: Baptist Missions in the South, W. D. Hudgins, Superintendent of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Work of Tennessee; Bible Study, Lucy E. Cooper, Field worker for Tennessee: Training in Church Membership, Rev. Chas. E. Bottorff of Charttanooga. The evening addresses will be brought by the faculty. Mr. Lee will deliver his famous "Base-ball" lecture on Tuesday and Mr. W. D. Hudgins will bring an address on "Life Purposes" on Friday night. Following this will be a real social. Mr. J. O. McSpaddin is the President of the City B. Y. P. U. and with his efficient fellow workers has everything in readiness for the school.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Training School being held this week at Hall-Moody, Martin, Tennessee, is meeting with splendid interest and enthusiasm. Mr. Milton, Miss Cooper, Mr. Hudgins and Mr. Preston and later in the week, Dr. Harry Clark, were members of the faculty in the school. Dr. Clark spoke at the Organized Class canference in Mobile the first o fthe week, making it impossible for him to get there except for the last days of the school. The Hall-Moody students are doing excellent work and the school is sending out men and women who are proving strong forces in the Kingdom work. President J. T. Warren is one of the foremost educational leaders and is putting Hall-Moody on a higher plane of scholar ship and influence each year.

The Knoxville Training School begins on Sunday February 19. They have an unusually fine program arranged for this year. Mr. Willette Anderson is the City President.

Central Association Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention will meet at Humboldt, March 21 and 22, 1922. Representatives from the fiftytwo churches of the Association are urged to be present to enjoy the progra mthat is being planned by Superintendent T. L. Thompson of the Sunday school work of the Association and L. G. Frey. President of the B. Y. P. U. work of the Association, co-operating with the State Department. is hoped that Mr. Hudgins, Dr. Clark, Mr. Milton and many others of prominence in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work will be present and take part on the program. Some fine special music has also been arranged for to make the program especially attractive.

We see by the paper of the Texas Baptists, the Baptist Standard, that the young people of Texas have taken it upon themselves to get 10,000 new subscribers for their state paper. We in Tennessee can do our part toward getting the 10,000 subscribers, the goal of the Baptist & Reflector subscription campaign. This is a worthy task and should call forth the efforts of the members of every B. Y. P. U. in the state.

During the past week, Dr. Harry Clark and your State Secretary have been at Union University in a week's BYPU work. Dr. Clark taught a class on "Training in Christian Service" and each day brough the Chapel message. Besides this, Dr. Clarke spoke at the Sunday School Training School which was also being held at the University for the City of Jackson and the University students.

Wednesday it was the pleasure of both to speak before the Volunteer Band, those who have volunteered for the Mission Fields. This was a privilege to meet with those who soon will be on our frontier lines.

The Senior Manual was taught in the Officers Training Class at night. Quite a number took this work and volunteered to give a week's time to the conducting of a training class in a local church this year and also to organize a BYPU. This organization is called the College BPYU Extension Volunteers.

Dr. Clarke spoke before the City High School, Rotary Club, Lions Club and in alli delivered 19 addresses during the week, besides conducting conferences for students on personal problems in education. We are very grateful to Dr. Clark for his splendid spirit of cooperation and efficient service rendered. He made a deep impression upon the student body and developed an even greater spirit of loyalty to the high ideals fostered by Union.

The Student Loan Fund.

The more one talks with college students, the greater seems the need for a Student Loan Fund. After talking with numbers of students about continuing their work next year, we often got the reply that they were doubtful og being able to return. Asked why? they answered, "Financial reasons." Some plan to stay out a year or two and work, losing sight of the fact that they would have comparatively little when we consider the increased earning power of a college graduate who has borrowed money from a loan fund and who can repay it in a year or so after he has graduated. A permanent loan fund is sorely needed, one like the one that is being raised at Hall-Moody. Individual loans would be very acceptable to those who are now in need of help. President H. E. Watters, Union University, Jack-Tenn., President J. T. Warren, Hall-Moody, Martin Tenn., President O. E. Sams, Carson-Newman, Jefferson City, Tenn., President Geo. Burnett, Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, all, could furnish to churches, Tenn.-W. M. U's. Organized Classes, and individuals the cases of students in their institutions needing temporary help.

SOME INTERESTING CORRESPON-DENCE FROM RUSSIA.

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

No doubt many of our people will be interested in a bit of information concerning how Dr. Everett Gill started about his work upon arrival in Russia. The following extracts from a recent leter, which was written before the cash or clothing which we have sent forward had begun to arrive, will give some idea of his approach to his task. We hope to have from both Dr. Gill and Brother Hoyt Porter communications in the papers shortly. Meanwhile the books will



NEW HOME, FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

be kept open for whatever contributions our people wish to make to the starving people in Russia, and the warehouse in Brooklyn will be kept open to receive shipments of clothing. Anyone wishing tags for shipment should address his or her State W. M. U. Secretary for them, or send direct to us.

"Running the risk of repeating what I have said hastily in my former letter from Moscow, I wish to make the matter as plain as I may concerning the clothing. As soon as possible (the next day) after my arrival at Moscow. I had a conference at Baptist Headquarters with the elder Pavloff and the son, Paul, who is the President of the All-Russian Baptist Union. I found out immediately that according to their view it would not be the best to have one district assigned to us for the distribution of clothing, for the reason that the Baptist brethren of other districts hearing of these American gifts to the brethren of the one district would feel offended, and the spiritual benefit of our material assistance would be sadly marred. They recommend instead that the distribution be made from as many centers as possible. It was for this reason.-which convinced me of its sanity -that I cabled you 'final destination clothing Moscow and many substa-

I, then, was so impressed by their appeal for food that I sent the second cable for Payloff.

Now, as to the plan of working, I have thought out this plan that the brethren consider wise. I have had Brother Pavloff appointed as my Secretary and Interpreter. He will be an Identification card by the A. R. A. and considered as a member of the personnel. He will travel with me free, except as to mess expenses. I may pause long enough here to explain that the members of the A. R. A. live in messes and the cost (about \$1.35 per day) is charged against either their personal account, if drawing a salary, or against the organization which they represent, as in my case.

In the course of time, you will receive through the N. Y. office statement of my mess-expenses. I presume that Pavloff's expenses will come through in same manner.

Returning to our tours of inspection, Brother Pavloff and I shall visit as many of the stations as possible, where we have brethren. We shall organize a local committee of the pastor and four or five of the best laymen. We shall present these brethren to the local Director of the A. R. A. as our local representatives. These local Committees will serve in two capacities. First, to distribute the food of the food-drafts. In this way they will have full and absolute authority, without any control on the part of the A. R. A. Second, to cooperate with the A. R. A. in the distribution of clothing in case Mr. Porter does not come; and to cooperate with him in case he does come.

So while awaiting the arrival of our clothing, I shall be very busy traveling with Brother Pavloff arranging for the distribution of the food and clothing. I may have to change this program in some detail as I go on, but this is the outline for the present.

As I see it, the Baptists, in spite of past sufferings and present difficulties, have a radiant future in Russia. I feel I am too highly honored to have relations with these splendid Christians. Even in the midst of the terrible conditions—economic, social, and political—of the present time, these two bodies are making great progress. During this year at one place, in one day, there were baptized more than 3,000. Penecost and India (2,222) have been outdone during the days of suffering in Russia.

In this connection I note from a leter received from Rev. Paul Payloff, President of the All-Russian Baptist Union and a Comittee of his brethren.

"Victuals may be delivered to individuals and societies in parcels containing each 49 lbs. flour, 20 lbs. rice, 10 lbs. sugar, 10 lbs. lard, 3 lbs. tea, 20 tins of milk, provided \$10 are paid to A. R. A. abroad or in America, and declarations are made to whom the victuals are to be delivered.

The cost of victuals contained in such a parcel estimated in Russian paper money amounts to about three million rubles. (A worker earns now in Russia about one million rubles monthly).

In this manner our famished Russian Baptists can be fed and our institutions supported if our foreign brethren will pay money in advance, etc."

KNOX COUNTY SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

By Hattle Potts, Reporter.

The Knox County Senior B. Y. P. U. met Tuesday evening at the Oakwood Church. Our reelected president, Mr. Willett Anderson, presiding.

A most interesting program was presented by the Oakwood Union which was certainly enjoyed by all.

Several members of the Board of Directors for The Community Club House were present and made a splendid report of the past year's work as carried on by the Y. P. C. U. of which the B. Y. P. U. is an active member.

The Annual Training School which is to be held here beginning the week of February 19th was the subject of much discussion at this time and Deadrick Avenue Church was decided on as the place of holding same.

The Junior Leaders for the Knox County Junior B. Y. P. U. were then appointed as follows: Miss Annie Johnson, Mr. Edwin Preston, Miss Hattie Potts.

Reports were read from 19 unions, 9 of which were A-1.

Efficiency banner awarded to Bell Avenue, Attendance banner to Dead-

COMPLETES HIS THIRD YEAR AT

From The Ledger-Dispatch, Norfolk, Va., January 6, 1922.

Dr. Vines Has Had Successful Pastorate At Two Churches Here.

Dr. Wm. M. Vines has entered upon his fourth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church. This makes seven and a half years of ministry for Dr. Vines in Norfolk. He was pastor of the Freemason Street Baptist Church for four and a half years. Under the ministry of Dr. Vines the Frst church has grown in a most gratifying way. The contributions during the first year of his pastorate amounted to \$23,222. For the second year the sum total was \$33,536.

During the past year the contributions of the congregation reached the sum of \$52,282. This is by far the best report in the hstory of the church. The total contribution for these three years amount to \$109,040. The additions to the church during these three years have been 613. The total membership is now 1,230.

During this period the church has been organized to a high standard. Dr. Vines has a reputation of being an organizer of unusual ability. A fine pipe organ costing \$17,000 has been installed and the church has been redecorated and other improvements have been made. The financial report of the past year, considering the business depression, is a remarkable showing. During these three years Dr. Vines has been in great demand for evangelistic services and has canducted mettings in a number of Southern states in which there have been hundreds of additions to the churches and many more professions of faith.

The origin of making offerings to the Lord cannot be found this side of the first family. Abraham and Jacob paid tithes as in recognition of an existing regulation and custom. In my mind there is no doubt but that He who changes not, and who knows the end from the beginning, has claimed the tenth since the first grapes were gathered, or the first fruits of the field.

Rev. Leon W. Sloan, D.D., has resigned at Oak Ridge, La., effective March 1. Beloved, come back to Tennessee where you belong.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mins Margaret Buchanan, Corresponding Secretary Headquarters: 161 Eighth Ave., N. Nashville, Tennessee

Financial Statement.

Amount due April 30, \$182,342.91. We hope to reduce these figures by half when reports come in for 3rd Quarter ending January 31. Have you helped to this end so much desired by all interested loyal W. M. U. workers?

Some Meetings in West Division.

My first one was with Big Hatchie at Brighton, Tuesday, January 24. The Superintendent, Mrs T. L. Martin, has given a good report so I will only say it was a joy as always to be with Big Hatchie workers, and a pleasure to be in the hospitable home of Mrs. Forsythe at Brighton. Mrs and I journeyed together to Memphis. After lunching together she went home. I to Jackson, reaching there at 3:00 p.m. My good friends, Mrs. C. M. Thompson and Miss Minnie Berry, met me and I was whisked away to the Presbyterian church where Miss Taylor of Chicago was giving a series of Bible lessons to women of the city. greatly enjoyed the hour. theme being the mission of the Jewish Nation, Israel—To witness for God, to receive and transmit the Scriptures; to prepare for the coming of Christ.

The next hour, from four to five, was spent with the Volunteer Band of Union University in their regular weekly meeting. It was indeed an inspiring meeting. Twenty-nine young men and women preparing themselves for their life work as servants of God. They were studying Japan as a mission field. The talks were good; the devotional led by one of the fourteen girls in this group was especially helpful. It was a pleasure to meet in this group Mrs Pettigrew, president of the Y. W. A. and have her ask for the Standard of Excellence.

The prayer meeting service at First Church was enjoyed as was the night with Miss Lou Shivers and Miss Berry

Thursday morning a car full of women from Jackson, Gibson and Humboldt reached Trenton in a real snow storm. Other groups joined us until 13 churches were represented by 120 women. A good crowd for a snowy day. We forgot the snow and cold outside in the warmth of the building and the welcome sung to us by a dear Sunbeam girl. This welcome was responded to by the Superintendent, Mrs. Roscoe Meadows, who was the efficient presiding officer. The reports answering to the roll call by the Secretary, Miss Berry, were inspiring. In the business session it was stated that the Associational union had given a scholarship in Tennessee College of \$100,00 and had contributed liberally to a loan fund to be used by girl student volunteers in Union University, and each month there goes to the self-help home of girls in the University boxes and baskets of eatables, thus lessening the expenses of these worthy young women. A schedule being arranged for the school year so that these gifts may be properly distributed. At the suggestion of the Superintendent for some love gift to the Magaret fund,

students in Tennessee, the Tipton girls who are at Carson-Newman College, an offering of \$16.00 was quickly given. Being so far away, they felt that the girls could best use this fund for what they might need most. Different societies reported other things done for the girls in Union The Superintendent brought a helpful message before the noon hour. Then we were summoned below, where a sumptuous feast was served, a real banquet, the long tables, beautiful with vari-colored shaded lights. A quartette of young men gave a number of selections while we were being served a two-course menu. The devotional in the forenoon was led by Mrs Bandy of Hickory Grove church; the afternoon by Mrs. Will Reid of Dyer. A solo by Mrs. Smith, a quartette, and a chorus with solo part sung by Mrs. Will Hays were special music numbers much apppreciated. Mrs. R. E. Guy brought a splendid message on "How to Increase Spirituality in our Missionary Meetings." Mrs. R. S. Brown spoke on "A Place for Every Woman and Every Woman in Her After a playlet, "How the Standard Convinced" given most effectively by the Trenton W. M. S., Mrs. E. H. Thomason of Humboldt spoke on "Why Strive to Attain the Standard of Excellence." Your Secretary was given time to present needs of our work. Because of the snow the Milan party had to leave driving through, so Mrs. B. F. Jarrell presided the remainder of the afternoon. An open discussion on "Personal Service" closed the program. It was a pleasure to be in this meeting, a privilege I have not had for some months; and to be in Trenton again was good.

The evening train brings me to Mercer where the Little Hatchie W. M. U. is scheduled to meet Friday. January 27. Here I am in the home of Mr. Mercer and his daughter, Mrs. Davis. A hospitable welcome is given the traveler.

Mrs. G. W. Locke, Superintendent from Somerville with the Whiteville delegation, came on the early train. Promptly at 10:00 o'clock the meeting was called to order, singing the W. M. U. hymn and repeating our watchword. Your Secretary was asked to lead the devotional, we studied to gether for a few minutes the 12th chapter of Romans. The company was not so large but just as earnest and interested. The welcome was given in verse by Master Harold Gilliam, a Sunbeam; the response by Martha Cross, a Whiteville Sunbeam: and Mary Helen Jones gave a reading as did Martha Cross in the afternoon. This I was not privileged to hear, or any of the afternoon talks, as my train took me away at 2:30. The Superintendent writes me that group also will send a love gift to the Tipton girls of \$11.00. A generous gift for they, too, gave to the loan fund for student volunteers in

Your Secretary was given time in the morning to speak of our work and plans. Several of the brethren came for the lunch served in the church. This was abundant and delicious. The traveler was given a nice box for the homeward trip which thoughtful courtesy was appreciated.

The interest of Little Hatchie is growing and progressing under the leadership of Mrs. Locke. —M. B.

Dear Miss Buchanan: "This is a day of good tidings and we do not will to hold our peace."

During our Week of Prayer we also had a mission study class. It would have been more appropriate at this time if we had taken Miss Lackey's book, "Laborers Together," but some of our ladies had gotten a hint of Dr. Ginsberg's delightful book, "A Wandering Jew in Brazil," and could promise their interest to no other until it had been studied. This plan did not prove a misfit after all; our thoughts and prayers for China seemed just as earnest. Our interest in "A Wandering Jew in Brazil" increased until we became really enthusiastic about our mission work. There were so many illustrations in it of God's care and guidance, and such wonderful manifestations of His almighty power that we felt an increase of faith from its study. There were twenty-two enrolled in the class with an average attendance of seventeen. I am enclosing the names of the fifteen ladies and one gentleman who had the examinations on "A Wandering Jew in Brazil." These well deserve their seals. We hope to induce the Y. W. A's, to study this book in February.

Our W. M. S. recently sent a box of clothing and piece goods to Russia, valued at three hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$353.80), also a cash contribution of forty-one dollars (\$41.00), minus four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$4.33) which was used to pay the express charges from Clarksville, Tenn., to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Many thanks for sending the tags promptly; also for your good wishes.

We had a profitable and enjoyable quarterly meeting the 24th., ult. It was a joy to have Mrs. Hill with us. She is a prime favorite with the Clarksville people and a right royal welcome always awaits her.

Practice in work is growing to perfection with Mrs. Russell, our associational Superintendent. She brought a good delegation with her from Cumberland City to this meeting. Ten societies were represented at this meeting and the interest was fine.

We are sorry you could not be with us and hope to have you at Little West Fork at our second quarterly meeting in April.

With our fine new pastor and his splendid wife we are aiming now for higher ground.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. W. M. Rollow, Clarksville, Tenn.

Tuesday, January 24, the W. M. U. of Big Hatchie association met with Brighton church with a splendid attendance, although it was the coldest day felt this winter. Seven churches were represented—Brighton, Covington, Liberty, Oak Grove, Ripley, Stanton and Woodlawn. The morning devotional was led by Mrs. Fortner of Oak Grove church reading Romans 12. Words of welcome were spoken in a gracious manner by Mrs. B. King. During the business session which

followed, the "Group Plan for Bible and Mission Study" to be called by the District leaders was discussed—and some thought it not practical. "Personal Service" was stressed and Mrs. L. R. Graves, Covington, agreed to serve as P. S. chairman of association

The one of the Prayer Calendar was demonstrated and the importance of regular quarterly reports emphasized. A splendid paper, "Value of Trained Young Life," by Mrs. Dan Moore, was read by Mrs. Henry of Ripley. Mrs. Perguson of Covington discussed in a most helpful way, "What Bible and Mission Study Can do for Us."

Then followed a timely message from Miss Buchanan, "Lest We Forget," showing the sacredness of our piedges, and how we stand financially. A strong appeal for loyalty to our yows and for sacrificial giving.

Mrs. Olin Conner brought a lesson from John 15th chapter in the afternoon devotional.

noon devotional.

"The Call of the World" by Mrs. I. G. Murray and "Our Response to the Call" were ably discussed by Mrs. W. A. Owen, Covington, in an interesting way. Miss Buchanan was at her best in a wonderful message on "Stewardship and Tithing," inspiring us to a new realization of what is His due and to a consecration of our "best to the Master," of time, talents and means. May this message linger long and bear fruit in the lives of all present.

The hospitality of Brighton church was most cordial and an abundant and delicious lunch was served cafeteria style, at the noon hour, but the spiritual feast, the fellowship with co-workers, the interchange of ideas, the inspiring talks and papers as well as the prayers of our women will tend to an uplift and strengthening of W. M. U. work and workers.

Please all remember—only three MONTHS TILL close of Convention year! Let us work as well as pray that our goal may be reached. Superintendent Big Hatchie W. M. U.

The Superintendent of Knox county writes of their quarterly meeting held January 26: "It was wonderful! When we decided to ask each woman to bring her lunch, some said, 'You will ruin your attendance,' others said, 'If they come to eat let them stay away." We had 350 with lunch boxes and came after lunch. Mrs. Mcmany Clure spoke in her usual magnetic way; not many had heard her before, Miss Whipple brought a fine message, Carson-Newman her main thought. Mrs. Sams invited all 350 over to sleep in the guest room Knox county women have furnished in Sarah Swann Home. Mrs. Privett and Mrs. Dunn had good devotionals; Mrs. Smallman spoke on "Our Junior Organizations;" Mrs. Jarnigan on "Reaching the Standard;" Mrs. Anderson announced the Divisional meeting April 4 and 5 at Cleveland. The April quarterly meeting will he under the direction of the Y. W. A. and G. A. organizations, Mrs. Tom Towery and Mrs. H. E. Christenberry leaders. Memorial services were held for Mesdames Underwood and Garwho were both present at our October meeting, going suddenly in one week's time. Their influence will live in Knox county for years to come. We are progressing in Knox county with our leaders of each department. The second Friday in February the association will meet to make our White Cross allotment.-Mrs. R. L. Harris.

Shelby County.

quarterly meeting of the "The Shelby County Women's Missionary was held at Temple Baptist church Thursday, January 26, 1922. Although the weather was very inclement, there were 266 in attendance, with 18 churches of the county represented. A splendid program had been arranged by Mrs. C. W. Vernor. The address by Dr. Valeria H. Parker 'Protective Social Measures" and talk by Dr. Lillian Johnson on Jountain Schools in Tennessee" "Mountain were greatly enjoyed and appreciated. During the business session it was decided to change the date of our quarterly meeting from Thursday to Wednesday so that our state officers might visit with us more often. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality of the Temple church ladies and we Tejoice with them in having such a beautiful new church."--Mrs. W. H. Mitchum, Cor.

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Mrs S. M. Shelley: After 53 years of devoted married life with Brother S. M. Shelley, this mother in Israel came to the end of her earthly pilgrimage of 71 years, in a full age, "like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Three sons and one daughter were reared for God in the Christian home of sister Shelley. Truly, the greatest contribution a Christian mother can make to the community is the example of an unfailing Christian faith that lives on and on in the lives of children and friends. On January 13, 1922, a large congregation of sorrowing friends gathered in the Baptist Church to pay tribute to the life of this good wife, mother and friend, and after services conducted by her pastor, Rev. Felix W. Muse, her body was conveyed to the cemetery, where the services were concluded Sister Shelley was a consistent members of the Baptist church for a number of years and her presence and influence will be a great loss to the church and community. Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. George Bonner. Committee, Decherd, Tenn.

Underwood: On November 19, 1921, occurred the sudden and pected death of our dearly beloved President of W. M. S., Mrs. J. T. Underwood. Her gain is our loss from many departments of our religious work but especially from our W. M. S. and her Sunday school class, a class of young ladies who loved and cooperated with her in all things to mak the class the very best, she had taught this class for a number of years and many have been led to know Jesus through her influence.

We believe that Mrs. J. T. Underwood was a true Christian and that we have lost one of our most loyal members, therefore be it resolved,

That we, the members of W. M. S. of Bell Ave church bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well and that we emulate her life and be more loyal to the cause she loved so much, Second. That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their sorrow, and we commend them to the Father for grace to sustain them in their loss.

Be it further resolved. That we spread a copy of these resolutions on our minutes, present one to the family and one to the Baptist and Reflector for publication. Mrs. L. C. Powers. Mrs. J. M. Dance, Mrs. W. E. Pickell, Miss Ada Cleveland, Committee.

FROM WEST TEXAS.

By Mrs. Ida Tate,

I have been a well satisfied reader your paper for many years, even since I was a child. Therefore I wish to contribute a letter concerning my extensive visit in the famous cattle country of West Texas.

This is a great country but I am coming back home, to dear old Ten-

We spent a week on the "tn" Ranch, a large sheep and cattle ranch. The owner has two flocks (3,000 head) of sheep and several hundred head of thorough-bred, white-faced cattle.

There are a number of small rivers in this section that are supplied wholly

by springs. These streams afford water for irrigating many thousand acres of fertile land, on which are grown hay, grain and cotton.

Texas Baptists are up and doing, they have a wonderful encampment and grounds located at Christoval, Tom Green county, where Baptists from many counties meet and hold great revivals.

Geo. W. Truett did the preaching for this encampment which lasted a week, August 9 to 17. He is a man of power with God. and is given up to be the deepest, strongest preacher of the denomination. He failed not on his reputation with us at Christoval where many people were converted to Christianity mostly men and women who were deepest in sin.

The Baptists of Texas are very progressive, and are growing faster than any other religious denomination of the state.

DEDICATION OF MARLOW, OKLA-HOMA BAPTIST CHURCH

By C. M. Crosswy, Pastor.

The second Sunday in January was set apart by the members of church for the purpose of dedicating it wholly to the Lord.

debt of two For several years a thousand dollars had hung over the church, hampering it in many of its activities. Members of the Laymen's Movement in our church, together with the pastor, met in the basement to talk and pray over our business affairs. In a few moments the question of church debt came before us. After some discussion we decided on launching a campaign for the purpose of raising the debt. We went into this expressly by "faith." A few hours before the dedicatory sermon, every dollar needed was raised, and we had a few left for the treasurer.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough preached the dedicatory sermon and did it in a great way. It was said by old citizens of our l'ttle city, "that it had never been so moved by any man or service as those held by Dr. Scarborough," Something near one thousand people heard him at each service. Every available space was taken, people were held spell-bound, while the mighty preacher of God brought the messages on, "The Soul Winning

Church," and "Praying for a Revival."

He won many friends while in our town, not only friends for himself, but for the cause and especially the great 75 Million Campaign. We are very thankful to the Lord for this noble man.

Brother P. F. Evans and his evangelistic staff, composed of Joe Canzonari, singer, and Mrs. Mantey, planist, followed the dedicatory service with an evangelistic campaign which continued for two weeks. As a result of this work there were 33 professions of faith and 23 additions to our church.

Brother Evans is a good, safe and sane evangelist, with power in his message. The value of his work cannot be estimated by words. He left our church in splendid condition, not to go back but forward.

We do not believe that the work of Joe Canzonari and Mrs. Mantey, as singer and planist, can be excelled in our Southland. They gripped the hearts of the people by their splendid work. May the choicest blessings of Heaven be upon this great group of people is our prayer.

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NASHVILLE.

Immanuel, Ryland Knight, pastor: Dr. Kessler preached at both hours; in SS, 371; Dr. Knight gets along nicely after "flu."

Shelby Ave.: "The Broken Body and Shed Blood, or Is Open Communion Scriptural?" and "Turning From Darkness Unto Light:" in SS, 75; \$51.00 offering from Sunday school to Building Fund.

Centennial, L. P. Royer, pastor; "Witnessing a God Confession" and "Bartering Souls;" in SS, 102; Sr. BYPU, 20; Jr. BYPU, 26; by letter, 1; by baptism, 1; excellent day.

Grace, T. C. Singleton, pastor; Dr. P. E. Burroughs preached on "Training for Service" at morning hour; "Night Scenes in the Bible;" in SS, 339; BYPU, 20; Jr. BYPU, No. 1, 28; Jr. BYPU, No. 2, 24; closed a training school with 52 receiving awards.

Belmont Heights, Geo. L. Hale, pastor; "The Conquering Creed" and "Social Conditions in Nashville;" received for baptism, 1; by letter, 3; in SS, 268; two fine audiences with splendid in terest.

Third, C. D. Creasman, jastor; Dr Lloyd T. Wilson spoke on "Ingratitude" at morning service; "A Door Open in Heaven;" received for baptism, 1; professions, 1; in SS, 461; BYPU, 30; Jr. BYPU, 49; Dr. Wilson gave us a great message; over-flow audiences; great day; 448 in SS last Sunday instead of 242, as was reported.

R. E. Pettigrew spoke at Smyrna morning and night on "Mission Work;" small congregation; church without a pastor.

Grandview, Don. Q. Smith, pastor 'The Doctrine of Election" and "The Doctrine of Redemption:" baptized, 3: by letter, 1; in SS, 247; BYPU, 35; Jr. BYPU, 45.

Edgefield, W. M. Wood, pastor; "Out of Communion With God" a nd "Satan Sifting a Saint;" received for baptism, 1 professions, 1; in SS, 404; BYPU, 50; Jr. BYPU, 44; preached at Orphan's Home at 3 o'clock.

Eastland, O. L. Hailey, pastor; "Asand Leaving God Out;" in SS, 347; BYPU's, 60.

Judson Memorial, C. F. Clark, pasor; "Union With Christ" and "The Call to the Light;" in SS, 258; BYPU,

45; Jr. BYPU, 17; Int. BYPU, 24. Lockeland, J. C. Miles, pastor; "The Rewards of Stewardship;" by letter, 1; in SS, 246; BYPU, 15; Jr. BYPU, 23; Int. BYPU, 24.

First, W F. Powell, pastor; "The Woman Question" and "The Tragedy of Disobedience;" in SS, 984; five

Seventh, Edgar W. Barnett, pastor; 'Sons of God" and "Why by letter, 1; in SS, 164; Came;"

H. B. Coulter, Central, "Spiritual Service" and "Who Shall Answer for Me?" in SS, 140; BYPU, 50; two good congregations; a fine

Calvary, W. H. Vaughan, pastor; The Lord's Supper" and "What Think Ye of Christ;" in SS, 135; BYPU, 37; two volunteered for life in all religious service.

Park Ave., A. M. Nicholson, pastor; "Jesus Winning His First Disciple" and "The Seeking Savior;" in SS, 229; BYPU, No. 1; 15; BYPU, No. 2, 18; Jr. BYPU, No. 1, 24; Jr. BYPU, No2

North Edgefield, A. W. Duncan, pastor; "In Memory of Him" and God's Call to Repentance;" baptized, 2; by letter, 3; in SS, 238; in three BYPU's,

Linwood and Saulsberry, C. C. Ramsey, pastor; Linwood, "The Supreme Gift" and "The Sin of Ingratitude; Saulsberry, "God's Call to Service" and "Ashamed of Christ:" good Sunday Schools at both places.

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New Hopewell: R. E. Rule, pastor; "Take Ye Away the Stone" and "A Young Man That Said No;" 3 by let ter; good day.

Central of Bearden: Robt Humphreys, pastor; "Soul Winning" and "A Bad Man Converted;" 114 in SS, 45 in BYPU.

Bell Ave: J. Allen Smith, pastor; The Common Life Glorifled" and "Judgment;" 764 in SS, 7 baptized, 21 by-letter.

Oakwood: R. E. Grimesley, pastor; 'A Just Man" and "A Haughty Man Humiliated;" 257 in SS, 2 by letter, 81 in BYPU; 153 Bibles in SS.

Euclid Ave: J. W. Wood, pastor, "All Things Are Ready" and "The Passover;" 439 in SS, 23 baptized, 6 by letter; revival still going; 125 additions, 170 convertions.

Paw Paw Hollow: G. F. Langston, pastor; "The Master Calleth for Thee' and "Eternal Life;" 7 in SS.

Immanuel: A. R. Pedigo, pastor; 'Friends of Jesus" and " A Voice in the Wilderness;" 224 in SS; 39 in BY

Concord: S. G. Wells, pastor; "Staying by the Stuff" and "Walking Together by Agreement."

Central of Fountain City: J. C Shipe, pastor; "The Vigor of the Righteous," and "A Young Man That Couldn't Say No;" 261 in SS, 108 in BYPU: splendid congregations.

Smithwood: Chas P. Jones, pastor; The Lost Christ' and "My Father's

Fountain City: Well Acuff, pastor; "Stability of Character and Purpose" and "A Missionary Prayer;" 185 in SS, 70 in BYPU.

Dameron Ave: C. J. Bennett, pas tor; Act 10: 25, 26 and "The New Birth;" 35 in SS.

Washington Pike: J. A. Lockhart. pastor; "God's word is a Lamp" and 'Sin and Its Punishments;" 108 in SS. 6 baptized, 5 by letter, 58 in BYPU; the spirit of our church is growing bet

Mt. Olive: T. G Davis, pastor; "Job's Victory Over Satan," pastor pastor still teaching 3rd division of Manual; good interest; 153 in SS.

Fifth Ave: J. L. Vance, pastor; "God's Love for Dependence of His Kingdom" and "The Purifying Fire of God;" 702 in SS, 32 by letter; opening service in new church.

Lonsdale: W. A. Atchey, pastor;

"The Dedicated Life" and "Is the Young Man Safe?" 400 in SS; 141 iu BYPU, 1 for baptism.

Inskip: W. M. Thomas, pastor; "The Blind Beggar of Jericho" and Lord, 1 Faith, 1 Baptism;" 98 in SS, 3 baptized; 34 in BYPU; we begin a Teacher Training school this week with fifteen studying the course.

South Knoxville: M. E. Miller, pastor; Is, 43: 1 and Jno. 21; 18; 346 in SS.

Lincoln Park: L. W. Clark, pastor: "The Power of the Spirit" and "Lord Teach Us to Pray:" 239 in SS: 54 in BYPU.

Gillespie Ave: J. K. Smith, pastor; "The Gospel Message Is to Go to All" and "The Savior of Sinners;" 279 in SS;, 1 by letter, 94 in BYPU.

Mountain View: W. C. McNeely, pastor; Luke 8: 39, and "Jesus Making Himself Known;" 198 in SS.

Etowah First: A. F. Mahan, pastor; "The Bible Among Books" and "The Man on the Cross Saved;" 538 in SS,

Grove City: D. W. Lindsay, pastor; The Immensity of God's Love" and "John the Baptist's Last Testimony;" 195 in SS, 12 in BYPU; good day.

CHATTANOOGA

Baptist Tabernacle: T. F. Callaway, "Grow in Grace" and "Baa pastor. In SS, 488; 55 for baptism; lam." 8 by letter, Revival ended.

Bell Ave.: J. J. Auffett, pastor. "Faithfully." In SS, 66.

E. Chattanooga: J. N. Bull, pastor. At the Sea of Galilee" and "Law and In SS, 312.

Concord: Supply, pastor. "Self- Saving." In SS. 35.

Oak Grove: Supply, pastor. "The Lord is Able to Supply all Our Wants." East Dale: A. C. Petitt, pastor. "Our Obligation to the Church" and "What Must I Do to be Saved." In SS, 75. Church raised pastor's salary \$100.00.

Woodland Park: Jas. N. Poe, pastor. The Man and His Message" and "The Folly of Lingerng." In SS, 128.

St. Elmo: U. S. Thomas, pastor. Blood the Only Token of Our Salvation." 1 conversion; 1 addition in baptism; good Sunday school.

Highland Park: J. B. Phillips, pastor. "The Lord's Supper" and Heart of My Future Message for Chattanooga." In SS, 219: received by letter 4.

Cleveland: Claude E. Sprague, partor. "Organization Insufficient" and "Repentance." In SS, 396; r received by letter. 3.

Oak Grove: "I Shall Not Want." In

J. A. Maples, pastor. "A Daisy: Bruised Reed and Smoking Flax" and 'Moses' Choice." In SS, 56. Two new tithers.

Chamberland Ave.: G. T. King, pastor. "Reconciliation" and "Is Heaven for Moralists, or Sinners Saved by Grace." In SS, 116.

North Chattanooga: W. S. Keese, pas-"Atonement-or, How Christ Saves" and "God's Power." In SS, 128. Just closed excellent S. S. Training School Most enthusiastic outlook.

Red Bank: J. A. Maples, pastor. In 88. 205.

Ridgedale: W. E. Davis, pastor. Triumphant Certainties No. 2" and "Little Sins." In SS, 180; received by letter, 3; in BYPU, 63.

Rossville: J. Bernard Tallant, pas-

tor. "The God Planned Life" and "What Sin Can do for a Man." In SS. 320; 2 approved for baptism; 1 conversion.

First: Jno. W. Inzer, pastor. I" and "And Peter." In SS, 684; 3 baptized; 2 received by letter; 1 for In SS, 684; 3 prayer.

MEMPHIS.

Endora: J. C. Schultz, pastor; 54 in SS; good day.

Brunswick: J. C. Schultz, pastor; good congregation, good day,

Boulevard: J. H. Wright, pastor; 1 baptized, 1 by profession, 1 received for baptism; 178 in SS; good BYPU; preached at Capleville, good audiance, one received by letter, 42 in SS.

La Belle Place: D. A. Ellis, pastor: congregations good; Sunday school well attended.

Speedway Terrace: J. O. Hill, pastor; 104 in SS.

Seventh Street: I. N. Strother, pastor; "Hindrances to Evangelism" and "Five Things in Prayer;" 166 in SS. 1 by letter, very good BYPU.

First, Boone, pastor; "The First Commandment" and "A Great Woman," 2 by letter, 1 baptized, 592 in SS, 4 good unions

Highland Heights: E. F. Curl, pas tor; fine congregations; 147 in SS, 87 in BYPU.

Hollywood: J. P. Nix, pastor; 101 in SS; good BYPU.

Union Ave: N. P. Hurt, congregations large, 1 by letter, 305 in SS; fine BYPU.

Central Ave: W. L. Smith, pastor: 50 in SS.

New South Memphis: W. L. Norris supplied; 67 in SS; good Intermediate and Jr. BYPU's, 1 marriage, funeral.

Temple: J. Carl McCoy, pastor; "Christ Getting Disciples" and "Redemption Through Christ;" 1 by letter, 295 in SS; 1 wedding.

Prescott Memorial: Jas. H. Oakley, pastor; 121 in SS; 1 conversion, 1 addition, 3 good unions; much sickness in the community.

Central Carter preached: 392 in SS. received, 2 weddings.

McLemore Ave: Furr, pastor; 228

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ducktown, Tenn., Mine City: D. A. Webb, pastor. "The Return of Jesus' and 'The New Earth." In SS, 248; 1 baptized; 1 received by letter.

usabella, Tenn., Isabella: D. A. Webb, pastor. "The Human Spirit" and "Where are the Dead?" In SS

Athens First: J. Herschel Ponder, pastor. "In the Midst of a Circle" and 'A Letter From a Third Century Church." In SS, 302; 2 by letter; 7 for baptism; large congregations.

Madisonville: S. M. McCarter, pas tor. "The Test of Discipleship" and "The Sin of Riches." In SS, 225; in BYPU, 65; in Jr. BYPU, 41. Two large congregations.

Maryville First: J. R. Johnson, pas tor. "Isalah." Ordination of 4 dea cons at evening service. In SS, 663; Bible class, 173.

Lenior City, Baptist Tabernacle: A. B. Johnson, pastor. "119 Psalm 59: 60" and "God Revealed Unto Man." 1 profession; 1 addition to church by baptism. Revival continues with

fine interest; crowded house and number of professions.

On Sunday Rev S. N. Fitzpatrick

On Sunday Rev S. N. Fitzpatrick preached at Leeville at the closing of a good 5th Sunday meeting of Wilson County Association. Next session will be at Cedar Creek church, 5th Sunday in April.

South Pittsburg: P. R. Hodge, pastor, "Doubting Thomas, or the Man From Missouri Convinced" and "What Becomes of Men When They Die?" In SS, 132.

Dyersburg: F. J. Harrall, pastor.
"A Christian and His Money" and
"Rightly Valuing the Soul." By letter,
2; in SS, 252; in BYPU, 41; in Jr.
BYPU, 50.

Alcoa, Calvary church: C. H. Cosby, pastor, preached at both hours In SS, 203; in Sr. BYPU, 40, in Intermediate, 25; in Jr. 30. Received by letter 1; baptized, 1, making 16 since last report.

An excellent young business man, Bro. B. H. Hillard has recently entered the ministry and will enter the Seminary at Louisville at once.

A great day in Tellico Plains Sunday school, Roy Anderson, Supt. Total attendance 262, with 70 men in the Bible class. This class was organized a little over a year ago with seven members and Prof. Roy Anderson teacher.

Humboldt: E. H. Marriner, pastor. "Sacrifice in Christian Service" and "Reward in Christian Service." In SS, 331; in BYPU, 76; in prayer meeting

Second church, Jackson: E. K. Cox, pastor. "Knowing the Unknowable" and "The Uncertainty of Tomorrow." In SS, 390; rainy morning; five additions by letter

tions by letter,
Crossville: W. C. Creasman, pastor.
"If I Be Lifted Up" and "A Praying
Mother." In SS, 87; in BYPU, 36.
Two good services; fine congregations.

Loudon: J. H. O. Clevenger, pastor. "Religion in a Five-Room House" and "Subsoiling." In SS, 155. We are now in a singing school with Prof. S. A. Games, of Birmingham, Ala., teaching; great interest.

Bartlett: O A. Utley, "See That Ye Refuse Not Him That Speaketh," A real good service, Suspended night service for a lecture Jackson First: S. E. Tull, pastor.

Jackson First: S. E. Tull, pastor. "Elements of a Militant Church" and "A Doctrinal Question Box." Received by letter, 1. In SS, 423; in Sr. BYPU, 30; Intermediate, 13; Jr. 26.

Newbern: C. E. Hutchinson, pastor.
"The Tragedy of Neglect" and
"Heaven." In SS, 133; in Sr. BYPU,
50; in Jr. BYPU, 35, Good congregations at both services.

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Washington, D. C.—(Special)—Magazine publishers of New York and Chicago are astonished at the wonderful success of the Pathfinder, which has grown until it now has over 400,000 subscribers. This great illustrated national weekly is called the Ford of the publishing field. The Pathfinder interests and pleases every member of the family. The editor is anxious to have a half-million subscribers and he offers to send, his paper on trial to interest new readers. You can read and enjoy it three months—13 weekly issues—if you send 15 cents, coin or stamps, to the Pathfinder, 144 Langdon Station, Washington, D. C. The editor says the 15 cents does not begin to pay the cost but that he is glad to invest in new friends.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Flootwood Ball, Lexington

Dr. B. A. Bowers of Broadway church, Knoxville, Tenn., is assisting Rev. Roscoe Meadows in a revival at Milan, Tenn., which is proving a great blessing to the church and town. I. C. Petrees has charge of the singing.

Dr. J. H. Fuller, pastor at Hollandale, Miss., has resigned to accept a call to Piedmont, Ala., but the Hollanrale church would not accept his resignation, and held a meeting asking him to withdraw it. He has not indicated his decision.

Rev. A. M. Nix of Belmont, Miss., has arranged a meeting with his church to begin Wednesday night, July 5, and the writer will assist in the work for the following ten days. Brother Nix was formerly pastor at Bells. Tenn.

His hosts of friends deeply sympathize with Rev. W. L. King of Parsons, Tenn., missionary of Beech River Association, in the sickness of his gifted daughter, Miss Connie, who has typhoid fever. He recently held a great ordination service at Tom's Creek church when R. T. Bell was made a reacon, Rev. A. A. Nunnery preaching the sermon. Pope Bussell will be ordained later.

Evangelist W. C. McPherson of Nashville, Tenn., and singer J. P. Carter are asisting Rev. O. A. Carmean of the First church, Jonesboro. Ill., in a meeting. Fine congregations, many interested and 15 professions to date. Brother McPherson says: "These are real Baptists. It is a joy to work with them."

His many friends in Tennessee rejoice to know of the decided improvement in health of Rev. J. P. Gilliam
of Italy, Texas. Some weeks ago he
resigned at Clifton, Texas, to accept
a call to Gallatin, Tenn., the county
site of the county in which he was
born, which call he was forced to decline on account of sickness which
seemd to indicate the necessity of an
operation. His health showing improvement, he responded to the call
of Central church, Italy, Texas, taking charge January 1. It would have
been good to have him in Tennessee.

Dr. Otto Whittington of Immanuel church, Little Rock, Ark., merely passed the pledge cards at a recent meeting of his church and secured 110 tithers. He hopes to get 300 before the campaign is over.

Rev. L. M. Sipes of Seminary Hill, Tex., accepted the call to the care of the First church, Little Rock, Ark., and will take charge at an early date.

The Peoples' church, Little Rock, Ark., of which Rev. J. O. Johnson is pastor, out of a membership of 300, secured 101 to sign pledge cards as tithers. This is a new church which at present is worshiping in a theater.

Mrs. Tilda J. Halbrook, aged 47, a good, true, devoted Christian woman, died Friday morning at her home near Lexington, Tenn., after a brief illness. She was a devoted member of the Lexington church. It was the writer's sad duty to officiate at her funeral. May the grace of God comfort the four children.

Rev. W. T. King was lately assisted in a revival at Bauxite, Ark., by Rev. L. E. Barton, resulting in 35 additions, 20 by baptism. Work has begun on a new church building.

The Executive Committee of the West Tennessee Baptist Sunday School Convention is called by President J. T. Warren of Martin, Tenn., to meet in Temple church, Memphis, Tuesday, February 14, to arrange a program for the Convention to be held in Trenton April 11-13. The brethren propose to furnish the Trenton saints a great program.

Rev. H. R. Holcomb is to assist Rev. C. P. Roney in a revival te Highland church, Shreveport, La., beginning February 12. It is expected that the meeting will continue a month.

Rev. F. C. Flowers of Lake Charles, La., superintendent of the Louisiana Baptist Orphans Home, has been elected Publicity Director for the Spring Round-up in that state in the 75 Million Campaign. He has taken up the task with vigor.

The Oklahoma State B. Y. P. U. Convention will be held with the First church, Chickasha, March 3-5. Rev C. C. Morris of the First church, Ada, a Tennessee product, will conduct the devotional hour each morning.

Rev. A. R. Copeland, pastor of the Central Presb terian church, Denton, Texas, who a few weeks ago joined the Baptists, has been put in charge of the book and tract department of the Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas. He was regarded as a strong man among the Presbyterians.

Rev. John Barker resigned at Pellville, Ky., to accept a call at New Burnside, Ill., the latter church having gone to full time the first of the year.

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Rev. A. P. Muse has resigned at McCool, Miss., to accept a call to Bomar Avenue church Vicksburg, Miss. He is finishing his work in Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

The Fifth Sunday meeting at Alamo, Tenn., where Dr. I. N. Penick is pastor, is pronounced a glorious success. The following preachers were present: J. C. Dance, H. E. Watters, N. M. Stigler, H. A. Bickers, H. W. Stigler of Jackson, E. H. Marriner of Humboldt, F. J. Harrell of Dyersburg, R. E. Guy of Jackson and President J. T. Warren of Hall-Moody Normal, Martin. The meeting was a great uplift and the pastor is happy.

Dr. J. M. Walker is having a great Bible Institute this week with the First church, Aberdeen, Miss. Drs. W. T. Lowry, J F. Tull, A. J. Dickinson, R. A. Kimbrough, R. W Hooker, and others are delivering addresses. Dr. Geo. H. Crutcher of New Orleans, La., is spuulying the church at Picayune, Miss., until Rev. O. P. Estes of Lyons, Miss., takes charge February 26. The pastor's salary has been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,400.

BRO. U. S. THOMAS ENDORSED

By John W. Inzer.

I feel like the brotherhood ought to have a better acquaintance with a good man we have over our way because he is a strong man and a fine addition to our pastoral force and also a brother beloved. I speak of Rev. U. S. Thomas(Uncle Sam we call him) pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist church this city (Chattanooga).

Bro. Thomas came to St. Elmo the 15th of April after three years on the Evangelistic staff of the Home Mission Board. Since that time the church has received 120 additions—and has made steady growth along all lines. Especially Sunday school and finances.

The first of the year the Arkansas brethren came after Bro. Thomas in no unmistakable form to become State Mission Secretary. They even sent the shrewd John H. Moors, of First church, Pine Bluff, over here to definitely get his name on the dotted line. And between Moore and his love for Arkansas-having been pastor at Jonesboro-we thought Thomas was a goner. But he tells me now that he has definitely decided to remain with his pastorate. We are all glad so far as we are concerned. Thomas feels like he owes something to Tennessee as well as Arkansas. He is a Tennessee product and a graduate of Carson Newman. The good women of the First Baptist church, Chatanooga, back in the late nineties stood by Bro. Thomas as a student and helped him . through school. They have reasons to be proud of their work and sacrifices for him. That's all-I felt the brotherhood were due to know our brother Thomas and his worth better. I thank you! You can count on Uncle Sam Thomas for Tennessee.

First church, Chattanooga.

ANY WAY YOU PLEASE.

"Mamma, I wish you'd call the baby in; he's so cross we can't play!" cried Robert one day as he was playing in the yard with his sister and the baby.

"I don't think he would be cross if you were not cross to him." said mamma, coming out. "He does just as he sees you do. Just try him and see. Put your hat on one side of your head."

Robert did so, and presently the baby pushed his straw hat over op one side of his head, just as Robbie had done.

"Whistle." said mamma.

Robbie did, and the baby began to whistle, too.

"Stop mocking me!" said Robert, giving the baby a push. Baby screamed and pushed Robbie back.

"There, you see," said his mother, "the baby does just as you do. Kiss him now, and you will see how quickly he will follow your example."

Robbie did not feel exactly like doing this, but he did, and baby hugged and kissed him back very warmly.

"Now you see," said the mother.

"you can make a cross or a good boy
of your little brother, just as you
choose. But you must teach him yourself."—Jewels.

Home Circle

THE TRYSTING PLACE.

By W. L. Patton.

Today, dear Lord, I come to make A little prayer to Thee; For all thine own sweet love's sake, Incline thine ear to me,

I'm thinking of our trysting place, In years long ago, When talking to thee face to face, My heart was all aglow.

So long ago it seems today—
So far away and long—
Yet thou hast led me all the way
And kept me from great wrong.

Since then I've lived and older grown—

Older and wiser too— But not one moment have I known, To doubt my tryst with you.

The dearest Name I ever said,
I said that day to you;
Through all the years that now are fled,
I've kept it sweet and true.

That day, the best of all the years,
I've seen beneath the skies,
You poured your love-tale in mine ears,
And looked it in mine eyes.

I challenge not the seeming fate
That's heaved my troubled breast
Perhaps the things that come out late
Will prove it all the best.

But my love still lives for you:

Its silences and tears

Will keep our sacred tryst on through
The lonely, yearning years.

Some day of days will be our day, When all your love I'll see; Then I'll forget the lonely way That once seemed dark to me,

O, in that day of sweet release,
Unbound by my Lord's Christ,
I'll come with all your wealth of peace,
To keep our promised tryst.
Jefferson City, Tenn.

STORY OF A BEAUTIFUL LIFE.

By J. T. Oakley, in Carthage Courier,

Kind Reader: Usually I have given you a smile and a laugh at some of the experiences of a long ministry. but this week I write with a broken heart, yet a heart that finds joy in sorrow. Fifteen years ago my preclous daughter went away to the better world leaving a little daughter as the gift to wife and I. The child's name was Jessie Pauline Alsup. We took her gladly into our home as our own precious child and loved her sacredly. We moved to Hartsville when she was five years old. Being fatherless and motherless we tenderly cared for her the best we could. She entered school and learned with ease and rapidity. She gave her young heart to God and I baptized her when she was twelve years of age. As the years came and went she gradu-

ally grew to young womanhood. She began while in her teens to have visions of usefulness and saw the need of a preparation. Accordingly by hard struggle and many disadvantages she graduated from the Hartsville High School with honor and credit. and, at once entered the Middle Tennessee State Normal where she at by her gentle character and once. Christian influence, occupied places at the front of all departments. She was honored with the presidency of the Young Woman's Christian Association, and was selected a messenger and summer student last year in the Training School at Blue Ridge, N. C. Came back to fall term full of ambition and determination to be somebody in the world. Spending the holidays at home she returned with high hopes of graduating next June. It was the joy and dream of her young life to finish school and go out as an instrument in God's hands to help make the world better. The good people of Hartsville and elsewhere had made it possible by numerous gifts in many ways for her to attend school and were arranging to make her a present of her graduating dresses. All were proud, and deservedly so, of the dear girl they all loved. Myself and dear wife praised God for such a girl. But alas! The day she was twenty years of age she was smitten with flu-pneumonia and a long distance phone called us to her bedside. All that could be done was put forth to save her, but at sunrise last Wednesday, Jan. 19, she fell on sweet sleep and went home to God and mother. A few hours before her departure I sat down by her for a last talk. A talk with one I so sa-credly loved. We talked of things eternal and what religion is worth when we reach the river's brink. Before the conversation an awful weight pressed down upon me. When we had finished and I kissed her goodbye I was living in heaven's atmosphere. I will give some of her wishes and expressions as her last message to loved ones. It will do somebody good and I pray her words may help some other girl to find hope in God. As a leader and President of the Young Woman's Christian Association her thought went out to them first. She said:

"Tell all the dear girls of the Young Woman's Christian Association I love them. I sure did enjoy being your president and the work has been a great inspiration in my religious life."

"Tell all the teachers and students, and especially Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Fertige I love them for they have been an inspiration to me of visions of what I ought and want to be, just as Prof. Shenault did at Hartsville."

"I have worked hard to get through; I have worked when I ought to have been resting. My ambition to get through school has been more than my physical body could bear."

"I have planned to be somebody in the world—of some service to God and His cause. On this account I would rather live, but if my life closes here it's perfectly all right. I am ready to go."

"I was twenty years old the day I was taken sick. In a sense it's a pretty time to die. My only regret is I have done so little. I have done my best. I have been living close to God

and he is close to me now."

"Grand-daddy, dear mother wanted me to be buried by her side at Commerce, but I don't know anybody over there and all our people have moved away. If you and Granny think it nothing wrong I would love to be buriel at Hartsville where so much has been done for me, and I will explain it all to mother when I meet her just in a little while and I know she will say it is all right."

"Tell everybody at Hartsville I love them and wish I could speak to each one but I can't. I thank them for the big trunk so full of substantial things which made it possible for me to enter the State Normal-Tell Aunt Jessie Gill I love her and all her people. Tell Ewuel High and Mrs Johnson and-well-I don't know how I could have gotten along without Miss Cora and Minnie (Mrs Dr. Upshaw and Mrs. A. B. Crenshaw) and I want Mrs. Puryear to sing at my funeral and I want Bro. Huff, of Portland to conduct it, as he did mother's. I sure love Uncle Halbert Oakley and Uncle John (Prof. John W. Williams, of Portland) who has been so much help in introducing me to the teachers and people here- God bless everybody."

"Now, Grand-daddy, I thank God I have been raised by such a good man and woman as you and dear Granny. I had visions of making you both proud of me and helping you in your declining years. Listen, Grandpa—I don't want you and Granny to grieve after me. I want you both just go on as usual and be happy—Goodbye."

Her funeral at Murfreesboro in the chapel of the State Normal was like heaven, and at Hartsville one of the sweetest and tenderest ever held there. Out of it all and the kind words and gifts of two hundred dollars to help in time of sorrow, has brought me closer to God and heaven. The ending of a beautiful life at twenty, is a life well spent and some sweet day we will all understand it better. I am happy that the dear sweet girl is in heaven and grand-daddy and grandma are on the way.

THE BLUE DAY

Freddie glanced up into his mother's face as she came down the stairs and he saw that her eyes were tired and that she looked hot and weary.

"Father is so ill, dear," she said, "and I have so much to do. Could you take this prescription downtown for me? Oh, dear, it is such a blue day!"

"What is, a blue day, mother?" asked Freddie.

"A blue day, dear, is one when everything goes wrong and it seems as if they would never be right again, and when you are tired and when—oh, when everything is topsy-turvy, as it is here just now!"

"But, mother dear, the sun is out and the birds are singing and the sky is so blue—not that kind of blue at all—so why should you be blue?"

"Why, indeed!" said his mother, as she looked down into his merry face where the dimples in his cheeks were playing hide and seek with each other.

After he brought home the prescription Freddie went to school. He carried a rosy-cheeked apple in his pocket which he thought he would eat at recess, but when the time came he

noticed that the teacher leaned her head wearily against her hand as if she were very tired, so he went up quietly and laid the apple on her desk with a beaming smile.

"Oh, thank you, dear," she said, and as she ate it her face brightened.

"Is it a very blue day?" Freddie sked.

Smiling back into his eyes she said: "It was—but it isn't now."

Skipping out into the yard he remembered the lollipop that his father had given him because he had helped to pick up the apples, and then he spied little lame Peter standing all by himself in a corner of the yard watching the other boys play marbles. Freddie ran over to him.

"Want a lick?" he said, holding out the lollipop.

Peter's eyes sparkled.

"Good isn't it?" said Freddie; "it's peppermint."

"Thank you," said Peter. "I haven't tasted a lollipop in a long time,"

"Haven't you?" asked Freddie. "You keep it."

When Freddie was on his way home from school one of the big boys rassed him running.

"You better hurry, Fred, it's going to rain," he said.

Fred laughed as he replied: "Why, that's funny, I thought the sun was shining!" and he hurried home to get there before the storm.

When he reached the house he saw his mother sitting quietly on the porch, sewing. "Father is better," she said, "and

"Father is better," she said, "and the work is all done, and it's been such a nice day after all—so bright and sunshiny and pleasant."

"Why, mother," said Freddie, laughing, "don't you know that it's raining right now?"

"Why, so it is!" she replied, as she hugged Freddie up close; "but look! See that beautiful rainbow over there?"

"There is always a rainbow when there is sunshine in our hearts, Freddie," she added.—Ex.



Tommy (after operation): "What with sister 'ere, an' them Illies,) though I was in 'eaven when I first came round, 'till I seed Bill yonder in the next bed!"

Mis. Gunn to Rev. Gunn, who is going to preach a funeral: "Now John, don't stand with your bare head on the damp ground."

Two microbes sat on a pantry shelf And watched, with expression pained,

The milkman's stunts; Both said at once:

"Our relations are getting strained."

He had been fishing, but with bad luck. On his way home he entered a fishmonger's shop and said to the dealer: "Just stand over there and throw me five of the biggest of those trout?"

"Throw 'em? What for?" asked the dealer, in amazement.

"I want to tell the family I caught 'em. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar."