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A SONG FOR THE MARY.

Life is but a world of battles:
You must fight them round you win;
With the idle ones that prattle,
Victory has never been;
Then why should you be complaining
If in our attempt you fail?
Each endeavor gives you training,
Till at last you shall prevail.

Nuggets of success are lying
Underneath life's rugged road;
Dig and dig and keep on trying
Till you reach the peak you seek.
So you above you will be blurring
As along the way you tread,
Friends around you will be true,
So be brave and go ahead.

Time is fleeting, so be doing
Any task there is for you;
You are stronger, while accustoming
Gain of good and wisdom, too.
Be not with the drone and shirkers,
As through life they idle stroll;
Victory belongs to workers
Strive and you will reach the goal.
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

From the Foreign Mission Field.

Monrovia Liberia W. Africa,
May 12th 1902.

Dear D. Jordan: We are safe in
Monrovia. All our goods came on the
same ship with us and was landed the
same day. Our brother had a large
house awaiting us a very pleasant
location on the same street and far
from the present mission, the American
L. G. station, the German Consulate,
the Public Square and opposite West Africa
College at which Dr. A. P. Campbell
is president. We have been successful
in communication with Dr. Bouey and
his boxes have been gotten to him
safely.

Every since I have been here I have
been a constant sufferer of rheumatism.
On board of the "Booby" from Liver-
pool, for eight days, our voyage was ex-
ceedingly rough and we were sick and
constantly, a doctoring us to keep
our rooms for some time during the
voyage and the room was kept damp, which
caused my cold and gave me the
rheumatism. I had a severe form that
I was forced to have a temporary crutch
made on ship.

Wife has been unable to write
you, as she has devoted all she has been
a sufferer from fever ever since she has
been here. This has kept her very weak
and robbed her of much energy. She
cannot do anything very steadily. I
trust I shall be soon thoroughly acclimated—
my attacks of chills etc., are not so
frequent.

We are much pleased with Monrovia
and with the country in general. We are
very agreeably surprised to find the
place so pleasant and the climate so de-
lightful.

Well it is a fact that a doctor is
in great demand here. As a physician,
surgeon and dentist, ever since my arrival
I have had many, many people to see.
They need treatment in various ways
and as far as my strength would allow I
have administered to their wants. Some
times when I have been sick and unable
to go down stairs to my office the sick
have been brought to my room. There
is much to encourage us professionally.
People hearing that a doctor is here are
coming and some bringing their sick
from all points and along the coast. Pray
that I may get strength to attend all
who come, as the people truly need
help.

Wife has been sick that she has not
been able to get around much but she
has joined the Baptist church as a watch
care member and has taught in the S. S.
and also spoken in the schools. Her
services are much needed and all hope
that she will soon be able to get about
the work she has planned. Dr. Bouey
has written that he wants her to visit
his station and she will go as soon
as she can. Dr. Bouey says that Cape
Mount is far more healthy and Mrs.
Faulkner will be better if she comes.
On our place we have coconuts, paw
paw bananas and bread fruit trees.

We are planting a garden with seed
that will bring us some American veg-
etables which we shall greatly appreciate.
Remember us to all very kindly, and
please explain that sickness has pre-
vented our writing but that we hope soon
to get some letters off. Let us hear from
you and how the work and workers in
the states are getting on. We are very
eager to hear from the states. All wish
to be remembered. May God continue
to bless your work. Pray for us and the
success of our work here.

Yours in His name, and for His cause,
H. C. FAULKNER AND WIFE.

Resolutions of Commendation.

The following resolutions were adopted
by the Board of Deacons and Trustees

of the first Baptist church Frankfort Ky
and approved by the church.

"Whereas our esteemed and worthy
pastor, Rev. Robert Mitchell, D. D. has
received a call from the first Baptist
church Kansas City, Kan., and for pur-
pose of accepting same, has tendered his
resignation as pastor of the first Baptist
church of this city and

"Whereas we realize that none but
selfish interest can prompt us to retain
him when a broader field with nobler op-
portunities are open to him;

"Therefore, be it resolved that this
resignation which severs our relation as
pastor and people with feeling of heart-
felt sadness;

"Resolved that the five years of faithful
services rendered by him to this church
have been gratefully blessed in upbuilding
our church, increasing its membership
and creating feeling of christian fellow-
ship and good will among all, and in the
triumphal march through which the church
has been passing and still facing, he has
stood firm and unmovable and so to de-
clare the whole counsel.

"It is resolved that for his ministering to
the temporal wants of the poor and spiri-
tual wants of all, for the tender solici-
tude and earnest sympathy which he has
always brought him to the bedside of the
sick and dying; for his effort in the
half of the education of the masses and
for his exertion to ameliorate conditions
of suffering humanity at all times, and
under all circumstances, the mem-
bers of the church owe him a debt of
gratitude,

"Resolved that in parting, our kindest
wishes will attend him, and we recom-
mend him to the church which he is to
pastor as one worthy of their full confi-
dence and highest esteem.

U. C. Wakefield
B. D. Madison
T. L. Brooks
Committee.

HENRY AND OLDHAM COUNTY M. & D. MEETING.

This body met with the Sulphur Baptist
church Sulphur, Ky., May 28-29.

Members present E. W. Allen, C. J.
Murphy, P. B. Gullion, I. Harrington, G. W.
Ward, C. W. W. Ward, C. D. Blakemore,
Deacons J. C. Chambers, Ned Wilson, D.
Bumphy, Joe Chambers, Geo. Winburn,
J. E. Williams.

Divine services were conducted by
Rev. M. Allen and P. Gullion. The
Moderator, C. J. Murphy, laid before
the meeting in brief the work needed
among brethren and the supporters of
unity. The reports of the churches showed
good work during this month. After
all reports were in Rev. M. Allen read a
paper on "Spiritual Decline in the
Churches." The paper was full of good
thought. After a lengthy discussion it
was passed that the cause of spiritual de-
cline among the churches is the failure
to comply with the New Testament
preaching.

The second subject was opened by Rev.
P. B. Gullion "The Best Method of Rais-
ing Church Funds."

Preaching during the meeting by the
following brethren: Rev. C. J. Murphy
John 2:7. Subject "New Birth," Rev.
M. Allen Luke 14:48. Subject "Christ
Witness," Rev. G. W. Ward Rom. 8:1.
Subject "Free from Condemnation,"
Rev. J. Harrington Matt. 28:19. Subject
"Go preach my Gospel." All the brethren
preached able sermons which were
much enjoyed by all.

Committee on Topics made their re-
port as follows:

1. Rev. J. B. Winrow
The Apostolic preaching

2. Rev. M. Allen
Souls for Christ

3. Rev. J. M. Caldwell
The Fall of Man

4. Rev. C. Wheat
Natural and Spiritual Man

Preaching by the following brethren
at the next meeting:

First day at 8 p. m. Rev. J. B. Winrow
at 7 p. m. Rev. J. M. Caldwell. Second
day at 8 p. m. Rev. I. Harrington; at 7
p. m. Rev. R. Renolds. Collection \$4.19

adjourned to meet at New Castle, Ky.
June 29th 30th 1903.

C. J. Murphy,
Moderator.

C. D. Blakemore,
Clerk Pro tem.

NOTICE.

A reduced rate of one and a third fare
plus 25 cents for the round trip has been
secured for delegates and visitors from
the states of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennes-
see and Alabama to the State Mission-
ary Conference of the Christian church
which convenes at Louisville, Ky.,
20 to 27 1903.

Persons failing to secure a certificate
for each ticket purchased cannot obtain
rebate for having paid full fare.

JAMES MERCANT,
State Secretary,
1215 Jackson St.,
Louisville, Ky.

THE FINAL PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.

A Sermon Preached Before the
Lexington M. & D. Meeting by
Rev. R. T. Hoffman, D. D.

(PHIL. 1:6.)

The final perseverance of the saints is
one of the distinctive doctrines of the
Baptist church. That is to say scriptural
doctrine, as Baptists only accept
such doctrine as the scripture teaches.
The phrase perseverance in its primary
meaning signifies a continuance in any
design or course of actions. Theologi-
cally, it is a doctrine of considerable
controversy, be the Romanist, Luthe-
ran, Calvinist and Armenians, some
affirming, others denying. The great
Apostle in the text before us declares
himself in the most positive terms—
"Being confident of this very thing."

"Of what is he confident? That
"He which hath begun a good work in
will perform it until the day of Jesus
Christ." The beginning of this good
work in us was the Holy Spirit, and
He will be faithful to perform the same
work until Jesus comes, John 6:39 tells
us something of his heavenly Father's
will, whose will cannot be broke, and
this is the Father's will which hath
sent me, that of all which He hath
given me I should lose nothing, but
shall raise it up again at the last day.
"Hence we are a gift to the Son of God
by the Father and as such we are His
portion. He emphatically declares,
I shall lose nothing, but shall raise it
up again at the last day. This destroys
the idea of any final apostatizing, or
being lost; but says, The fact is ex-
plicitly taught in the word of God. It
sets forth the purpose, love, power and
grace of God, All of this is to secure
and assure our eternal salvation. In-
deed the weakness of man if left to
himself, he is sure to fall. Sins are
committed by us through the weakness
of the flesh. Therefore the Apostle
tells us in Rom. 7:25 "So then with
the mind I myself serve the law of God: but
with the flesh the law of sin. The
Apostle in the text is confident that he
is secure, and in reading after the
Apostle Peter we find that we are se-
cure. Hear him, "Who are kept by
the power of God through faith unto
salvation, ready to be revealed in the
last time." Secure from what?
Falls, sins and backslidings? Nay.
Prov. 24:16 "We may have many falls."
We may fall seven times and rise
again. To fall does not mean to be
lost. The glory is seen in the fact of
rising again, Neither does backsliding
mean loss, for the Scriptures saith,
"God is married to the backslider." We
are told that "if any man saith he
hath no sins he deceiveth himself." It
is God's watchful perseverance that
keeps guard over his weak children,
preventing their total estrangement
from Him, and bringing them by His
power and our faith co-operating unto
eternal salvation. In so doing, however,
He does not act independently of our
co-operation, but leads us unto salva-
tion through our own perseverance in
faith. I say that the scriptures teach
the final salvation of all believers.
The inspired David said, "The Lord
loveth judgment, and forsake not His
saints; they are preserved forever. Solo-
mon saith, "The path of the just is
as the shining light, that shineth
more and more unto the perfect day." Isaiah, referring to the true
Israel of God, "When thou passes
through the waters I will be with thee
and through the rivers they shall not
overflow thee: when thou walkest
through the fire, thou shalt not be
burned, neither shall the flames kindle
upon thee; for I am the Lord thy God.
The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.
Here the prophet shows two severe
tests to which the christian is tried; by
overflowing troubles like floods of wa-
ters, and hard trials by the symbols of
fire, and declares himself, "Thy Saviour."
Isa. 45:17 "Israel shall be saved
in the Lord with an everlasting salva-
tion." Jer. 33:40 "I will make an ever-
lasting covenant with them, that I
will not turn away from them to do
them good; but I will put my fear in
their hearts that they shall not de-
part from me." Note the three "I's"
and the three "Th-m's." I will make
an everlasting covenant." "I will put
my fear in their hearts." "I thren,
this is God Almighty talking. Hear
Him. No manner of device and
treacheries of the devil is sufficient to
mislead God's people. The Scriptures
teach the utter impossibility of such
a thing. Hear Mat. 24:24 "If it were
possible, they shall deceive the very
elect." This scripture goes to prove
very conclusively that wonder wrought
by the devil and his skilled workmen,
cannot move the saints of God. John 10

27 and 29 "My sheep hear my voice. I
know them, and they follow me; I give
unto them eternal life and they shall
never perish. No one shall snatch
them out of my hands." There are no
conditions or circumstances, admira-
ble, reasonable that will admit the fact
from the following scriptures of separa-
tion from the love and power of God
Rom. 8:35 and 39 "Who shall separate
us from the love of Christ? Shall
tribulation, or famine, or nakedness, or
peril, or sword? As it is written "For
thy sake are we killed all the day long
we are accounted as sheep for the
slaughter. Nay, in all these things we
are more than conquerors through him
that loveth us. For I am persuaded,
that neither death, nor life, nor angels
nor principalities, nor powers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor
heights, nor depths, nor any other
creature, shall be able to separate us
from the love of God which is in God
which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

Thing of the questions the Apostle
ask Think of the innumerable he
makes. Think of the historic sketch
he give a briefly, "killed all the day
long." Think of all he states and then
of the declaration "We are more than
conquerors through him that loveth us."
No wonder he declares in my text that
he is confident of this very thing, who
would not be confident? Hence we
are satisfied that the scriptures teach
the sure salvation that each believer is
due to the purpose of God. We find
in acts 13:48 "Those who believe are
said to have been ordained to eternal
life." Rom. 8:30 "Who finally glorified
are said to be predestinated to be
conformed to the image of his son. So
then it is the purpose of God that we
should be saved.

"His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour,
The bud may have a little taste
But sweet will be the flower."

God's power will sustain his purpose
in the salvation of believers. It is
that power that makes it impossible
to wrench the sheep out of his hands.
It is that power that began the good
work and will finish it. It is that
powerful God that worketh in you
saith the Apostle, both to will and to
do his own good pleasure. Hence we
are kept by the power of God. The
Apostle in reply upon that power
when he triumphantly wrote to Timothy
"I know whom I have believed, and
am persuaded, that he is able to keep
that which I have committed unto
him against that day. Think of a soul
that is committed to His keeping. Is
it safe? Peter says it is. He tells us
it is kept by the power of God, Paul
says "He is able to keep it. In the
text he says "I am confident." Oh for
the power of God. What is equal to
Who can understand it? What is its
limit? Is it confined by word? Why
no! Sampson by the power of God
snapped them asunder. Is it confined
by the sea? No. Moses by the power
of God, with a rod in hand divided the
sea. Is it confined by fire? No. The
Hebrew worthies came out by the
power of God without a swinge on their
garments. Is it confined by the jail?
No. By the power of God the Philip-
pian jail doors were opened and out
walked Paul and his companion. Is it
confined by death in the grave? No.
Jesus tasted death for every man,
broke the prison of clay and seal of the
king, and arose triumphantly exclaim-
ing, "All power in heaven and in earth
is given unto my hands." Once more
the text; Paul are you confident? Is he
able to keep what you have committed
to his hands? Peter says, "We are
kept by the power of God." It is grace
as well as power that secures the sal-
vation of saints. His aid is a gift of
unmerited favor. Rom. 9:16 "It is not
of him that willeth, nor of him that
runneth but of God that sheweth mercy."
Then the Apostle tell us "By grace are
we saved, through faith, that not of
ourselves, but it is the gift of God."
This brings about the fact of God's
love and will admit the unchange-
ableness of God's love. Therefore the
scriptures saith, "Having loved his
own which were in the world, he loved
them to the end."

(To be continued in next issue.)

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

We wish to make our convention at
Philadelphia one of the best in the
history of our National meetings.

We have arranged to have the photo-
graphs of all the leading ministers, edu-
cators and business men and women
represented at this convention, so to
that end, we ask each person to send
their photograph at once, enclosing
\$1 for framing your photograph.

We also wish the photographs of
churches, schools, State Conventions,
Sunday-school Conventions and Bap-
tist Young People's Union Conven-
tions.

BAPTIST TRUTH PERIODICALS

MONTHLIES		LESSON LEAFLETS	
Baptist Superintendent	7 cents	Bible	1 cent each
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	per copy 1 per quarter	Primary	3 "
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Primary	2 "		
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Our Little Ones	5 "	25 "	
Young Reader (semi-monthly)	3 1/2 "	14 "	
Young Reader (monthly)	2 "	7 "	
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To make this movement a grand suc-
cess each person having a drop of race
or denominational pride will respond.
Suggestions will also be gladly re-
ceived. Let me hear from you. Ad-
dress all communications to:

Mrs. FANNIE DODD,
917 Margaret St.
St. Paul, Minn.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. L. M. Jackson will fill the fol-
lowing appointments in the interest of
the Baptist Women's Educational Con-
vention:

Pleasant Ridge, July 1
Owensboro, " 25
Lacey, " 6
Lewinsburg, " 7

Pastors and Presidents of University
societies are requested to make suit-
able announcements of these appoint-
ments and meet our representative on
her arrival and make provision for her
entertainment. By order of the Board
of Managers;

LIZZIE C. CRITTENDON,
Chairman
LUCY FLINT, Sec'y.

Association Meetings in Ken- tucky for 1903.

First District S. S. Convention,
Pembroke, May 21.

South District Association,
Lancaster, June 17.

Green River Valley S. S. Convention,
Central City, June 18.

Consolidated S. S. Convention,
Lexington, June 26.

Union District S. S. Convention,
Bowling Green, June 26.

Y. M. S. S. S. Convention,
Sturgis, June 26.

Central District S. S. Convention,
Carrollton, June 26.

Central District Association,
Bardstown, July 9.

G. R. & C. V. S. S. Convention,
Gacey, July 10.

London District S. S. Convention,
Consolidated Association,
Cynthiana, July 15.

W. Ky. G. V. S. S. Convention
Bethel School-house, Hardwood, July 16.

First District Association,
Trenton, July 28.

Green River S. S. Convention,
Western Green Valley S. S. Convention
Howard Creek Association,
South District S. S. Convention,
Davistown, July 23.

Young Men's State Association,
New Liberty S. S. Convention,
Liberty Association,
Danville, August 22.

Liberty Association,
Green River Valley Association,
Mt. Pleasant District Association,
Mt. Calvary District Association,
Little R. & C. V. Association,
Mt. Zion Callaway co. Sept. 8.

Zion Association,
Union District Association,
South Union, Sept. 10.

Liberty S. S. Convention,
London District Association,
Altamont, Sept. 17.

Howard Creek S. S. Convention,
Stamping Ground, Sept. 24.

Baptist Women's Educational Con-
vention, Franklin, Oct. 1.

B. W. E. C. of L. R. & C. V. Association,
Dawson, Oct. 15.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BAPTISTS OF KENTUCKY.

Dear brethren I desire to express my
opinion once more before we meet at
Danville, Ky. You know from what I
have said already on which side I am
in regard to the new Women's Con-
vention. I am of the opinion still that its
organization is premature and irregular
as well as unnecessary and expensive.
I still maintain the idea that our
Board acted without authority from
the General body and thus put them-
selves in an unpleasant light in the
eyes of a large part of that body. I do
not tolerate or condone these their ac-
tions, but I am conservative and con-
siderate I am a personal friend of every
minister in the state whom I may
chance to know, I am a lover of all
good men and women and of educa-
tion and missions. I hope we may be
able to conciliate and adjust matters
without injury or humiliation to any
one, for we need the services of all the
Baptists of the state to push forward
the great work of education and mis-
sions. I do not feel that we as a body
of Baptist ministers, ought to have a
hot time in the old town of Danville
as has been predicted by some. Behold
how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity.
Remember we are brethren and should
do nothing hasty or rash. Some are
talking of unheard of changes and re-
movals from office: but I hope that our
cooler judgement may prevail and
that the great change may not be made
unless we see that they are justifiable
We should seek first the kingdom of
God and his righteousness and our own
interest and ambitions last. The much
talked of child of the new Convention
has now been born. The unfortunate
child has no legal parent and it is left
with us to whether we adopt it or not
at Danville, as to whether we shall let
it alone to struggle for existence upon
its own merits. I am of the opinion if
we do adopt it that it will become a
part of the present Women's Educa-
tional Convention and not a separate
convention. For our lawful daughter
can do all the work she now has, and
that out lined by the new one, if the
mother ask her to and assign it to her.
She has ever been loyal to her mother
and she is not hide bound but very
progressive. Brethren let us go on our
knees to God about the matter from
now until we meet at Danville and the
whole matter has been disposed of
properly. We must seek the guidance
of the Holy Spirit in this matter for it
is a very tender one. I hope to retain
the present incumbent as secretary
and make as few changes in the Board
as possible.

Bro. Moderator I arise to place in
nomination a brother whom we all
know and whom to know is to love.
He is well fitted for the honorable po-
sition for which I place him in nomi-
nation. He has been with us many
years. He is a clean man. A strong
and loyal Baptist. I believe that he
can be elected. I believe that the
ministers of the Consolidated and Cen-
tral Districts will go solidly for him
and will be able to draw enough from
the others to insure his election.
Bro. Moderator I now move that the
motion be closed. That Brother in the
name of G. W. Ward, B. D., the honored
pastor of the Thirtieth Street Bap-
tist church, of Covington, Ky.
Brethren let us come up this year
with a large amount of money to pay
off all expenses and be able to stand
clear of debt and thus honor the out-
going Moderator.
Pray for the pastor of Elton,
Paris, Ky.
— R. B. WATSON.