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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Read letters and enroll names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for letters of correspondence.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Call for Circular Letter.
10. Report of Standing Committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

## NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

B. W. Becks.....Palatka, Fla.	James Hickey, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
J. W. Thomas.....Palatka, Fla.	C. A. Koger.....Mt. Royal, Fla.
W. H. Denmark.....McWilliams, Fla.	D. W. Glisson, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
E. B. Timmons.....Putnam Hall, Fla.	A. H. Robinson.....Lake Como, Fla.
M. N. Strickland.....Putnam Hall, Fla.	
M. L. Dias.....Interlachen, Fla.	
Joseph Brooker, licentiate.....	Green Cove Springs, Fla.

## MISSIONARY BOARD.

B. W. Becks, Chairman, Palatka, Fla.; Samuel T. Bell, Treasurer, Picolata, Fla.; Perry McCullar, Secretary, Federal Point, Fla.; Joseph Brooker, W. D. Ashton.

## MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY.

PUTNAM CO., FLA., SATURDAY, October 14, 1882.

The St. Johns River Baptist Association convened with the Paran church October 14th, 1882.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson from Proverbs, 5th chapter, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th verses: "And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, and say, how have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof," etc.

After an hour's intermission for refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house, and, after prayer, the letters were called for and read by Rev. Paul Willis and brother C. V. Hutchins, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

*Mt. Olive.*—John Simms, Jackson McCullar.

*St Johns.*—E. F. Durrence.

*Hickory Grove.*—Joseph Brooker.

*Paran.*—M. N. Strickland, E. B. and S. E. Timmons.

*Bethlehem.*—By letter. No delegate.

*Sardis.*—Rev. M. L. Dias and George Motes.

*Spring Grove.*—By letter. No delegate.

*Deory.*—W. T. Green.

*Peniel.*—B. W. Becks, J. W. Weathersbee, and J. M. Cannon.

*Lake Como.*—C. V. Hutchins, Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson.

*Shiloh.*—Rev. D. W. Glisson, Lewis Myers.

*Evergreen.*—A. Geiger, Sr., A. Geiger, Jr.

*Gadarah.*—E. D. Prevatt and William Glisson.

*Osceola.*—S. T. Bell, W. D. Ashton.

The Association then went into election of officers, and Rev. B. W. Becks was elected Moderator and S. E. Timmons, Clerk, *viva voce.*

Correspondents of other Associations and visiting brethren were called for and invited to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. Paul Willis, of the Alachua Association, Rev. Dennis Spencer, and, of the Santa Fe Association, brethren E. B. Lane, T. W. Thompson, C. C. Ashley and L. Baldwin, all of whom received a cordial welcome.

The following committees were then appointed :

*On Preaching.*—Delegates and Deacons of Paran Church, A. Geiger, Sr., and W. D. Ashton.

*On Religious Literature.*—C. V. Hutchins, M. N. Strickland, and Dr. A. H. Robinson.

*On Missions.*—Rev. D. W. Glisson, P. McCullar and S. E. Timmons.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson, C. V. Hutchins, Rev. M. L. Dias.

*On Nominations and Queries.*—J. W. Weathersbee, E. F. Durrence, Joseph Brooker.

*On Temperance.*—Rev. Paul Willis, Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*—C. V. Hutchins, Jackson McCullar and John Motes.

*On Finance.*—Samuel Bell, J. W. Weathersbee, Lewis Myers.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. Paul Willis to preach to-night, Rev. Dennis Spencer to close.

The Association then adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. M. N. Strickland.

## EVENING SERVICE.

Preaching by Rev. Paul Willis, from 14th chapter of John's 16th verse: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever."

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 15th, 1882.

After one hour spent in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, sermons were preached in the church by Rev. D. W. Glisson from Mark 16: 15, 16, and in the school-house by Rev. Dennis Spencer, from Romans, 14: 18. Both houses were full, preaching good and congregations orderly and attentive. A collection was taken, amounting to \$21.48.

After partaking of a sumptuous repast, the Association assembled in the house, a Sunday-school mass meeting was held, and the following subjects discussed:

"The Design of the Sabbath-School."—By Dr. Robinson and sister C. V. Hutchins.

"The Benefits of the Sabbath-School."—By Rev. Paul Willis.

"What are the best means of getting up and retaining an interest in the Sunday-School?"—By brother C. V. Hutchins, followed by Dr. Robinson, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, and Rev. E. B. Timmons.

The speeches were all short, but full of pathos and vigor.

Dr. A. H. Robinson preached at night to a crowded house.

Sunday's services were variegated, but all seemed to be edified.

## SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, October 16th, 1882.

Met at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. After prayer led by brother Jos. Brooker, the Association was called to order, and minutes of previous days read.

Correspondents were again called for, and accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec. S. B. M. and Santa Fe River Association; also Rev. William Johnson from the Alactua.

A letter of correspondence was received from the Peniel W. M. Society, delivered by Misses J. A. Thomas and Julia Becks. On motion, said communication was referred to the Committee on Missions, and the bearers received as messengers.

The circular letter as prepared by brother Hutchins was ordered printed in the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted.

The Association then adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin. Text: Peter 1st chapter, part of 1st verse—"Precious Faith."

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported, and after some discussion report was amended and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was adopted.

On motion of brother Hutchins, it was resolved that speeches be limited to five minutes.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported, and after remarks by brethren M. N. Strickland, Spencer, Durrence and others, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Missions reported, and report adopted after remarks by brethren E. B. Timmons, Willis, Chaudoin and others.

## EVENING SESSION.

Preaching by Rev. Dennis Spencer, after which the Association was called to order, and a motion made to adjourn till tomorrow morning, which motion was lost.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

A statement was here made by brother P. McCullar in regard to a change of work by brother M. L. Dias in his missionary field, but it appearing to the satisfaction of the Association that brother Dias had performed a sufficient amount of missionary work to

entitle him to his pay, therefore, on motion of brother Hutchins it was

*Resolved*, 1. That brother Dias be paid \$50.00.

2. That all missionary work hereafter that is not reported in accordance with the regulations of the Missionary Board be not paid.

The report of the Committee on Queries and Nominations was adopted.

The following were elected Missionary Board: Rev. B. W. Becks, Samuel Bell, P. McCullar, Joseph Brooker, and W. D. Ashton.

Messengers to the following Associations were then appointed: Alachua (by request)—Rev. Paul Willis.

New River—Rev. D. W. Glisson, Joseph Brooker, B. W. Becks and S. E. Timmons.

Santa Fe River—Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson, M. Seigler, B. W. Becks and S. E. Timmons.

To State Convention—Rev. Dr. Robinson, Revs. E. B. Timmons, B. W. Becks, and brethren S. E. Timmons, C. V. Hutchins, S. T. Bell and J. W. Weathersbee.

The following sums were paid brother Chaudoin for Ministerial Board: Dr. A. H. Robinson, \$1.00; Rev. Paul Willis, \$2.00 (paid \$1.00); M. Seigler, \$1.00; J. W. Weathersbee, \$1.00; C. V. Hutchins, \$1.00; Thos. J. Seigler, \$1.00 (paid 25 cents).

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school work is of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, and the present and everlasting salvation of the immortal soul; therefore it cannot be over-estimated. It should not be trifled with, nor anything connected with it that mars or interferes with its direct objects—the salvation of the souls of children. Let no one say he is too old or too young to enter the Sunday-school as scholars or teachers. Are any too old not to need the instructions of the Scriptures? Are any too young, except infants? All must require the teachings of the Book of Books to start them aright in the pathway of life.

Brethren and sisters of the various churches within the bounds of the St. Johns River Association, we urge you by all the considerations of your own salvation, and the present and everlasting salvation of your families and friends, enter into this work, and by your example and precepts press it on to a successful issue.

If you think you cannot teach, then become a scholar in the Sabbath-school, no matter how old or how young, and God will bless your own soul, and the souls of those who see your Christian zeal in this great work.

We must bring the children, your children, to Christ, and how can we do this without your example and service? "He that

winneth souls is wise, and all such will shine as the stars forever and ever in heaven."

A. H. ROBINSON, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would submit the following report:

The cause of missions is one that reaches to the heart and center of the Gospel, and should engage the earnest attention of every Christian. Those in whom the missionary spirit is developed are the happiest, for it is "more blessed to give than to receive." We should be ready to contribute at all times as we are able to do.

We deem it essential to the greatest success in missionary work to be well organized. In the missionary work we therefore recommend the organization of a general missionary society in each church, through which funds for associational and other missionary work may be received.

In regard to the communication received from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Peniel church, we would say that we hail this new movement as one of advancement in a proper direction, and in deference to the request of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Peniel church, and in accordance with our own views, therefore be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we as an Association recommend the organization of Ladies' Missionary Societies in the churches as an effectual instrumentality in the great work of spreading a speedy knowledge of Jesus in the world.

2. That we note with great pleasure the progress of the work of organizing of such societies during the past year under the direction of Mrs. N. A. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the Ladies' Missionary Work in this State.

3. That we will in every way possible encourage sister Bailey in her work.

4. That we request the ladies of the various churches to proceed at once, or as early as possible, to organize a Ladies' Missionary Society in each church in the bounds of this Association.

D. W. GLISSON, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

"The only death within our knowledge is that of our esteemed brother Basford. Such facts regarding his life and labors that we can obtain and give must be very inadequate both to his friends and to ourselves. We can but say that he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost.

His labors for his unconverted comrades during the late war

are especially to be noticed. During all the years of that dreadful conflict he served not only his chosen cause, but efficiently, intelligently and unyieldingly in the ranks of the Prince of Peace—holding company prayer-meetings, exhorting the unconverted, sustaining the discouraged, helping the weak, spending and being spent, and bearing patiently that ridicule which Christians sometimes find harder than musket shot, everywhere exhibiting Christian constancy. In all these things his works speak for him. His memory is fragrant, though he sleeps in dust.

Later events in his life have been given, but all of the same character as the above. Dear brethren and sisters, while we live let us live to such good purpose that, like our friend departed, it shall be said of us, "He or she has not lived in vain."

C. V. HUTCHINS, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Christian Literature report as follows:

It is very gratifying to observe the large increase in general intelligence which has of late years followed the general interest in, and discussion of, educational subjects.

Public school institutions carefully managed have conducted, in a high degree, to the growth and spread of an intelligent Christianity. Institutions of the higher learning are multiplying, and there is a general and strong desire to avail of these special advantages. Union meetings, conventions and gatherings of every kind, and in every direction, are instructing the people, adding to by diffusing the stock of human knowledge, and arousing the mental and moral energies of men and women alike to get and to give, to attain and to maintain, a higher moral and intellectual life. Among the various instrumentalities to this end, one of the most effectual is a sound, healthy and elevating Christian literature. The newspaper goes everywhere, and powerfully affects the actions of men.

Let us see to it, so far as we have power, that this great formative instrument be not used to insidiously encourage false views or wrong deeds. Let us firmly stamp with our personal, and so far as we can our official disapproval any uncertain tone in our public press, regarding any of those wrong practices which in our various spheres in life we have but to open our eyes to see. Let us demand that our public press be the disseminator of whatever is pure, lovely and of good report, by such personal and effectual attitude we can co-operate with our Lord in purifying our own State and society through a Christianized literature.

Again, we should spend a considerable percentage of our money in surrounding ourselves with good newspapers, magazines and books. We recommend especially our own denominational paper, *THE CHRISTIAN INDEX*, and we hope it will be a long day,

whether originated in any purpose of personal gain or of mere State pride, before we shall be called upon to assist, as Baptists, at either the christening or the funeral of any new Florida Baptist paper. *THE INDEX* is in and of our neighboring State of Georgia; it is thoroughly Baptist; it is both conservative and progressive; it is very ably conducted; it is wholly reliable. This is great but deserved praise. It will be a good day for the Christian households of our Association when this excellent paper finds its place as a necessary part of the furniture of every home.

Also the best of Christian literature is the Bible; there is more in it than there is out of it; more simple, strong English, more sturdy honesty, more lessons in manliness and unmanliness, better practical directions for living; more knowledge and truth as to dying, judgment and eternity than in all literature outside; more, indeed, than mind can comprehend or heart explore.

C. V. HUTCHINS, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND NOMINATIONS.

We find that there are two petitions for the next meeting of the Association—one from Peniel and one from Evergreen—and after due deliberation, we recommend that the next session of this body convene with the Peniel church, and that Rev. D. W. Glisson preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson, the missionary.

JOSEPH BROOKER, *Chairman*.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1882.

DR.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 5 08
Amount received from Finance Committee.....	69 56
From Putnam union meeting, October 30th.....	11 74
January 29th. From Shiloh church.....	7 14
April 30th. From Evergreen church.....	15 80
July 30th. From Lake Como church.....	3 45
Assessment from different churches by request of Mission Board—Sardis, 35 cents; Peniel, \$5.20.....	5 55
Paran, \$1.50; Shiloh, \$1.80.....	2 80
Hickory Grove, \$2.52; Osceola, \$1.10.....	3 62
Mt. Olive, \$2.00; Lake Como, \$1.85.....	3 85
From union meeting at Shiloh for benefit of St. Johns church.....	6 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 2 81

OR.

Oct. 16.	Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, for State Missions.....	\$ 9 00
	Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, for Home Missions.....	5 00
	Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, for Indian Missions.....	1 00
	Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, for Foreign Missions.....	1 90
17.	Rev. D. W. Glisson, for year 1881.....	26 05
18.	Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson, for year 1881.....	9 13
31.	Rev. E. B. Timmons, for year 1881.....	7 00
Dec. 13.	Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	7 00
Jan. 1.	To printing minutes.....	16 00
	S. E. Timmons, stationery.....	50
	Mailing MS., 60 cents; mailing minutes, 17 cents; express charges on minutes, 70 cents,	1 97
29.	To Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	3 56
	To Rev. M. L. Dias.....	6 00
April 30.	To Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	11 20
June 18.	To Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	3 82
	To Rev. M. L. Dias.....	4 10
July 31.	To Rev. M. L. Dias.....	1 00
Sept. 4.	To Rev. M. L. Dias.....	8 00
	To Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	8 20
	To Dr. A. H. Robinson.....	1 85

\$131 78

SAMUEL T. BELL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Names of Churches.	Associational.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Board.	Minutes.	Total.
Decoy.....	\$ 1 25					\$ 1 25
Evergreen.....	2 00					2 00
Gadara.....	1 75					1 75
Hickory Grove.....	2 55					2 55
Sardis.....	1 35					1 35
Paran.....	4 55					4 55
Spring Grove.....	75				1 00	1 75
Shiloh.....	3 85					3 85
St. Johns.....	1 00				50	1 50
Peniel.....	7 00	1 00	1 00			9 00
Osceola.....	5 33					5 33
Lake Como.....	1 00					1 00
Collection Sunday.....	21 43					21 43
Monday night.....	16 00					16 00
By donation.....	1 00					1 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$ 1 00</b>	<b>\$ 1 00</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$ 1 50</b>	<b>\$76 51</b>

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board have had employed, for a part of their time, three missionaries, namely: Rev. D. W. Glisson, Dr. A. H. Robinson and M. L. Dias. Brother Glisson was employed on the St. Johns Mission, for which we were to pay him one hundred dollars and traveling expenses, he having to travel by public conveyance. Brother Glisson did not fill out his entire time, but has been out fifty-five days. Collected upon the field, \$39.52; received from the Board, \$33.78; balance due him, \$44.05.

Brother Robinson's field was Fruitland Peninsula. Brother Robinson does not report number of days' service, but has preached ninety-three sermons, and collected upon the field \$29.15; received from the Board, \$1.85, making a total of \$31.00, leaving a balance due him of \$69.00.

Brother Dias was employed the last of January upon the Etoniah, for which we were to pay him \$50.00. Brother Dias has done a good work. Collected on the field \$21.70; received from the Board \$19.10, making \$40.80—balance due him, \$9.20.

By reference to the report of our missionaries, we find a balance due them of \$114.42. It is feared that we will not be able to settle in full with them, and would respectfully and earnestly urge upon the churches to take collections, and thus enable the Board to liquidate this debt at once.

Our missionaries have done a good work, and done it well and faithfully, and we have cause to take courage and thank God, and press forward in the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. BECKS, *Chairman.*  
 PERRY McCULLAR, *Secretary.*  
 S. T. BELL, *Treasurer.*  
 JOSEPH BROOKER.  
 J. M. FRASER.

NOTE.—There is a balance of about \$40.00 now due.

REPORT

Of Dr. A. H. Robinson, *Missionary, for year ending October 14, 1882.*

Miles travelled, 340; sermons preached, 93; addresses delivered, 15; baptized, 1.

Amount collected on the field—Nashua, \$2.80; Georgetown, \$15.00; Welaka, \$4.00; Beulah, Putnam, \$6.50; Crescent City, \$1.05. Received from Missionary Board, \$1.85—total, \$31.00. Balance due, \$69.00.

A. H. ROBINSON, *Missionary.*





## CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the membership, male and female, of the St. Johns' Association of Baptist Churches, convened at Putnam Hall, Fla., October 18, 1882.

In accordance with appointment at last Associational meeting, we desire to call your attention to a subject upon which, since the establishment of our blessed faith, has depended largely the existence, growth and efficiency of the churches. This is, the duty of personal, self-denying liberality in reference to the support of the church and mission work.

The condition of things, as we all know it to exist, is, 1st. That the offerings for the support of religion are but trifling in proportion to the actual ability of the total membership; 2d, That, as a result of this parsimony, our churches are usually supplied with monthly instead of weekly services, our Sunday-school work is delayed and discouraged, our missionary work, both at home and abroad, is unequal to our opportunities or to God's requirements, our organizations, moral, religious or educational, suffer from a want of means which *might*, and which ought to, have been given, while the general membership experiences the truth of the proposition conversely stated, "Freely ye gave not, freely, therefore, ye have not received."

Are there in this Association any who preach for missions, or pray for missions, or eulogize missions, but who will give no dollar, incur no sacrifice for their support; who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ, yet will deny themselves no good thing in order that He, through His representatives, may have where to lay his head or to pursue and sustain his work? Are there any Pharisees among us who cry, "Lord, Lord," but do not the things which He says? Are there any earnest-hearted brethren, who, in their devotedness to ceremonial observance, good in itself, have forgotten the weightier matters of the law? Are there any who maintain punctiliously the letter, but deny the spirit of their Lord's commands? Let any such remember that "whoso heareth my words, and doeth them," only are entitled to be called our Lord's disciples; and that in the great day for which all other days were made, "He shall make requisition for the blood of the humble" who, through your self-love, self-indulgence, or sinful neglect,

may yet, by the Divine Providence, be otherwise led into the kingdom of God when ye yourselves are cast out.

Let us, then, affectionately but earnestly ask each other and ask ourselves the question, What can we, what ought we to do?

Briefly considering the subject in its practical aspects, we must remember that most of the members of our country churches are women; many are young people; but few in each church are men of maturity and of means, more or less. Now, we wish to ask you, who belong to these classes, a few plain questions.

First, the ladies: What are you, dear sisters, *doing* for Jesus? It is a general complaint that "the people are poor." Be it so. What extended Christianity from one end of the world to the other and made it a power for the elevation of your sex from the semi-barbarians of the times before Christ? It was the work of *poor men and women*. Who have labored more efficiently for the spread of the gospel than the poor Christian women of all countries and ages? Do you owe anything to their labors?

The apostles commended many "who bestowed much labor on us." Can you claim like consideration? Jesus had not where to lay His head, but His labors and sacrifices were unceasing. Are yours?

Many churches are organizing Women's Missionary Societies. Has your church done so? Many hold female prayer-meetings, or neighborhood meetings, or sewing circles, or otherwise, at which is kindled an interest in sacred things and a spirit of liberality, while the young are encouraged in the habit of giving.

Are the women of your church doing any, or all, of these things?

Your circumstances might prevent working by such means as we have suggested, and particular *methods* are not essential. But what are you doing, dear sisters, in the memory and for the sake of him who died for you?

Young people who love Jesus, you naturally rally around your Sunday-school. Ah! have you a Sunday-school? But trusting that no locality will fail to maintain a weekly Sabbath service of some kind, I ask, are you helping such Sunday-school service by your cheerful and prompt presence and careful study of the assigned lesson? Are you helping to make your Sunday-school a power in the community? If the love of Jesus does not lead you to be prompt, studious (which means self-denying), and to take pleasure in learning, and, as soon as able, in teaching the great story, then that love is of little value to your soul. Your salvation depends upon it, "that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

And, lastly, we call upon the men of our churches "to be strong." What are you doing for Jesus. Some of you are, we know, working faithfully, but we now would speak to those whose

consciences condemn them (or ought to), for remaining all the day idle. And let every one of you ask himself, is my property and is my income consecrated to the Divine use?

Bear with us a few questions. Have you sufficient to eat? But Jesus was an hungered, and his missionaries are sometimes without needful food. Have you comfortable clothing, and are you able to conform even to the fashions and customs of the world? Your missionaries in foreign lands are enduring privation of the comforts of civilized life as they labor on, preaching the story of the Cross. Is not the story of the widow's two mites something to you besides a subject of religious effusiveness?

All your substantial blessings are the direct gift of God. By these direct gifts you are enabled to exist and to enjoy. Now, we ask you to remember God, both out of your poverty and out of your abundance. The liberal soul deviseth liberal things.

We suggest gifts not necessarily of money, (for we want not yours, but you,) but in advance devote certain products of the labor of your hands, of your yards, your gardens or your groves. Along with such gifts will go your sympathies and your prayers. Devote a portion of every new undertaking to Christ's cause, and bring in your offerings with the regularity that Heaven's gifts come to you.

And what you do, do quickly, for God shall take an account of each of us ere long; and if besides His immeasurable gifts to us there are scant and reluctant returns of substantial gratitude to Him—then, may he pity us in that dread hour.

C. V. HUTCHINS.