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ITEMS.

The authoress of "Adam Bede," has recently purchased an estate for \$200,000.

In a population of 40,000, Rutland county, Vt., averages thirty divorces annually.

There are 39,258 post offices in the Union, 1,913 having been added in the course of the present year.

Gen. Grant, when offered the honor of knighthood by the King of Portugal, declined it, on the ground that it would be too much for him to handle.

The exportation of American pork has made the keeping of pigs unprofitable in England, and even the Irish farmers are giving up the attempt.

Alexander McGill, of Allegheny City, bequeathed \$30,000 to the Democratic party, after his relatives have had the use of it during their lives.

One of the articles shipped from India to China is called rats, which are, as is well known, highly appreciated in China as an article of food.

Gambetta is firmly opposed to executing them in any shape or form on account of their past deeds and the sentences outstanding against them.

Nuremberg has of late years fallen behind both in the quantity and quality of toys it supplied to foreign countries. Superior toys are now manufactured in France and the United States.

The prices of some articles are eighteen per cent lower than before the war. Corn has not been so low since 1845, excepting in 1861, cotton not so low in twenty-three years, and mutton not since 1844.

The Berlin police have lately found that at least one-tenth of the population of that city live in cellars.

The mortality among them is great. Half the houses of the city are excessively crowded.

In England, in 1876, twelve children not much over 10 committed suicide, nineteen people were killed by lightning, and 174 by suffocation—in a country where foreigners imagine the sun never shines.

The young King of Spain is said to be far less nervous in regard to assassinating than the old Emperor of Germany. The first has been fired at only once, while the Emperor, counting his imperial experience only, has been shot at three times, and hit once.

The inoffensive nature of the Chinamen does not appear to advantage in Oregon, where the State penitentiary contains 43 representatives of the Yellow Kingdom, while England sends only a delegate, Germany no more, Ireland 7, and other nations even fewer.

The extensive farming operations of M. L. Sullivan, in Illinois, have resulted in bankruptcy. He cultivated 40,000 acres, was called the Corn King, and was rated as enormously wealthy.

His property did not bring, at sheriff's sale, enough to pay his debts within \$100,000. His land will be divided into farms.

It is not probable that whipping will be recognized as a mode of legal punishment in the new Constitution of California. Many of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention declare that such a provision in the constitution would disgrace the State, and they threaten to filibuster rather than to permit its passage.

Congressmen do not all five sumptuously in Washington, according to the Boston Herald correspondent, who says that those who keep house in fashionable style are comparatively few. Many live in cheap boarding houses. Others hire furnished rooms and go to common restaurants for their meals.

The co-operative associations of Germany have made steady progress during the past year, notwithstanding the general stagnation in business. Their number has reached 3,300, with more than a million members, and the business transacted exceeds \$600,000,000. Their capital in stock, buildings, and other property and cash resources is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000.

Earl Grey, whose political judgment is regarded with high respect, deprecates in the London Times a war with Afghanistan. He urges the right of every independent nation to refuse to receive an envoy, and points out that it was recognized in 1857, with England's assent.

He does not wish to damage at this stage by her not recognizing the rejection of the envoy, but thinks little of that in comparison with a war and its possible ultimate failure.

The present King of Holland was not to be found upon the death of his father, William III. Despatches were sent to all the Dutch Consuls throughout the world to make inquiries regarding him, when suddenly it was recollected that the Prince had become enamored of an actress in an English travelling company. This was in 1849, and he was then 32 years of age. The troupe was found in a small city of Scotland, and the Prince for a month had been acting as prompter.

The prison discipline of California is pronounced the worst in the world. One of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, who is also one of the leading lawyers of the State, says that "you enter the State prison, and are received by a gentlemanly trustee, who probably offers you a cigar. Passing on, you find yourself in a flower garden, where the music of birds greets your ear. You imagine you are entering a palace, instead of a prison. There is no punishment there except to be deprived of indulgence in dissipation."

called it, "I thank you gentlemen, out there to tie the horses when they break loose!" (Four or five men hurried into the house.) He then, with great earnestness, said, "I set them down on the back of my book, 'hearsers only.'"

He made only two points: 1. Those who only hear the gospel are deceived; 2. Those who were deceived were self-deceived.

ELDER DAVIS IN A DILEMMA.

Mr. Davis was a man of great decision of character. If he undertook to do anything, or to go anywhere, nothing but insurmountable obstacles could stop him. His firmness bordered on stubbornness. He was large and corpulent. In going to or returning from some of his appointments, Col. W. B. Haralson piloted him through a very bad, muddy swamp.

Mr. Davis' horse bogged and threw his rider head foremost into the soft, black mud. Col. Haralson ran into the bog, helped Mr. Davis up, led him out on firmer ground, scraped off the mud as well as he could, and then said to him: "Bro. Davis, this will never do; you must go back."

Mr. Davis replied, vehemently: "No, no, my name is not 'Go-back!'"

HE WAS A VOYAGER OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

At the session of 1826 Breast Work church petitioned the Alabama Association to take into consideration the propriety or impropriety, and make decision thereon, of a declaration made by that church, declaring an uncommunion fellowship with Baptist State Conventions—Theological schools—Sunday schools—Bible societies—Tract societies—and all churches that hold members of such societies in fellowship.

After the petition was read, Mr. Davis rose and said, "Bro. Moderator, I fought for liberty; I pushed bayonets at every point; and I never will submit to any such declarations."

A short debate ensued, and then the petition was voted under the table.

Elder Davis died at his home in Autauga county in 1835 or 1836, in a good old age, like a shock of corn fully ripe.

Had he been less eccentric perhaps he would have been more useful. His eccentricities often caused too much levity in the house of God. The pulpit should never be used to excite laughter among the ungodly.

THE WORKINGS OF THE ALABAMA ASSO. THE FIRST DECADE.

The pioneer ministers were working men, if not polished workmen. They labored much, and their work was blessed of God. They went almost everywhere, preaching Christ and him crucified, in the then sparsely inhabited territory, organized churches wherever practicable, and then got them to associate together for their mutual good and God's glory. The mode of travelling was almost if not altogether on horseback; and yet it was not uncommon for them to go more than 100 miles from their homes.

In Oct., 1822, I saw Elders James McLemore, J. C. Davis, Samuel Ray and James A. Randallson, with others, at an Association in Conecuh county; perhaps all of them were more than 100 miles from home. Elder Randallson resided in Mississippi.

At this, the third session of the Alabama Baptist Association, there was a feeble effort made to engage in missions.

The Association "appointed Elders James McLemore and Samuel Ray to visit all the churches of this body at their meeting houses, and ascertain their minds relative to missions, both foreign and domestic; and report to the next session of the Association. Also to visit the destitute churches, and set in order the things that are wanting; and to itinerate into those parts of the State that are without the Gospel and ascertain the extent of such destitution, and make a general report of the extent and success of their labors."

At the session of 1823, Elders McLemore and Ray reported "that in conformity with a resolution of the last session, they had visited all the churches of this body, and ascertained their minds relative to missions, both foreign and domestic; and find them unprepared to embark in that cause, with the exception of Providence church, which expressed a desire to promote domestic missions. But all the rest of the churches desired to promote itinerant preaching in the bounds of the Association; that the fields were already white to the harvest, while the cry was, 'come over and help us.'"

PAIRING THE PREACHERS FOR EVANGELICAL WORK.

At the session of 1823, "By and

with the consent of the Association, the ministers and brethren associated themselves in the following manner, viz.: J. James McLemore and Francis Baker; J. C. Davis and S. Stephens; J. C. Powell and William Mosby; J. C. Dodson and Geo. Brown. They then proceeded to lay off and assign to each couple their field of labor, which was to consist of one-fourth part of the Association, and each other settlements as have not the Gospel preached to them."

The plan seemed well, as the report made at the next annual meeting shows. God greatly blessed the labors of these ministers of the Lord Jesus. Some of the churches were greatly revived. The report was received with thanksgiving to God for the success of his word.

The same plan would work well anywhere, if the evangelists were of one mind and one heart.

The Lord appointed seventy, and sent them two and two before his face. * * * After Christ's ascension the Apostles generally travelled two and two together.

About this time, seeds of discord began to be sown in the churches. And within four or five years every church in the Association, except the church in Montgomery, was leavened with Anti-missionism. This was mainly the work of Elder William Jones, of Conecuh county. The Association, however, refused to adopt his non-fellowship declarations. But if a preacher said anything in favor of one benevolent enterprise he at once became unpopular. The words, missions, societies, heathen, money, were all offensive in the pulpit. Hence, in speaking of the evangelistic work in the Association, they adopted the term "itinerant" in lieu of "missionary." They certainly did not understand the thing.

Importance of Church Work.

Essay read by Elder S. O. X. Ray before the District meeting of Liberty Baptist Association, at Isney, Ala., Sept. 28th, 1878, and unanimously adopted and requested for publication in the Alabama Baptist and Southern Baptist by said Organization.

The importance of the work of the church is great, view it from any standpoint we may. It is a work which has the broad seal of the approval of Divinity upon it; a work in which each and every one of the people of God should be equally interested. It is a work the grandest and most sublime of all other things, so far as the work itself is concerned and its vast results. The work of the church of the living God; how important to understand it!

There are many ways in which the church should be engaged in work. Such as "yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness" in her midst, so as to be like a "city set on a hill, which cannot be hid; that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in heaven;" shedding abroad those blessed influences which none will be able to gainsay;—this is in a certain sense, church work. Again, the activity she should manifest in the tutelage of the rising generation of the Sabbath school, would be church work; or, in other words, the church at work. Again, the distribution of tracts containing religious truth, together with the distribution of Bibles among the destitute, is, or ought to be, the work of the church. And any and all of these things are important and not to be despised or neglected. But the work, the special work to which I desire to call your attention is, I think, the great work of the church, and that is the work of missions. All other things are to be compared with it, so far as its vast import is concerned; which will appear from the following considerations:—

THE WORK OF MISSIONS THE MOST IMPORTANT.

1. Because it is a work which engaged the mind of the Triune God in devising a plan for human redemption—which will be clearly seen by reference to the inspired pages. Thus it is written: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "For thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46. "When he [the Comforter] is come he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." John 16:8.

2. Because it is a work that Christ has specially committed to be done. When he had gathered his disciples

together on a mountain in Galilee he gave them this commission, which has not been called in, nor will it be until all the counsel of his will shall have been fulfilled. It was: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19.

When he had assembled the church at Jerusalem he gave them these his last words: "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Sam

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INFANT CLASS PAPERS.

What a mistake you will make if you furnish your Primary Class with anything but the best! "The Children's Picture Lesson" and "Our Little Ones," are superior to all others published. If you desire to furnish your class for 1879 with good, cheap, fine and beautiful Infant Class Papers, order the above for next year. See advertisement in this paper.

—The Baptist Courier, of S. C., says: "We have in this State an Association which has given the whole of \$2.85, in twelve months, to State Missions, and another which has actually given nothing."

—Faith leads to works and revivals and religion are genuine when they produce prompt reformation and cordial restitutions. At the revival services in the Adelphi Variety Theatre, in Newark, on Sunday evening, 38 men and women professed religion, and the Rev. Wm. E. Smith married two of the converts—a middle-aged man and a maiden.

—Distinction and wisdom do not always go together. Men courtly and learned may have but little knowledge of human affairs. The Bishops of England have, it is understood, come to a resolution that in future licenses shall not be granted for the remarriage according to the rites of the Church of England of divorced persons. But surely divorced persons may do worse than marry. And the sanctions of religion given to a new union may be helpful to the solemn and faithful discharge of its duties.

—A profession of religion is an important duty, but in certain cases it may be a sin, as when a man uses Christianity as a help to social or civil preferment. The exposure of such a pretense ought not to be esteemed as damaging to the Gospel, but only to the criminal who has worn it as a cloak. George F. Holland was in his usual place on a Sunday as a superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school in Davenport, Iowa, and on Monday he was arrested on a charge of stealing \$2,500 from the railroad company, that employed him as agent.

—It is stated that the King of Dahomey, on the African coast, whom the English have been trying to civilize, has relapsed into his old ways. He recently attacked a village to the windward of Whydah, and brought in a great number of human heads, and also many women and children captives. He has carried off a Portuguese merchant, Ignatio Mayatras, and is now detaining in custody the Portuguese Consul and seven soldiers. He obliges the soldiers to go through a variety of military manoeuvres daily for his amusement. The King has reestablished his grand customs, or annual human sacrifices, and within the past month over 550 persons have been slaughtered. These outrages ought to be put down in the name of civilization and humanity.

—We learn from the Cincinnati Enquirer that grave charges are urged against Rev. Dr. James Dixon who left the pastorate of the Augusta Baptist church, under a cloud, some four years ago, and who has been of late pastor of the Centenary Methodist church in New Albany. It is charged that he endeavored to induce one of his choir to elope and contract marriage with him in Louisville under an assumed name. It is also charged that he endeavored to induce the lady to consent, by showing her a forged bill of Divorce. Dr. Dixon, of course, denies the statement; but as formerly in Augusta, so now, he has shielded himself again by a change of church relations. He has become a Campbellite. The lady has a copy of the pretended decree of divorce.

—A good deal of superstition prevails in the dark corners of Louisiana, in connection with what is called "Voodooism,"—a strange medley of charms, spells, and drugs. The most noted of the conjurers in the State is a tall colored man named Anderson, half African and half Indian, with very long hair and whiskers. He is intelligent, shrewd, and has a smattering of medical knowledge; but he flourishes by exciting and pandering to the superstitions of the negroes, who regard him as a veritable devil in human form. He sells charms for protection against disease and witchcraft, and credulous white persons are among the purchasers. It is thought by some that he has professed supernatural powers until he really believes in himself. In Alabama there is a religious and medical quack, Sherman by name, who pro-

fesses to work miracles, and has a number of adherents, who are distinguished by nothing but their credulous ignorance and their long hair which they wear because it is a shame to a man and they want to bear shame for the Gospel's sake! Sherman resides in the vicinity of Birmingham.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Can no more do without a good paper than they can exist. In fact a good, live, useful and instructive Sunday-school paper is the life of a school; and such a paper is *KIND WORDS*, edited by Bro. Boykin, and published by our Home Board, at Macon, Ga. To those schools which take it, we need say nothing of its merits; to those which do not, we unhesitatingly say subscribe for the *Weekly Kind Words*. You will not regret it; but will have cause to rejoice.

TESTS OF A CALL TO PREACH.

Bishop McTear insists upon the following tests of a ministerial call.

1. Does the candidate know God as a pardoning God? Those who offer to teach others the way of salvation must themselves have an experimental and a personal knowledge of it. The blind cannot lead the blind.
2. Is he able and apt to teach? Has he gifts (as well as grace) for the work? Has he (in some tolerable degree) a clear sound understanding, a right judgment in the things of God? Does he speak justly, readily, clearly?
3. Has he fruit? Are any truly convicted of sin and converted to God by his preaching? Are believers edified? As long as these three marks—gifts, grace and usefulness—concur in any one, we believe he is called of God to preach.

These tests are judicious. But the third should not be too strictly urged. Many a candidate is young and has had no opportunity to show his power as a preacher. A spirit of consecration may be all the evidence he can yet give; and that may be quite satisfactory.

CAUSE OF ECCLESIASTICAL TROUBLES.

Rev. W. Robinson, a Congregational minister of Runcorn, England, has gone over to the Establishment. In his farewell sermon he told his congregation that the reason why he left was the inner working of Independence. The ministers were degraded by being obliged to preach "on approval," were miserably paid and were sometimes cruelly tortured by the deacons. The churches were divided and rent by having to choose ministers and the church meetings "begged description." Mr. Robinson thought Independence admirably suited to the Millennium but not to the present age. But his real trouble arose from infant baptism which is destructive to a congregational system and pernicious to Christianity itself, churches that are disorderly and illiberal, and that abuse ministers of the Gospel, are not Christian churches;—but then how can they be expected to cultivate a high standard of piety when they are perpetually filling up their membership with unregenerate persons whose claim to that place is not that they know anything of the grace of God, but that their parents do? How can a church of Christ prosper spiritually under the administration of such persons?

CHURCH DISCIPLINE IN SCANDALOUS CASES.

A brother asks us whether, if a church member commits a scandalous sin and afterwards atones for it as far as he can, he should be dealt with. The special crime indicated is violation of chastity; but the principle involved embraces many other particulars.

We answer: In all such instances the church should expel the offender, and that promptly. If the case is notorious there is no occasion for a citation, for no reason can be given by the criminal which will warrant the church in condoning a scandal. If he professes repentance that is well; he repairs the evil so far as it is possible to do so, that is better. He should be encouraged to return to his neglected duties. He should be praying and prayed for, that he may bring forth fruits meet for repentance. But time should be afforded to test his penitence. He ought to recover the confidence of his brethren before he is formally admitted to their fellowship; for there cannot be any genuine fellowship until confidence has been restored. Both for the welfare of the offender, and for the vindication of the good name of the church of Christ, scandalous sins require "heroic treatment." This, as the wisest course, will prove also to be the kindest. Besides, if the neighboring churches, or the enemies of the cause of Christ hear that a member of some particular church has committed murder, perjury, or adultery to-day, and hear to-morrow that he has been absolved, they will conclude that the church consists of

people of a similar character to his, or else that it makes very light of sin. In case of scandal a sudden profession ought not to be esteemed a sufficient evidence of repentance. On these accounts it has been the custom among the Christian churches, from the earliest times, to deny their communion to scandalous offenders and to delay the restoration of criminals to Christian fellowship.

SPHERE OF THE GOSPEL MINISTER.

The name of "Priest" is sometimes given to the minister of the Christian Sanctuary. Inappropriately for Christ he called in himself all the functions of the office—sacrifice, intercession and blessing. And the name belongs no longer to any earthly office or dignity. It is the common title of all the disciples of Jesus Christ, who are "a royal priesthood" in the sight of God. The Christian minister has rather interfered with the prophet's office. He does not indeed, enjoy the fearful prerogative of foreseeing and foretelling the future;—but he, like the commissioned seers of old, is set apart to publish the will of God to men. And his nobler ministry than that performed by the wild-eyed seers of old. He has a nobler message than theirs, and he performs his part not as a herald whose call has withdrawn him from the social commerce and the gentle charities of life, but as a man among men.

The loneliness of the prophet has been most powerfully described by Gilliland in his description of the characteristics of Hebrew poetry. Says that imaginative writer: "The Hebrew prophet, in his highest form, was a solitary and savage man, residing with lions when he was not way-laying kings, on whose brow the scorching sun of Syria had characterized its fierce and swarthy hue, and whose dark eye swam with a fine insanity, gathered from solitary communings with the sand, the sea, the mountains and the sky, as well as with the light of a divine afflatus. He had lain in the cockatrice's den. He had put his hand on the hole of the asp. He had spent the night on lion-surrendered trees, and slept and dreamed amid their hungry roar. He had swam in the Dead Sea, or, haunted, like a ghost, those dreary caves that lowered around it. He had drank of the melted snow on the top of Lebanon. At Sinai he had traced and trod on the burning footprints of Jehovah. He had heard messages at midnight which made his hair to arise and his sin to creep. He had been with the demons of the wilderness. He had been tossed up and down, like a leaf, upon the strong and veering storm of his inspiration. He was essentially a lonely man, cut off, by gulf and gulch, from tender ties and human associations."

Need there be some extravagance in this rhetorical statement; and yet it is substantially true. The prophet represented a dispensation severe and harsh in its dealings with a rebellious nation. How different the place of the minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! He finds his sphere in human society; he is surrounded by the familiar associations of family and friendship he is called to reject with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep. The office he bears, at once expresses and communicates the grace of the Lord Jesus. Happy they who discharge its duties in the spirit of the Great Teacher!

Hindrances TO THE GOSPEL.

Dr. J. A. J. in his vindication of the Prophetic Conference lately held in New York, unhesitatingly affirms his belief that Christ's Gospel is incompatible with the civilization of the world. He says: "The failure of Christianity as a scheme to connect the nations of the earth is a palpable fact. All frank observers will admit it. No amount of mistaken fealty to denominational or personal pride will serve to conceal it. For 1,900 years has this Gospel been preached upon the earth, and not a single Christian hamlet, or village, or town, or city, or State, or nation is now on the face of the earth. There are 195,000,000 Roman Catholics, 160,000,000 Mohammedans, 340,000,000 Buddhists, 460,000,000 Pagans and other heathens, and 97,109,000 Protestants in name. Does this look like the conversion of the world? And of these professed Protestants how little a flock really follow the Shepherd!"

We for our part must express our astonishment at this specimen of mental confusion and moral incredulity. Is it the fault of the Gospel that so many professed Christians are living below their privileges? Is it the fault of the Gospel that so many churches have rejected the first ordinance of Christianity, and opened their doors to the unregenerate world? The progress of the Gospel is everywhere hindered by the rivalry of sects, and the various Christian unions that are attempted are simply compromises which leave the cause of the trouble untouched.

century was produced by the preaching of the doctrine of justification by faith; that of the eighteenth century by the preaching of the doctrine of sanctification in Christ; that of the nineteenth century must begin in the "putting on of Christ" by his justified saints in the appointed way, and the organization of these, in the church relation, for the conversion of the world. This is the divinely decreed method of world evangelization. And while it is neglected by the majority of evangelical Christians, the spread of the Gospel is embarrassed everywhere, and in many places quite arrested. And the lament of gowned unbelievers and the essays of prophetic students will not help the matter one whit.

When our Lord ascended, the disciples were assured that he would come in like manner as they saw him go into heaven. But they were rebuked for lingering there on the top of Olivet waiting for his return: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven!" And they were set to work by the Spirit of God in publishing the glad tidings, in converting souls and in organizing churches of penitent, regenerate and immersed believers. And it was then that the Gospel asserted its divine power and the Lord added to the church daily those being saved. We must return to the apostolic precedent in order to witness the apostolic triumphs. Besides this, it must be remembered that the modern missionary work dates only from the beginning of the present century. What the Gospel can accomplish has been displayed here and there only, and notwithstanding the rivalry of sects. What it will accomplish when all Evangelical Christendom is organized into regular Baptist churches what human tongue can tell!

THE BIBLE THE MAN OF OUR COUNSEL.

We must study the Word of God. For it is in vain that we propose to ourselves a clear conscience, if we are neglectful and ignorant of revelation. We are continually indulging in new thoughts and affections; and engaging in new actions; and we will certainly violate the will of God unless we take the pains to know what that will is. Either we will exercise presumption; or so fall into the greatest of sins, or we shall be unduly scrupulous and can scarcely do anything without being troubled with a sense of doubt, fear and anguish.

All spiritual truth is, to a carnal eye, like a landscape draped in mists, and the pious breathings of a soul that yearns to behold it, are like the winds that lift the mantle of cloud. Or shall we not rather picture the whole sphere of human life as an alps dark with midnight and terrible with tempests; and ourselves as unsheltered travellers walking by its abysses, and destined to perish, unless light from Heaven fall on our ways.

Our greatest sins may be committed when we think we are doing our duty, as Paul sinned at the martyrdom of Stephen, or as the Jews sinned, when having a zeal for God but not according to knowledge, they crucified the Lord of glory.

Yea further, unless the Word teaches us to distinguish between good and evil, we can perform no act but what is sinful, for "whatever is not of faith is sin." Hence the study of the Word of God is commended to us by the highest of all considerations. God will surely esteem us as guilty unless we attend to it.

We have the highest privilege, in possessing the Divine Oracles. The shining mark of salvation is held up before us, and the eyes of all Heaven look down to see whether we are pressing to win that priceless crown. We are as highly favored as the Chosen People were, when they saw the wonder-working Jesus among them and listened to his words. And if we are not thoughtful, earnest and wise under such circumstances, we shall share in their condemnation.

If Abraham and Melchizedek, who grew up under Heathen influences, followed the footsteps of God, and became glorious examples of faith, not to their age only, or even to the Old Dispensation, but to all mankind; what excuse can we plead for ignorance now, when the pilgrim path is a highway traced by the feet of thousands and God's own Son leads the way? Let us study God's word, that we may not perish for the neglect of so great a privilege.

Yet not for this reason only. There is also power in the Word. It is the sword of the Spirit, the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation to the Christian warrior. It gives new energy to human nature. The conscience charged with the divine revelations is like that ark in which the tables of the Law were guarded, that miraculous and terrible ark which no unhallored hand might touch. There is an enshrined law of power of entreaty and rebuke in an enlightened conscience—a sense of horror at sin and a certainty of remorse after it—which makes it one of the safeguards of an endangered soul. And so, the student of the Word may rightly say: "Herein do I exercise myself always to have a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man."

GATHERING CLOUDS.

We see it announced in the press despatches that there is reason to apprehend another sectional conflict, as the Presidential election approaches. What is called a "vigorous Southern policy" is to be inaugurated by the Administration. On the 12th of November, there was a conference, it is said, (after the Cabinet meeting) between the President and the Attorney General, at which it was determined to set the entire machinery of the Department of Justice at work in South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, to work up election frauds and outrages upon negro voters. The North is to be supplied with daily accounts of the manner in which, as it is alleged, the elections in these States were carried. In other words, the special agents of the Department of Justice, the United States District Attorneys and Marshals are to be used to assist defeated candidates for Congress to get up evidence in their contests. There will also be an effort made to have a lot of indictments found and prosecuted in the United States Courts. This is a very shrewd political move. The contested cases will be fought all through the first session of the Forty-sixth Congress—the winter, spring and summer before the Presidential election—and will furnish material to fire the Northern heart about Southern outrages. Every one of the Radical candidates for Congress in South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana will be encouraged to contest, and the stalwart Partisans, if necessary, will supply the means necessary to enable them to do this.

FIELD NOTES.

—Rev. B. J. Skinner has been called to the care of Monroeville church.

—The Camden Baptist church desires to secure a pastor for another year.

—The church at Pineville, Monroe county, has just closed a good meeting. Five accessions.

—The Baptist church at Monroeville has been recently painted, and is now the neatest building in the town.

—The Baptists at Pikesville, Pikes county, have elected Rev. J. H. Curry as their pastor for the ensuing year.

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These extravagant statements have a purpose. We cannot help suspecting that the object of the author's hostility is not the Jew but rather the capitalist. "The cat in the meat tub" is disclosed when our author deplores "the secret power of accumulative interest;" denies that a father can mortgage the prosperity of his children, or a nation of its subjects; predicts that society is on the verge of a terrible social revolution; and says that communism is the logical consequence of the tendencies "first proclaimed by the Jews." For our part we are not persuaded that Rothschild is our king, and that we can better our condition by putting the little we have into the hands of an International Labor Association.

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—Rev. B. F. Riley has been advised by his physician to leave S. W. Georgia. When we last heard from him a bilious attack, resulting in neuralgia in the eyes, had almost smitten him with blindness for a week. He was rapidly recovering. He has resigned his pastorate at Albany, to take effect at the close of the year. Rev. H. M. Wharton, brother of Dr. M. B. Wharton, has been called to succeed him.

—We had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Ann Hasselette Society held at the Judson Female Institute on Sunday, the 24th inst. We are glad to see the young ladies keeping up this noble mission work. In spite of the yellow fever panic, which kept many away, the Judson is in a flourishing condition. The number of boarders is greater than at any time since the present administration began, and the President, Dr. Gwaltney, informed us that he had a much better school now than at any time heretofore. One fact which struck our youthful mind, was the large number of "old" girls in attendance.—CLERK.

—Elders P. E. Kirven and B. F. Hendon, Missionaries of the State Board, recently made a tour through Washington county. Brother Kirven writes: "We found only about four Baptists for a distance of about 50 miles down the river. The Methodists have a church at St. Stephens. O'possum Corner or Pine Grove, they call the chapel; also at McIntosh's Bluff and Simmes' Chapel. They treated us with much kindness, opening their houses and chapels to us and urging us to return. We found many who belonged to no church, who seemed to hear us gladly and inclined to our faith. We also found some, that seemed not to fear God nor regard man, who had not heard a sermon for many years. There are five or six Baptist churches in the western part of the county, on and near the Mobile & Ohio R. R., which we will visit in May next, if permitted."

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THE LESSON.

1. THE PLACE AND PRAYER. 33.—Outside of the city walls there was a place, perhaps knoll-like, which bore some resemblance to a skull, and hence called, in Hebrew, *Golgotha* (Matthew, Mark, John, and in Latin *Calvary*).—Calvary.—There Jesus was crucified. The exact place is not known; but is generally thought to have been towards the northwest. We have some reasons to think it was towards the northeast, in full view of the temple and Mt. Olivet. He was crucified by nails being driven, through his hands and feet, into transverse pieces of wood; he being left thus suspended, to die, resting upon

ALABAMA NEWS.

Hon. John T. Morgan has returned to Washington.

Somerville, Morgan county, has new paper.

The Marion Commonwealth made its appearance last week.

The mail route between Newton and Dadeville has been discontinued.

Gen. J. G. Walker, of Texas, was in Montgomery last week.

Ex-Gov. Jno. C. Brown, of Tennessee, was in Montgomery last week.

Corn has been selling at 30 cts. a bushel in Uniontown.

The inauguration of the State officers will take place in Montgomery Nov. 28.

The bar room of S. O. Lassiter, of Evergreen, was recently broken into and robbed of about \$20.00.

The Billy Collins, which was sunk in the Alabama River some time ago, has been raised.

The gin house of Mr. Jeffries, in Fayette county, was burned by an incendiary recently.

A young lady in Etowah county, committed suicide recently by taking poison.

Mr. W. T. Coleman, of Sumter county, recently lost his dwelling by fire.

Mr. A. T. Moore, of Marion, recently had his foot severely crushed by his horse's falling on it.

The stables and contents belonging to Mr. Haygood, of Montgomery, were recently destroyed by fire.

The residence of Dr. Ormond, of Eutaw, has been entered twice by thieves recently.

Mr. A. M. Steed, near Ashland, recently lost his mill and gin by fire. No insurance.

Geo. Powell, of Conecuh county, recently had his house broken into and \$62 taken therefrom.

Sheriff Moody left Choctaw for Wetumpka, Nov. 17, with Kinney McDaniel, white, and Alex Mahalon, colored.

The Secretary of War has conferred on Hop. W. Garth the right to nominate a cadet at West Point from the 8th District.

Mr. L. Penick, near Three Notch, recently lost his gin house and 19 bales of cotton, belonging to other parties, by fire.

A gin house and 23 bales of cotton, belonging to Elmore Fitzpatrick, of Elmore county, were recently destroyed by fire.

A burglar entered the store of Mr. C. T. Hilton, of Oxford, recently, and took out some choice sides of meat.

Mr. John Higgins, living near Bloomingdale, Chambers county, recently got his hand badly mangled in a cotton gin.

Hon. F. W. Bowdon, member of the Lower House from Talladega, had a gold watch and about \$50 stolen from him on the 14th.

The public sale of over 1,000,000 acres of land in Alabama commenced at the U. S. Land Office Nov. 19, and will continue for ten days.

In a difficulty, in Marion, between Mr. Mayberry and Mr. Kemp, both of Bibb county, Mr. Kemp was severely stabbed. Both were drunk.

Recently a difficulty occurred between Wm. Carrigan and Walter Hewlett, of Montgomery, in which the former received a dangerous wound.

There are 493 patients in the Insane Hospital at Tuscaloosa. Thirty-three have been discharged as recovered during the past year.

Recently a difficulty occurred between J. K. Vaughan and Manuel Watkins, colored, near Hillsboro, which resulted fatally to the latter.

In a recent row at Fausdale, Matango county, Howard Collins was fatally cut by Joe Williams. Both colored.

Mr. D. W. D. Bouly is about to commence the publication of a weekly newspaper at Centreville, Bibb county.

A sweet potato two feet and three inches long, and an ear of corn sixteen inches long, are the latest vegetable curiosities, reported at this office. —Uniontown Press.

On the 20th inst., the gin house belonging to D. S. Hogue, of Perry county, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1,000. No insurance. The fire originated in the gin while in motion.

The gin house and ten bales of cotton belonging to J. J. Thigpen, of Monterey, Butler county, were burned Nov. 2, and a negro has been arrested on a charge of doing it.

The fire at Talladega was undoubtedly a success. Among the prizes given was one to Miss Maude Reynolds, who formerly graced the halls of the Judson Female Institute, for the best work.

The Tallapoosa Democrat is the title of a bright, newsy sheet just started at Dadeville. J. M. Oliver and Jno. C. White, editors. Of course it is strictly Democratic. Couldn't be anything else in old Tallapoosa.

Dr. J. D. Wammell's gin house with 7 bales of cotton and the seed from 30 bales, were recently destroyed by fire in Lee county. Dr. Smith, of the same county, also lost his gin house by fire.

A serious difficulty occurred recently near Ozark, between James, John and Samuel Dick on the one side, and Hugh Brock on the other. Mr. Jas. Dick and Mr. Brock both received serious injuries in the fray, and Mr. Brock has not been seen since.

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On the 13th inst., Mr. C. S. Frost, of Calera, and Miss Della West.

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