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THE BIBLE AND ITS ANTAGONISTS.

Some thirty-two years ago, a Committee was appointed by the American Bible Society to revise our accepted English Version. By many persons it was thought that certain changes would improve the rendering, without making any serious modification of the book itself, or offending the natural partiality of Christian people for the received text. No one would object, for example to the substitution of familiar words for those which in the course of time had become obsolete. Thus we have in Ps. 35:15 *objects* for vile persons; in Ex. 12:9 *purtenances* for intestines; in Mark 1:7 *latchet* for fastening; in Acts 21:15 *carriage* for baggage; in Mark 6:25 *charger* for a large dish, and so on. Besides this kind of improvement, changes have been proposed in punctuation and in language which give more exactly, here and there, the sense of the original. Since 1611 when King James' Version was first published, new investigations have taken place in regard to the original text, and new discoveries have been made in biblical antiquities, geography, natural history and the languages, which throw new light upon many of imperfectly rendered passages. Yet such has been the Providence which has guarded the sacred record that no essential changes were required in any particular; none that modify any part of the ethics or the theology of the Scriptures. The proposed alterations of the text are most of them of a merely critical character, and all of them of a secondary importance.

The American Bible Society was prevented by its constitution, perhaps and even more by the clamors of its members and local societies, from undertaking a thorough work of revision. It contented itself with collating the English Scriptures, into which not less than 2400 minor discrepancies were discovered, none of them, however, affecting the sense. They also improved the chapter headings; but were compelled by the protests of which we have spoken to restore the old ones. Hence it was left to others, as the American Bible Union, organized at New York in 1850, the Bible Revision Association, organized at Memphis in 1853, and the present English and American Revision Committee, the result of whose labors we trust will be published ere long, to prepare a more accurate version for the use of the English speaking world. In the meantime, notwithstanding the acknowledged and unavoidable imperfections of our received version, it is confessed by the best scholars, such as Elliott for example, to be the best popular translation in existence.

These facts claim our recognition at the present time. For they are misrepresented in what are esteemed high quarters of influence. The eminent pulpit orator, who presides over the Plymouth church in Brooklyn, has misrepresented them in the following characteristic style: "For one I will not give a dollar to a society that prints a Bible notoriously false in some parts, and which the society knows is false. A committee was appointed to revise the present copy of the Bible, and it worked laboriously and well, and made its report, recommending certain alterations, which was adopted, but some of the old-school members of the board kicked up about it, and the society let the expense of the committee go, and never dared to print that version that it had declared to be correct. I won't give it a dollar." As appears from what we have already said, this statement of Mr. Beecher is recklessly untrue. Our

English Bible translation may not be perfect, nothing wrought by human labor is,—but it is not false. It is on the whole an excellent translation, and it has been a fountain of untold blessings to our race.

Yet while one would think that nothing could be more outrageous than such a slander against the English Bible, the *Catholic Organ* of Baltimore in its notice of Mr. Beecher's attack fairly outshouts Herod. In the hope of carrying the strong-hold of Protestantism, our contemporary flings moderation to the winds. It says: "The Protestant version of the Bible has an error on almost every page. It is not the word of God. It is the work of men, perverting the word of God. For in its passages have been mutilated, sentences have been erroneously transcribed, and texts have been construed to favor heresy, in many shapes." The audacity of the charge is absolutely astonishing. On the score of accuracy and elegance there is no comparison between the received English Version and the Donay Version which the Catholics use. Ours is superior in every respect. The Catholic Bible is not a translation from the original Scriptures, as the accepted English is; but is a translation from Jerome's Latin translation, and part of Jerome's translation is not itself from the original, but from the Greek translation of the Seventy; the meaning of the sacred text being diluted by every new translation. Thus they have "covered it up."

Here are a few specimens from the Donay Bible: instead of "repent," Matt. 3:2, it gives the command "do penance;" the "daily bread" of Matt. 6:11 renders "supersubstantial bread;" in Jas. 5:14, it changes "elders of the church" into "priests of the church;" in Rom. 11:6, the latter half of the verse in which Paul emphasizes his denial of salvation by works, is altogether left out! A heresy is at the bottom of every one of these changes—the sacrament of penance, the sacrament of the mass, the sacrament of extreme unction, and the merit of works.

And we may add that the original Donay Bible was a more faulty translation than it is at present. It was corrected from the texts of the Protestant Bible, the very Version which our friend in Baltimore pronounces to be false!

How sorely the original Roman Catholic Version stood in need of such correction, our readers may judge from a few examples. Original Catholic Version of Mark 5:35, "As they were yet speaking they come to the Archimagoque, saying that thy daughter is dead." Protestant Version, "Ruler of the Synagogue," so in the Revised Catholic Version. Original Catholic Version of Rom. 2:4, "Or dost thou contempt the riches of his goodness and patience and long animity." Protestant Version, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and forbearance and long suffering." Modern Catholic, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and patience and long suffering." Original Catholic Version of 1 Cor. 5:7, "Purge the old leaven that ye may be a new paste as ye are azymes; for our Pasch Christ, is immolated." Protestant Version, "Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover, is sacrificed for us." Revised Catholic, "Purge out the old leaven that ye may be a new mass as ye are unleavened. For Christ, our Pasch, is sacrificed." Original Catholic Version of Heb. 3:13, "But exhort yourselves every day, whilst to-day is named that none of you be obdurate with the fallacy of sin." Protestant Version, "But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Revised Catholic, "But exhort one another every day, whilst to-day is named, lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." These specimens will suffice to show that the ORIGINAL RHENISH TESTAMENT OF THE CATHOLICS HAS BEEN CORRECTED FROM OUR OWN VERSION.

And the Bible which Protestants have thus improved lies before us now, bearing the official seals of the Papal Archbishop of Baltimore and the Bishops of Philadelphia, New York and Boston. In gratitude, nay in common honesty, its obligations to King James' Version ought to be acknowledged. When our friend in Baltimore talks in his wild way of the falsity of the Protestant Version of the Bible, he shows beyond question that he is ill-informed upon the subject.

We are surprised also at the manner in which our contemporary deals with the subject of Bible Revision. He regards this as a confession by Protestants either of ignorance or of fraudulent designs. He says: "So glaring and so numerous are the shortcomings of the King James' Version, that a body of Protestant clergymen are now at work revising it. In a short time, the result of their labors will be published, and our non-Catholic friends will be horrified to learn that what they cherish as the very utterance of the Lord are the outpourings of men who either desired

to deceive or were mistaken as to the meaning of controverted paragraphs. They, indeed, wrested the Scripture not only to their own destruction, but to the detriment of thousands who have come after them. And these rightly suffer the consequences, for they were blinded to hear the church, not to interpret for themselves the written law."

But now if the effort to secure the purest version possible is an evidence of the depravity of those who engage in it, what shall we conclude from the successive revisions made by Romanists themselves, and that under the authority of Popes and Councils. The Vulgate of Jerome, which the Catholics hold in highest esteem, was itself a revision of an older Vulgate, an ancient Latin version called the Itala. Jerome's version was itself corrected in the IX. century by Alcuin and in the XI. by Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury. A revised and "corrected" edition was issued by Pope Sixtus V. from his own press in the Vatican, and was found to be as full of errors and "rash changes" that it had to be suppressed. Not less than two thousand of these errors are said to have been put into it by the Pope himself! A corrected edition of the corrected edition of Pope Sixtus was published by Pope Clement VIII. in 1592. The errors in the previous edition were vaguely assigned by Bellarmine to "the carelessness of the printers or of others," so that "the honor of the Pope might be preserved."

In this last Latin version absolute perfection was disclaimed: the version however was commended as "freer from error and better corrected" than any of its predecessors. Yet it was acknowledged by the editor, Cardinal Bellarmine, that some things which seemed to need change were *advisedly left unchanged*, so as to avoid popular offence. In other words, errors were intentionally left in the work, and this was done by the heads of that church which proudly claims infallibility. They would not give to the people a correct copy of the Word of God, not even so correct a copy as the imperfect scholarship of that age could have furnished! Our Baltimore friend vainly demands that we shall "hear the church" of Rome, when that church tells us plainly that she cannot be trusted. Her teachers are tampering with the Bible. They publish for doctrines the commandments of men. And even to their own version which, imperfect as it is, has truth enough in it to guide the inquirer into the way of peace; even to their own version we appeal in vindication of ourselves and our time honored Bible, the noblest monument of English literature, the Word of the Eternal God. We proclaim to our fellow men, agitated by the conflicts of sects and prelates: "To the law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, there is no truth in them!"

E. T. W.

A NEW CRUSADE.

(The Mohammedans of Asia are organizing for a fight. They are disgusted with the Ottoman Sultan, whom Russia conquered and even little Greece snubs with impunity. The English protectorate of the Levant they resent as a dishonor to their faith and their manhood. And the subjugation of Afghanistan by the British forces has served to intensify their hostility and to reanimate their zeal for the restoration of Islam. To this cause is largely due the revolt of the Afghan hill tribes. Emissaries from the disaffected region are also pressing into India. Twenty to forty Afghans go southward with every descending into India, where their colleagues form a powerful element in the population. At the same time large numbers of Arabs are constantly pressing into India by way of Bombay. The British authorities are not unobservant of the signs of a coming storm.)

The centre of the movement which menaces the peace of the Orient, and which especially endangers the Indian Empire is found in Arabia, the birth place of Mohammedanism. Here a new "Messiah" has appeared in the Sheik of Deraiah. This fanatic proclaims that the province of Islam is to release the world from the fetters of unbelief, and that the Sultan is an apostate and usurper. He summons the faithful to a new crusade against infidels. For this purpose he has formed a society whose members are found in every district of Arabia, and which had already enrolled 60,000 members and raised 5,000,000 piastres at the beginning of the present year. The members are armed and equipped. A three weeks notice will be sufficient to assemble them at any point within the district to where they belong. They are known to each other by a badge of parti-colored stone worn on the turban.

The organization cannot eventually succeed in its objects. The day of Mohammed cannot return. The battle of the Pyramids shows how idle is the dash of Eastern cavalry against the hollow squares and bayonets and batteries of disciplined soldiers. But

the Arabian cannot Messiah be subdued without a lavish expenditure of European blood and treasure. The seal of these fanatics for their religion—how it rebukes our cold neglect! E. T. W.

SECTIONALISM.

In view of the sectional agitations which certain politicians are industriously striving to foment, the remark of Mr. Davis, the former President of the Confederacy, is just and reasonable. He shows in a sentence the spirit by which they are animated and the end which they are seeking to secure. He says: "It may serve the purpose of artful politicians to foment sectional discord, and thus make a solid North, which, being the majority section, can then wield the power and appropriate as well the political as the financial benefits of the general government. But the men who desire a fraternal Union and a general prosperity must see that is not the road by which either can be reached." The adopted policy of these crafty and selfish schemers tend to the subversion of the Republic itself. We do not believe that they will be successful; for they will find that Providence which has maintained free institutions in this country enlisted against them; and the sentiment of the people will revolt against their project, so soon as it shall be correctly understood; and the Word of God condemns them; "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." E. T. W.

"MUSCULAR CHRISTIANITY."

The Northern Methodist Bishop, Gilbert Haven, one of the most reckless maligners of the Southern people has gone to meet his God. He died at his residence in Malden, Massachusetts, on the evening of January 3rd. One feels more kindly toward Haven now that the Maine troubles show that the Northern Methodist pulpits are filled with just such smart and crazy fanatics as he was. Gov. Garcelon is a Methodist whom his brethren in the pulpit are chastising with a thousand sermons and dragging before the throne of the Eternal Judge, in a thousand prayers. They also are leaders in an appeal to arms. Surely the under-shepherds of Jesus Christ are called to a higher work than the leading of political parties and the stirring up of bad blood. And we cannot doubt that the head Bishop would say so now if he were permitted once more to speak to those who regarded him as an enemy and who are now following what was surely not the wisest and best part of his example. E. T. W.

—Mr. Joseph Cook says that the soil of the South is soaked in negro blood. It is strange that we who live at the South have never seen it. These crimson stains can be discerned only through a telescope! He also declares that the Democratic clubs armed with shot guns and rifles, surround the houses of Republican voters, and with the muzzle of their guns at their heads in the night, cry, "You come out and vote if you dare, we will kill you when you come!" Nothing of this sort occurs in our region, so far as our knowledge is concerned,—but then perhaps we don't know as much about our own affairs and doings as Mr. Cook does. As Mr. Cook makes up our sins for us, will he also be so kind, if it is not asking too much, to repent also in our behalf? We try to be sorry for doing what he says we did, but such is our hardness of heart that not a tear will fall. E. T. W.

WHIPPING THE DEVIL AROUND THE STUMP.

The Protestant papers of New York assert that the Roman Catholic church is virtually an established church in that city and state. In addition to vast sums of money being paid to the church out of the public treasury on one frivolous pretext and another, it has acquired real estate in the city, at the public expense, to the value of at least three and a half million dollars.

Moreover within the last eleven years that church has received out of the city and State treasury five million dollars in money that can be definitely traced to them; and they have succeeded in getting the State Constitution so modified and such statutes enacted as makes such grants legal. All this has been done by mere pretext—in a sort of whip-the-devil-around-the-stump way, and though Protestants are largely in the majority in that State, they have stood off and looked on with an occasional character as Protestants, but in a subtle, stealthy way the work of the man of sin goes on as wily as satanic craft; and right here in the United States and in the boasted empire of the "mistress of States and the master of kings" in other days in the old world, comes and plants his civil power in fact though not in

name. Let no one say, "That is up in New York." Not so manifestly but as really, similar things are occurring in other cities, and it is thus by degrees that a people are educated to submit to the loss of religious and civil liberty. Unless Protestants bravely reassert their hostility to every phase of support to churches from the treasury of the State, we shall see these demands of the Papacy become more bold and outspoken, and we shall see State and city officials become more and more subservient to these demands. Protestants should arouse themselves and hold rulers and politicians responsible for their political fornications with the mother of harlots. R.

WHY WAS CHRIST BAPTIZED?

We have recently several times noticed in the papers the old Pedobaptist assumption that our Lord was baptized into his priestly office. It is sufficient reply to remind our brethren that Christ came of a tribe of which no man gave attendance at the altar that he was not a priest after the order of Aaron but after the order of Melchisedec.

But it is a comfortable thing to take an opponent on his own ground and dispossess him of the point which he hoped to gain by his position. Suppose we admit for argument's sake, or, if you please, for truth's sake, that Jesus was baptized as a priest into his priestly office, what great lesson could a Baptist gather from it which could not be forced to fit any other system? Can we admit that Jesus was baptized into his priesthood and draw from it an argument in support of our denominational faith? Let us see.

Every child of God is a priest. He is such by virtue of his relation to Christ. The Kingdom of Christ on earth is a Kingdom of priests. Hence they are called "a royal priesthood"—"a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore, the humblest saint, the weakest believer, needs no other human priest by whom and through whom to make his approaches to God: he goes directly to Christ for himself.

Now when did this priesthood of the Christian begin? It began at the moment when he first gave his heart to God in Christ, the glorious and living High Priest. This is a spiritual transaction, an invisible commerce between the soul and its God. It does the Christian obtain the recognition of his priesthood? How does he enter upon the visible rights of his priestly office? Is it not done in his baptism, when he puts on Christ in baptism? Is not that the first step after his union with Christ?

Those who insist that Jesus was baptized into his priesthood, will maintain that he was essentially a priest before his baptism; that his was an eternal priesthood, without beginning or ending, and that therefore his baptism was merely the ceremonial recognition of his priestly office; and now as the Christian is a priest in his relations to Christ, how can we evade the conclusion on this line of argument that the believer in baptism ceremonially inducted into the visible position of the royal priesthood of the church of God? And is not the inference irresistible that no human being has a right to baptism until he is essentially and really in heart a priest unto God in Christ?

Some people are very much opposed to the idea that Jesus was baptized as our exemplar, and in order to make this forcible they appeal to the declaration that he was baptized not as an example for believers, but as a priest. Our object in this editorial is to show that if it can be maintained that he was baptized into a priestly office, this will not disprove us of the necessity to follow his example as "kings and priests unto God;" it will still be our duty to follow the steps of our glorious King Eternal, and imitate the example of our adorable High Priest. As our priest and sacrifice "Christ hath suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps." R.

FIELD NOTES.

—Dr. Burrows declines to go to Mobile after all. He will remain at Louisville.

—Bro. Gregory sent Dr. Boyce a Christmas offering from the Tuscaloosa church of \$26.25.

—We regret that Bro. T. M. Bailey was a loser to some extent by a fire on his lot last week.

—Rev. L. W. Duke has removed from Kempville to the vicinity of Monticello, Monroe county.

—The Baptist parsonage at Birmingham is almost completed. It is said to be a neat structure.

—Bro. G. D. Benton says: "I have learned that Rev. E. Y. VanHose is expected to serve the church at Society Hill, as pastor, during 1880."

—The Gadsden church, the Union Springs church, the First church of Montgomery, and the St. Francis St. church, of Mobile, are all without pastors.

—Rev. L. T. Daniel has moved from Choctaw Corner to Grand Bay, Mobile county. He kindly promises to work for the ALABAMA BAPTIST in his new field.

—Every Baptist parent is very much in his own light if he fails to pay for and read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It is an educator of children and should be in every family.—E. J. Waldrop.

—Rev. R. B. Kelley, of New York, is on a visit to the first Baptist church of this city, and from all we have heard of the gentleman, we have no doubt our Baptist friends will be very fortunate should they secure him as their pastor.—Mont. Adv., Sunday.

—Bro. Bailey is expected to accompany Bro. Crumpton in his tour through the Alabama Association. The churches which they propose to visit are invited to go to their houses of worship prepared to spend the day. Accept the invitation, brethren. You will not regret it.

—The Religious Herald mentions Rev. O. F. Gregory, of Alabama, as one of the best authorities we have at the South in regard to Baptist statistics. And Bro. Gregory is none the less excellent as preacher and pastor for his labors in behalf of the general interests of the Denomination.

—Eld. James Grimes, of Jonesboro, Jefferson county, Ala., is 70 years old. He has raised eight daughters and four sons. He has sixty-two grand children and ten great grand children. He is still as active as a boy. He works on the farm and preaches to a church 20 miles from home.

—Bro. J. A. Glenn, one of district evangelists, says: "It is very difficult to get people to take papers, but it is very easy to tell who does take and read them by their works in the church. The paper is just splendid now, but I would be glad to help make it better, and to have it read by the people."

—Bro. B. H. Crumpton, of Greenville, writes, Jan. 5th: "Church prospects very encouraging. Three baptized recently, and three will join next Thursday night, if not more. Overwhelming congregations Sabbath and Sabbath night. We only need a meeting of days to reap a rich harvest. God bless you and the ALABAMA BAPTIST."

—In a private note to the Publisher, Bro. A. J. Waldrop, of Wood's Station, has this good word to say concerning our paper and its editors: "Your paper is giving great satisfaction among my people. Dr. Winkler's answers to queries are most excellent. He is certainly beating himself in his editorials. Dr. Renfro is winning golden opinions for himself."

—The foundation of our new house of worship at Crawford has been laid. If our brethren shall be successful in completing it, Crawford, I think, can boast of a strong Baptist fort. The material, but the material cannot be properly utilized without a Baptist house of worship. May God bless and prosper the undertaking.—G. D. Benton.

—I was pleased with Dr. Winkler's answer to the query, "Can a majority of a church dismiss by letter one of its members?" The Doctor, it would seem, is correct in saying that "a church has the right;" or else an unyielding minority, it appears to me, would have to be disciplined by the majority. (See ALA. BAPTIST, Nov. 13).—G. D. Benton.

—The Montgomery Advertiser, one of the representative journals of the South, pays us the following compliment in its issue of Jan. 4th: Our Baptist friends have an excellent "organ"—the ALABAMA BAPTIST—published at Selma. It is edited with ability and with Christian charity. It is certainly a credit to that numerous and excellent denomination, and richly deserves all the patronage it receives.

—We are now in the midst of a very interesting meeting with the Brooklyn church. Up to this writing six persons have made a profession of Christ before men. Eld. I. Spence has been with us from the first of the meeting until, this morning, he was compelled to leave us to meet his appointment at Midway, Monroe county. The meeting began last Sabbath, and will continue the remainder of the week.—A. T. Sims.

—Bro. R. J. Waldrop, of Wood's Station, is a gentleman and a scribe, and his wife is a lady of cultivated taste, as the following will show: "I enclose \$5.00, which you will please pass to my credit. The 'farewell' how it impresses the mind and heart! I am not ready or willing to say farewell to the ALABAMA BAPTIST yet. I love the paper and the editors. The one makes the other lovable. I am in love with all of you and have been for some time. If the amount named above does not carry my subscription through 1880, notify me at once. I must have the paper. My 'elect lady' loves it and says we cannot do without it, and she is right in this as she is in all matters. So send it along."

—Bro. P. M. Musgrove, the pastor at Cullman, writes: "We have been trying to build us a church house at this place, but we are getting along slowly with the work. We have it weatherboarded and covered and will soon have the floor in. I think this place quite important. I called this a little city. There are large Catholic and Lutheran churches here. There are about one hundred families in the place. Of this number twenty or twenty-five are American, the others German. Except the Catholics and Lutherans, composed of Germans, no other denomination but the Baptist is making an effort here. We ask the prayers of the brethren for the success of the church at this place."

A paper in the neighborhood of Rochester, N. Y., advertises a church for sale, "commanding a beautiful view of nearly the whole congregation."

LITERARY NOTICES.

BY E. T. W.

PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY for January. \$2.50 a year. I. K. & Co., N. Y.

The principal sermons are: The Shunammite, by Dr. Wm. M. Taylor; Our City, by L. D. Bevan; Our Country, by Dr. J. P. Newman; There are sketches by Dean Stanley, Canon Farrar and others, hints for ministers &c.—a good number.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION. Weekly. Published by Perry Mason & Co., 41 Temple Place, Boston. Price \$1.75 a year.

This paper is said to have attained the remarkable circulation of 140,000, a gratifying circumstance in view of the character it sustains as a high-toned family paper. It has a corps of excellent writers who contribute stories, poems, jokes, puzzles and other articles in great variety. It is popular with both the young and the old folks.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE. Leonard Scott Pub. Co., 41 Barclay St., N. Y.

The articles on "Progress" and "Old Squires and New," take most discouraging views of the existing condition of things. "Theatrical Reform" discusses the difficulty or impossibility of establishing a national theatre, and reproves the recent craze about Sarah Bernhardt. "Reata" is continued; and a new serial commenced. "The Broadlands and Rivers of Norfolk and Suffolk," describes a country where objects can be found to interest the sportsman, the naturalist, and the antiquarian.

We are informed that Dr. Sherwood's excellent Notes on the New Testament, 2 vols. 8vo., can be procured from the family, No. 1516 South 8th St., St. Louis, Mo., for the sum of \$2.50 or \$3.00, according to the binding. This is certainly a remarkably low price. We hope that many persons will profit by the opportunity. The work is characterized by sound evangelical doctrine, and practical wisdom, and will be found useful by the private member, the Sunday-school teacher and the preacher of the Word. Address Mrs. Sherwood at the number indicated above.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PAPERS.—Rev. J. William Jones, Secretary, Richmond, Va. \$3 per annum in advance.

The January number of this historical monthly is of more than ordinary interest and value. Gen. Lane continues his history of his brigade or gallant North Carolinians. Gen. Forrest's report of his operations against W. Sooy Smith is published for the first time. The speech of Private Jas. N. Dunlop, of the Fourth Virginia cavalry, in response to a toast to "The Cavalry," at the last A. N. V. banquet, is well worth preserving. Rev. Horace E. Hayden's paper on explosive or poisoned balls is an interesting discussion of the whole subject. In "Gen. Lee to the Rear," Dr. Jones gives the details of the three occasions on which this incident occurs. A private soldier of the Third Alabama regiment gives some very interesting reminiscences of Lee and Gordon at Appomattox Courthouse. Gen. Forrest's report of operations in December, 1863; Gen. Doles' report of the battle of Gettysburg, and Gen. Gordon's report of the battle of Hatcher's Run, are all published for the first time. "Editorial paragraphs" and a notice of the review of Jackson's Valley campaign by Maj. Schleibert, of the Prussian army, complete this number. The Editor promises that the Papers for this year shall be "more readable and more valuable than ever before." Now is the time to subscribe for these Papers and to secure the back volumes.

THE SHORTER EPISTLES; viz., of Paul on the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus and Philemon; also of James, Peter and Jude. By Rev. Henry Cowles, D.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 549 Broadway, pp. 500.

We have been pleased with the method and the spirit of the commentary. Dr. Cowles adopts the Historical-critical method, which interprets the Scriptures not only by grammatical principles, but seeks for additional light in the character and relations of the writer, and the circumstances of the people to whom his letter was addressed. He is also interested in preserving the teachings of the Spirit; are unfolded into a harmonious system of truth and morals; how they form the churches after a divine pattern, and train them for the maintenance and extension of the kingdom of God. We do not always agree with the author's conclusions, which seem in some instances to be wanting in positiveness of assertion; but we none the less admire his learning and candor and his faithful endeavor, passing over the common places, to explain the difficulties of the Scriptures, and to give his readers the facts and arguments which may aid them in coming to a conclusion in regard to them. The Epistles are treated in a comprehensive way, and the author's thoughts are communicated in their connection, and in a style clear and

distinct. The comments are expository rather than hortatory; he rather explains than preaches. We regard the volume as of great value,—a help to those who desire to know the mind of the Spirit. A thoughtful essay is appended to the volume in reply to Canon Farrar's book, *Eternal Hope* the preaching of the Gospel to lost souls in Eternity—a subject which has attracted much attention recently.

PICTORIAL BIBLE AND COMMENTARY for young people. By Ingram Cobbin, with an Introduction by Rev. Daniel March, D.D. Wm. Gayreton & Co., Nashville, Tenn. pp. 1,020.

Mr. Cobbin, the author of this valuable and deeply interesting book, is the well known author of the Domestic Bible, and of some other popular and admirably illustrated volumes whose design is to unfold and emphasize the teachings of the Word of God. In the present commentary these teachings are unfolded in a simple, pleasing and instructive manner.

In addition to the histories, we have an account of the connexion of the two Testaments and an elaborate description of Palestine. There is added to the exposition of the New Testament a charming Life of Christ, by Hesba Stratton. There are also analytical and chronological talks to aid in the study of the Scriptures. The pictures and maps scattered through the book are four hundred and fifty in number, and are most of them spirited and of real value. They throw light upon the story, and lure the youthful reader from page to page. These pictures are the best descriptions of places, costumes and modes of life. The Bible story is told in familiar yet impressive language; we have read some of the chapters, those in particular relating to the Creative Week with animated interest. The book is well got-up, with fine large print and comely binding. We hope that it will have a wide circulation. It is just such a manual as a pious parent might use on Sunday for reading to his children,—rewarding their attention by showing them the pictures, as he passed from one subject to another, and explaining the pictures so that thus the sacred story might be fixed indelibly in their minds. It was by pictures far inferior to these that the great commentator, theologian and hymn-writer, Philip Doddridge, was prepared by a devout mother for the eminent career he pursued.

Notes from the Seminary.

The tactics of the Broadway church gave, on New Year's eve, a handsome supper for the entertainment of the Seminary students. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion. After supper speeches were made by the pastor, our professors and a number of students. Wit flowed copiously. One of the students, a senior from Virginia, had an eagle soaring in the "etereal blue," and becoming wearied, he dipped him in the "briny deep" to refresh his vigor. Tears were they for the lost eagle, or expressive of sympathy for the senior? We will not say.

Separated from homes and loved ones, the Christmas season would have passed drearily away had it not been for the kindness of these noble ladies.

Prof. Whitsett is still too unwell to lecture. He is recruiting in Nashville, Tenn.

This is the 7th of January, and on the northern line of Kentucky we find ourselves comfortable without a fire.

In our last missionary meeting the fact was brought out that the Karens have decided to endow their theological and several primary schools. To accomplish this they assessed each member of their several churches an equivalent of ten dollars in our money. They are very poor and are groaning under Burmese taxation. Money has a much greater purchasing power there than with us; yet in less than three weeks after the resolution passed, one native pastor reported five hundred dollars, and another over four hundred. Dr. Adoniram Judson wrote of this people: "They are an indolent people, much given to intoxication, and I am informed, as untamable as a wild cow of the mountains." These are facts, yet some good people will believe that foreign missions are a failure.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. Burrows has declined the call to Mobile.

Intermediate examinations are about over, and careworn faces are lengthened into smiles. J. N. P. Louisville, Jan. 7, 1880.

William McKee, leading proprietor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who died recently, was principally known to the general public for his conviction as a member of the St. Louis whiskey ring in 1876. He claimed to be the father of the third term boom for Grant, who pardoned him out of jail.—Ex.

Mr. Edmund Lyon, of Rochester N. Y., has recently given a birthday present of \$5,000 to the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

"When the day comes that Christians are Christians, then will the great mass of mankind be convinced of the truth of Christianity."—Spurgeon.

Some Items.

PERPLEXING QUESTION SETTLED.

After some weeks of uncertainty and anxiety as to whether we could possibly remain in our present cherished field, because of deaths and removals, the brethren met, when our patience was well nigh exhausted, and we just ready to take the train to look after another field then in correspondence with us, and agreed to do even more than we asked. This, of course, settled the question until they shall fail to do what they have promised; for our affection for them intensifies with the lapse of years.

OUR FUTURE FIELD.

will be Evergreen, once a month, and every other Sabbath in Greenville.

CONTEMPLATED WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

Evergreen determines to build a new house of worship, in which the faithful band, under the leadership of Bro. G. R. Farham, can meet in Sabbath school and study God's word; also, on Thursday nights, for prayer, and on the third Sabbath and Saturday before for hearing their pastor proclaim the Gospel.

Greenville is repairing, considerably—enlarging, painting and carpeting—for the aforementioned purposes, and also for the Convention of five or six hundred people that will meet here next July.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

At Evergreen, no additions yet, but great hopefulness, and nearly all talking of a great future ingathering. But the church is not lukewarm. They are certainly wide-awake. We do not know of a more appreciative and attentive congregation. We have baptized three persons at Greenville recently, and numbers of others are wishing it. We are on the threshold of a grand revival. The light is breaking through the clouds.

OUR SCHOOLS.

are flourishing; and as no one else, familiar with the fact, will say anything of them, we must. Without any aid from the denomination, outside of Greenville, or any appeal to Convention or Association for sympathy and patronage, we have a tolerably neat house and one hundred and thirty odd pupils in the South Alabama Female Institute, a Baptist, chartered institution, fast becoming the glory of this section. If any one doubts that it is as thorough and well managed as any school in the State, we challenge investigation. The entire literary course, with board, washing, uniform and books, can be had for \$180.00, and art and music for \$60.00 more. Our Male High School, established as a feeder to Howard College, is advancing slowly and uniformly under the leadership of Prof. Geo. Thigpen, with five Theological students, not able financially nor mentally yet to enter college.

CLOSING SUGGESTIONS.

We have been provoked to write about our schools. We were silently rousing without "sound of hammer, or axe," but we had an advertisement in ALABAMA BAPTIST, for which we have paid, the effect of which has been counteracted by editorials recommending parents to send to two other institutions alone. This may have arisen from ignorance of the fact that our were denominational schools. But now we suppose it will be known. The denomination in this part of the State is entitled to a school, and they will have it, especially if there seems to be any opposition to it.

PINE APPLE CHURCH.

We now turn over to Bro. John L. West, believing, as we have said before, that is one of the best in the State, and that he is the very man for it. We would like to tell of some of the circumstances which occurred at our last appointment, but must forbear. With best wishes for success of all that pertains to our Master's Kingdom, and especially the ALABAMA BAPTIST, we are yours, dear readers, in Christian bonds,

B. H. CRUMPTON.

Appointments in Cahaba Association.

Bro. West: Will you please publish the following appointments for me:

Cumulative	Sat. & Sun. Jan. 24, 25
Oncliff	" " " " "
Concord	Tues. " " "
Pisgah	Wed. " " "
Medline	Thurs. " " "
Friendship	Friday " " "
St. Zion	Sat. 31, Sun. Feb. 1
St. Giles	Mon. " " "
Bethlehem	Tues. " " "
Ephesus	Wed. " " "
Bethel	Thurs. " " "
Sardis	Friday " " "
Fellowship	Sat. & Sun. " " "
Harmony	Mon. " " "
Hopewell	Tues. " " "
Marshall	Wed. " " "

This will be a flying trip, but time is precious to us all. I must hasten to survey the field, and I presume one day is as much as I can spare in the year. Will not pastors and others exert themselves to get a congregation? I come in the name of the blessed Master, and hope to glorify his name. Bro. Bailey will be with me at 9:00 a. m. if not all of these appointments. W. B. CRUMPTON.

Private prayer is the golden pipe through which the Lord is graciously pleased to convey spiritual blessings to the soul. He knoweth all our wants, and without our asking him, could supply all our wants in the best manner, and the best possible time. But he will be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do for them according to the exceeding great and precious promises he hath given.—Hannah More.

A well-built stone wall gets to be one with the foundation. In the old Roman walls the mortar seems to be as hard as the stones, and the whole is like one piece; you must blow it to atoms before you can get the wall away. So it is with the true believer; he rests upon his Lord till he is one with Jesus by a living union, so that you scarce know where the foundation ends and where the upbuilding begins; for the believer becometh all in Christ, even as Christ is all in all to him.—Spurgeon.

We should all take better care to use courteous words if we realized that half we say of other people is said "at a venture." Senator Giles of Virginia, and Judge Duval of Maryland, boarded in Washington during Washington's administration, at the house of a Mrs. Gibson, whose daughters were talkative and were not young. Years after they were at the capital, and while chatting over old times, then Controller of the Treasury, if he knew what had become of "that cackling old-maid, Jenny Gibson."

"She is Mrs. Duval, sir," was the reply.

No books are so legible as the lives of men; no characters so plain as their moral conduct.

A year of pleasure passes like a floating breeze, but a moment of misfortune seems an age of pain.

If a man have love in his heart, he may talk in broken language, but it will be eloquence to those who listen.

A weak mind is like a microscope, which magnifies trifling things, but cannot receive great ones.—Cheslerfield.

Men who habitually suspect evil motives in others are the men who habitually act under the influence of such motives themselves.

ALABAMA NEWS.

Marion had several fires last week. None of them did serious damage.

About forty colored people left Uniontown for Mississippi one day last week.

The sale of cotton in Macon county will realize \$250,000 more this year than last.

Hon. Luke Pryor, of Athens, Limestone county, has been appointed by Gov. Cobb to succeed the late Senator Houston.

Two Clement Attachments are soon to be tested in the northern part of the county, and one at Peeks Hill, in the western part of the county.

Marion Commonwealth: Wooten Vary, son of J. F. Vary, Esq., made a narrow escape while playing with a can of powder, last week. An explosion of the can burned his face and hands badly.

The Fort Payne Journal says: A number of persons in this county have lost considerable quantities of pork by the extraordinary spell of warm weather which has prevailed for the past two weeks.

The Butler News says: We learn that on the 31st ult. a Mr. Lancaster, near Coffeeville, in Clarke county, was shot and killed by his son-in-law. The latter was severely wounded, and his horse was killed.

Montgomery Advertiser: It is stated that the hull of the Maggie Burke has been raised, and that the boat will be shortly rebuilt at Mobile, so that she can enter the Alabama river trade again this fall.

Demopolis News: Mr. John W. Jones of Paces Landing had the misfortune to lose a cotton house containing about six bales of cotton by fire on the 30th ult. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Marion Commonwealth: We learn from Judge King that the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty dollars was received, on the 1st inst. and paid into the county treasury from the hire of convicts sentenced to hard labor for the county.

The preliminary trial of Wm. Ray, charged with the killing of W. W. Pope, was concluded after a lengthy and tedious examination of witnesses at Calera, on last Friday week. The decision of the Court was justifiable homicide, and Ray was discharged.

The Union Springs Herald says: We notice from our exchanges that Rev. M. B. Hardin, for years the beloved pastor of the Baptist church at this place, is now Professor of Belles Lettres and Moral Science in the Southern Female College at La Grange, Georgia.

Butler News: The county treasurer, Mr. Abney, has informed us that he is now ready to pay all claims against the general fund of this county. Such has not been the case for twenty-five years past, and the announcement will doubtless prove very gratifying to our county readers.

Tuscaloosa Times: Rev. Mr. Keith and wife, were thrown from a buggy, by a runaway horse, on Greensboro street, last Monday, and the latter was painfully injured. Mr. Keith was passing through the city en route to the charge assigned him by Conference, in one of the northern counties.

Greensboro Watchman: On last Thursday night, near Prairieville, Major Townsend, col., an escaped felon and noted desperado, for whom a reward of \$300, has been offered, after a desperate resistance, was shot and captured by a posse consisting of Linn Saunders, constable, Robt. Inge, and Jordan Matthews, col.

A party of thieves attempted to break open a freight car belonging to a down freight on the S. R. & D. R. R., in charge of Conductor Land, at Alpine, recently.

The Blountsville News says: We are sorry to learn that the gin house, mill, 14 bales of cotton, and 150 bushels of corn and wheat, belonging to Mr. Wm. Conant, of Hanceville, were totally consumed on the night of the 26th ult. The mill and gin were situated near the Houston county line, and the fire was the work of a wicked incendiary.

Cullman Tribune: The gin house and serew, with several bales of cotton, belonging to Messrs. Conant & Self, of Bremen, in this county, was entirely consumed by fire on the night of Monday week. There is but little doubt of its being the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been used for several days, and a previous attempt had been made to destroy it.

Tuscaloosa Times: Bud Freeman was killed at New Lexington, in this county, by a shot from a pistol in the hands of Ormond Sparks, on Monday last week. Sparks made his escape, but his brother, Winfield Sparks, and Powell Baker, were bound over to the Circuit Court, charged with complicity in the murder. Winfield Sparks was held in a bond of \$2,500 and Baker \$500.

The Birmingham Observer says: Quite a serious accident occurred on the Alabama Great Southern railroad, near Springville, some days since. Three women were crossing a high trestle. They seemed unconscious of their danger, until two of them, hearing the approaching train, jumped to the ground and suffered little or no injury. The other was run over and killed almost instantly.

Birmingham Iron Age: On Christmas night as a party of young men were serenading Geo. S. Camp, who lives near Paradise, in this county, while going around the house making the usual noise with tin pans, bells, fire-works, etc., they were fired into and one of the party, William James, was killed. Geo. S. Camp was arrested, and had his preliminary trial before Judge Morrow last week. He was bound over in a bond of \$800.

He was a young boy about 16 years of age, the only hope and dependence of a widowed mother.

Troy Mess: There is a great scarcity of farm laborers in our county. Hundreds could readily obtain places at ten dollars per month and provisions furnished, and this is better wages than such labor has commanded in many years. This scarcity of labor is another evidence of thrift among our farmers. It results from increased acreage and not from the exodus of us, as we have not heard of a half dozen negroes from our county who have gone out of the State during the past year.

Tuscaloosa Times: A sad accident occurred around Sipsey river, last week. Mr. Strickland's little hatchet, his little sister being present and watching the operation. As the tree was about to fall, the children started to run, and the little boy stumbled, and in falling, sent the edge of the hatchet through his little sister's brains. The parties were both under ten years of age. These are the facts as given to us.

MARRIED.

At W. W. Mauldin, in Dallas Co., by Rev. A. Andrews, Jan. 8th, 1880, Henry I. Gay, of Autauga Co., and Miss Annie Aikens.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Jan. 8th, by Elder J. W. Fulmer, Mr. Dollar Vardamon, to Miss M. J. Thompson; all of Coosa Co., Alabama.

On the 7th, of Jan. by Elder J. G. McCaskey, Mr. C. C. Brantley and Miss E. A. Oxford, at the residence of the bride's mother near Rehoboth, Wilcox County. May the blessings of God attend them in their pathway through life.

At the residence of the bride's father, Jan. 11th, 1880, by Rev. A. S. Blizard, Mr. W. C. Dickinson and Miss Julia Faulkner; all of Chilton Co., Alabama.

OBITUARY. OF subscribers or members of their families inserted free of charge when they contain not more than two words. A charge of one cent for each word is made for all over two words. Do not ask us to send bills. Count the words and send the money with the obituary. The Editors reserve the privilege of cutting all obituaries down to two words when they are not accompanied with the money.

OBITUARY.

Elder Joseph Pugh French was born in Edgefield Co., S. C., March 28th, A. D. 1812, and died of paralysis in Pike Co., Ala., Oct. 22d, 1879. He was an orphan at four years of age; was married to Miss Mary Brown, June 25th, 1833, in Houston Co., Georgia; united with Bethel "Primitive" Baptist church in Marion Co., about the year 1837; subsequently moved to Barbour Co., Ala., and thence to Pike County. Soon afterwards he united with the regular Baptists by becoming a member of Hephzibah church near Troy. He finally transferred his membership to Good Hope church.

Our dear brother was ordained to the work of the ministry Oct. 24th, 1867, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders W. G. Williams, William Pritchett and J. B. Huckabee, and until stricken down by disease, was an earnest, successful minister.

Though he was what is termed an "uneducated" man, yet he was mighty in the Scriptures, and had a peculiar gift in skillfully portraying the love of God as manifested in the gift of his Son. Bro. French loved the Sabbath school at Good Hope, and, as Superior intendant, conducted the exercises when so reduced by disease that he could not stand up to read. His suffering for the past year was very

severe. He bore it patiently. The undersigned often conversed with him and as best we could, tried to comfort him, but most commonly, he comforted us by cheering us on, thus exhorting us to be faithful unto death.

W. A. CUMBER, INO. L. YOUNGBLOOD, Troy, Ala. Jan. 8th, 1880.

Benj. Averitt Deceased.

On the morning of Dec. 28th, approaching the bedside to awake her husband of more than fifty years, our aged sister, Sarah Averitt, was unutterably shocked, to find her companion asleep in death. The day previous to his death, the subject of this notice had spent in one of his favorite sports—deer-hunting. For although in his seventy-fourth year his energy was yet almost equal to that of the young man of twenty-one.

He was born in Georgia, near Milledgeville, in the year 1806. Bro. Averitt was a remarkable man, in several respects. This is not the language of extravagance to which we are so easily tempted when speaking of the dead, especially of personal friends. His mind was clear, strong and comprehensive. His sympathies were full, and tender. He was truthful and honest. He was frank, candid and out-spoken. Those he liked knew he liked them; those he disliked need not be mistaken. A man so positive will always find critics, but will establish a firm influence. A person of a more negative nature assuming no responsibility for anybody or anything, may glide along more smoothly to the grave, no one saying much against him, and certainly not much for him.

As a Christian, our brother had no confidence in the flesh. He believed in a high standard of morals in society, but poured contempt on the idea that human integrity could make a man a Christian. Salvation by grace was his only hope. He was benevolent. He believed that stinginess or selfishness was one of the worst evidences against a state of grace. He was a friend to the poor. He took great interest in the welfare of the young, and of new beginners in life. He was a working Christian. He felt great interest in the welfare of the churches; urging the necessity of good discipline, wishing strong, pointed preaching, and delighting in plain experimental singing.

Our brother had his infirmities and faults. None denied this, not even himself. Others saw them and he man of intense nature to exercise a prudent self-restraint.

But, the body is gone to the grave and the spirit to God that gave it. The very large attendance on the funeral services, showed the sentiment of respect that lingered in the memory of hundreds for Benjamin Averitt deceased.

A Revelation Buried.

Upon the publication and medical profession, when, over twenty-five years ago, that grand name of medical research and synthetic skill, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, was given to the world. Soon after it had been started on its curative mission it was discovered that its botanic properties far surpassed those of the approved mineral remedies of the day. Not the least among the good consequences of its general use has been to disabuse men's minds of many absurd medical fallacies and to demonstrate the superiority of vegetable remedies. It conquers and cures malarial fevers, dyspepsia, chronic constipation, a tendency to kidney and bladder ailments and rheumatism, and is of the greatest value in cases of bodily weakness and debility. Old people are greatly aided by it, and it is highly serviceable to convalescents and ladies in delicate health. It is moreover, a useful medicine to take with one on long journeys, and counteracts the effects of mental exhaustion.

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Funeral Notice.

The brethren of the respective Selma Lodges F. & A. M., are notified that the funeral of Mrs. Johnson will take place at the old Lewis Johnson place, now owned by Bro. Jerry Johnson, on Sunday the 18th of January, to which they are invited.

By order of the Lodge, B. WOLFE, Sec'y. Benton Lodge No. 59, F. & A. M.

The annual issue of Prof. Tice's "Weather Forecast and American Almanac for 1880," is out, and we learn that the first edition of over 20,000 copies called for, within eight days of its publication, and a second larger one put to press. It is fuller and more specific in its weather prognostications for the coming year, and a variety of subjects of interest, such as eclipses, the astronomical relations, tides, heat and sunspots, cyclones, facts for foretelling the weather, etc., are discussed. Copy can be obtained by including 25 cts. to Thompson, Tice & Lillington, St. Louis, Mo.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—Its paper is the choicest, its illustrations handsome, and given by the hundred, while its Colored Plate is a gem. This work, although costing but five cents, is handsome enough for a Gift Book, or a place on the parlor table. Jas. Vick, Publisher, N. Y.

Iron Tonic.

We call special attention to Dr. Harter's card in another part of this paper, a careful study of which will repay any person suffering from debility, weakness, dyspepsia, female diseases or want of vitality, etc. It is recommended by the leading physicians of the country, and by a great number of the prominent clergymen; and from our own experience, we can recommend it on account of its ingredients as well as the beneficial effects we have derived from the use of the same.—Lewinsworth Appeal and Tribune.

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Semi-Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Dallas County for Six Months, Ending Dec. 31, 1879.

July 1, 1879.

Balance on hand.....\$13,152.78

From Probate Office Account.....168.58

Receipts of Lands.....353.68

Licenses.....300.00

For hire of convicts by M. R. Dudley.....292.65

Tax Collector.....3,607.00

Brooks & Company, Attys. Col. of J. C. S. Timberlake.....1,340.00

Transfer of Bal. from Special Tax account.....3,545.79

Total.....22,760.48

DISBURSEMENTS.....\$1,777.95

" Circuit.....3,643.65

" Chancery.....12.10

" Probate.....77.35

" Tax Collector.....71.20

" Assessors.....145.77

" Sheriff.....88.67

" Board of Revenue.....820.00

" Clerical Service.....150.00

" Miscellaneous (wages, blankets, promise of Bonds and other indebtedness, and Attys. fees) 9,008.23

" Internal improvements.....1,551.74

" Poor (includes keeping Poor House, Medicines, Blankets, Medical attendance to prisoners in jail).....1,418.73

Balance.....3,184.59

Total.....22,760.48

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To Balances on hand.....3,184.59

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