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Such illustrations fail utterly to give us any true conception of Christ's great sacrifice for us. Yet we may learn something from them. Every one of us must write upon the cross of our Redeemer, which is both the means and the symbol of his sacrifice.

What benefits flow to us from the sacrifice of our blessed Savior! How great, how rich the blessing! Sins which otherwise must have driven us to perdition, are blotted out; we are justified and become unimpeachable in the face of the law we had broken and could not mend.

Any class of men can be better spared from any community than the faithful, manly pastors of churches, who are giving their lives to every good work and word who are laboring to increase and strengthen the influences that protect society in all its interests and enterprises.

Mr. Spurgeon says, "Love to Christ smooths the path of duty, and wings the feet to travel it; it is the bow which impels the arrow of obedience; it is the manna moving the wheels of duty; it is the strong arm tugging to the oar of diligence."

This subject of temperance is being discussed more than ever before, around the fireside, in the church, in the office, on the highway and in the legislative halls.

The prohibition of the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits is a living question, agitating the minds of men and women of every class of society.

While we are willing to do everything possible for their salvation, we have never had much confidence in the means used for the reclamation of those who have become confirmed in the habit of drinking.

Hard work, patient waiting, assiduous endeavor are necessary to accomplish anything worth the consideration of men.

We take the liberty publishing the following extract from a private letter from one of our wisest and most consecrated pastors:

"In regard to the supply of preachers for Alabama, and Howard College, cannot a number of Associations be induced to raise a fund, each sufficient to support one student in the Howard?"

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tested as never before, and he who would make innovations must be prepared to run a gauntlet of no insignificant character.

"I have three boys. One of them is old enough to drink, and is drinking. He learned it in a saloon. My prayer is, and my vote will be cast, to close the saloons before my other boys get into them and get to drinking; and I know scores and scores of drinking men who are anxious as I am to close the saloons before the little boys reach them."

"Mrs. Crawford is writing a series of articles for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, which is interesting and full of information."

"In Southern Illinois they have what is termed a Baptist Lent, which refers to the custom of churches making a Lenten observance for the salvation of sinners."

"The N. Y. Herald" says to ministers: "To deny the inspiration of the Bible is to cut the autograph of the Sovereign out of your commission as an officer."

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The Christian Church. BY REV. J. M. PHILLIPS. Our Campbellite brethren insist on being recognized as members of the Christian Church in contradistinction to all other Christian communities.

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New Orleans. We give below a very interesting letter from Dr. Landrum in regard to the present condition of the new Orleans field in the whole South-west.

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How Shall We Preach? I wonder if the question as to how preaching ought to be done will ever be settled? It has been talked about by certain people and written about in both books and newspapers far ever so long a time, and still it appears, from the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST during the past few months, that it has not been settled.

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Bro. Bell loses one of his best supporters. Bro. Lovelace was recently in our town, and was the recipient of God's blessing, with his dear loving wife and family.

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Contributions. Dear Bro. Cleveland—I enclose herewith a copy of the annual report of the Home Mission Society of New York, for 1882.

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Alabama Baptist.

Our Club Rates. We will send you any of the following periodicals...

There is a young lady in this city who is six feet four inches tall...

That poverty which produces the greatest distress...

STAR DRAGGING.—She said, referring to some local happenings...

The largest assortment of GARDEN SEED in Central Alabama...

LETTING \$500 DROP.—A solemn looking citizen appeared at Police Headquarters yesterday...

There were seven interments at Montgomery yesterday...

Some one stole the coal from Union church, Haywire.

The Birmingham paint factory is to commence work shortly.

When we see a man enter in the street, we say he is taking the name of God in vain...

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In these days it should be changed around so as to read: "Where there's a will there's a way."

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Table with columns: Name, Amount, Total. Lists names and monetary values.

Alabama News. Selma needs a union depot. Eufulah has two extra policemen.

There are thirty-four prisoners in the Montgomery jail. The United States court is in session at Montgomery.

There were seven interments at Montgomery last week. Judge Madd, of Birmingham, is in very feeble health.

Some one stole the coal from Union church, Haywire. The Birmingham paint factory is to commence work shortly.

There are over 1700 pupils attending the public schools in Montgomery. The Consock county commissioners decided to have a \$4,500 court house.

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General News. The British parliament convened the 17th. A new ministry is to be formed in France.

There was a severe fire in Pensacola Sunday night. The Ohio river is now falling and the worst is over.

The German Reichstag has been pronounced until June 3d. The reported death of Archbishop McCabe was not correct.

Small-pox is decimating the Cherokees in the North-west last week. Louisville will take care of all the needy within the limits of the city.

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My Promise—The Sunday School Work—The Anticipated Sunday School Convention. This is Sunday, the 5th day of January.

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NEW ARRIVALS! ESMERALDA. Full assortment of Glassware, Lamp and Lamp goods...

Parlor Skates. Having made arrangements with a prominent Pottery in Cincinnati...

L. A. MUELLER, 42 Broad Street, Selma, Ala. Special Notice to the Trade.

SELMA PRICES CURRENT. Cotton, Good Middling, 10 1/2; Middling, 10; Low Middling, 9 1/2; Good Ordinary, 8 1/2.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS. Bran—Wheat, 10 1/2; Corn, 10; Rice, 10; Beans, 10; Sugar, 10; Tea, 10; Coffee, 10.

THE HOME CIRCLE FOR MARCH IS RECEIVED EARLY, AS USUAL, AND IS BRIGHT AND INTERESTING.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE. The number for March presents new and attractive features.

FADING. That is what a great many people are doing. They don't know just what is the matter...

Linnon d'Inde! We have just opened a case, 4,000 yards, of this Popular Fabric...

8 Cent Per Yard. The goods need no praise. They are known and appreciated by all who have ever used them.

Sell at Only 10 Cents. It is a very handsome fabric, and much cheaper than the ordinary materials.

Great Bargains. Oberndorf & Ullman. We especially commend an Extra Heavy Cream colored Barnsby table linen.

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Alabama Baptist. THE FAMILY OBOL. A Boy Sculptor.

Many will not doubt remember that a paragraph went the rounds of the newspapers last year, about an American boy in Paris who gave promise of becoming a great sculptor.

Paul Bartlett, only fifteen, had made a bust of his grandmother, and when the time came around for the annual exhibition in Paris, known as the Salon, to which such a multitude of artists took for their models and their work, he presented his work with the rest. To be represented there is something worth one's best efforts.

To be personally complimented by the judges, who include the best sculptors in France, is a distinction which few could expect, and which a lad of Paul's years could hardly have dreamed of. Yet the bust was accepted, and he received the congratulations of those officials. There were about seventy American artists represented at the Salon of 1886.

He was the youngest art student from this country in France, and our people who were over there had cause to be proud of him, as we at home were when the news came.

Paul has his rare gifts by inheritance. His grandparents on both sides are people of fine qualities. His mother is a woman of artistic tastes and beliefs, and strong sympathies in that direction.

He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in January, 1865; but most of his life has been spent in France. He first went to Paris when he was about four years old; and the family were altogether in Paris until Mr. Bartlett was obliged to return to this country, leaving his wife and child there, expecting soon to rejoin them.

While he said, he and Paul went everywhere together; to the Louvre, and to see all the pictures, and he was the sincerest and most helpful fellow that ever was in the world.

When the morning of the opening day came, boy-like, he was so wild to see where the bust was placed, he was on the spot before the doors were opened.

He next went to modelling some of his pet animals, and made a cat's head, a rabbit, a kid's head and a goat's head, all in bronze.

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1877. His father and a young man employed by him were at that time very busy, doing a good deal, making statues and castings, doing all the work themselves.

"All right, my chicken! You shall go to modelling something. What will you attack first?"

"That!" answered Paul, pointing to a mask of the Venus di Milo. He took hold of it at once in such an innocent, contemptuous way as was cheering to see.

He kept on studying and modelling till the spring of 1877, when his father came over to America, and Paul was put into school again; this time at St. Germain.

Mr. Fremiet, the great animal sculptor, lived so near a neighbor that the Bartlett family used to see him often.

Paul knew all about the processes of plaster work, and so he followed Mr. Fremiet's advice; and when it was done, took the bust under his arm and placed it in the works of his elders.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD. T. C. Pope, Martin's Station, Dallas Co., Ala., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters is a true tonic and a certain cure for dyspepsia."

How to Make Good Bread. Eds. Country Gentleman:—As the cold increases, the making of good bread becomes something of a task to many housekeepers, especially with those who do not keep tight fires.

Try the following way of cooking eggs: Heat a meat platter, and make as many pieces of toast as you wish, and butter them slightly with butter.

Golden eggs form a very pretty dish. Boil some eggs well, and when they are cold, peel and cut them into halves, and set them with the yolks downward in a deep glass dish.

Cleaning Lamp Burners. Kerosene oil's generally used for lights in the country, and the cleaning of lamp chimneys is quite tiresome.

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