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address Rev. E. J. Forrester, Secretary of

the Board, at Selma.

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Board for examination.

The Board will be in session in Selma,

Sept. 25th, 26th and 27th, to examine ap-

plicants.

We have in type a tribute to the

memory of the lamented Rev. Dr. M.

T. Sumner by Rev. W. H. McIntosh,

which we will print next week.

REV. B. F. RILEY, we are pleased

to announce, will hereafter devote

himself entirely to the interests of the

ALABAMA BAPTIST. He is too well

and favorably known to our readers

to need introduction to them. Industrious,

courteous, cultured, and wide-

awake, he will add much to the

efficiency of our work and to the

interest of our columns. He will devote

the months of September and Octo-

ber to visiting associational meetings

in the interest of the paper and will

then settle down to work with us in

the office. We bespeak for him a

cordial welcome wherever he may go,

as a representative of the ALABAMA

BAPTIST.

We have received a number of in-

itations to attend the approaching

meetings of associations this fall. We

would be glad to accept them all, but

many associations meet on the same

day, rendering it impossible. We

hope that brethren will assist us in

securing subscribers where we cannot

go. We are determined to make the

ALABAMA BAPTIST better than it has

ever been and to deserve the support

and patronage of the entire denomi-

nation in the State. A number of ex-

cellent papers are being published in

the State which we neglected; each

shall receive the attention it deserves.

Brethren, we need your assistance;

will you help us? As our circulation

increases our sphere of usefulness

enlarged and our capacity to serve

you increased. Now is the time to

press the interests of the organ of the

denomination; now while the church-

es are assembling in associations and

while money is in hand.

## THE WORK OF AN EVAN-

GELIST.

We have thought that we could do

nothing better just now, than to give

the readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST

an article or two, on the subject

placed at the head of this article. It

is supposed that with many churches

and pastors, there is something of an

aversion—not to say prejudice—

against the work of an evangelist—

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cannot fail to do more harm than good, so far as concerns the Baptists, denominationally; and our true policy is simply to let all such agencies alone; for whatever tends to draw our people away from integrity to our distinctive principles, can only result in mischief to our cause. It has never been our fortune to witness the manipulations of one of those irresponsible evangelists, and therefore possibly we are not a competent judge or entitled to an opinion, except that we may assume that we see no provision for such work, or such an evangelist in the word of God.

Under the work which we do endorse, as carried forward by the evangelists which Baptists send forth, there is an apprehension with many of our churches and pastors, that it underrates the pastoral work and tends to ignore pastoral relations, and consequently has a tendency to supplant the pastoral office with a system of itinerancy. In point of fact among Baptists there are no grounds for their apprehension; still it must be conceded that imprudent men may become evangelists, men who will assume too much; and then their work may naturally have a tendency to educate them to practice usurpations, to wish for the time being to do the pastor's work as well as their own, and thus rule the pastor out, understate him before his people—not by word but by action—and thus weaken his hold on the church and community. On the other hand, however, it must also be admitted that there are some imprudent pastors, men who are full of apprehensions and jealousies and envyings, and who consequently see evil where no evil exists.

We believe that our pastors in Alabama are true men who rise above all this, and we are writing on a fact without reference to any known case. And so the evangelists that we have ever known are true men, with whom any pastor with common sense could co-operate without the least friction. It has sometimes been objected that in connection with the work of evangelists there is danger of getting many into the church who are unconverted. There is really some danger of this. It is but human for the evangelist to wish a large report to go forth from his visit, but our observation is that it is no more true of them than of any other visiting minister, and in all cases it is the duty of the church and pastor to keep this matter in hand, and see that the right thing is done, and that proper care is maintained.

It may be objected that the support of evangelism is an unnecessary expense and burden to the churches. Not more so than the remuneration of any other successful visiting minister. As a general thing the people will delight to give, to pay one who makes it his business to give his life to such work, and to one who comes to them bringing such a blessing. If the work is a success it is easy to get the money.

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## "I GO A FISHING."

So said Peter when he ought to have been doing something better, and more in harmony with his exalted relation to his Master. "We also go with thee," showing that Peter had power to lead them into worldliness. Now for the application. The other day Deacon Henry Burt of the Alpine church said to us, "I go a-fishing," and we replied, "We also go with thee;" and so we went to his charming farm three miles from Talladega, the farm and home of the Hon. J. L. M. Curry in other days. On that farm is what is known as "Pond Spring," covering about fifteen acres of ground and deep enough to float a steamboat, and near by is "Round Pond," covering something more than one acre of ground.

Bro. Burt has been running ditches to reduce these ponds and to recover some 40 acres of deep rich soil which lies along their branch, and he has succeeded in the redemption of the land, but Pond Spring will stand forever to invite Talladega boys to shoot ducks in winter and to sport and catch fish in summer, and to supply range for the large flock of geese which Mr. Spence is raising there—part of the pond being on his land. The object of our visit was to see Round Pond drained. The mouth of the ditch was opened, the water came rushing, and in about one hour it was low enough for the negro boys to go in, muddy the remaining water, and have a good deal of fun. The trout, suckers, cats, eels and perch came to the top, and in a short time they had gathered a large number of very fine fish. We brought home a trout weighing seven pounds and a number of smaller ones, and all present got as many as they wanted. Messrs. Williams and Thomas Curry were in the party. It was very pleasing to see

the fine condition of this old Jabe Curry farm. A good deal of it will this year make a bale of cotton per acre, and nearly all will make a bale to two acres, and the corn is very good. Bro. Burt ought to make a large contribution to the cause of Christ this year, as a thank offering for his blessings.

## SOME ITEMS.

The Purser brothers for a week and a half have been engaged with Rev. E. T. Smyth in a protracted meeting at Anniston, with very fine results at last accounts.

Dr. Teasdale is with Rev. J. C. Wright at Oxford in a protracted meeting, beginning about the same time that the Purser began at Anniston. As the two cities are only two and a half miles apart, and Anniston a manufacturing place where the people all work by a regular time-table, it was thought advisable to hold no service there in day time, and so the brethren Purser accepted the request of brethren Wright and Teasdale, and preach at Oxford in the day and Anniston at night. Dr. Teasdale meanwhile preaching in Oxford at night. A good work is being done at both places.

Rev. T. P. Gwin has just closed a meeting of a week's duration at East Boga, (Salem church) where they received a great blessing. The particulars we have not learned.

The good results of the revival at Talladega are still being made manifest.

The prohibition campaign is growing lively in Talladega County. The friends of whisky and the whisky traffic demean themselves as if they thought that the advocates of prohibition ought not to say a word on the subject. These gentlemen would just as well keep cool, for if the prohibitionists are defeated now they will try it over in less than two years. By-the-way, the whisky men seem to have the advantage in mediums of law. Dr. Thompson in our office a few days since. "The colored Baptist Association, embracing the colored churches of Talladega county, resolved to sustain no pastor in any church who fails to support prohibition." "The next session of this famous and popular institution, will open on Monday, the 17th inst. The Faculty of the Central is composed of distinguished educators from Alabama, Virginia and other States, and is not surpassed by that of any other Female College in the South. Prof. Yancey, the able and indefatigable President, has been engaged in teaching from his early manhood, and has won for himself a most enviable reputation throughout this entire country. His administrative ability seems to be peculiarly adapted to the government of a Female College, and is such as to command the strictest obedience and respect of young ladies under his care, and at the same time, command their admiration and love. Persons desiring to send their daughters to a boarding school, may rest assured they will, in every respect, be properly cared for at the A. C. F. College." "Talladega Times." "We have had a precious revival season at Salt Creek church, Talladega county, which was protracted from Saturday, the 18th, until Sunday, the 26th of August, resulting in 21 additions to the church, 13 by baptism, 5 by letter and 3 by restoration. Bro. J. G. Hall did all the preaching, and it was truly well done. The church was aroused from her lethargy to warmth and activity while a deep religious feeling seems to pervade the entire community. Let all the praise to God be given." "J. A. Wright." "Clerks of churches in the Alabama Association are respectfully reminded of the form of letter to the Association, as printed in the minutes of 1880 and 1881. Please observe it, brethren, and save trouble to the clerk and to committees." "Clerk." "Last Saturday we constituted a church at this place with about thirteen members. The meeting has been going on all this week. The community has been stirred from center to circumference. Twenty-seven have already joined by experience, and there is a probability of more coming in to-day or to-night. There are many souls who are earnestly enquiring the way of salvation. The water is troubled at this place, and they are still stepping in. The Lord has been gracious to this people. Bro. W. G. Gregory has been preaching for me all the week. He certainly has a power over the minds and hearts of his congregations. The church numbers over fifty and is just a week old to-day. I will write you again when the meeting closes." "H. C. Sanders, Red Town, Sept. 8th." "Dr. Winkler passed through Selma on Tuesday of last week en route to Chicago. "to get out of this hot climate and to breathe the freer air of the North-west." "Dr. Atticus G. Haygood calls the ballot a "hunder-bolt of power." And so it is for good or for evil every time it is cast. "Dallas county has thrown itself with enthusiasm into the temperance work. A Vice President has been appointed in every precinct in the county to see that the temperance law relating to bar-keepers is literally enforced. Competent lawyers have been appointed to prepare an abstract of the temperance laws so that the several Vice Presidents will be governed accordingly. All temperance workers are committed to mass meetings to keep the matter well before the people." "Reports which reach us from the associations that have been held indicate a determination to come up nobly to the work of sustaining our denominational enterprises next year." "The interest in the theological department in Howard College continues steadily to grow throughout the State." "We learn that quite a

number of pupils will go from West Alabama to the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa.

—We have heard good reports of Rev. W. H. Smith, who has been supplying the Livingston church during his vacation. "The following anecdote is told of the late Dr. Dargan, of South Carolina: On one occasion he was being driven to church in his family carriage when he complained several times of feeling quite unwell. The church was reached, the sermon preached with unusual earnestness, and the family started toward home. The faithful coachman, peering back into the carriage, inquired: "How you feel now, Massa?" "O, much better," said the Doctor. "I thought you'd feel heap better after getting rid of all that stuff in the pulpit to-day." "When an installment of delegates and visitors to the Bigbee Association reached Livingston the other night a certain distinguished attorney in assigning homes to the visiting brethren turned to Dr. T. M. Baily and said, "And, Bro. Baily, we will assign you to the court house to sleep." "All right," said the irrepressible State Secretary. "I could not occupy a more important point, in view of the fact that there are so many lawyers about there."

—There are plenty of Baptists all over this country who are actually stealing their preaching. They have men who dig and plow to preach to them, and never pay a cent." "T. M. Baily, at the Bigbee Association." "We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. M. Phillips, of Tuscaloosa, has returned home from Atlanta, after an absence of several months, much restored in health." "So implicit was the confidence imposed in him that people of all creeds and classes sent for him; even a Romish Priest called for him to pray at his bedside." This is an extract from the Memorial Report on Rev. Z. A. Owens, prepared by a Committee appointed by the last State Convention. "When we say 'No' to the contribution box as it passes by us, we say 'No' to the wall which comes up for deliverance from far off lands." "Rev. J. M. Phillips, at the Bigbee Association."

—Our people have plenty of money, but what we need is system in our churches by which it can be secured." "J. B. Eddins, at the Bigbee Association."

—It is a great mistake to let the finance committees in our associations to yield out the names of the churches, and thus so sadly mar the proceedings. All things ought to be done decently and in order, brethren.

—We do not know how many brethren said to us at the Bigbee Association, when asked if they took the ALABAMA BAPTIST, "Yes, sir; I would not be without it for any thing." "Sumterville church, though small in numbers and meagre in the goods of this world, is pronounced one of the most efficient bands of Christian workers in the State." "During the late session of the Bigbee Association the Baptist church at Livingston was crowded all the while, and the interest unabated." "How unfortunate it is that brethren insist upon making such long winded speeches at our general meetings. The sweetest hour becomes monotonous if too much prolonged." "Bro. West sent me last year three or four copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST and my children actually were them out reading them." "G. W. Green, York Station. This brother has now become a regular subscriber." "Bro. E. M. Hendon contemplates removing on October 1st from Gainesville to Fayette Court House." "Do you take the ALABAMA BAPTIST?" "No, but my neighbor does, and I get to read it." "What do you think of such pious prating as this?" "Mrs. J. G. Foster, of Livingston, sends us \$2.00 to be used in sending the ALABAMA BAPTIST to some poor aged minister. Who next?"

—Rev. R. T. Nabors, pastor of the Methodist church in Tuscaloosa, has been elected chaplain of Vanderbilt University." "Rev. G. S. Anderson is greatly encouraged in his efforts to erect a house of worship at Demopolis." "J. A. Tuman, Esq., a young Baptist lawyer at Livingston, is prominently mentioned as the coming candidate for Congress in the Tuscaloosa District." "The notorious Frank James, after a protracted trial, has been acquitted." "The day of meeting of the Bigbee Association has been changed from Wednesday to Saturday in order to have Sunday come in the midst of the Association." "The new Baptist church at Tuscaloosa will be a handsome Gothic structure. The walls of the building are already finished. Pastor Phillips expects to occupy it by December 1st."

—Brethren who speeches have more of the gift of continuance than any other virtue should never presume so far upon the courteous patience of the auditors as to think that any body is being elected." "Now there it goes again!" said a sensible brother sitting beside us the other day, in a religious body, as a speaker switched off on an anecdote as stale as old bread." "We are glad to hear that Rev. J. A. Howard is doing such fine work in East Alabama. A clear thinker, a forcible preacher and of a quiet and popular turn "Joe" can succeed in any work to which he is called." "The notorious T. C. M. Golland, who succeeded so long in imposing himself upon good people, has at length taken up his abode in a Western penitentiary."

—Verily, "the way of the transgressor is hard." "We had a ride with Prof. Yancey several days ago and he told us that the prospects of the Central were never better. More applications have been made this year than on any previous year since his connection with that institution."

—Our meeting closed at Concord last Sunday with three additions by transfer from other churches and four by baptism. Bros. McGill and Bradley did the preaching principally. During the meeting a conference of the church was called and Bro. L. W. Cammack was licensed to preach; and on the last day of the meeting an appeal was made to the church and congregation for his support at school which brought a contribution in cash and pledges of \$160.00. Bro. Cammack is quite promising." "P.

C. Drew, McKinley, Sept. 6th. "We had a good meeting, embracing the fourth Sabbath in August, at Concord church, Monroe county. The church was revived and deeply interested. Great interest with the young people. Only two accessions by baptism, but the success of a meeting is not to be measured by additions alone. I hope that some will come in yet. I thank God that my labors are being blessed." "D. W. Ramsey." "Since my Ebenezer meeting, I have had a nine days' meeting at Duncan Creek church in the Big Bear Creek Association, which resulted in twenty-eight accessions to the church, fourteen by baptism and fourteen by restoration and letter. I was assisted by brethren J. T. Hurley and P. Thompson. The number baptized was the same at both churches." "J. O. A. Pace." "Many of our readers will be sad to know that our venerable and esteemed brother, Rev. Daugherty, of Insey, is no more. We hope to publish an obituary notice of him next week."

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Dr. S. Henderson and Rev. C. W. O'Hara recently preached for several days at Wilsonville, very much to the edification of the church. Dr. H.'s wealth of experience and fullness of knowledge always make him instructive. Bro. O'Hara is decidedly a rising man, with gifts both of preaching and exhortation, and a character greatly approved. Of course I enjoyed them exceedingly, and I am glad to say that I was to be a hearer rather than a speaker. A valuable young lady was baptized, and a brother received who had had church connection elsewhere. The church is in a healthy condition—a fair Sunday-school being maintained, and a commencement made to contribute to missions. Hitherto little has been done in that way, the church being young, and building, organ, &c., to be paid for.

I went almost immediately thence to a new church called Summer Hill, below Columbiana, organized some three years ago by C. W. O'Hara. A neat new building surmounts a fine hill on a main road.

A brother, practical deacon (Farmer Bridges), said to me, "I once heard you say that you had a very poor opinion of the church worshipping in a house less comfortable than the residences of the members. I didn't agree with you, but I am now of the same opinion."

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## Alabama News.

Fever prevails in several neighborhoods of Barbour county.

Somebody is robbing the negroes in near Greensboro.

Cotton is badly injured in parts of Butler county by black rust.

Cotton worms have done but little damage in Tuscaloosa county.

Barbers robbed the post office at Edwardsville of five or six dollars.

S. C. Mitchell, of Randolph county, cut his foot badly with an axe.

T. W. Lee and family, have removed from Greenville to Montgomery.

Sweet potatoes of this year's crop have been sold in Union Springs.

Fodder is worth fifty cents in Greensboro. The quality is generally poor.

The sweet potato and pea crops of Bullock county are said to be very good.

The Methodist School at Greenville opened with something over







# Alabama Baptist.

## THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

### Daily Bread in Hard Times.

"It's dreadful to live this way! I do wonder why God doesn't answer your prayers and send you some work," said Mrs. Wilson.

"Are you hungry wife? I'm sure I thought we had a very good breakfast," responded John Wilson.

"But we've nothing for dinner!"

"But it isn't dinner time, yet, my wife."

"Well, I must confess I'd like to know what we are to have just a little while before dinner time."

"God has said our bread and water shall be sure, but he has not promised that we shall know beforehand where it is coming from."

"Father," said little Maggie, "do you s'pose God knows what time we have dinner?"

"Yes, my dear child, I suppose he knows exactly that. I've done my best to get work, and I'll go out now and look about; you go to school, and don't be the least bit afraid, Maggie. There'll be some dinner."

"But we're out of soap and starch," said the mother.

"As for starch, you couldn't use it if you had it. I'm sure I had soap when I washed my hands this morning," said John.

"Yes, a little bit. But it's not enough to do the washing."

"But the washing will not come till next Monday. As for the starch, it isn't one of the necessities of life."

"If I had some potatoes I could make some," said Mrs. Wilson musingly.

"Well, I'm going out now to try and find some work. You just cast your burden on the Lord, mother, and go about your house work just as if you knew what was coming next, and don't go and take the burden right up again. That's the trouble with you. You can't trust the Lord to take as good care of it as you think you would, and so take it up again, and go around groaning under the burden."

"Well, I do wonder he lets such troubles come. Here you've been out of work these three months, with only an occasional day's work, and you've been a faithful, conscientious Christian ever since I knew you."

"I've been an unfaithful, unprofitable servant, and that's true, mother, whatever you may think of me," replied John Wilson. "God is trying our faith now. After he's provided for us so long, what will he think of us if we distrust him now, just because we want seems to be near, before ever it has touched us?"

John Wilson went away to seek work, and spent the forenoon seeking vainly. God saw that there was a diamond worth polishing. He subjected his servant's faith to a strain, but it bore the test. I will not say that no questionings or painful thoughts disturbed the man as he walked homeward at noon. Four eager, hungry little children just home from school, to find the table unspread, and no dinner ready for them; an aged and infirm parent, from whom he had concealed as far as possible all his difficulties and perplexities, lest he should feel himself a burden in old age, awakened to a realization that there was not enough for him and them—these were not pleasant pictures to contemplate, and all through the long, weary forenoon Satan had been holding them up to his view, and it was only by clinging to the rope that is thrown to them, that he was kept from utter despondency.

"Thou knowest, O Lord, that I've done my best to support my family. My abilities are small, but I've done my best. Now, Lord, I'm waiting to see thy salvation. Appear for me! Let me not be put to shame."

"Increase my faith, increase my hope, or so my strength will fail."

So he prayed in his own simple fashion as he walked along.

It was all true as he had said. His abilities were not great. Some frivolous young people smiled at the philosophy of his prayers. But there were educated men and earnest women who were helped and strengthened by those very prayers. Religion had raised a man above mediocrity to whom nature had been niggardly. Without it he would have been a cipher in the community.

He drew near to his own door with something of shrinking and dread. But the children rushed out to meet him with joyful shouts.

"Come right in, father; quick! We've got a splendid dinner all ready. We've been waiting for you, and we're fearfully hungry."

The tired steps quickened, and the strongly drawn lines in the weary face softened to a look of cheerful questioning, such as was oftenest seen there. He came in and stood beside his wife, who was leaning over the fire, dipping soup out of the big dinner pot with a ladle.

"How is this, mother?" said he.

"Why, father! Mr. Giddings has been over from Bristol. He came just after you went out. And he says a mistake was made in your account last August, which he has just found out by accident; he owed you fifteen shillings more, and he paid it to me so!"

"I don't think it was by accident, though," said John Wilson, interrupting her.

"Well, I thought as we had nothing for dinner I'd better buy some meat and a fowl."

"Do you think it was accident that sent us that money to-day, mother?" persisted the thankful man.

"No, I don't think it was Providence. And I'm thankful, I'm sure. I did try to trust, but I'll try harder next time. You haven't heard the whole, though. Mr. Giddings wants you next Monday for all the week, and he thinks for all summer."

The grace at table was a long one, full of thanks and praise, but not even the youngest child was impatient at its length.—*British Workman.*

## Last Words of a Hopeless Drunkard.

The following extracts were taken from one of the lectures of J. J. Talbot, who recently died from the effects of a drunken debauch, at Elkhart, Indiana:

"But now the struggle is over, I can survey the field and measure the losses. I had position, high and holy. The demon tore from around me the robes of my sacred office and sent me out churchless and Godless, a very hissing and by word among men. Afterwards I had business, large and lucrative, and my voice was heard in large courts pleading for justice, mercy and right. But the dust gathered on my books, and no footfall crossed the threshold of the drunkard's office. I had money, ample for all necessities, but it took wings and went to feed the coffers of the devils which possessed me. I had a home adorned with all that wealth and the most exquisite taste could buy. The devil crossed its threshold and the light faded from its chambers; the fire went out on the holiest of altars, and leading me from its portals, despair walked forth from me and sorrow and anguish lingered within. I had children,—beautiful to me at least—as a dream of the morning, and they had so entwined themselves around their father's heart, that no matter where it might wander, ever it came back to them on the wings of a father's undying love. The destroyer took their hands in his, and led them away. I had a wife, whose charms of mind and person were such that to see her was to love her. For thirteen years we walked the rugged path of life together, rejoicing in its sunshine and sorrowing in its shade. The infernal monster would not spare me even this. I had a mother who for long years had not left her chair, a victim of suffering and disease, and her choicest delight was in reflecting that the lesson taught at her knee had taken root in the heart of her young son, and that he was useful to his fellows, and an honor to her who bore him. But the thunderbolt even reached there and there it did its most cruel work. Other days may cure all but this. Ah, me! never a word of reproach from her lips; only a tender caress, only a shadow of a great unspoken grief gathering over the dear old face; only a trembling hand laid more lovingly upon my head, only a closer clinging to the cross, only a piteous appeal to heaven if her cup was at last not full. And while her body lay in her wild delirium two thousand miles away, the pitying angels pushed the golden gates ajar, and the mother of the drunkard entered into rest. And thus I stand, a clergyman without a church, a barrister without a brief or business, a father without a wife, a son without a parent, a man with scarcely a friend, a soul without hope—all swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink."—*Baptist Weekly.*

## "Became Sound and Well."

R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Sir—My wife, who had been ill for over two years, and had tried many other medicines, became sound and well by using your "Favorite Prescription." My niece was also cured by its use, after several physicians had failed to do her any good. Yours truly,

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## Barking at Thunder.

The first time our young dog heard thunder it startled him. He leaped up, gazed around in anger, and then began to bark at the disturber of his peace. When the next crash came he grew furious, and flew round the room, seeking to tear in pieces the intruder who dared thus to defy him. It was an odd scene. The yelping of a dog pitted against the artillery of heaven! Poor foolish creature, to think that his bark could silence the thunder clap, or intimidate the tempest! What was he like? His imitations are not far to seek. Among us at this particular juncture there are men of an exceedingly dogish breed who go about howling at their Maker.

They endeavor to bark the Almighty out of existence, to silence the voice of his gospel, and to let him know that their rest is not to be disturbed by his warnings. We need not particularize; the creatures are often heard, and are very fond of public notice, even when it takes an unfriendly form. Let them alone. They present a pitiful spectacle. We could smile at them if we did not feel much more compelled to weep. The elements of a tragedy are wrapped up in this comedy. To-day they defy their Maker, but tomorrow they may be crushed beneath his righteous indignation. At any rate the idea of fearing them is most never occur to us; their loudest noise is vocalized folly; their malice is impotent; their fury is mere fume. "He that sitteth in the heavens doth laugh; the Lord doth have them in derision."—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

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A rule is unlike a poor rule, because he works both ways.

## FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

### From the Southern World.

#### Fine Poultry and Eggs.

The many instructive and interesting articles in your valuable journal, by able correspondents, who like myself are readers of your paper, have awakened in my breast a feeling of indebtedness of which I can only relieve by contributing my mite to render your columns more attractive, if possible, to your thousands of progressive readers. It is only by an interchange of ideas and the results of our experiments that we can attain proficiency, without wasting years in quiet, fruitless research.

Of late years I have devoted much time to the subject of poultry breeding, incubators, etc., and I am offering the results of my experience to all who are interested in the subject. In an article of this length, it is impossible to enter into the minute of poultry raising, and I must content myself with a few leading thoughts and suggestions.

I am convinced that there is money in poultry if properly managed. I am also convinced that success lies chiefly in raising "pure breeds" exclusively. Hundreds of pure blooded fowls may be raised at every farm-house and village home in the land, with a very small outlay of capital. These will always command remunerative prices, and the demand will exceed the supply for years to come.

Poultry raising will afford profitable employment to boys and girls who otherwise pass their time in idleness. Every farmer's daughter should have her flock of choice fowls to care for as her own. Enough profit can be realized by every woman in the land from a small flock of choice fowls to enable her to purchase all needful articles for her toilet or dress.

Now, how shall we get a start? I have received hundreds of letters concerning my incubators, in which are the following questions, viz., "Where can I obtain pure Plymouth Rocks?" "Where can I get eggs from reliable breeders?" "What is the best breed for general purposes?" "Does it pay to run an incubator?" "When eggs are hatched by an incubator who does the clucking for the chickens?" "Will eggs hatch after shipping by express several hundred miles?" As these are questions which interest all those of your readers who are interested in poultry breeding, I shall avail myself of this opportunity to answer them once for all.

Fresh, fertile eggs will not be injured by a railroad journey if properly packed by one who understands the business. There are many breeds to select from, among which I mention the following as leading varieties, viz.: Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, White and dark Brahmas, Black and White Cochins, Games and Langshans; of ducks the Aylesbury and Pekin; Bronze Turkeys, etc.

One or two settings of any variety is sufficient to make a good start, and they may be obtained from any reliable breeder of whom there are many in various parts of the country. I do not feel inclined to give the address of any breeder of fancy fowls, as each should feel sufficient interest in his business to advertise in the Southern World and other good journals. For the benefit of my correspondents I will briefly state that at present I am not breeding for sale or profit, yet have made arrangements with reliable breeders to furnish eggs, viz.: per setting of thirteen eggs, \$2.50 for Plymouth Rock, Langshans, Black Cochins and Dark Brahmas; and \$3 per setting for Pit Games, Red Pekin Games, Red Braasted Games and Leghorns. Those in want of eggs can enclose amount to me stating what they want, and I shall have the same forwarded in good condition as soon as practicable.

Let it be understood that I do this for the accommodation of the readers of the World, and that I have no interest whatever in the "breeders' yards," and that I furnish them at breeders' prices direct from the yards of reliable men.

A good incubator in good hands, I regard as essential to success, while in careless hands it is worse than useless. Any careful intelligent boy or girl is capable of running an incubator with satisfactory results. On an average a good incubator will hatch a larger percentage than a hen, for the following obvious reasons: First, All unfertile eggs can be detected in an incubator and removed before they are rendered unfit for table use. Second, There need be no breakages nor spoiling of eggs by irregular sitting.

Chickens are easily raised without a hen to do the "clucking." In fact, clucking does not fill their crops, nor enter in the composition of those ingredients which develop bone, flesh, or feathers.

A good brooder or artificial mother which may be constructed at small cost, will answer the purpose quite as well as the natural mother.

Any information which I may be able to give, will be freely imparted to those enclosing stamp for reply.

A. M. METTETAL,  
Jonesboro, Tenn.

## Bye for Pasture.

Just at the time when grass starts to growing in Spring, when stock that have been fed through the winter on dry hay, oats and corn want a change, then is when a good field of rye proves of the greatest value. Every farmer and stock raiser knows that every spring stock of every kind get tired of dry feed. Every spring of grass that makes its appearance anywhere within reach of stock is eagerly eaten; and how many times stock, especially when fed upon one kind of feed through the winter, as corn and fodder, refuse to eat and get poor in consequence! When mares are foaling and cows calving a good rye pasture on which such stock can be turned over proves valuable indeed, and as compared with the cost gives a greater amount of feed and lasts longer than any other. By having a good field of rye in which to turn stock your pasture can get a better start in the spring, and in this way support

## better and keep up easier a larger quantity of stock.

If you can do so better sow a field of corn and use until you have to plant again the next spring. This helps considerably, and if then you are forced to plough it under you are giving your land a heavy coat of manure in a way that is not expensive. For soiling rye is very good, and where not many stock are kept it yields a profit under this way. One of the best farmers I ever knew, who owned but a small farm, claimed that he could keep a good cow in fine condition seven months in the year on half an acre of rye and half an acre of red clover by soiling. He would sow his patch of rye at the end of August, so as to get as good a growth as possible in the fall. By early spring he could commence cutting off his rye for feed. He sowed his clover in the spring mixed with oats, and by the time the rye was gone—about July—his clover, after the first year, was ready, and the only expense was seeding the rye. If a field is sown to rye it should be sown, if possible, very early, not later than the middle of September, to get a strong, vigorous growth, so that when other pastures fail you can use this. For sheep or young stock it is of great benefit to have such a field when the snow is off the ground for them to graze in. They can be kept in such a field until other pastures have made a good growth and then get a fair crop of seed from it, or if it is desired to crop it to corn it is worth the time and expense as a manure. This of itself should give more consideration than it receives. It is, however, growing into favor. More farmers every year are sowing patches of it, and when once tried the experiment needs not much urging to have it repeated.—*Willamette Farmer.*

## Manures.

Most important of all farm topics, we feel that we must revert to it now and then in order to keep it fresh in the mind of the reader. And yet we may not be able to offer anything new upon the subject. Any material that will enrich land and nourish feed crops is a manure. The best manure is made upon the farm, and all things considered, compost is the best form of manure. It requires but little outlay of money, but much of good grease to have enough of it. In fact, it is extremely doubtful whether any farmer ever did have enough of it for every want of his farm. Manure can be and should be made all the year round. It would pay any well established farmer to keep a hand, and regularly employed, collecting the material and composting manures. Everything that can be got in the way of green weeds, straw, leaves, muck, rubbish, cornstalks, rotting wood, old beds, leather, hair, feathers old hog beds, wood-scraping, rich dirt, road dust, bones, oyster shells and animal deposits of every kind, will go to help swell the compost heap. Collect everything that will rot or that can be reduced by acid or steeping in lye. Strong wood ashes are an essential part in all compost. Few things will resist long the action of wet ashes, but in a few months refuse of every kind will be reduced to a mass of manure it will delight your heart to see and handle. Add, then, to your compost piles, often and as much as you can. As weeds grow up cut them for the compost. In this way you will gradually get rid of many troublesome weeds by preventing them from maturing their seed. This kind of manure properly mixed with ashes will enrich your crops manifold. With plenty of this sort of manure a man may make more and live better on twenty-five acres than on fifty without it. The heaps must be kept moist or wet all the time, as both moisture and heat are necessary to decomposition. Have all the slops from the kitchen, soap water, etc., thrown upon them, or pour water over the heaps from time to time. Charcoal dust, dry dirt from the public roads, plaster, lime and salt are excellent additions. There ought to be a compost pile near every kitchen to catch the slops, ashes, dirty water and sweepings of the yards. Make manure of everything you can get. The above from the Rural Messenger, contains very valuable advice, which it will be money in your pocket to follow, but don't have a compost heap near your kitchen. It would be both unsightly and unhealthy. Better carry the material some distance than to have it always under your eye.

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