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We were once the pastor of a god-  
 mother in Israel, who had buried  
 even children out of twelve, and  
 entered the last decade of her earthly  
 pilgrimage, and she lived in perpetual  
 sunshine. Her countenance was al-  
 ways aglow with hallowed joy, the joy  
 of the Lord. She often declared to  
 her friends that while she was willing  
 to abide here just so long as it was  
 the Master's will, yet to no event in  
 the future did she look forward with  
 such sweet satisfaction, such exqui-  
 site joy, as the day of her departure  
 would be with Christ. And all who knew  
 her gave full credit to what she said,  
 and her whole life verified the sincerity  
 of her faith. And when the day  
 came, all that she had said was fully  
 sustained. Is it not the will of the  
 Master that all his servants shall reach  
 at last maturity of faith, in which  
 they can say with an apostle, "For me  
 to live is Christ, but to die is gain?"  
 Well may it be said, Blessed is that  
 servant whom his Lord, when he  
 cometh, shall find thus waiting and  
 watching! Well with him if his tribu-  
 tations have borne the peaceable fruits  
 of righteousness!—*Christian Index*.



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## SOLOMON AND HIS SINS.

A recent international lesson has occasioned a good deal of discussion in reference to the character of King Solomon—whether to be regarded compatible with piety or not. Some allege the impossibility of numbering him among the saints, in the light of his profligate history, reaching down to, if not culminating in, old age; others, that there are signs of true and deep repentance in the spirit and character of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes—that these were probably written in his "penitent old age," within the few last years of his life. The rest of the thing, turns on the connection of the case with the doctrine of apostasy.

There is something no doubt, to be said on both sides of the question, and, therefore, the history is scarcely to be accepted as bearing in any important way on the question. It is a capital rule to adduce no illustration on important subjects, unless certainly pertinent—unless the case adduced is clear as to its character and application. This is in accord with the accepted notion of bringing forward proof texts only when clearly pertinent and unmistakable as to their meaning.

If we wish to settle the question of apostasy, abundant means exist in plain, unmistakable words and illustrations selected by the Holy Spirit, in other portions of the Bible—many, very many, others. To these we should go, if we would be satisfied upon the subject.

So far as history is concerned, apart from explicit statements as to his character, David might give us a pause in reckoning upon the saints. We should have no great deal to go upon except the spirit of his writings. These are mellow and devout, and so of most, at least of Solomon's. One of these monarchs was a penitent we know from his writings; the other, we may, at least, believe. If penitent after all lapses, we know that the penitent are forgiven.

These fearful cases of falling, in all their enormity, are proofs of the divinity of writings singular in their difference from all other biography—exposing the evil as well as the good—truthful to the last degree. If we were left to conjecture the reason of their being left us, we should say to prevent despair on the part of any in generous spirits fallen in similar ways.

## THE WOODROW IN BROGLIO.

We sometimes become almost provoked at the ultrademocracy of our Baptist people, held together as they are by nothing but sheer principle. Indeed it is not impossible that they have reached, in many cases, into extreme views of personal and congregational independence. But when a case like that of Prof. Woodrow comes up, and the wishes of those to whom parties are immediately responsible are resisted by other than moral means, we feel particularly comfortable in the company in which we find ourselves, and get a glimpse of the wisdom that established no higher church: tribunal than that of the local society, which, built up by divine prescription, we call a church.

As we understand the matter, Commissioners or Directors of the Theological Institution at Columbia, South Carolina, two from each of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, have assumed the supervision of the Seminary, elect professors or remove them, take oversight of the instruction given in the school—and discharge generally the duties of Trustees. So far all would seem to be well. The action of this Board, being final, would leave the management of the institution without complication. But it seems that the acts of this Board, whose duty it has lately been deemed to inquire into the orthodoxy of the Chairman of the Faculty, are liable not only to the supervision of the Synods by whom they are appointed, but to judicial investigation by the Courts of the country.

We have no such difficulties, at least in regard to questions of soundness in the faith. Not long ago an eminent professor in one of our Theological schools, announced his divergence from the generally understood views of his brethren, and was at once removed by the Trustees of the Institution. Their way was clear, especially as that professor had subscribed a creed outlining those views, which was accepted as the guide of all parties. Similarly the well known "standards" of the Presbyterian church, the guide of all its churches and schools, as understood and interpreted by the Board of Directors, might, but for allowance of inscrip-

tural appeal, be an end of controversy in such cases as we are noticing.

Our sympathies, and they are earnest, are with the friends, among that esteemed people, of the older orthodoxy. May should peace be sacrificed to the vagaries of a mere theory based on not a single fact?

"Seeing that we have a Great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly to the throne of grace."

A plea put in through the Mediator, based entirely on the merit of His shed blood, must always be heard. His acceptance is secured by covenant. The Father hath stipulated with His Son to receive all who come to God by Him.

When an advocate, in an earthly Court, shows that the law acquits his client, there is an end of the prosecution. The law, on principles of justice, secures the acquittal of a condemned sinner, who pleads through his Advocate, the complete satisfaction made in the Redeemer's blood.

Therefore we may come boldly to the throne of grace; that is, without apprehension or distrust. Only penitents, however, ever put in such a plea.

An esteemed brother writes a letter of inquiry in reference to a young man desiring to be educated for the ministry, "of true piety—not one of the once a year, but everyday Christians." We like to hear of such. We wish our churches were full of them. There are hosts of protracted meeting Christians among us, whose zeal very much abates in the long intervals. O if we could count on the zeal of all our brethren all the year, what a change it would make! The indoctrination of our people, so important to their peace and comfort, and so necessary to their efficiency, in Saturday meetings, so ill-attended, is meagre indeed. The Sunday-school, attended by the whole church might greatly supplement the two sermons a month preaching so common.

We may perhaps best answer the inquiry of our brother by frankly saying, that our latest information is that the Board of Education have already entertained as many applications as they see their way of providing for. The funds are wanted.

REV. A. ANDREWS, of Burnsville, never tires of good deeds. He has just sent us \$10.00 with instruction to move up his figures on subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for one year, and to appropriate the remainder to sending the paper to deserving people who are not able to pay for it. For this amount we shall send the paper to eight worthy families each year. This is the second time during the last few months that Bro. Andrews has opened his heart and his purse for this particular object. The Lord will reward him and the poor will bless him.

In an unusual run of business last week, we failed to report the death of the younger of the two children of Rev. A. C. Davidson, pastor at Marion. He was a bright little boy, and full of joy and promise. After a sickness of only a few days, he died Thursday, Oct. 13th. It is a sad desolation of a happy home; and we offer our sincerest sympathies to the parents whose hearts are so crushed.

## Ruskin on Preaching.

There are two ways of regarding a sermon, either as a human composition or a divine message. . . . It once we begin to regard the preacher, what ever his faults, as a man sent with a message to us, which it is a matter of life or death whether we hear or refuse; if we look upon him as set in charge over many spirits in danger of ruin, and having allowed to him but an hour or two in the seven days to speak to them; if we make some endeavor to conceive how precious these hours ought to be to him, a small vantage on the side of God after his flock has been exposed for six days together to the full weight of the world's temptation, he has but thirty minutes to get at the separate hearts of a thousand men, to convince them of their weaknesses, to shame them for all their sins, to warn them of all their dangers, to try this way and that to stir the hard fastenings of those doors where the Master himself has stood and knocked yet none opened, and to call at the openings of those dark streets where Wadon herself hath stretched forth her hand and no man regarded—thirty minutes to raise the dead in—let us but once understand and feel this; and . . . we shall wish that his words may be simple even when they are sweetest, and the place from which he speaks like a marble rock in the desert, about which the people have gathered in their thirst.

A religious character is the greatest of all human attainments. This is to have Christ formed within us, the hope of glory. Jesus the blessed Master, lived the perfect life. In him, each good affection of humanity had its fulness, its permanence, its perfection. How reverent, how holy, how dear, how self-entrancing, is that incarnate loveliness! God in him, God with us, the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person.—Dewey.

## THE OLD THEOLOGY RE-STATEMENT.

Twenty-five Sermons. By Rev. H. H. Tucker, D. D. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 452 pp. Price, \$2.00.

There are some books that serve the place of religious barometers. The extent of their circulation serves as a gauge of the intelligent, cultivated piety of our Christian population. The character of the religious books found on the shelves of private libraries, and the extent to which they bear the impress of use, are a pretty fair criterion by which to judge of the growth of the parties in spiritual knowledge. It has grown to be a maxim that men are known by the company they keep; and of all the company that can affect the moral status, books are the most influential, for the reason that although their effect is silent, it is all the more constant and potent.

Not within twenty years have we read a book so well calculated to strengthen the faith and quicken the zeal of believers as the one indicated at the head of this article. If those who suppose that the "O. D. Theology" has become effete, and is ready to vanish away, will give this volume a careful perusal, we are mistaken if they do not find that a geologist who should undertake to unsettle the Rocky Mountains would not be less wise than those who are engaged in the task of subverting the "O. D." with the "New Theology." Nothing new has appeared in the volume of nature from the moment the divine hand gave the finishing touch to creation. Science has only discovered what is as old as the world, and all its boasted achievements are nothing but new combinations of old things. The book of Revelation was closed eighteen centuries ago, and nothing new has ever found its way into that holy volume since. The business of the theologians is simply that of discovery, combination and affiliation. The great doctrines and precepts which constitute the sum of revealed truth, must ever enter into the warp and woof of our teaching, oral or written. Anything not generally taught in our sacred writings, no matter how specious or attractive, and no matter what flourish of great names it may appeal to us, can never be a part of God's eternal truth. As well attempt to add a continent to this earth, as to supplement God's Word with anything the most gifted genius could originate.

The volume before us is opportune. Theological adventurers who claim to have established a school of "higher criticism," and who are devoting themselves to the task of revising and connecting the writings of Moses and the prophets, and eliminating the "human element" from the teachings of Christ and his apostles, will find in this volume something that will exercise their critical acumen, not that any sermon in the book makes any allusion, as we remember, to their cherished theories, but the establishment of old truths effectually cuts off their fanciful speculations far more satisfactorily than if the author had aimed directly to subvert them. If we were called upon to indicate in one sentence our estimate of the book, we should say that its leading characteristics are soundness of teaching, clearness of statement, originality of treatment, force of expression, and fervidness of spirit. In his style Dr. Tucker betrays the purity and finish of Hall, the richness of Chalmers, and the fervor of Melville. It would be difficult for the closest critic to supply any word in any connection that could add to the force or finish of a single sentence. What Dr. Quincy said of Coleridge as a talker, is true of Dr. T. as a writer—he wields his language like a magician. The appropriate collocation of words comes at his bidding as if the thought and the words were made for each other.

The topics discussed embrace just that range of subjects, doctrinal and practical, which cannot fail to attract the thoughtful attention of serious Christians. Beginning with the "Great Paradox," the divine and the human side of the redemption plan, down to the last fruits of Godliness in "Old Age and Death," there is scarcely a note in the whole scale he does not strike. There is no studied coherence in the series, but by a kind of moral synthesis they dovetail into each other as parts of one whole.

In reading these sermons we have been occasionally struck with the open transparent candor of the author as he encounters some of those high questions involved in the co-operative agencies of God and man in the process of redemption. With adoring wonder, he adjourns those questions to that far, far, joyous in the everlasting sunlight of the soul, we can resume them under happier auspices. There is no darkening of counsel with words in vain attempts to comprehend the incomprehensible. Judging those sermons by all the criteria which have placed those of Andrew Fuller, Robert Hall, Thomas Chalmers, Richard Fuller, and Francis Wayland in the libraries of intelligent Christians, we cannot see that Dr. Tucker could have done his duty to the cause of Christ, and to the spiritual wants of his brethren, if he had

failed to make this offering to our religious literature; for no candid reader will doubt that the volume meets a demand that will place it among the choicest sermons of the age. As a piece of profound logic—logic that literally shows one up to the faith of the Gospel, the discourse on "The Unity of Guilt" is unsurpassed. As a gem of descriptive eloquence, we know nothing that excels the sermon on "The Last Judgment." For exquisite finish, both in style and matter, the reader will be struck with the one on "The Beauty of Holiness." The discourse on "The Position of Baptism in the Christian System," has already taken its place among the ablest productions of the age, having been translated into different languages, both in Europe and Asia. And to go no further, the sermon on "Justification by Faith," and "God's Eternal Purpose," throw around their cherished doctrines a triumphant vindication which leaves nothing to be desired by those who are most thoroughly rooted and grounded in the faith. The fact is, there is not a sermon in the series which the reader will feel that he could spare.

Some of our older brethren are occasionally betraying some restiveness about the "old faith" of our fathers, apprehending some danger from the bold speculative tendencies of the age. To all such we would say, give your fears to the winds. When a similar danger threatened that faith at the opening of this century, God raised up Andrew Fuller to meet the crisis to the utter discomfiture of all opposers. And at a somewhat later period in this century, when the incursions of error swept over New England, the Baptists of that section stood like a wall of granite around the sacred citadel. And now, when a general onslaught is made upon "the faith once delivered to the saints" to supply us with a "new theology" suited to the supposed wants of a progressive age, Dr. Tucker steps to the front in his Old Theology Re-statement with an original freshness, a vigor of conception, a logical compactness, and above all, with arguments drawn directly from the Word of God, throwing around this, our ark of the covenant, an entrenchment that we are bold to say will defy all the forces from without.—For thus it has ever been, and thus it will ever be, "when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard."

To our preaching brethren, we say, you cannot afford to deny yourselves of this book. To all reading Christians, we say, buy this book and read it, and no money could purchase it from you.

We would say to the State Mission Board, that a better thing could not be done to promote the spiritual growth of our denomination in the State than the circulation of this volume by our colporteurs. S. H.

## Ministers Institute.

A ministers' institute of the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association will meet with the church at Vance's Station, Friday, before the fifth Sunday in November.

Friday, 12 m. Sermon, by Samuel Henderson, D. D.

2 to 4 p. m. Topic—Relative duties of pastor and deacons. A. A. Hogan and Joseph Tibbs.

Saturday, 10 to 12 a. m. Topic—Hindrances to our missionary operations. Wm. McIlwain and J. G. Lowry.

1 1/2 to 4 p. m. Topic—Church and individual independence—its use and abuse. B. J. Caffee and J. F. Goodson.

Religious exercises for Sabbath arranged by the meeting.

T. M. BARBOUR, Chairman of Committee.

## "Steep Creek."

There will be an associational district meeting of the second district of the Alabama Association held with the Steep Creek Baptist church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday, before the 29th inst, in which the following subjects will be discussed. All who feel an interest in the Master's cause, are cordially invited to attend. The hour of meeting is 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, 29th inst.

1st subject. The true mission of the church. Rev. R. M. Butt and Dr. D. D. Jones.

2nd. Christian benevolence. Judge H. W. Caffee and S. A. Saterwhite.

3rd. Does the love of Christ create in the minds of his people, an earnest desire to help extend the knowledge of Christ to all unbelievers? Rev. M. Bishop.

4th. In what ways, especially, may the Gospel be preached, by those who are not ministers? Rev. G. W. McQueen.

5th. What assurance have we in the New Testament, that God's blessings will follow the faithful preaching of the Gospel to all people? Rev. F. C. Plaster.

On Sunday the 11 o'clock sermon will be preached by Rev. F. C. Plaster. C. A. GUNN, Vice Pres.

## From Elowah.

Dear Baptist: As I see no one has given you any news from these parts of late, I will give you a few glimpses. During the past year there has been quite a stir of revival among the churches of this section. I have attended several associational meetings all of which show a large increase in the churches both by experience and letter. There has been a new association organized in this county, (Elowah), consisting of churches from Cherokee, Cedar Bluff, Ten Island and Tallahassee, Cahaba Valley and Warrior River Associations. Nineteen churches were included in the organization. Its territory will embrace all the churches of the county, after which it is named. Brother H. R. Culbertson was elected moderator and Dr. J. R. Nowlin clerk. The association placed itself in hearty cooperation with all the enterprises fostered by the denomination of the State. About \$275 were raised for Missions and \$45 or \$50 for Colportage and Bible work. The Colportage fund will be raised to \$100 and is to be known as the J. J. D. Renfro Colportage fund. Which is to perpetuate the name of that faithful servant of God whose labors in past years were abundant in the territory embraced in the Elowah Association. Bro. T. M. Baily was present, and contributed his usual amount of power as is his habit in such meetings, and his labors were highly appreciated by the brethren. This association will consist of some of the largest churches in this part of the State and has plenty of work before it, as there are many localities within its bounds destitute of Baptist preaching.

The shortness of the crops has cast a cloud of gloom over the financial interests of this section, and the faithful pastor comes in for his share of the failures. There is no set of men among us who do so much hard labor for such a small amount of pecuniary reward and while I am reminded that I have written enough, I wish to say to all those who read this, dear reader, have you paid your pastor for his services the past year? How faithfully has he come among you at the appointed time, how hard has he worked to advance the cause of Christ in your community? perhaps he has been an instrument in the hands of God in the saving of the souls of some of your children; do not let the hard times keep you from paying him for his services. As Bro. Wilkes said in last week's BAPTIST, go home with him, enquire after his welfare, cheer up his lonely wife, in her humble yet noble calling; you will thus do your own soul good and that of your pastor and his family, and above all things pray for him and meet him at his appointments. Success to the ALA. BAPTIST and his noble editor. H. E. HARRIS.

Gadsden, Ala.

## Ministers.

Ministers of the Gospel are engaged in a very important and arduous work; no other avocation can be compared with it. All true ministers are called of God, and are called to the same work, the same in every essential feature. Their hopes and fears, their assistance and difficulties, their reverses and triumphs are one. Why, then, should they hinder each other's work? Their sympathy for each other should be sacred, deep and abiding. They should rejoice in each other's success, and mourn over each other's failures. In their treatment of each other, there should always be exhibited and experienced the truest kindness, the most affectionate and generous concern, and the purest Christian love. No envy of a brother minister's talent, accomplishments or popularity, should for a moment be allowed to find a place in the minister's heart. They should never, without it is a pressing necessity, utter a disparaging word about each other. The sneer, the insinuation, the censorious word should never be heard. Never should they throw the least barrier in each other's way. Of that sort of work, Satan, the world, and worldly-minded professors of religion will do enough. Ministers should be helpers of each other's joys. They should be laborers together with God. They should love each other with a "pure heart fervently." The world should see that Gospel ministers, at least, "dwell together in unity." Such a heavenly sight would go very far towards convincing the world of the divinity of Christianity. Such mutual and cordial relationship and cooperation would very greatly comfort each other's hearts, and might strengthen each other's hands. I would to God that such a state of things were far more common among the ministers of the Gospel. Would that all words of misrepresentation and detraction, and all undermining acts, might forever cease! How will such things appear in the judgment day! How do they now grieve the Holy Spirit, and work the defeat of the Gospel, and ruin souls! Come, brethren, let us draw near to God, and to one another. "Let love be without dissimulation." "Be kindly affectioned one to another

with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another." Let us pray God for so much of the Holy Spirit until we cannot help loving, cheering and strengthening each other in our high and sacred calling. J. H. CURRY.

Nov. 22

## Memorial Window.

To the Young People, Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Penn:

I take this method of reaching you because of the immense labor and time it would take to write to each one. The Avenue Baptist Church, familiarly known as the Nickel Church, of this city, with which our Bro. Major Penn has been identified from its beginning, is nearing completion, and I have thought it would be a fitting memorial to him and his devoted wife, and would show our appreciation of their labors and sacrifices in the Master's vineyard, to put the front center window in, as a memorial to them, having their names stained in the glass. I desire the young people to do this by each one making a personal contribution, if it is only the "Widow's Mite." Let it be remembered that this is distinct from the building funds; if any one desires to aid in that, however, your contributions will be thankfully received. Please act at once. Do not wait for any one, but on the reception of this letter consider yourself appointed as collector. Let the contribution with names and amount given by each be sent to me at Palestine, Texas, by December 14th.

Very truly yours,

GEO. ROBERT CAIRNS.

Palestine, Texas, Nov. 20th, 1884.

Dear Baptist: The church and community at Brewton were favored with a series of sermons by Bro. B. H. Crumpton, commencing on Sabbath, the 10th inst. His thrilling manner of presenting Gospel truths, impressed many hearts with an awful sense of their sins; and we believe the seed sown "will bring forth unto life everlasting." The church, too, was greatly strengthened and encouraged, and we look for greater earnestness and activity in the future. At the close of the meeting on Thursday a presbytery was called by the church composed of Bro. B. H. Crumpton and the pastor, to ordain Bro. J. E. Dean to the full work of the Gospel ministry. Bro. Dean is a promising young man, and we look to his future with strong desire and hope.

Fraternally,

J. E. BELL.

Georgiana, Nov. 23.

## A Seeming Paradox.

Oh, you poor blind one, look to Christ, and live! I was about to say, "Ye dead ones, come," and I do say it, for God saith it—"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." "What is the use of talking to the dead people?" says one. My dear friends, I do not suppose that it would be of any use for you to do so, because, you see, you were never sent on such an errand; but I am as much sent to preach to dry bones to night as Ezekiel was when he stood in the valley and said, "Ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord." In the name of the eternal God, I say, "Ye guilty sinners, fly to Christ, and live." Come along with you, you who are the very worst in your own esteem—you who are all but in hell. The Lord saith, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." He will not cast you away, but he will receive you now. God grant that you may come for Jesus' sake. Amen.—Spurgeon.

MR. FRANCIS LATHROP, whose fame as a decorative painter is well known in connection with the Metropolitan Opera House, and other public and private buildings, has made a handsome and striking design for the cover of Cassell's Family Magazine. The new cover will appear on the first number of the new volume for January, 1885, and will be ready December 12th, 1884.

Alabama Baptist: Eld. C. W. Callahan, formerly of Decatur, died at his home in Fayetteville, Ark., on the 7th inst. One of the noblest, purest and best men is gone, and all our hearts are sad. He was a native of Alabama. Had been in Arkansas six years.

A. J. FAWCETT.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 19th.

It is the neglect and abuse of Christianity by those who profess it, more than any real outside opposition to it, that hinders its progress, and prevents its speedy and complete triumph in the world.—[Rev. Wm. S. Balch.

Aloft on the throne of God, and not below, in the foot prints of a tramping multitude, are the sacred rules of right, which no majorities can displace or overturn.—[Chas. Sumner.

When any calamity has been suffered, the first thing to be remembered is how much has been escaped.—[Johnson.

Let all seen enjoyments lead to the unseen fountain from whence they flow.—[Halliburton.

## Alabama News.

Incendiaries are at work near Moulton. Montgomery is to have a street railway.

Thieves have been at work in Talladega.

The capital city is infested with tramps.

A little fire in Tuscaloosa on the 13th inst.

The University at Tuscaloosa has 216 students.

Next Thursday is the National Thanksgiving day.

There are 700 lunatics in the asylum at Tuscaloosa.

Birmingham's electric lights will cost her \$500,000 annually.

Ex Gov. Loomis, of Connecticut, is stopping in Montgomery.

Pickens county farmers complain of bears killing their hogs.

A new ward-n is soon to be appointed for the penitentiary.

The library of the Y. M. C. A., at Marion, contains 200 volumes.

The gin house of L. Tyson, of Lowndes county, was destroyed by fire.

The North Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church, is in session at Talladega.

We hear that the Uniontown Fair left the stockholders somewhat in arrears, financially.

A negro woman was killed near Cypress Pond, by the falling of a tree which she was cutting.

A total loss of the Lucy Gastrell is apprehended, as all efforts to float her have been fruitless.

Mr. R. Williams, in the Kincheon neighborhood, lost his house and contents by fire on the 10th.

In Talladega county, a little girl was bitten by a mad dog and died next day in great agony.

The steam gin of Mr. Bryant, near Montgomery, was burned with several bales of cotton last week.

H. Shemmaker, of Jefferson county, was killed by the lever of his cotton gin hitting him on the head.

A substantial brick depot is to take the place of the wooden freight house burned in Birmingham last week.

The Singer Manufacturing Company, of Montgomery, presented to the Orphan's Home one of its new machines.

Maj. Modawell, of Marion, is chairman of the House caucus, and Mr. Troy, of Montgomery, of the Senate caucus.

John Washington, colored, near Greensboro, had his house and contents, and nearly seven bales of cotton burned.

Some of the ruins of the Woods mills, near Eutawla, which were burned on the 1st of August last, are still burning.

Burglars broke into the Montevallo depot a few days ago and stole the contents of the cash drawer and a lady's trunk.

The country seems to be full of tramps and burglars. They have been very annoying to the citizens of Greenville.

A new county is spoken of to be formed out of Jefferson, Blount and Walker counties, with its center about Blount Springs.

While attempting to climb a freight train at Calera, James Flannery, of Birmingham, was so injured that he died in a short time.

Mr. Sreen, who was shot by his nephew a short time since at Snow Hill, is dead. Both of his eyes were put out by the wound.

Several bills have been introduced in the legislature for the prevention of the introduction and sale of obscene literature in this State.

Mrs. Sallie Chapin, of South Carolina, the distinguished temperance lecturer, now in this State, is said to be accomplishing much good.

A quarry of stone of superior quality, has been discovered at Brock's Gap, in North Alabama, on the L. & N. road, and is now being used for the building of Selma's bridge.

J. M. Parish, of Bibb county, killed an Albino squirrel last week while hunting on the Coosa river. The tail is smaller than that of the common gray squirrel, and it is perfectly white.

Little Mamie Watt, of Montgomery, was authorized to work for the orphans last Saturday and collected \$27.90, which was forwarded to the superintendent of the Orphan's Home.

Two Mormon elders or Latter Day Saints, stopped at a hotel in Moulton, at which place they had an appointment to preach, but left in a few hours with rather more haste than dignity.

The saloon men of Birmingham have appointed a committee to frame a constitution for an association in pursuance of a State movement for protection against the design of the prohibitionists.

Mr. Joseph, of Monroe county, lost his saw mill a short time ago by fire. He had just rebuilt it and a few days ago it was again burned; immediately afterwards his gin was burned by an incendiary fire.

The Marion Commonwealth contained this week the valedictory of its former owner, Mr. Geo. C. Rogers, and the salutatory of the present proprietors, Messrs. W. R. Brown and E. B. Stockton.

The Eutawla fair was a great success. A painful accident occurred on last Friday. Miss LeBurch, the female balladist, was severely injured by jumping from the balcony as it was descending.

The business men of Montgomery, held a meeting the object of which was to take action in regard to partisan attacks made by the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette upon Southern people and the condition of affairs South.

Three tramps, supposed to be from Detroit, Mich., were arrested in Calera last week, and the articles found in their possession led to the supposition that they had something to do with the robbery of a freight car at Calera last week.

Some negroes set fire to Mr. M. Weaver's house near Uniontown, in

order, as they afterwards confessed, to rob his store. The house, a wagon, and 10 bales of cotton were destroyed. The negroes are in custody.

Tuscaloosa News: The Montgomery Advertiser speaks of the present members of the legislature as being one of the most talented that has assembled in that city for years. It is now to be hoped that they will give the country a sample of their intellect.

An accident occurred at Calhoun, on the M. & M. road, on Tuesday the 17th, in which H. A. David on brake-man, was killed, engineer Ray seriously injured, and a M. & D. dangerously injured. Seven cars and the engine were completely demolished.

There have been many fires in Montgomery of late, nearly all of incendiary origin. The trouble has become as great that insurance companies are enforcing their protective clause, and some threaten to withdraw altogether. The police have obtained a clue, and two arrests have been made.

The steamer Niobrara struck a sunken flat just above Mobile, at half past six on the evening of the 22nd, while on her way up the river. She was put in shallow water and sank, leaving the bow out of the water. The passengers, 15 in number, were rescued after an hour's exposure to the drenching rain. The loss is about \$8,000. The boat is owned by J. D. Johnson.

Montgomery Advertiser: The steamer "Capt. Sam," plying between this city and Selma, exploded her boiler on the night of the 19th inst., at Hob Nob bar, and the boat was badly wrecked. About twenty-five persons were on the steamer at the time of the explosion. Capt. English and several of the crew were hurt. Five persons including the little daughter of the Captain are missing. Later news from the disaster to the "Capt. Sam" is that one of the passengers, DuBose McNeill, who had both legs broken, died to-day. The steamer was a very small boat, only ninety-three tons register, which ran during low water. She was new and had good machinery.

## OBITUARY.



# Alabama Baptist.

SELMA, ALA., NOV. 27, 1884.

**The Trouble-Solver.**  
Stomach trouble is serious business while it lasts; but a blessed relief to have it depart! Mrs. F. G. Wells, of 19 Atlantic St., Hartford, Conn., writes that she tried Bowditch's Food for Stomach Trouble, and that she experienced such relief that the trouble is now entirely over. She recommends this great iron medicine to all who are afflicted. It cures liver and kidney complaint.

A light brings out stars as sorrow shows us truths.—[P. J. Bailey.]

The best is the cheapest. Buy Shriver's Indian Vermifuge, as it is guaranteed to destroy and expel worms—the child's greatest enemy.

A holy act strengthens the inward holiness. It is a seed of life growing into more life.—[Robertson.]

**A Good Investment.**  
MESSRS. CRADDOCK & CO.: Please send another \$12 box of CANNERS' CO. This remedy has entirely cured me of BRONCHITIS and CATARRH. I gained nine pounds in two weeks. The \$12 box cost me only \$5.00 more good for me than the \$20.00 paid for doctors.

BEN. F. JONES.  
No. 820 Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

This remedy pays for itself. One bottle will satisfy the most skeptical. There is not a single symptom of CATARRH or CONSUMPTION that it does not dissipate at once, and it will break up a fresh cold in twenty-four hours. \$2.50 per pint bottle, or three bottles, \$6.50.

CRADDOCK & CO., Sole Prop's.,  
1032 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

He who waits for an opportunity to do much at once may breathe out his life in idle wishes, and regret in his last hour his useless intentions and barren race.—[The Heartstone.]

MASON & HAMLIN commenced as melodeon makers in 1854. They soon introduced the improved instrument now known as the organ, or American organ, as it is termed in Europe. The new instrument proved so superior that it soon took the place of every thing else in this country, being adapted and manufactured by all who had previously made melodeons, and many others who were induced to commence the business by the rapidly growing demand. Now about 80,000 American organs are made annually. Those by the Mason & Hamlin Company have always stood at the head, being acknowledged the best. The same makers are now producing improved Upright Pianos, which they believe are destined to rank as high as their organs have done.—[Boston Traveller.]

An ancient maiden subscribed for an agricultural paper because she heard its "Notes on Husbandry" well spoken of.

**READ, PONDOR & PROFIT THEREBY.**  
If you are suffering with indigestion, dyspepsia, sore throat, sick or nervous headache, chills and fever, malaria, female complaints, uterine troubles, or any chronic or constitutional disease, you should procure a bottle of the Famous Seven Springs Iron Alum Mass, a remedy conceived by all who have used it, to find any preparation they can get. There is danger in delay, so get it now and get a bottle, it is guaranteed to cure any of the above diseases.

Polliteness is like an air cushion. There may be nothing in it, but it eases our jolts wonderfully.

**YOUNG MEN—READ THIS.**  
The Volta Belt Co., of Marshall, Mich., offer to send their celebrated Electro Voltaic Belt and other Electric Appliances, free of charge, for thirty days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality and manhood, and all kindred troubles. Also for rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, and many other diseases. Complete cures in many cases. Vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk is incurred, as thirty days is allowed. Write them at once for illustrated pamphlet free.

A lawyer has composed a poem on "My Conscience." It ought to sell well. The public are fond of novelties.

**ADVICE TO MOTHERS.**—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the inflamed gum, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

**REASONS ENOUGH.**—"Why do you wear your beard mutton-chops?" was asked a commercial traveler by a friend. "Because," replied the philosophical answer, "in the first place it hides my cheek, and in the second place it gives my chin full play."—[Undisputed.]

**HOLMES' SURE CURE**  
MOUTH WASH AND DENTIFRICE  
Cures Bleeding Gums, Ulcers, Sore Mouth, Sore Throat, and all other diseases of the Mouth and Throat. It is the best and most reliable remedy ever used. For sale by J. B. Heidt & Bro., and R. P. Lockhart, Selma, Ala., and by all Wholesale Agents, Atlanta, Ga.

"Thomas, spell weather," said a school-master to one of his pupils. "W-e-o-t-h-e-r-u, weather." "Well, Thomas, you may sit down," said the teacher; "I think that is the worst spell of weather we have had since Christmas."

**Furs, Hides and Wax Wanted.**

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA:  
I have leave to inform you all that you should by your health in August that I did not want me to be Governor, but preferred that I should continue in the Rag Hides, Wax and Fur trade. Therefore as you think it best for me to continue in the fur and hide business, and as I will be able to pay as high prices as Montgomery, Atlanta or Nashville, for the same grade of furs, I will take Furs from all points from which I can get them, but prefer that they shall not be sent before the fifteenth inst., and then on the 15th of April. Hides, Rags, Wax, tallow, and all other goods, parties afraid to risk their Furs, will please describe and price them, and write me for a bid.

BERKLAND ZACHRY.

Opelika, Ala., Nov. 18th, 1884.

"There is but one good wife in this town," said a clergyman in the course of his sermon; the congregation looked expectant—"and every married man thinks he's got her," added the minister.

**Skin Diseases.**—"Wash the Ointment." "Spray the Ointment" cures T. ter, Salt Rheum, Ringworm, Sores, Pimples, Eczema, all Itchy Skin Eruptions, no matter how obstinate or long standing.

"No, my daughter," said a millionaire manufacturer, "I'll never consent to your marrying a bank cashier. Your lungs are too delicate to stand the rigors of a Canadian winter."

**THE ENTERPRISE MEAT CHOPPER** has been tested and endorsed by over one hundred Agricultural Journals. The Farm and Fireside says: "After testing, each editor immediately ordered an Enterprise Meat Chopper for his family use." The American Agriculturist says: These Choppers excel anything of the kind made in either hemisphere. See large advertisement in another column.

**MARRIED.**

At the residence of the bride's mother, near Bragg's Store, at 8 o'clock p. m., on the 19th of Nov., 1884, by Rev. J. M. Fortune, Mr. W. W. Leslie and Miss Janie C. Peake. All of Lowndes county, Ala. Success to the happy couple.

# "A Promise for Good."

You cut rather a ludicrous figure in your article under the above caption last week, calling for "three cheers for Baber and Shiloh," for "moving for a ministers' meeting," whereas said meeting is not a "ministers' meeting," but a general meeting of the churches, and you ought to know the "moving for this meeting" was done in the association at its last session. What funny things sometimes occur!

A MEMBER.

**Obituary.**

Died, near Jemison, Chilton county, Ala., on the 8th inst., after a long and painful illness, in the 18th year of her age, Mrs. Lizzie Atkins, wife of Mr. Allen Atkins, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ward.

The deceased leaves a husband and one child and many friends to mourn her early demise. Mrs. Atkins was a lovely and intelligent young lady. She was not a member of any church, but was Baptist in principle. She stated to her kindred and friends before she died that she felt prepared and willing to die, and was not afraid to go into the presence of God. She told her father there was nothing on earth she desired to live for. Even the thought of returning health and bright prospects for the future, did not bind her affections to this life. But her greatest desire was to sufficiently regain her health to submit herself to the ordinance of baptism. But the all-wise disposer has ordered otherwise, and she has gone the way of all the earth. But thanks be to God for the strong evidence we have that her end was peace. Her remains were brought to Pleasant Grove church on the 9th inst. Her funeral was preached by Eld. R. M. H. Neycutt from Heb. 9:27-28. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment; so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Z. I. JONES.

Randolph, Ala., Nov. 22.

For the Alabama Baptist.

**Bro West:** The Canaan Association has suffered greatly by deaths of several of our very best laymen during the past twelve months. J. M. Franklin whose obituary appeared in your paper, the honored Superintendent of the Sabbath school of Cahaba, also O. A. Massey of Ruhama church. Since the 1st of October, S. T. Huty, a deacon of Pleasant Ridge, a wise and safe counsellor, has been for many years a Commissioner of the County Court, died suddenly. He was about 74 or 5 years of age. His memory is fragrant in his church and community—a self-made man, noble Christian gentleman. Next deacon Reuben Robertson, about 77 years of age. His obituary has been prepared and will be published. And on last Sabbath Bro. Moses Fields, a member of Sulphur Springs church, a good man, ripe in faith and good works. Huey, Robertson and Fields all lived close together—were neighbors. Bro. Fields was about 69 years of age. It is said he was the first white child ever born in Jefferson county, has spent all his days here.

A. J. W.

Woodlawn, Ala., Nov. 18th, 1884.

**Deacon Reuben Robertson.**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of that good man deacon Reuben Robertson, on the 13th day of October, 1884, after a painful illness of over a month, in the full triumph of the Christians faith. The subject of this notice was born and married in South Carolina; came to Alabama and when near 40 years of age was received into the fellowship of the Union church, where he remained for several years, but finally became a member of the Sulphur Springs church, where he was called to the office of deacon, which office he filled with great acceptance to the church and purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith; he used the office well; he was always ready unto every good word and work. He raised a large family of children, all of whom belonged to the church with himself. The writer was his pastor for several years and takes great pleasure in commending his piety, liberality and industry to all. It is believed by many that he did more to feed the hungry free of charge than any other man in the county. He and his family were regular attendants on all preaching occasions, when it was convenient, where he would carry wagon loads of provisions for all, not only to the meetings of his own church, but to all other churches in his reach. During his last illness, while he suffered a great deal of pain, he never complained, was always anxious to die and "go home to Heaven," as he so frequently expressed it, was up to his dying moments perfectly conscious and passed away to rest with his dear Savior whom he loved so well. He leaves many kindred and friends behind to mourn his loss, and the church will miss him sadly. The Lord bless them. A. J. W.

# Married in Alabama.

At Epes' Station, B. C. Collins and C. Cather.

In Carrollton, R. H. Winkle, and M. J. Lee.

Near Bragg's Store W. Leslie and Janie Peake.

In Mobile, Paul Dana and Mary B. Duncan.

Near Calera, J. H. Crawford and D. E. Wyatt.

In Scottsboro, A. Buchanan and Mary Jordan.

At Six Mile, W. S. Oakley and Mrs. Phoebe Woods.

At Five Mile, M. M. Kinard and Emma Owens.

At Evergreen, C. P. Deming and Minnie Rutland.

In Tuscaloosa, Fred. Jones and Mary Hutchinson.

In Pickens county, L. P. Coleman and A. E. Purcell.

In Tuscaloosa, Capt. J. S. Kennedy and Mrs. Milner.

In Pickens county, J. F. Pearson and Susie Kilpatrick.

In Autauga county, Hon. T. W. Sadler and Mamie Brown.

In Montgomery, Dr. E. Wagner, of Shelby county, and Miss Andrews.

At West Point, Miss N. Nolan, of Carrollton, Ala., and Mollie Robertson.

At Corinth, Miss, Capt. N. G. Wison, of Demopolis, and N. Whitefield.

**Deaths in Alabama.**

In Oxford, M. M. Moses.

In Talladega, Mrs. Dr. Pratt.

In Dale county, R. R. Harrell.

In West Perry, Mrs. McMurtry.

Near Jefferson, Mrs. A. C. Cooke.

Near Brush Creek, Mrs. Apsey.

In Euclaw, Mrs. H. Urquhart.

In Demopolis, Mrs. Rosa Perry.

In Montgomery, Jas. T. Gilmer.

At Good Hope, Mrs. M. C. Park.

In Greenville, Hon. David Bull.

In Autauga county, Samuel Steel.

At Forest Home, Thomas Ansley.

In Morgan Co., Mrs. M. A. Blair.

In Montgomery, Hon. J. A. Vaughn.

In Montgomery, James T. Harris.

In Montgomery, Mrs. S. O. Nelson.

In Birmingham, D. P. Worthington.

In Pickens county, Mrs. B. Binford.

In Pickens county, Jackson Hicks.

Near Scottsboro, Mrs. J. W. Wright.

In Butler county, Mrs. M. Blackman.

In Tallapoosa county, Capt. J. F. Ashurst.

In Scottsboro, little son of C. M. Feunil.

In Birmingham, Willie, son of Rev. D. I. Purser.

In Tennessee, Mrs. A. Bowman, formerly of Talladega.

Near Pine Apple, H. L. White and Lydia Andrews; also, C. S. Andrews and E. T. Hopkins.

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PHYSICIANS AND DRUGGISTS RECOMMEND IT.

Women, and all who lead sedentary lives, it does not injure the teeth, cause headache or produce constipation—after long medicinal use, it restores the system, and stimulates the appetite, and builds up the blood, relieves heartburn and belching, and strengthens the muscles and nerves.

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THE COMPANION has now attained a weekly circulation larger than that of any other literary paper in the world, and encouragement of American patriots. It will use all its abilities, and all its resources, to make the young people of America manly men and womanly women.

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