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Sketch of a Sermon by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne February 13th.

The announcement that Dr. Hawthorne, once a pastor in this city, was to preach at the First Baptist church, served to draw an audience to that edifice which more than filled the pews in the auditorium and gallery.

For his text Dr. Hawthorne chose the 15th verse of the second chapter of Titus, which ends with these words: "Let no man despise thee." In substance Dr. Hawthorne spoke as follows:

The Apostle Paul in these words asserts a universally binding obligation. He means by them that the minister should be respected and supported in his vocation. Every true minister is sent of God. Christ said, "As thou hast sent me, so have I sent thee into the world;" and Paul brings out the same truth when he says, "How shall they preach unless they be sent?" Every true minister is an accredited one from the Master. Of course you do not understand me to mean for you to respect every man who claims to be a minister, for you must discriminate between the true and the false. Since the days of Judas Iscariot, there have been hypocrites and mountebanks in the Christian ministry, and to despise such is a virtue. Men sometimes go into the ministry for the money there is in it, simply making a convenience of God's altar. It is your duty to repudiate the claims of such creatures. But,

GOD HAS A MINISTRY.

Christ has his accredited ambassadors, and they are found in every church; they are the men who carry their credentials in their Christ-loving hearts; they are God's anointed ones, let no man despise them.

Every true minister is a watchman, a heaven appointed sentinel, over the interests of humanity, warning of dangers and rocks and reefs and quicksands. This is the character of the Christian ministry. He who thus stands has a right to the world's respect and homage, and he who despises him despises his Master, but he who loves him puts a diadem on the brow of Christ. The function of the minister is to preach the word, and that covers a vast field. A great many men have a narrow conception of the meaning of the term, the word. It applies not only to doctrines and the plan of salvation, but embraces God's love for man's highest moral welfare, and interest. We must preach morality. This is a large and essential meaning of the word. It was so in Nehemiah's time, to show men how to act in their relations to each other. The word says that sin, rebuke before all; "Comfort my people, but show Jerusalem her abominations." We must make a distinction between the holy and the unholy, the clean and the impure. The word says thou shalt not lie, or steal, or commit adultery or murder, and it also says no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven, and "woe unto him who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips." Christ's Sermon on the Mount was devoted to teaching morals, and only one fifth of the New Testament is devoted to teaching doctrines.

Now I would not hastily pass judgment on any man, but there are a few so-called ministers who would make you believe that preaching against lying, drinking and liquor selling, ballot box stuffing, dishonest practices in business, is a desecration of the pulpit. I have had more than one occasion to look into the private lives of such rascals against true ministers, and I have found

A DISGRACEFUL IMMORALITY

in some of these lives. One was given to lying, another to secret drinking, another to a persistent refusal to pay his honest debts, and another was guilty of a crime too revolting to be mentioned here. And there are others who do not want to hear preaching against the immoralities. They sit in the pews and have their names on the church roll. They are the immoral church members. They are drunkards, dishonest merchants, political demagogues. What consideration should be paid opposition from such sources? None, whatever.

If it be true that vice and crime imperil true government, then we have cause for serious apprehension if the pulpit is not allowed to attack these dangers. There are those who are not concerned about the signs of the times, everything to them is rose-tinted, this to them is the golden age, yet I see as distinctly as the noontide sun things that should fill us with alarm. Much of our liberty is the freedom of lust and crime does not diminish. The records of the police and other courts show that to be true.

INTERFERENCE IS SWEEPING

over the land like a simoon, carrying

down to drunkards' graves 80,000 people each year. The curse of monopoly is on all the land and the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer.

Shakespeare said he had seen a whale on land large enough to swallow a whole parish, church, steeple and all. What would he say did he live now? Jay Gould has swallowed whole cities, and but for the interstate commerce bill he would

BREAKFAST OFF A NATION.

Every year the power of these monopolies increases, anarchy is in the land, and we must uproot these evils, or the day is not far distant when the sun will look down on a nation in ruins. What, then, is the duty of the pulpit? Read this Bible, read the history of the prophets, your own consciences, ask God on your bended knees, and then answer our question.

Shall not the pulpit speak for all that is best and noblest in man? Must it not declare against sin and vice, and do all to educate to the highest standard of virtue and manhood. And because we try to do this, we are denounced by demagogues as political preachers. Such denunciation is not only unpatriotic but criminal in the last degree.

THE DUTY OF THE PRESS.

Let me give special emphasis to the duty of the press in helping the pulpit to educate people to a higher standard of morals. There are some secular papers not chargeable with opposition to the pulpit. They cannot be subsidized by the vile, and to every seductive vendor of public offices they say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." I believe there are more of this class of papers in Georgia and Alabama than any other part of the republic. Why, do you know that the Liquor Dealers' Association of the United States has \$1,500,000 to be used as a campaign fund? Voters are to be bought, courts and lawyers and newspapers in the South are to be bought, but I thank God I live in a part of the country where it is not so easy to buy people; that there are newspapers which cannot be

BOUGHT OR FRIGHTENED OFF.

Some secular papers, however, are never on any well defined side. They have no convictions, or if they do, they have not the courage of these convictions. What they really believe is buried in the solitude of their breast. They come along after the battle has been fought and sneak into the camp of the victors. Another class is on both sides at the same time—one to write up prohibitions, the other to write it down; one to puff the preachers, the other to damn them; one to praise theatrical performances, no matter how lecherous, the other to denounce them; one to assail political chicanery, the other to defend it.

And there is still another class of papers. They are bold, outspoken and aggressive in their defense of the saloon, the immoral in theatres, the vicious in everything. They ask no quarter, and they give none.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS

is doing more than anything else to mould and shape public opinion. A man may be as pure as an angel, but let the press get after him and he is gone. So let the secular press unitedly come out for morality and in a few years society would be so cleansed as was never before seen by man or angels.

But in spite of the opposition of the press, the pulpit has done much towards overthrowing some of the demons. We have been charged with inflicting financial losses, but why don't they tell what we have done towards destroying the greatest of curses? Out west a man riding along saw a bear attack a boy. Raising his gun, he shot the bear dead, but the wad from the gun set fire to a barn, and the father of the boy lost all his hay and corn and horses. The man told the story to the group of loungers in the little village. "Too bad, too bad," said one of the crowd, "but did you save the boy?"

We have disturbed some forms of business but have we saved any father's boy? Ah, my friends, the humblest child in Alabama is worth more than all of Alabama's gold. I heard a distinguished judge in Georgia say that in his district, comprising six counties, there are only two in which liquor is sold. He was never more than two hours in disposing of court business in the "dry" counties, while in the "wet" it took him at least four weeks. There are jails in Georgia in which there has not been a prisoner in two years, but they are not in counties where liquor is sold. They say we have

HURT POOR ATLANTA.

If their prophecies had been fulfilled

there would not to-day be one stone left upon another in that city, but there has been an increase of 3,600 people there since prohibition went into effect, and she has just passed through the best business season she ever enjoyed. Real estate is springing up in price and demand. They say we are drinking a great deal of whisky there. True some old red noses will have it, but the benefits of prohibition are to be seen among our youths and the laboring classes. Liquor drinking in Atlanta has been decreased 90 per cent. These are some of the things the pulpit has accomplished. Have we saved anybody's child, any wife's husband?

DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It is the duty of the government to uphold morality. Not only to punish crime, but to remove as far as possible all causes and sources of crime. When officials and legislators are corrupt their work will be of the same brand. In Washington there is a gambling club composed of four senators and sixty representatives, and it is charged that each member of that club received \$3,700 each for helping to defeat the bill prohibiting pool selling in the District of Columbia. What can one expect of such men?

A PLEA FOR PROHIBITION.

The question is, whence come our criminals? Statistics say that nine-tenths are traceable to strong drink. And not one man or newspaper has dared question the truth of this statement. Is it not the function and duty of the government to prevent as well as punish crime? But the government protects the great evil. It not only gives the liquor dealer the privilege of selling, but it throws its arms protectively around him.

God says rulers are a terror to evil doers, but what sort of rulers? Alabama has no more right to grant a man the right to keep a doggerly than to commit a felony. The noblest and grandest thing under the sun is man, and institutions are for him. The law maker, (here Dr. Hawthorne addressed himself directly to the legislators) who would sacrifice a man for a doggerly

IS A TRAITOR TO HIS RACE.

Out there, but a few yards from this dear old sanctuary, there are miserable, dirty dens of iniquity, a constant menace to virtuous womanhood and innocent childhood. It is where vice breeds and murders are committed, and yet it is still a question whether it is better to preserve this church, or save these doggerlies. What are the liquor dealers doing to benefit society? We wave the formalities of the hour and ask—will not some man in the audience rise up and tell us? (No one got up). I promise such a man such notoriety as no Alabamian ever obtained.

I am glad to see such rapid moral development in the dear old State. Twenty-three years ago, sir, (pointing to Gov. Watts, who became visibly affected), when you were governor, I preached a sermon in this pulpit on the "Moral Purity of the Home," and when I came down from the pulpit you laid your hand on my shoulder and said: "Young man, go on; and may God bless you." I was glad when I read of the passage of the gambling bill, but gambling is

AS ANGELIC INNOCENCE

compared to the work of the doggeries. Georgia, Rhode Island, Kansas and Iowa have wheeled into line; will not Alabama do this? Will the legislators let the darkness out and the light into the dear old State? I believe they will, for it is the best legislature Alabama ever had. They are men of courage and a high sense of principle.

The day is here when the rich and the poor, the high and the low, white and colored, Jew and Gentile are moving grandly forward to build that temple whose foundation stone shall be truth and whose topmost one shall be freedom.

Some people think that editing a newspaper consists in writing editorials. While that is quite important, when an editor has anything to say, it is a very small portion of the work belonging to the position of an editor. The Philadelphia Ledger justly says: "No paper can be exclusively original; it would die of panderousity. Life is too short, and hence an embargo must be laid upon the genius of its rivals. A bright clipped article is infinitely better than a stupid contributed article. The most successful paper is the paper that is intelligently and consistently edited in all its departments, whether by pen or scissors." How many failures are scattered along the pathway of journalism, mainly caused by an overdose of writing and an absence of editing.—*Courier.*

A Letter from Camden.

Dear Baptist: Since my arrival here, June 15th, I have several times thought of writing you a short letter, but have declined on the ground of giving place to better writers.

However, as I have something to say, I will say it, though it be poorly said. The Baptists of Camden have some things to be sorry for, yet many things for which to be glad. We are sorry because Judge Purioy and family moved to Snow Hill. While that church has greatly gained we have greatly lost. Bro. Purioy is a man whom any church or community should be proud to claim.

Another great loss we have sustained is realized in the removal of Bro. C. W. Hare, to Montgomery. As a working Christian in the service of his Master, he has gone where duty calls—gone to be one among that laboring, consecrated staff of brethren who weekly give to us such excellent reading matter in the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Having to some extent lost his voice, he was compelled to resign the pastorate of his churches. But instead of sitting down and mourning over his misfortune, as some men would have done, he nervously engaged for the stern battle of life, and has entered another field, or rather another point in the same field. For as a minister of Christ he now uses his pen instead of his voice in the great contest of righteousness against sin. The people of Camden very much feel the loss of so good a man. But we expect, and hope to hear of his happy success in his new sphere of usefulness. And we are glad that we have yet remaining with us a goodly number of good people.

We are trying to build a baptistery in our church, and I think that our efforts will result in success. On Tuesday night, Feb. 1st, Dr. J. M. Frost came down and delivered to us one of his good lectures on "Courtship and Marriage." I don't know that he has any more like it. We people whom he called "Bachelors," hope not. However, all the other people enjoyed it, and gave universal consent to the high merits of its pathos, its humor, and its exceeding practicality, stating that they got the full worth of their fifty cents. Come again, Doctor, but before you do I want some other bachelors to get the full worth of that "practical" lecture. Each town needs it. And by the way, if you have any marriageable people in your village, and if you would like to raise some money in a legitimate way, invite the Doctor over. Our net proceeds were \$20.50—a small sum, but times are hard and ours is a small town. The next night Dr. Frost aided the pastor in the ordination of two deacons, Bro. Nevil and McLeod. Both of these are good men, and we expect them to make good officers in the church.

R. M. HUNTER.

Melchisedec.

It has ever been a mystery to me that any one could view the manifestation of God in the flesh, in the person of his Son, as priest, prophet, or king before the overshadowing of Mary, the mother of Jesus, by the Holy Ghost, and previous to the miraculous birth of Christ, otherwise than in types and shadows. It does seem to me that, if God sent his Son in the days of Abraham in the form of the man Melchisedec, and that to officiate as priest, there certainly would have been no use for the wonderful birth of Christ at Bethlehem, and his growth from an infant to a man of thirty or more years before he could declare himself a priest. A brother wants proof that "Melchisedec ever had an altar." &c., in answer, I will say, that if he was a priest he must have acted in that capacity, whether he did or not I cannot say, but upon the other hand, if he was the Son of God in the form of a man why did he not perform the functions of his office, and that Melchisedec was some form of man I hope none will deny, for he was so much the man that Abraham could meet him, and so much the man that the apostles knew it and called him a man. If Melchisedec was the Second Person in the Trinity and a priest, why did he remain inactive as regarded his office in everything except to appear just once, and that to take the spoil offered him by Abraham, and then retire, leaving the whole priestly office to be filled by others, they taking the blood of lambs and of bullock, &c., to atone for the sins of the people, which blood was a type of his own blood, which he would offer at some future time when he would become a priest after the order of Melchisedec? I do not think Melchisedec was the son of God because he received tithes of Abraham, or because Abraham paid tithes to

him. I believe that there has ever been some one to represent the Lord's interest, and especially to receive and disburse our contributions in the name of the Lord. I think it absurd to infer that a man should be called the Second Person in the Trinity simply because Abraham or some one else paid over to him the Lord's money, therefore I see no reason why Melchisedec should be the Son of God because he received the Lord's money of Abraham. I believe Melchisedec was a type of Christ as a priest, and his priesthood a type of Christ's, and in that way Abraham would have been no ruler, either for himself or his posterity, in dividing his spoil with Melchisedec, the priest of God. It is true that the tenth was the Lord's and belonged to him in that day, and I will venture to say the same of the present day, yet I do not see the Lord in person receiving it of his people, but so far as I can learn they pay it to some person or persons representing the interests of the Lord, and furthermore, such tithes or contributions are used by God's people for some purpose, why then could not Melchisedec as priest do the same, and yet not be the eternal Son?

Now, as to Melchisedec being Shem, a Canaanitish king, or some man of our race, I know not, but I am compelled to accept the apostle as the highest authority, and he says he was a man. Heb. 7: 4. As to Melchisedec being the Son of God because he was a priest, not of many, but of one, and because Salem was not a place, &c., I have this to say, that he had to sustain just such relations in order for Christ to arise as a priest after the similitude of Melchisedec. There had to be a similarity, or Christ would never have been after that order in preference to the Levitical priesthood.

1st. We have Christ a priest after the order of Melchisedec, because Melchisedec was not appointed, and anointed by Moses, as was Aaron and his sons, (Exod.,) but if appointed and anointed at all (which must have been the case) he appointed and anointed by God himself to the office of priest. So in the case of Christ, he was appointed and anointed by any man at God's command, but by God himself. Heb. 3: 3; Heb. 1: 9.

2. Melchisedec did not descend from a priestly family, i. e., have a father and mother of a set priestly order, in other words his lineage did not run back to a priestly line, as did the priests of the Levitical order, hence Christ was after that order for he "sprang out of Judah," a tribe of which nothing is said concerning priesthood. Although Melchisedec may not have continued forever, yet the order of his priesthood was to be perpetuated in the antitype Christ, whose priesthood was after that order, and to continue forever. So our Lord did not take up the order of the Levitical, which descended from one to another, they marrying near relations to keep up the line, &c., but was after the unlimited, unchangeable order of Melchisedec.

In conclusion I will say that while I do not agree with the brother as to who Melchisedec was, yet I am like him in saying it is nothing to laugh at.

J. M. JOHNSON.

Said Tuck, Ala.

A Trip to Evergreen.

The first Sunday in February I spent with my venerable cousin, Rev. B. H. Crumpton, and his people, at Evergreen. THIS PASTOR has done more hard work in Alabama for his Master, than any other of his age. Having gifts as an evangelist, he has given himself to protracted meeting every summer since—well—I don't know how long—"before the war," is the common way of putting things away back. He began preaching when he was a boy, and has kept at it without a break and without a rest. Now he is suffering from over work, and came near laying aside the armor, but his friends hope he is permanently on the mend. He was talking of a trip to Florida, such a trip, if the brother would rest and not preach, he would soon restore his lost strength.

THE CHURCH.

It is one of the few churches which has lately realized its strength, and dropped the old plan of once or twice a month preaching, and called their pastor for all his time.

There are not less than fifty churches in Alabama which can do the same thing, if they just believed it. Unfortunately for the church, they are in partnership with the Masons in their house. The upper story is the Lodge. A house can never be made to look churchy, and the people can never feel "its church." The membership of this church is a fine body of

people. United, active, and liberal, they have a grand future before them. They have a fine Sunday-school, under that splendid Christian lawyer, G. R. Farnham. PRESENTED WITH A BANK. I was made cashier and president of the only bank I saw in the town. Visions of "corner lots" and "booms" and "syndicates"—none of these were mine, no, mine was no vision at all, but a real blessed reality; two beautiful girls of Miss Rice's class presented me with the bank of the class, containing six dollars and ten cents for Foreign Missions. These girls had collected this amount in a short while. You may talk about it as you may, these Sunday-school offerings for missions means a great deal for the future of Alabama. Not many years will pass before these boys and girls will fill our churches; we will all be gone, but better people will come after us—people who will give their money because they love to. Missionary children, to-day means missionary members ten years from to-day.

THE SINGING.

At Evergreen, is splendid. It is not hard to preach after hearing such singing, and why can't all the churches have it? The trouble is found mainly in the fact that nobody will move off with a determination to have better singing. Because occasionally some musical crank persists in leading greatly to the disgust of everybody, those who are competent shrink back and wait to be begged to take the lead. Oh, for consecrated, common sense to know where we belong, and for courage to work there! Then the pastor and the congregation ought to encourage the singing people. A good organist, promptly and always in place, assisted by a band of good voices, is a great blessing to church and pastor. Evergreen church belongs to

BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION.

And is doing a noble part in sustaining the missionary of that association, Bro. I. Spence. This association covers more territory than any in the State, and its missionary is doing a splendid work. This old association has some ancient minutes which go back into the long ago. Some extracts from these would be interesting reading in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and Bro. Rabb, the clerk, could furnish them. I will not mention the Woman's Missionary Society; I will have a say about them before long.

FR. DEPOSIT.

Returning I spent one night at this interesting town. Pastor Hart had just resigned, and the good people were considering the great question of an "undershepherd." No more important question than this ever comes before a church. How needful the Spirit's guidance! May the Lord guide his people to the man he would have go in and out before them! A good house, a strong membership, and a fine Baptist high school, makes it an inviting school for any man.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

GEO. B. EAGER.

How it would work.

Announcement of Subjects.

What you say in the Homiletic Review (San., p. 87), on announcing the sermon subject a week before preaching it, and on the committing of oneself to a series of sermons, I have read with much interest, and concluded to offer for publication my experience along those lines: I entered the ministry fifteen years ago with strong prejudice against previous announcement of text or subject, and an absolute fear of a series of sermons. And these held complete sway for several years, until I broke away from both, by degrees at first, but effectually at last, with more or less failures, but with growing confidence and conviction in the vitality of the new plan.

My first series was on Atheism; its Absurdity, its Origin, its Fearfulness. The second was ten sermons on Solomon, the third was eight sermons on Joshua—all of these preached during my pastorate in Staunton, Va.

In the winter of 1885, my first year in this pastorate, I made a Sunday morning series running as follows: Spiritual Resurrection, John vi: 25; Christ's Return to this Earth, 1 Thess. iv: 15-17; The Resurrection Body, Phil. iii: 21; The Death of the Soul, Ez. xviii: 20, 21; The Overthrow of Death, 1 Cor. xv: 54-57; The Lost Soul after Death, Luke xiii: 28, 29; The Saints Reign in Life, Rom. v: 17-21; The Righteous Satisfied in the End, Ps. xviii: 15.

Last winter I made another series, preached on Sunday evenings, and addressed especially to young men, as follows: A Royal Standard of Life, 2 Kings, xxii: 2; Nature and the Bible, Kings, xxii: 2; Our Belief in the Supernatural, 2 Cor. iv: 17, 18; Our Knowledge of the Supernatural, 1 Cor. ii: 9, 10; The Testimony of the Human Heart, Ps. xl: 17; The Arguments for the Divine Origin of the Bible, Deut. xxxii: 29-31; Belief in the Scripture, Acts xxv: 27; The Bible's Appeal to Young Men, Ps. iii: 1-7; The Mistakes of Young Men, Mark x: 21, 22.

This is as far as I have gone as yet in trying a series of sermons, excepting that several times I have found myself running a series for four consecutive Sundays without any previous intention on my part. But I believe in them, and believe it a good thing to announce them beforehand, and commit yourself to them. These were all announced at the first, and then each Sunday the one for a week hence. And that, too, when, for the most part, nothing was in hand save the subject and text, and not one of them was written out, or put on paper at all, until after it was preached. It was hard work, but, for the most part, joyous. The series on Solomon was the most difficult; would have been abandoned more than once except for kind words of cheer from hearers, and a manifest increase of interest in the congregation, and a determination to push it through. One of the ablest ministers in the South, wrote me he was preaching a series on the Ten Commandments and found one of the chief advantages to himself in the fact that he was held to a given line, and made to follow it.

My first series was followed by a wonderful work of grace, which was helped on by it and other things, and which resulted in the addition to my church of 135 members. Just midway the last series, and the one before it, a most delightful work of grace sprang up among my people here, which added each time several to the church. In each of these series, excepting the last, and those on Solomon and Joshua, not only was the subject announced from Sunday to Sunday, but the congregation were requested to seek the scriptures during the intervening week for the text which they would deem best suited for the subject. This had a happy effect, and contributed much to the good results. Whenever God's word is studied and honored, good is sure to follow. I am thoroughly convinced of the value, to preacher and people, of good strong series, at least once a year, preached in the best season of the year. Some subjects should be neither announced nor preached from, but surely there is decided gain in previously announcing a "good subject."—*J. M. Frost of Salem, in Homiletic Review.*

Every thing which tends to discourage or aggravate the mind—whether it be excessive sorrow, rage or fear, envy or revenge, love or despair—in short, whatever acts violently on our mental faculties, tends to injure the health.

Profitable employment would be not less a diversion than any of the idle reports in fashion, if a man but be brought to delight in them.

Exhausting Themselves Without Cause.

Speaking of the rumors of war between France and Germany, and of the vast outlays made in view of the possibility of such a thing, one of our papers says: "These rival nations are gradually exhausting themselves in ceaseless preparations for war during a period of profound peace." Whether this proves to be "a period of profound peace, and these stupendous preparations be needless or not, remains to be seen; but in the light of such a probability do they not remind us of certain preparations for war in the religious world to-day? Some men seem born to exhaust themselves in worse than needless preparations for war. Vox.

New Testament Greek Criticisms.

The fruit of the light [not spirit] is in all goodness, righteousness and truth. Eph. 5-9. SPONTANEOUSLY [clearer than "of herself"] the earth bringeth forth fruit. But when the fruit permits the "allows" of Revised Version *not in.*

The tares are the sons of the wicked one. Matt. 13:39. Striking doctrine! so often resisted by Pharisees and headlong zealots for ecclesiastical purity. Both tares and wheat assume a fixed definite character only through the tolerating process of development. Fanatical attacks against evil were forbidden by Christ. The evil thing is not that the tares be got rid of, but that the wheat develop and grow. Bengel shrewdly remarks, "Osten tares pass themselves off as wheat, and endeavor to radiate wheat as if they were tares." Jeremy Taylor speaks of certain empirics "that would cut off a man's head if they see but a wart upon his cheek, or a dimple upon his chin, or any line in his face to distinguish him from another man." Contrast Jesus and John the Baptist; in this respect Jesus with infinite patience allows good and evil to grow together "during the long course of development through which he knows his kingdom has to pass." John demands the quick severance of good from evil; of wheat from chaff, and on finding that Jesus was not using "this fan" judiciously, sends to ask him the doubting question, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Mark the reply of Jesus to this. "His was a merciful mission; divine forbearance also shows itself in him; and 'Blessed is he who ever shall find none occasion for stumbling in me.' 'Wait on the Lord' for as Ben Jonson says, 'God is patient because he is eternal'." D. W. Gwin.

Mr. Sterling, Ky.

The Christian in Politics.

We not infrequently hear the remark, "I shall have nothing more to do with politics; it is so corrupting." This is usually the deliverance of one who has exalted ideas of duty, and who, because he discovers the tricks of political managers in manipulating elections, becomes disgusted, and declares in his wrath that he will sever his relation with political parties. Now, the ALABAMA BAPTIST, is in no sense a political journal, nor has it ever been. It seeks to interfere with politics just where politics begins to interfere with morals, and then it espouses the cause of no party, but aims to address all parties alike from the moral point of view.

The right of suffrage is an inestimable boon. It lodges vast power in the hands of the voter. It enables him to give color and complexion to all political questions, and to the settlement of all public measures. It enables him to raise to positions of trust the best men. It is a great mistake, therefore, for any good man to feel that he can be weaned away from duty by the corrupt measures of a few designing politicians. By such a resolution he only emboldens tricksters in their nefarious proceedings. Their points are gained, their selfishness is gratified, and the ruin of the commonwealth is second, if good men so far forget their interests and their country's good as to absent themselves from the voting place. Reformations lies, not in the direction of the indifference of good men to politics, but in the opposite direction. The wiles of the machine politician are thwarted and his purposes upset by good men rallying to the support of the ballot, and seeking to elect efficient men to office. The ballot is too sacred an instrument to be lightly esteemed. Too much is involved in politics for the Christian to practice inaction. Whether the election be local or general, let the Christian citizen rally to the ballot box and support good men and measures. This is his duty as a citizen, and no less his duty as a Christian.

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BRO. KENFROE writes: "Members are coming into Southside church pretty regularly by letter, received nine yesterday, and the congregation is increasing at every service."

YOUR attention is asked to the statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in another column. This Company has paid to its policyholders during the forty four years of its existence over \$24,000,000 and it still has a splendid reserve fund.

A BROTHER put very correctly the other day when he said what the majority of readers of any paper wanted, were facts, not long and logical editorials, so much as facts, with which to thrill them into activity for the Master. We are working hard to give you facts, brethren.

MCGLYNN'S St. Stephen's parish have dispatched to the Pope, demanding the immediate restitution of McGlynn to his former position. This is a bold movement. It is thought the Cardinals will advise the Pope to a reconciliation with priest McGlynn.

SECRETARY MANNING estimates that under the Mexican Pension Bill, the number of pensioners will be 34,748 men and 13,846 widows; and that the amount required for the first annual payment, will be \$4,603,104. The Secretary also estimates that to dispose of the work imposed by the bill by June 30, next, a clerical force will be required at a cost of \$257,000.

EVER since we have been old enough to notice what preachers say we have heard Methodist revivalists claim that it did not matter which church you joined so you were a Christian, but the Mississippi Record says Bishop Galloway used this very sensible remark in a speech in Mississippi: "You hear a great many people say it don't matter what church you belong to so you are good. Away with such stuff—it does matter."

DR. EATON, one of Kentucky's sensible preachers, says he will give one hundred dollars to a fund to circulate the Western Recorder. How many of Alabama's rich laymen will be stimulated to start such a fund to circulate the ALABAMA BAPTIST? The BAPTIST is to be the greatest mission agent in Alabama, and the more circulation it has the more progress we shall make. Speak out.

THE way of the world to day is to do everything on a large scale. Instead of buying single lots, cities and counties are transferred at a purchase. A company of Montgomery and New York capitalists recently bought 158,000 acres of land, of which the town of Cullman forms a part. It is still true that "the children of this world in their generation are wiser than the children of light." Workers in the Lord's vineyard, shall we not be nervous to undertake larger things for the Master? The sainted Carey's words should be the motto of every child of God to day: "Undertake great things for God, and expect great things from God."

AFTER hearing Dr. Hawthorne's sermon and learning the pronounced position of various Baptists on the temperance question, a gentleman of another persuasion asked if the Baptists were not rather going back on their record. Yes, thank God, we are going back on our record in many respects. Our record shows that we have not given as much for missions, education, and pastor's salary as we might have done. Brethren, let us be up and at work, so that our record may be made brighter each year.

WE have just had printed for the First Baptist church, Montgomery, 1,000 copies of a twenty-four page pamphlet, containing a full directory for 1887 for the church, Sunday-school and different societies, constitution of the church, articles of faith, covenant, rules of decorum; a historical summary of the church, when constituted, who the pastors and how long they served, who have been and are deacons, what ministers sent out, character, cost of church, when dedicated, trustees, when S. S. and other societies organized, present condition of church and list of members. The membership is put down at 550, the church is free from debt after expending more than \$7,000 in 1886.

WHILE we see a vast deal of wickedness, yet we are of the number who believe the heavens are full of promise for good. Today Alabama has more newspapers whose editors are fearless Christian men than she ever had. The great dailies are crying out against fraud, oppression and sin in a manner unknown, until recent years, to the secular press. Our lawyers and statesmen are realizing that it is wisest to be consistent Christian men, and this is helping on the fight. Now, if God's church will be faithful to her trusts, and move on with the tide of progress the star of hope will rise higher and higher until the whole earth shall be filled with the glory of our God, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

THE importance of Christians being always ready to pray for or to instruct some dying or miserable being is strongly illustrated in the following incident from the Secretary: "A traveling salesman for a New York house, named Frank Winch, who was one of the passengers on the ill-fated train on the Vermont Central last Saturday morning, relates a touching incident. A young woman was pinned down by heavy timbers that had fallen across her breast. She pleaded for help as the flames were approaching her. But as they gathered fury and came nearer and nearer she suddenly became strangely calm, and calling upon Winch, who was struggling with others to free her, to come nearer, she calmly admitted that she realized the nearness of her end. She asked Winch to pray with her, and he knelt on the ice and prayed, while she meanwhile in a low tone followed his supplication. The young man withdrew only when the fire came so near that he had to flee to save himself, and to leave the lady to her fate. Thus amid the shrieks of the wounded and under the lurid glare of the crackling flames a believer, called to meet death so suddenly, trustingly committed herself into the hands of the Redeemer."

THE congregation of the First Baptist church was highly pleased by two sermons from Rev. Chas. F. Stakeley, pastor of the Citadel Square church, Charleston, on last Sabbath. Bro. Stakeley spent ten years of his life here, and was converted during that time, consequently great interest was felt in him, and a large audience was present. We cannot now attempt to give a report of his sermons, but must say that we were highly delighted and edified. His morning theme was "The Christian's mission," based on the scripture: "Ye are the salt of the earth;" at night his subject was "Positive religion," drawn from "Three Hebrew children." His subjects were thoroughly digested by himself and beautifully and strongly at a god, and the delivery was impressive. After the morning discourse he related the condition of his church since the earthquake, and gave a brief history of her doings since her organization, nearly 400 years ago. He said he was now striving to raise enough money to repair the house. So far he has been over the north, east and west, and has procured \$18,000, they need \$50,000 more. The citizens of Montgomery responded liberally. This brother is only twenty-seven years of age, but he has for the past four years held successfully the pastorate of Citadel Square church, and has done a good work. Previous to entering the ministry he was a lawyer in Georgia, and we are told that so able was he that at the age of nineteen he was elected district solicitor. Obedient the call of his Master he forsook this lucrative profession and entered the ministry and he immediately took rank among the most useful ministers of the land.

Correction does much but encouragement does more. Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.

A CAUTION SIGNAL.

That this State is on the eve of a general prosperity is universally believed. Men from sections the most remote are running to and fro to investigate the claims of our resources of field and forest, orchard and mine. The tide of excitement runs quite high in many quarters. The prevalent "booms" are the subject of impassioned talk upon the street corners, in the crowded mart, in the jammed corridors of hotels, in the home, and along the thundering thoroughfares of travel. Long confined to the northern end of the State, the contagious excitement is reaching southward, and is gradually effecting every interest. Cities are being founded upon sites fresh with the traces of the axman, railroads are being rapidly laid, lands are bought and sold, manufacturing are springing up, and the bustle of earnest men is heard on every hand. So long depressed, our people hail with delight these symptoms of relief. But is it not timely to let fall, just here, a word of warning, especially to Christians? All upheavals, of whatever character, in society, are naturally attended with demoralization. The ebbs and flows incident to agitation bring with them inevitably more or less demoralizing agencies. Excitement rises to fever heat. Allurements to gain entice the feet of the most steady into slippery places. Spurred on by the hope of reward, and with pulse bounding under the excitement of the hour, men, even good men, sometimes go beyond the reach of propriety and rush headlong into the straits of wrong doing.

Prosperity, no less than adversity, is a crisis to character. The strain is encountered at both the poles of candor. To forget the greater for the less, to neglect the most sacred concerns for the gain of the hour, to allow worldly matters to obtrude themselves into the secret closet—this is the danger now.

Money-getting is honorable, provided it be done under the direction of principle. Nothing is said here to stay the desire to reap the benefits of the incoming prosperity, but only to sound a note of warning to Christians who, while they should be "diligent in business," they should also be " fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

BAPTISTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Through the kindness of Brethren J. C. Cheney and Geo. Ellis, we have been enabled to get the names of most of the Baptists of the two houses. We have not met all of them, but learn that, with possibly a few exceptions, they have so far made a good impression as sober, practical and useful members. Most of them have Christian manhood enough to vote and work for the right. They are good prohibitionists, and aided by the Christian and temperance statesmen of other denominations have passed a great many temperance and other reformatory bills.

Well, nearly everybody knows that T. G. Bush is one of Bro. Eager's right hand men at Mobile. B. F. Ellis is a member of Orville church, and is a very liberal and useful Christian. We do not remember where Bro. Cheney, of Russell, holds his membership, but he is a fine young brother, and is much respected. W. H. Simpson, of Morgan, is a bright young lawyer, and holds membership with Bro. Carter's church at Hartselle. He gives promise of being a useful man. Rev. J. R. Nesmith, represents Lawrence county. He is a man with some fine points. He was quite unwell for several days, and went home last week. Rev. J. R. Larkin, of Sumter, is a noble brother, who is much esteemed as a minister and man. E. D. Willett, of Pickens, has a fine address, and is said by his fellow members to be a good man. J. R. Cowan, of Clark, is the honored moderator of South Bethel Association. J. W. Jones, is a bachelor brother from Marengo, and is one of the most useful Baptists in his county. We are unable to say to what churches the following brethren belong, but hope they are helping to hold the ropes wherever they are: P. N. Gilley, Lowndes; R. D. Berry, Dallas; G. A. Hill, and J. A. Curry, Talladega; W. H. Crutcher, Limestone; R. A. Petty, Madison; W. M. Maples, Jackson; Enoch Carter, Randolph; J. D. Norman, Chambers; Ross Barton, Tallapoosa; W. J. McBryde, Pike; — Rabb, Escambia; Wilber Foster, Henry.

IN THE SENATE.

There is Rev. Jeff. Falkner, from Bozeman, an able preacher and legislator. Rev. Pope E. Moseley, of Covington county, yields a wide influence throughout all that section of country. — R. H. Stierrett, of Birmingham, is a first-class lawyer, and a useful member of Dr. Purser's church. Francisco Rice holds membership with the New Market church, Madison county. The location of Breckenridge, W. C. Cross, of Bibb, and N. D. Denison, of LaFayette, is unknown to us. E. H. Cabanis belongs to the Union Springs church.

Bro. Bagby, the missionary to Brazil, is preaching to some of the mission churches at present.

DIRECTORY OF SILOAM CHURCH.

The Siloam church issues an annual circular setting forth the condition of the church in full. We have their number for 1887, and take the liberty of giving the readers a synopsis of it, hoping other churches will be led to adopt the plan.

The first page contains the church directory, names of pastor, deacons, Sunday-school officers, and list of appointments. Then follow "The Pastor's Greeting, 1887," "Under the head of 'Gone Home,' is a list of the names of those who have been called up higher during the last year, the opening sentence is, "What can be more right than that the children should go home to their father," and the closing one, "Our dead are living with the living God." Then the deeds of the Sunday school workers. Under the leadership of Miss Amie Vary this band raised last year \$127.35.

The second page tells the prayer meeting topics for the entire year of 1887; the number of new members, 79; gives a welcome to strangers to attend the services and feel at home; shows that the Ladies' Aid Society have expended more than \$180 in behalf of the church.

On the third page is an article from the Sunday school Superintendent, remarks on the past and future improvements of the church, a word to non-resident members. Then the financial statement aggregates \$3,218.33, closing the year free of all debt. Their benevolent contributions last year amounted to \$839.12. This publication was made at Marion for the members, simply to encourage them, but we give further currency, hoping to incite the spirit of emulation in others. The page closes with a request for the members to subscribe for and read the ALABAMA BAPTIST and Foreign Mission Journal.

The fourth page has a list of members both resident and non resident.

FIELD NOTES.

The Arkansas Baptist College has 200 students enrolled.

Rev. A. W. Lamar resigns at Memphis and accepts at Omaha.

Our special desire—A new subscriber from every reader of the Baptist.

M. W. Justice writes us to stop his or her paper, but fails to give postoffice.

The Third church, of Nashville, has started a new mission Sabbath school.

The Boston Quintette Club gave a concert at the Judson on the night of the 4th.

The church at Saltillo, says Bro. Powell, expect to hold meetings every night this year.

"It is better to sleep in the grave of defeat than never to have gone forth to battle."

Bro. Hanner, a Howard College student, occupied the pulpit at Newberne two Sabbaths since.

The authorities of China have issued orders that the natives shall live at peace with the Christians.

Bro. C. G. Lynch, a Christian instructor of Moulton, is one of the leaders of the prayer meeting.

The first aim of every farmer should be to make a sufficiency for home consumption. — W. M. Bolton.

Dr. J. M. Phillips, of Henderson, Ky., has had a call to Benton, Ill., but declines leaving Henderson.

Our thanks are tendered brethren Davidson, Hunter, Stewart and Riley for their congratulatory remarks.

Major Penn, the Godly evangelist of Texas, will probably hold some meetings in Mississippi this spring.

The Baptists have a good Sunday-school at Stanton. The brethren expect to paint their house pretty soon.

Beat seven, of Chilton county, voted no whisky on the 8th. Only one beat in the county now has a saloon.

The Northern Presbyterians report a loss of 2,713 communicants in their churches in Mexico during the past year.

Old Father Letcher and wife, from Bibb, has come to Montgomery to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Hughes.

Dr. B. F. Riley was in the city several days last week, looking after the passage of the bill which is to purchase his book?

The people at Milltown are proud of their young pastor, Rev. A. S. Smith, so says a correspondent to the Le Grange Sun.

Won't some of the Birmingham Baptists tell our readers, weekly, what God's hosts are doing to conquer sin in the Magic City?

Rev. Geo. B. Eager preached the dedication sermon for the Third Baptist (colored) church, in Mobile, a few Sabbaths since.

The Texas Baptists are trying to raise a special fund of \$25,000 to build a structure of brick or stone to be used as an orphanage.

The people of Tennessee will be permitted to vote on the prohibitory amendment; 87 to 4 on this subject shows how the public mind is working out.

The Baptist church at Scranton, Miss., was burned on the 7th. This is the third church burned there in less than three years.

The report goes that the Presbyterian churches of South Carolina have received a thousand accessions since the earthquake ague.

Bro. R. E. Pettus, formerly of Rep., has moved to Huntsville, bought the Independent, and will henceforth be an editor. Success to you, brother.

The Biblical Recorder asks how can a Christian man pray for the downfall of the whisky curse, and yet work and vote for a whisky candidate.

Rev. L. S. Foster, for the past year one of the editors of the Mississippi Baptist Record, retires from the paper and will go back to pastoral duties.

A leading Methodist pastor recently sent his paper fifty new subscribers and said: "I both take pleasure and feel a pride in working for our paper."

The last words of the devoted missionary, Norman Waterberry, of India, who has quietly sunk to rest were, "I am come that they might have life."

The Tennessee Legislature passed the prohibition resolution by 87 to 8. Temperance sentiment is rapidly growing in our sister State. So it is in Alabama.

Bro. Luther Norris writes the Baptist Union that his services are well attended, and that the brethren of Union church have placed a stove in their church.

Rev. E. C. Gates, formerly State evangelist for Tennessee, is said to be lying dangerously ill at San Antonio, Texas. The Tennessee brethren are sending him relief.

It would help our feelings greatly to hear of the pastors over the State announcing from their pulpits a desire to have their hearers subscribe for the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The State Mission Board has sent a lot of choice books to our office for sale. Those wishing anything for home, church or Sabbath school library may write us or call.

Augustus Toplady, author of the wonderful hymn, "Rock of Ages," was brought to Jesus through the influence of the song, "Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched," &c.

Somebody sends an obituary from Laneville, but fails to give his or her name. The editor must have the name of every writer, not for publication, but for his own satisfaction.

Kentucky has a Methodist preacher who, in a recent sermon on the history of the Baptists, said he could remember when they had their origin. He is about sixty-five years old, so says the Chronicle.

Brother, can't you spare two dollars for the ALABAMA BAPTIST? No, you say, "times are too hard. Aside from self interest we say you can spare two dollars with more ease than to do without the paper."

The Catholics of Missouri propose to raise \$100,000 with which to build a home for aged priests. Brethren, shall the Baptists of Alabama not be stimulated by this to do more for our superannuated preachers?

The Baltimore Baptist says: "Bro. Brewer was a gallant Confederate officer, but is now just as earnest in the service of the Captain of our salvation. A choice spirit; we have often wished he were near us."

The following advice of an old orator to a young preacher embraces the fundamental principles of success in all undertakings: "Begin low; proceed slow; rise higher; take care; wax warm; sit down in a storm."

A clergyman once said: "When I come to die, I shall have my greatest grief and greatest joy; my greatest grief that I have done so little for my Lord Jesus, and my greatest joy that my Lord Jesus has done so much for me." — Ex.

J. C. Beiser, who was fined \$50 in the police court of Atlanta for violating the prohibition laws, several weeks ago, appealed to the city court, and being convicted was fined \$1,000 by Judge Howard Van Epps.

We don't want to unsettle any preacher and make him long for the other field, but we think the territory occupied by brethren L. M. Bradley and S. M. Adams is the most fruitful for marriage fees of any in the State, at least for marriages.

The temperance sermon preached at the Baptist church Sunday night, by Dr. Henderson, was the right thing in the right place, and is very favorably commented on by many who had the pleasure of hearing it. — Northport Cn. Gazette.

Prohibition in Calhoun county has kept hundreds of young men from ruin; it has lessened the criminal docket in our courts; it has dried the tears of hundreds of mothers, sisters and daughters. Yes prohibition does prohibit. — Washington.

Sorry to learn that Bro. Jack Dill's house was burglarized some nights since. It's a rare thing that a burglar is so stupid as to attempt the robbery of an editor or a preacher; possibly in this case it's owing to the fact that the brother lives in Tuscaloosa, where every thing is booming.

The proprietor of a meat market in a certain place, said, as he cheerfully gave a dollar towards paying for the services of a temperance lecturer, "I have sold more meat in one day since this town went no license than I ever did in a week when we had saloons."

The invested funds of Richmond college now amounts to \$185,000. Besides this it owns thirteen acres of ground in the most growing part of the city, on which are its splendid buildings, which cost over \$100,000. It is ahead of any Southern college.

The National Bulletin says that the pay car of the Baltimore & Ohio road brought into Newark this month \$50,000. Accompanying the paymaster was a man who gave the total abstinence pledge to every employee as the condition of being employed on that road.

The Florida Baptist Witness makes us blush when it publishes the following: "Rev. C. W. Hare, brother of our own W. B. Hare, of Sumterville, becomes office editor and business manager of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and his first issue is so good we cut it all up nearly."

"Dare to do right, and fear not." How would that motto do to hang up in a lawyers' office? Our Secretary says he saw it with his own eyes, and in the same lawyer's office he saw a well worn Bible and other things to indicate that the book of higher law was not neglected.

"There is a good deal in habit," so said, but would it not be a profitable habit if our churches in Alabama would once in a while "pound" their preachers? Encouragement is a great thing, especially when you encourage your pastor in believing that he has your fullest sympathy.

A Baptist church at Colchester, Vermont, has recently installed a new pastor, Rev. Joseph Freeman, D. D., eighty-four years old. Perhaps, "the deadline" for the ministry, on account of ages, is drawn chiefly by dead churches, or by those members of churches who are dead. — Ex.

Bro. F. A. Flowers, of Bolling, was one of the first subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and has never missed a single year. The paper has become one of the household necessities. He still loves it, and in sending his renewal asks for the privilege of continuing his aid in circulating the paper.

The marriage of Rev. B. H. Ryder and Miss Lou Nell is announced for to-night, Thursday, at the residence of the bride's parents in this city. A better husband for a better wife could not be found in a good many miles travel is the verdict of the Messenger. We wish them much joy. — Troy Messenger.

The most successful men in our cities were, for the most part, brought up in the country. Life on the farm is most favorable for physical, intellectual and moral development. Boys reared in the country are more apt to grow up in the virtues of religion, and of a pure, noble manhood. — Judge H. Auditt.

It was a wise conclusion of an Eastern Dervish that "the time for revenge never comes; for if our enemy is powerful, revenge is dangerous as well as foolish, and if he is weak and wretched, then revenge is worse than foolish, it is mean and cruel." "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, and I will repay."

A writer in the Baptist Courier, of South Carolina, proposes that 50,000 people in that State give one dollar a year for two years to Furman university. He says, "the chicken hens belonging to Baptists, and other friends of the university, would raise \$100,000 in five years and leave chickens and eggs for our tables."

To be idle and useless is a sin. "A Sunday Christian" is a misnomer. A Christian is a Christian every day, everywhere, in everything. A Christian is as pleasing to God in the soiled clothes of shop or field as in his Sunday suit at church. There may be as much true religion in plowing as in praying. — J. B. Anderson.

A saloon keeper, who has for years kept a place near the new county place of President Cleveland, has been refused a renewal of his license, because his resort is too near the home of Mr. Cleveland. The saloon-keeper himself declares that the people out there would sooner buy the president out than have his saloon prohibited.

Baltimore Baptist: "Society, so-called, is becoming more and more a curse to our city. When at the residence of some of our most prominent citizens men and women get so drunk that they do not know what they are about, and wander home without hats and coats, or fall to the floor in a drunken fit, it is getting time to call a halt."

I am not "water-mad," but I believe every Christian wants to "follow copy," to "walk even as he walked." I am a plain, practical man, and I know that everything depends upon working according to pattern and specifications; ignore and violate these and you have friction and disorder. If I had nothing else to go by but Paul's words, "Buried with Christ by baptism," that were enough—I would be immersed. — E. P. H. Judd.

Speaking of the public school at Pensacola not having any Bible or prayer in it, a Methodist writer says: "Excuse me from such a jumble. I had as soon send my child to a house where there is no light and no air as to send him to a school where the religion of Jesus Christ is not believed in, respected, lived and inculcated." Amen.

The Sunday afternoon lectures at the Baptist church are attracting large crowds. Already much good has been accomplished by them. It would be hard to find a more entertaining lecturer than Dr. Lofton. The subject for next Sunday afternoon's lecture is: "The bed, too short, and the blanket too narrow." — Reporter and Watch-tower.

When one thinks that nobody cares for him, and that he is alone in a cold and selfish world, he would do well to ask himself this question: "What have I done to make anybody care for and love me, and to warn the world with faith and generosity?" It is generally the case that those who complain most have done the least. — Lutheran.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co. has published a pronouncing Dictionary containing 320 pages, 32,000 words and 600 engravings. It teaches everybody how to pronounce correctly. Send sixteen cents in stamps to Paul Morison, G. F. and T. A., C. B. & Q. R. R., Chicago, Ill., and get a copy of the Dictionary—the cheapest book issued.

Conspicuous among the men in the Legislature who vote and work under the eye of God is Mr. David Gaston, of Wilcox. He is a Presbyterian brother. He never allows anything to make him omit his devotional exercises. If more of our public men would thus seek God, daily prayer there would be less tuckery and unjust legislation on the people.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne said it was during the singing of a sweet old hymn that he gave himself to the Savior. There are hundreds of Christians in this State that could relate a sweet experience about the influence of some old song. It would be interesting reading to know how many decided for Christ while the congregation was singing: "Come thou fount."

Adams Street Baptist church: Rev. E. A. Stone, pastor, has held meetings since the first of January. The result, so far, has been an arousing of the church and a quickening of the general interest; eighteen have been received into church membership. Baptisms have been of frequent occurrence. The interest still continues and it is expected that several others will unite soon.

Dr. Purser, of the First church, Birmingham, delighted and instructed two large congregations last Sabbath with two excellent sermons from the themes, "An acquaintance with, and a knowledge of God," and "What is life." At Southside, Dr. J. J. D. Renfro preached to his growing and intelligent audiences, looking for his subjects: "A standard for the people," Isa. 59: 9; and "Menought to repent," Mark 6: 12.

"Ready to go, but no money," was recently written of some missionary. Oh! how many men and women there are to-day who are ready to go and preach in destitute places, at home and abroad, but there is no money forthcoming to bear their expenses. Will not the children of our God, to whom he has entrusted wealth, bring out the money, and say to these soul-loving ones, go?

The Texas Baptists have a grand style about them when it comes to dealing with pastors. About dark one evening lately a delivery wagon drove to the home of Bro. Ivey, Sherman's pastor, and deposited such valuables as coffee, sugar, flour, &c., &c., besides towels, handkerchiefs, bleaching and money besides. That is one reason the pastors of Texas are such a success: Alabama readers can't you take the hint?

Bro. Fred D. Hale's success as an evangelist and a pastor since he came to this State, has been phenomenal. The Lord blesses his labors wherever he goes. One year ago he took charge of the Walnut Street Mission in Louisville. During the year three hundred members have been added to the church, and a large and costly house of worship, which is nearing completion, has been erected. — J. M. Phillips, in Central Baptist.

The President of the Judson spent a few hours in the city last Saturday. He found shelter from the rain in our office. He informed us that some time during the month of March, Dr. J. Wm. Jones, of Virginia, would deliver six addresses before Judson girls on the "Late war, its causes, &c."

This will be a treat to all who may be privileged to hear him, and a source of great information to the young, many of whom have incorrect ideas as to why their fathers wear the empty sleeve or the wooden leg. There is no more pleasing writer or speaker in the South than Dr. Jones, and none more competent to instruct on this special topic. In behalf of the State, we thank Prof. Fraser for making this arrangement.

Augusta News: Rev. C. A. Stakeley, pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating classes of Erskine and the Due West Female College on the 27th of June, next. The young gentlemen and ladies of the graduating classes are to be congratulated upon their wise selection. Mr. Stakeley is one of the most eloquent ministers in the State, and will meet with a happy reception at the hands of the friends of the institutions at Due West.

In the report of St. Francis Street church, Mobile, in the February number of the Union, says, in speaking of prayer meeting attendance: "The ladies are still in the majority, and the young men are conspicuous for absence." The largest Sunday-school attendance of the past month has been 240. Miss Bagby is again able to take her place at the head of her excellent school. Revival services will begin in Palmetto Street church March 1st. A mission school will be organized in the northwestern portion of Mobile soon.

The young men's prayer meetings, held every Monday night at the Talladega Baptist church, are increasing in interest and numbers. The young men have entire charge of these meetings, and are making them interesting and instructive. They are now studying the book of John, and with a diligence that makes our hearts rejoice. All success and honor to the young men for their brave and determined efforts. Their example is worthy of imitation by every Christian community.

Once in a while a man thinks if the Baptists would just give up their "close communion," they would take the world. Such a man does not know the facts of history, or he would not think of such a thing. The Free-will Baptists have all the supposed elements of popularity, but in all America there are not a hundred thousand of them. The "strict" Baptists baptize more almost every year than the whole number of "free-wills," after that people have tried the open communion plea for over a century. It is also a fact that in those sections of country where "strict" Baptists are the most "strict," they have the greatest prosperity. Indeed, in those parts open communion is almost unknown. — Baptist Banner.

A correspondent to the Christian Advocate says: "There never was, there never can be a true revival of religion, conferring permanent, holy results, affecting all the lines of life, without prayerful, personal, daily study of God's blessed word." Again: "As a church we are most assuredly responsible for the instruction of the children of the church. Not superficial instruction; but deep, thorough religious teaching—such an effort as sends the pastor and Sunday-school superintendent to the closets to talk with Jesus—that sends the teacher visiting, calling upon each member of the class, exhorting the parents of the children to bestir themselves in the matter." This is doctrine that Baptists can well afford to endorse.

The following cadet officers were appointed at Howard College February 14th: Company A—Captain, F. Gordon Caffey; First Lieutenant, William Henry McKleroy; Second Lieutenant, Hardee Jackson Hagard; First Sergeant, Francis Marian Thigpen; Second Sergeant, Joel Dyer Murphy, Jr.; Third Sergeant, William Webb Lav

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB. 24, 1887.

The sleep which the drugs bring.

Sleep-bringing drugs mean mischief.

They bring sleep, it is true, but they bring more mischief than rest.

The sleep produced is not healthy.

There is no refreshment in it.

The more you take, the more you need.

They rack your nerves, demoralize your brain

and give occasion for more and more drugs.

"How, then, shall I procure rest?"

The nervous and shattered victim of insomnia.

The records of the votaries of Compound

Oxygen are full of cases in which sleepless

sufferers have been blessed with quiet and refreshing slumber.

That of Mr. Arthur Hagan, of Philadelphia, a well

known merchant, may be mentioned as one.

On taking Compound Oxygen, with faithful

perseverance and good food, his shattered

nervous system was restored to health,

his dyspepsia departed and he entered into

the enjoyment of good health.

Mr. J. B. Kenyon, of Bedford, Ohio, writes:

"I had Compound Oxygen for my asthma

wonders for me; I had a new man of me;

have not had an attack of asthma since

using it; was in very bad shape when I com-

menced, would not eat, without Compound

Oxygen for ten times its price; first time I

inhaled it I went to sleep at once, and I

never rested better in my life."

A hint to the sleepless: Don't take drugs

in order to induce sleep. Use Compound

Oxygen, which contains much to know.

Address: 429 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

When you lie down, close your eyes with

a short prayer, commit yourself into the

hands of your faithful Creator, and when

you have done, trust him with yourself, as

you must do when you are dying.—Jersey

Taylor.

Minnie Hawk buys a Knabe Piano.

Messrs. William Knabe & Co. are in re-

ceipt of the following substantial tribute to

the merits of their instruments from the

celebrated prima donna:

New York, Dec. 20, 1886.

"Messrs. Wm. Knabe & Co.:

Gentlemen:—The grand piano you fur-

nished me for my use, has still further

convincing me of the superiority of your

pianos. They are, indeed, unequalled, and

I have determined, therefore, to pur-

chase the above "Grand." I have been

instructed to purchase the same, and have

been directed by your agent to make the

necessary pecuniary arrangements with

you. Please make shipment by early

steamer to my address, London, England,

care of Messrs. Metzler & Co., and believe

me, Your sincere friend,

"MINNIE HAWK."

Charity likes to come in and supply the

wants which would never have been felt

there been equity. An ounce of justice is

sometimes worth a ton of charity.—Dr. A.

Maclaren.

You Can't Read This

without wishing to investigate, if you are

wise. Send your name to Hallett & Co.,

Portland, Maine, and you will receive free,

full information about what you can do

and live in Rome, wherever you are located,

at which you can earn from \$5 to \$25 and

upwards daily. Some have earned over \$50

in a day. Capital not required; you are star-

ved free. All is new. Both sexes; all ages.

Snug little fortune await all workers.

But who can harm the soul which Thou

Art swift to hear, and strong to save?

The records of the faithful are told.

Thy love and faithfulness of old.

—Charlotte Elizabeth.

It is a Curious Fact

That the body is now more susceptible to

benefit from medicine than at any other

season. Hence the importance of taking Hood's

Sarsaparilla now, when it is so easy to

obtain good results. It is really wonderful for

purifying and enriching the blood, creating an

appetite, and giving a healthy tone to the

whole system. Be sure to get Hood's Sar-

saparilla, which is peculiar to itself.

Whatever good we do we must look upon

it as the performance of our promise to him

to whom we do it. God, the more we are

indebted to him, for our efficiency is due

to him and not of ourselves.—Matthew

Henry.

An Old Story.—Look at a human being

when under the influence of that terrible

torment, rheumatism. Trivial symptoms were

neglected until the disease became estab-

lished, whereas all the long suffering could

have been prevented by the prompt use of

Salvation Oil, costing only 25 cents a bottle at

all drug stores.

Submission is the only reasoning between

a creature and his Maker, and contentment

in his will is the best remedy we can apply

to misfortunes.—Sir W. Temple.

Everybody needs a spring medicine. By

using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the blood is thor-

oughly cleansed and invigorated, the appe-

tite stimulated, and the system prepared to

resist the diseases peculiar to the summer

months. Ask for Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Take

no other.

If within thy breast beats a heart warm,

loyal, generous, a heroic heart, speak, oh,

speaking! In silence, sounding brass, sil-

ence, thou tinkling cymbal.—J. R. Rux.

I was troubled with chronic catarrh

and gathering in the head; was deaf at times,

discharges from the head were terrible to

behold. Before the second bottle of

Ayer's Cream Balm was exhausted I was

completely cured. I am now well.—C. J. Corbin,

923 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Were all preaching judged by its effective-

ness, how speedily would the pretensions of

some brilliant pulpit orators have a dis-

countenance.—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

"Take the toll by the horns" is an old

age, but you take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

by the teaspoonful. A few drops for a child.

One bottle will save the lives of a family.

For cough, colds, bronchitis, etc., it is

excellent and safe.

God never leaves the soul without some

light. As Charles Kingsley said in "The

Water-bearer": "There is always light enough

to get home."—Rev. T. S. Scott.

It is a good rule to accept only such medi-

cine as are known to be worthy of con-

fidence. It has been the experience of thou-

sands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the

most effective ever used for throat and lung

diseases.

There are sweet surprises awaiting many

an humble soul fighting against great odds

in the battle of a seemingly commonplace

life.

I have been treated for Catarrh by emi-

nent physicians, but nothing has ever bene-

fited me like Ely's Cream Balm.—Mrs. L. A.

Lewis, 186 Chippewa St., New Orleans, La.

No one ever had a glimmer of a will to

come, but that shining "power" of "God"

is within us, and it is his will to save.

—F. R. Haverall.

Two great enemies—Hood's Sarsaparilla

and impure blood. The latter is utterly de-

feated by the peculiar medicine.

No school is more necessary to children

than patience, because either the will must

be broken in childhood, or the heart in old

age.—[Richter.]

No Option in Pisto's Cure for Consumption.

Cures where other remedies fail. 25 cts.

The more we sink into the infirmities of

age, the more we are to immortal youth.

All people are young in the other world.

—Jeremy Collier.

If Sufferers from Consumption,

Scrophulous, Bronchitis, and General Debility

will try Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver

Oil with Hypophosphites, they will find im-

mediate relief and permanent benefit. The

medical profession universally declares the

remedy of the greatest value and very palat-

able. Read: "I have used Scott's Emulsion

in several cases of Scrophulous and Debility

in Children. Results most gratifying. My lit-

tle patients take it with pleasure."—W. A.

HILBERT, M. D., Salisbury, Ill.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should

always be used for children teething. It

soothes the child, softens the gums, allays

all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best

remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

I fondly dream it needs must be

That, as my mother dealt with me,

So with his children dealt he.

—J. G. Whittier.

Daughters, Wives, and Mothers.

Sent for Pamphlet on Female Diseases;

mailed free, securely sealed.

Dr. J. B. MARSH, Utica, N. Y.

Few mercies call for greater thankfulness

than a friend safe in heaven. It is not every

one that overcometh.—[Dr. Jas. Hamilton.]

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR:

Please inform your readers that I have a

positive remedy for the above named dis-

ease. By its timely use thousands of hope-

less cases have been permanently cured. I

shall be glad to send two bottles of my reme-

dy FREE to any of your readers who have

consumption if they will send me their ex-

press and P. O. address. Respectfully,

DR. T. A. STOCUM,

181 Pearl St., New York.

A man may superannuate himself, and

every man has to do his own part in keep-

ing from being superannuated.—[N.Y. Examiner.]

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician retired from practice,

having had placed in his hands by an East

India missionary the formula of a simple

effective remedy for the speedy and perma-

nent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Ca-

carrh, Asthma, and Throat and Lung

Affections, also a positive and radical cure

for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Com-

plaints, after having tested its wonderful

curative powers in thousands of cases, has

been induced to make it known to his

countrymen. Actuated by this motive and a

desire to relieve human suffering, I will

send free of charge, to all who desire it, this

recipe, in German, French or English, with

full directions for preparing and using. Sent

by mail by addressing with stamp, naming

this paper, W. A. NOYES, 149 Power's Block,

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Nothing is more ruinous for a man than

when he is mighty enough in any part to

right himself without right.—[Jacobi.]

CANDY

On receipt of \$1.00 we will forward by ex-

press, to any address, 3 pound Box of fine

candies. Special attention to mail orders.

JOS. MANEGOLD & CO.,

Manufacturing Confectioners.

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The Statistical Secretary needs Minutes of

the following associations, and would be

thankful to any brother who can send him

either. If you can furnish, please mail at

once, to WM. A. DAVIS,

Statistical Secy., Ansonia, Ala.

Care, Indiana Creek, Pea River,

Mad Creek, Sandy Creek,

Southeastern, Tion Creek,

Zion.

Howard College Column.

Some Questions for You to Answer.

Is there any tendency in the sci-

entific investigations of the age towards

infidelity?

If so, what is the remedy?

If the remedy be in the education

of the moral man, what are you doing

to build up Howard College, which

proposes to impart that kind of edu-

cation?

Are the principles taught by Bap-

tists in accordance with the truth?

If so, are not men who are thor-

oughly educated and in full sympathy

with the Baptists needed to inculcate

these principles and defend the truth?

What college is more likely to pro-

duce such men than Howard?

Again we ask, what are you doing

to enable Howard to educate such

men?

Does not every sphere and calling

in life need men of ability—of mental

acumen and moral integrity?

If so, what school promises better

than Howard College?

If the country suffer for the lack of

such men, and you do nothing to sus-

tain the college, are you not, to the

extent of your ability, responsible for

the disaster?

Again we ask, what are you doing

to meet that responsibility?

Are not educated men needed in

the ministry to expound the truth,

beat back error and edify the congre-

gations that meet in Baptist churches?

What institution in your State is

making any effort to supply this par-

ticular destitution?

If Howard College is not able to

supply the men, and you fail to give

to the endowment, are you not blame-

