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THE ALABAMA BAPTIST,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. DICKINSON says it is worth a trip across the continent to attend a good prayer meeting.

BRETHREN visiting Montgomery are invited to come up and inspect our list of religious and family books.

THE Montgomery Advertiser cites Anniston as proof that it does not need whisky to build up a business city.

We are glad to note that Hon. Porter King, of Marion, has made a handsome profit in real estate transactions at Oxana. There is no better man to control money than Bro. King.

FROM every section of the State brethren are beginning to send new subscribers, and express their gratification at our endeavor to give the Baptists of Alabama a good paper.

THE Watchman asks if it is not a pity that in the majority of the Christian churches of our land, the ordained tend to that all that is really (Scripturally) baptized is—the tips of the pastor's fingers?

SOME one came to our office during our absence and left \$5 for Bro. Nat. Pace, but neglected to leave the post office address. If some one will send the post office address we will make the necessary corrections, and give the proper credit on our books.

A CERTAIN North Alabama brother recently wrote an article for publication, but we deemed its insertion unwise and wrote him to that effect; instead of getting mad and stopping his paper, he kindly notifies us that he thinks our course the correct one.

THE authorities of New York city, during eleven years preceding 1880, gave the Roman church real estate valued at \$3,500,000 and money to the amount of \$5,827,471; this, in exchange for Romish votes, and every cent of it paid in violation of law.—
Dr. Strong.

REV. MATTHEW BISHOP began taking the ALABAMA BAPTIST when it was first published, and continued to do so up to his death. His dear daughters send two dollars and ask its continuance, saying that they cannot now afford to be without its weekly visit and comfort and cheer.

DEAR brethren and sisters, don't send any more stamps for awhile. We have several dollars' worth on hand. Stamps are things with which we can neither pay printers nor any other bills. But above all things don't send five and ten cent stamps, these constitute almost a dead loss to us.

The fearful fires that have recently occurred in times of wrecks on railroads have led to very strong articles on the different modes of heating cars, and it is understood that a change will very soon be made by which it will be impossible for a car to ignite in case of a run off or a collision.

The bill to remove the Lincoln Normal Institute (colored) from Marion passed both houses of the General Assembly almost unanimously. This meets with the heartiest approval of all good people over the State, especially those acquainted with the circumstances giving rise to the agitation of this question.

THE Christian Herald tells of a man who trying to save his hat jumped into East River and was drowned, and adds, that it seems marvelous that one would endanger his life for such a trifle, yet the folly was small as compared with the actions of men who in the mad rush for wealth and fame, are endangering their immortal souls.

THE Courier-Journal says Congress appropriated \$11,000 for a Catholic church, school house, and Priest's residence at Fort Leavenworth. The Western Recorder very appropriately says, "Congress has no constitutional right to appropriate money to any religious denomination, and it is an outrage on the rights of the people to have their money thus squandered." To these sentiments we add our hearty commendation.

A CERTAIN member of the General Assembly of Alabama had been drinking a good deal, and his friends informed him that there was a probability of his dismissal from that honorable body, if he continued, it is said the effect was wonderful. Only a short time elapsed before he was duly sober, and in his place just in time to tell his fellow-members that he was opposed to the passage of a temperance law for a town in his section, and, notwithstanding, the best people had petitioned for the law, "courtesy" prompted the members to grant his request.

THE Louisville & Nashville, R. R. never loses an opportunity to be clever. Some weeks since when the wreck occurred above this city, and the passengers were delayed a day, they were brought back and their dinner and supper at the Windsor Hotel paid for by the Company. And last week this same Company put it in the power of every Alabama teacher, near this line, to visit De Funiak Springs, Fla., to attend the Teachers' Institute, by putting the fare for round trip at one cent per mile. This is one corporation that shows in more ways than one that it has a soul.

THE LARGEST SCHOOL ORGAN IN THE WORLD.

Where? Why in our own Judson at Marion. Very little has ever been said of this instrument, but we are told that there is no other school in the world that has so large and fine a pipe organ as the one that has been built in the chapel of the Judson by Prof. Robert Frazer. Seeing the need of good organs all over the country led the President to build this one, and quite a number of the girls, as well as some married ladies, are taking lessons on it under that prince of teachers, Prof. Ayers.

PRESIDENT MURPHY lightened this office by a brief visit Tuesday of last week. He thinks he has the best set of boys this session that were ever quartered in the Howard. Speaking of the Howard, he said:

"The Howard is a very fine building, must be largely by the work and gifts of the Howard and other college men, for only college men, as a rule, really fully appreciate the importance of the work. The coolness and self-possession of the boys during and since their recent trouble with the Lincoln students, has challenged the admiration of men and women all over the State, and the question has been time and again put 'How did Col. Murfee manage to keep the boys down in view of such an unprovoked attack?' The answer is, they are taught to obey orders without questioning why, and on this occasion he simply gave the command for them to retire to the barracks, and they went, though indignation burned in every bone.

A MERITED COMPLIMENT.

It is always gratifying to us to witness success crown the efforts of any of our brethren, especially when those efforts are directed in a channel that will result in great good. The purpose of this article is to speak of Rev. B. F. Riley and his Guide Book to Alabama.

Twice has it been passed upon by the Legislature of Alabama, and both times by a handsome majority. The first time, two years ago, when a Bill was passed by both branches of the Legislature authorizing the State to purchase the manuscript, that a large number might be printed for distribution, the Governor vetoed the Bill. At the present session, the same Bill, differing in no material manner with the former, was again passed by both branches of the General Assembly, authorizing the purchase of the manuscript. This endorsement of Bro. Riley's book by two Legislatures, composed in some measure, of different members, is indeed a merited compliment. Of the book we cannot speak in extenso, but suffice it to say, that it is the best descriptive history of the climate, soil, timber, minerals, railroads, water courses, and other matters of interest to emigrants ever written. It takes up the counties, serially, and gives an accurate description of them. It is, we think, one of the most valuable acquisitions to the State's material history ever written, and its author has displayed great research, and has written in a style smooth, easy, captivating, and interesting.

We regard Dr. Riley as a coming man in the literary world, should be direct his varied and accomplished talents in that direction. We bid him God speed in whatever he undertakes. As our pastor for two years we learned to admire him, and his sermons were rich productions of thought, beautiful in language, and full of deep toned piety.

THE EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

BY W. C. BLEDSOE.

This is the title of an interesting little book of 275 pages. It contains an account of the early Baptist settlers of East Alabama, dating from 1818. It contains a very full history of the East Liberty Association from its organization down to 1886, coupled with short biographical sketches of the ministers that have lived and been pastors of churches within its bounds. Bro. Bledsoe has done a good work, and we have no doubt but that every member of the association will be deeply interested in the perusal of its pages. It forms an important chapter in the history of the Baptists in this State. Those desiring a copy can procure one by addressing

REV. W. C. BLEDSOE,
LaFayette, Ala.

ELECT SOBER MEN TO OFFICE.

Questioning among the solons and keeping our eyes open, we find that several members of the Legislature were at different times drunk, some almost beastly intoxicated. If our people send men here who can't keep out of the saloons, it is folly to expect much wholesome legislation. If all the facts connected with the voting and working of some men against temperance were known, we doubt not but what we could find a few free drinks laid some under special obligations to work in behalf of rum-sellers.

MISCONSTRUED HIS ORDERS.

This was the explanation given by some as the cause of the terrible wreck on the L. & N. R. R. last month, in which two men lost their lives. The engineer or conductor failed to understand clearly the orders given, and rushing wildly on met the other train, and the fatal crash took place. Riding, the following evening, by the broken cars, we thought how like the engineer is the minister of the gospel, the destinies of many souls hang upon the way in which he construes the orders of the Great Conductor. Oh! ye who are God's engineers in guiding souls to heaven, be careful how you read your orders, for your mistakes not physical life, but immortal souls may be wrecked.

IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Dear Bro. Editor: What should a Baptist church do with her deacons for working and voting against prohibition? G.

No notice must be given to a minister that each church is a sovereign body, having laws to govern her own members, and also that members of the particular church know more of the circumstances surrounding the actions of members in question than we can know.

Among the qualifications of the deacon given to Timothy by Paul was this, "not given to much wine." The very fact that they labored for the unlimited sale of whisky, the continuation of that master curse of the human race, shows that they greatly incline to the "much wine" idea. In this day of enlightened progress there seems to be no excuse for any Christian failing to see the exceeding sinfulness of his course, if he cast his influence on the side of that which is doing more to impede the triumphal march of the Redeemer's cause than all other combined evils. The Scriptures plainly teach that the church must administer rebuke or discipline to her children. If the church satisfies herself that in working against prohibition these deacons brought reproach upon the church—sinned against the Savior—then there is no other course to take except first to labor to bring them to repentance and confession, but should this result in a failure after much prayer and effort, the duty is clear, cut them off from fellowship with the church. If such deacons live in Alabama, they need our prayers and tender pleadings; for if they are Christians this kind of treatment would win them back.

EDITORIAL MEDLEY.

A "MAMMOTH RESERVOIR."—The city of New York is about adopting a plan to water the city, which in magnitude is unsurpassed by any enterprise of the kind in the world. It is to turn the whole Croton river into the city by constructing a solid ridge of masonry across it, "as secure and lasting as the surrounding hills." It is to be built on a solid bed of rock 277 feet above the bed of the river, at a cost to the city of \$6,741,000, thus turning the whole river by aqueducts into the city. The purpose is to provide an amount of water adequate to supply a city of 3,000,000 inhabitants which New York will have at no distant day.

What is known as the Blair educational bill has been passed by the Senate, but hangs fire in the House of Representatives, a majority of the committee having it in charge being opposed to it, and it is supposed will smother it.

The New York Annual for 1886 is about ready for delivery, and contains a flattering account of the progress made by our denomination in that State during the past year. The

increase in pastors and supplies, in baptisms, in the total membership, in the officers, teachers and scholars in Sunday-schools, in the value of church property, with a decrease in church debts, and in benevolence, is marked and encouraging. The total membership of Baptists in that State now is 121,399, and the increase in benevolent contributions over the previous year is \$22,669.71. They are also prosecuting a State mission work with gratifying results.

Our Southern Baptist Seminary is rapidly converting Louisville into a grand Baptist centre. It will always be a source of pleasure to us that we aided in planting that institution at that point.

In one month Dr. Talmage, of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, in Brooklyn, has added 433 members to his church, 170 of them were immersed.

"Deliver me from a church with a plan." So says an agent of Foreign Missions in one of our States. We suppose he struck some church that had adopted a plan to raise money, and they chose to run their plan instead of paying their contributions to him, whereupon he became a little disgruntled, if we may use a word that fits the case supposed. For several years we have all been trying to systematize our benevolent contribution by the adoption of some plan that will reach the greatest number and supercede the necessity of agents, and we are making some progress. If there is a little friction here and there, that provokes a groan like the above, let us not be discouraged, but go right on.

The Texas Baptist and Herald thinks there is a strong probability that the present legislature of that State will submit the prohibition amendment to their constitution to their people. If so, there will be a live contest in that State between money and principle. Whisky men will spend hundreds of thousands to stop the movement. The temperance party will have to meet them on the simple issue of drunkenness and sobriety. Whisky men all over the United States are becoming terribly alarmed at the rapid strides prohibition is making. And well they may be. He is purblind who does not see the handwriting on the wall. The decree has gone forth from the throne of omnipotence against this sum of all evils, and it is only a question of a short time. We may be overcome in some battles, but we shall overcome in the war.

God has placed the closet and the there is no success in the one without devoting no little time in the other. The one supplies the power—the other expends it. S. H.

Official Stations as Affecting Piety.

In Mr. Hawthorne's thrilling story of "The Scarlet Letter," he writes an introductory chapter detailing his experience as a Custom House officer, from its connection with the story. In that chapter, among many striking sayings, he has this to say of these Federal officers: "That neither the front door, nor the back door of a Custom House leads to paradise." Public officers are not eminently fitted to cultivate piety. Nor are they fitted to develop those literary tastes and habits that make great authors. It was not until Mr. Bancroft retired from office that he undertook and accomplished the great work of his life, "The History of the United States." It was not until Mr. Hawthorne was summarily dismissed from the position he held in the Custom House that he fairly entered upon that literary career that gave him his world wide reputation; for the first book he published after he was remanded to private life was the volume to which we have referred, "The Scarlet Letter," a story which established his reputation as among the first authors of his age. There is a kind of incompatibility between the dull, exhausting routine of official life and the higher pursuits of literature. On the rarest occasions we find a genius capable of rising above the murky fumes of these official stations into the higher regions of literary pursuits, as perhaps Lord Bacon. But then there is not more than one Lord Bacon for every two or three centuries.

However, we must not diverge from the purpose of this article, and we recur to the saying of Mr. Hawthorne, that "neither the front nor the back door of a Custom House leads to paradise." It is the misfortune of those officers that depend upon the success of political parties, that the persons who fill them partake so largely of the political acrimony of the age. Indeed, it has come to this that the degree of fidelity to party obligations constitutes the principal claim to party promotion. And as the whole political atmosphere is surcharged with party animosity, it requires no common complexion of piety to move in such an atmosphere without serious detriment. This has been done, and can be done again, but it demands a serious and persistent effort.

And then the duties of those officers are so constant, perplexing, so becoming to the nicer sensibilities of the heart as to recoil with no little emphasis upon the weaker forms of piety. They are your "Greathearts," your "Valiants-for-truth," that pass unscathed through those ordeals, "You your 'Little-faiths' and your 'Ready-to-halts.'" We rejoice in every accession of earnest and established Christians to official ranks, but men of more average piety had better avoid them with the instinct of self-preservation. They know not what they do when they transfer the cultivation of their Christian graces from their churches to the putrid atmosphere of political positions. It requires no common religious stamina to maintain a high stand of holiness where so many have been entangled in the meshes of the tempter. Alas, how many professing Christians, who may have had the root of the matter deep down in their hearts, have retired from these high positions, carrying scars on their souls over which to lament the balance of their days! We can recall several cases of this kind whose end was too sad to mention in detail.

But in addition to the corrupting influence of politics on our public men, there remains the duties and perplexities of these high stations, which of themselves are no light test of ones piety. These duties bring the occupants in contact very often with unscrupulous men whose aim is to overreach law, moral obligation, or what not, to accomplish a private advantage. In dealing with such men one is often tempted to meet trick with trick, persuading himself that the end justifies the means. This will often place a man in such relations as that he must summon all the moral courage he can command to preserve his personal integrity. We do not say that this high sense of moral obligation cannot be found outside of Christian circles, but we do say that it is found there in far greater profusion than elsewhere. And we scruple not to say that if the present tide of corruption that is now sweeping over our whole country, over all political parties, is ever successfully rebuked and rolled back, it must be done by the earnest, devoted, consistent Christian men of our country.

Many of our best men have well nigh already lost hope of the future of our country, and have withdrawn from all political contests. In this they are wrong. S. H.

Resolutions.

Whereas, It is fully known to the officers and members of the Sunday-school of the Livingston Baptist Church, Ala.,

M. A. Brown, Miss Hermione Brown, Miss Lena Coleman, and Master Pervin Coleman, are soon to sever their relations with us; and whereas, our intimate connection with them as officers and pupils of this Sunday-school occasions the profoundest regret that they must leave us; and whereas, their departure will occasion a sad breach in the ranks both of the Sunday-school and of the church. Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That our sincere thanks are due these real co-workers for the efficiency and fidelity which they have exhibited in the stations which they have occupied as superintendent, organist, teachers and pupils.

Resolved, 2nd. That we take pleasure in assuring these faithful servants that while they shall depart the fruits of their labors and zeal will abide with us.

Resolved, 3rd. That we most cordially commend them to whatever school or schools they may become members, as earnest, faithful, conscientious Christian workers.

Resolved, 4th. That our sincere prayers in their behalf shall be that their paths may shine as the paths of the just—more and more unto the perfect day.

Resolved, 5th. That a copy of these resolutions shall be furnished to each one herein mentioned, viz: Col. I. C. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Miss Hermione Brown, Miss Lena Coleman, and Master Pervin Coleman.

B. F. RILEY, Pastor.
A. G. GOWDY, Secretary.
Livingston, Feb. 20th.

No Liberty.

Recently, the Rambler was riding in the cars. Two gentlemen in a seat near by were discussing the prohibitory law; the older, a member of the Society of Friends, was advocating the law. The younger at last said, "Why, Mr. —, where is my liberty?" The Rambler did not engage in the conversation, as the gentlemen were strangers to him; but, if he had felt justified in putting in his oar, he would have said in substance: "My dear sir: Your liberty? Your liberty to make yourself a nuisance and a menace to society? Your liberty to make your whole family paupers, and to tax the State for their support? Your liberty to make yourself a maniac? Your liberty to put yourself in a condition where you will be liable to go home and cut your wife's throat, and to throw your child out of the window? Your liberty to transmit the virus of thirst for rum to your children for generations to come? Your liberty to go out as an incendiary, a ruffian, a tramp, to commit any deed of devilish violence on women and children? Why, there isn't any liberty; it doesn't exist. It isn't within the walls of the universe."—National Baptist.

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From North Alabama.

Dear Baptist: Knowing that this part of the State is seldom noted in the columns of the BAPTIST, I thought I would write, giving a few facts concerning the Baptists of this section, the north part of the State, and in the bounds of the Warrior River Association, of which the writer is a member. This association held its 28th annual session with Beulah church, Marshall county, in October last; which proved to be the most harmonious session on record, and I trust that God has used the same as instrumental in his hands in awakening the brethren from their long state of slumber and lethargy, in doing the great work of God, known as the mission work.

To examine the records of this association it appears that there has been but very little done in that direction in the past. I take the liberty to say that we let our past negligence be the means of making each brother and sister feel the responsibility that is resting upon us, and to comply with every obligation that is devolved upon the people of God, then we can be as Paul was on one occasion, we will forget the past and reach forth unto those things that are before us, and press forward to the work for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I will here mention one fact that is worthy of some consideration. The brethren here have had to labor under some embarrassment, they have had to open up their farms and to build church houses, which has required untiring energy to accomplish. I do not state this fact as an excuse for not doing what could have been done, for where is the people that have done so little? This has been rendered as an excuse but should now pass away, and I say to my brethren to take fresh courage and press on, for where there has been darkness light has sprung up. God has blessed your labors in the past, trust him and he will bless you in the future. I call on the brethren, generally, to be helpers together with us in prayer to God that his word may have free course and be glorified. I trust that the good work has begun here will continue to grow so the church will indeed be as a city set upon a hill that can not be hid.

M. F. OWEN.
Gladney, DeKalb Co., Feb. 13.

Plantersville Correspondence.

Dear Baptist: I have just returned from my appointment at Big Springs church. I see in this church signs of a better future.

1st. The young men's prayer meeting has continued with unabated interest since we have been there. This is a rare scene in a country church.

2nd. The church in conference has adopted the plan of paying the pastor quarterly. If all our churches in the country would adopt this plan, it would be much easier for the church, and relieve the pastor of much embarrassment.

3rd. Our congregation has increased so that we will be compelled to build a new house to accommodate the people. Even during the winter season our house has, the most of the time, been filled to its utmost capacity. This church increased last year from a membership of about sixty to ninety odd.

These to me are very hopeful signs. May the God of all grace keep and perfect these, his saints, is the prayer of their pastor.

W. N. HUCKABEE.
P. S.—I have decided to hold a fifth Sunday service with my churches when we will consider things pertaining to the interest of the four churches.

W. N. H.

Letter from Huntsville.

Eds. Ala. Baptists: The Baptists of Huntsville have occasion to sing the praises of Mr. and Mrs. Hewett, of Cincinnati, who are, by the way, noble Baptists themselves, for a handsome donation made them recently. On taking leave of us after a visit of one month, they handed to the pastor a check for two hundred dollars to be used in purchasing 150 Baptist Hymnals for the use of the congregation, and one set of furniture for the parsonage.

Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., MAR. 5, 1887.

Her Husband Made Fun of It.

Some people value remedies according as to whether they are trifling or important, or as to the taste. When such folks hear about Compound Oxygen, and learn that it is something not to be swallowed but simply to be inhaled, and that there is no unpleasant taste or odor with it, they have no idea that it can do any good.

A Montana lady who had been troubled with lung disease and a bad cough, writes her experience.

"My husband is very favorably impressed with the Oxygen, and is willing for me to take another treatment. He at first made fun of it, so much water bottled up, but he does think it now.

When we come to inquire why the husband stopped making fun of Compound Oxygen, we find in it what the lady says of her improvement.

"I am feeling fifty per cent. better than when I commenced taking Oxygen; indeed, I would think I was in perfect health but for the slight cough and occasional pain in my lung. My appetite is excellent, and my bowels were never even. I notice now that I can walk farther or go up steps without losing my breath so bad, and can enjoy a good laugh without coughing.

"That will do. It cures. Write to Dr. STARKEY & PALIN, 1529 Arch St., Philadelphia, for a little book which tells in good earnest a great many interesting facts about Compound Oxygen.

And sure I am that it is better to be sick, providing Christ comes to the bedside, and draws by the curtains, and says, 'Courage! I am thy salvation,' than to be well and strong, and never be visited by Christ.—Rutherford.

How to Gain Flesh and Strength.

Use after each meal Scott's Emulsion. With Hypophosphites. It is as palatable as milk, and easily digested. The rapidity with which delicate people improve with it is wonderful. Use it and try your weight.

As a remedy for consumption, Throat Affections and Bronchitis, it is unequalled. Please read: "I used Scott's Emulsion for a child eight months old with good results. He gained four pounds in a very short time."—THO. FRIM, M. D., Alabama.

Just in proportion as you gain a victory over the evil which you are fighting, you are in yourself, will your spiritual eyes be purged for a brighter perception of the Holy One.—Channing.

Deep Sea Wonders

exist in thousands of forms, but are surpassed in marvels of invention. Those who are in need of profitable work can be done while living at home should at once send their address to Hallett & Co., Portland, Maine, and receive free, full information how either sex, old or young, can earn from \$5 to \$25 per day and upwards wherever they live. You are started free. Capital not required. Some have made over \$50 in a single day at this work. All succeed.

Man acts neither wisely nor well if he has good will without exerting himself to carry it out in good deeds.

For God gives his graces to procure these great things.

A Great Battle

Is continually going on in the human system. The demon of impure blood strives to gain victory over the constitution, to ruin health, to drag victims to the grave. A good reliable medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla is the weapon with which to defend one's self, drive the desperate enemy from the field, and restore peace and bodily health for many years. Try this peculiar medicine.

It belongs to the nature of the Bible that it is written for all.

It belongs to the nature of the Bible that it is written for all the experiences of each single human heart.—Tholuck.

"Delays have dangerous ends," the immortal William Dodd declares. Have you a cold or cough, a hoarseness, or sore throat? Beware! Take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and delay, and all the cough and soreness will soon pass away. Get it at once! You may be worse another day.

How thou canst think so well of us,

Is darkness to the light.

But sunshine to my heart!—[Faber.]

I have had nasal catarrh for ten years so bad that there were great sores in my nose, and one place was eaten through. I got Ely's Cream Balm. Two bottles did the work. My nose and head is well. I feel like another man.—C. S. McMillen, Sibbey, Jackson Co., Mo.

Christ's prayer for the unity of all Christians ought to echo in our lives and draw us closer to all who love the Lord Jesus, of whatever name.

Almost miraculous are some of the cures accomplished by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. In the case of R. L. King, Richmond, Va., who suffered for 47 years with an aggravated form of scrofula, Ayer's Sarsaparilla effected astonishing results.

The greatness of our needs, our friendless and helpless condition, does not repel but attracts the Savior to our help.

A purgative medicine should possess tonic and cathartic, as well as cathartic properties. This combination of ingredients may be found in Ayer's Pills. They strengthen and stimulate the bowels, causing natural action.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it.—Bovee.

Ely's Cream Balm is the most effective, convenient and agreeable catarrh remedy I have used, and I have used many. —C. C. Cook, Hennings, Lauderdale Co., Tenn.

Where God shows his face, opens his heart to a man, it is the seal of eternal life.—Dr. John Kerr.

"Years have not seen and time shall not see," the people sit down quietly to suffer pain, when enterprise can afford such a panacea as Salvation Oil.

Faith is the only bunch of hyssop that applies the blood of Christ to us and our spiritual sacrifices.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself and superior to all other preparations in strength, economy, and medicinal merit.

I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress: My God, in him will I trust.—Ps. 91:2.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the consumption, pneumonia, Croup, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. 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. Novas, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Mystery is another name for our ignorance; if we were omniscient, all would be perfectly plain.—[Tyron Edwards.]

Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully,

Dr. T. A. Slocum, 181 Pearl St., New York.

So good services, sweet remembrances will grow from them.—[DeStael.]

Pink's Remedy for Catarrh is agreeable to use. It is not a liquid or a snuff. Gets.

Hurt not your conscience with any known sin.—S. Rutherford.

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 diarrhea. 25 cents a bottle.

Even the weakest man is strong enough to enforce his convictions.—[Glaetche.]

Daughters, Wives, and Mothers. Send for Pamphlet on Female Diseases; mailed free, securely sealed.

Dr. J. B. MARIETTE, Utica, N. Y. In our day there is less need of originality than of definiteness.—[Lodge.]

CANDY.

On receipt of \$1.00 we will forward by express, to any address, 35 cents Box of the candies. Special attention to mail orders.

JOS. MANEGOLD & CO., Manufacturing Confectioners.

Association Minutes Wanted.

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:

Statistical Sec'y, Annapolis, Md. Carey, Indian Creek, Pa. River, Md. Creek, Southeastern, Town Creek, Yellow Creek, Zion.

This week's paper contains the card of Mr. Ruth, of this city. Those who design purchasing jewelry can feel perfectly safe in dealing with him.

A BOTTLE of Rose Leaf Cream has been sent the office editor by the company manufacturing this excellent preparation to make face and hands soft and smooth. See advertisement in another column.

Our Indian Missions.

A general view of our Indian Mission work, for 1886, is cheering. Along the whole line there has been advancement. New churches have been organized; new stations have been established, and new preachers licensed. There are several new churches in Scullville county—the ground where Peter Folsom, Smedley, Burns, Lewis Cass, Mer Shonubby and A. Pope labored so faithfully from 1844 to 1862. Indeed, a little association has been formed there, called Short Mountain Association.

During 1886, considerable growth has been made in the Chickasaw Association. Two or three good men are at work among them, partly supported by the Texas Baptist Convention. An active and strong man is needed to work among the full-blood Indians, where there has been less advancement.

Among the important and useful interests started, in the Indian Territory, towards organizing and systematizing our Baptist work, may be mentioned: 1st. A Missionary and Educational Convention of all the tribes; 2nd. Local associations for missionary and other work; 3rd. A school for training young preachers and Christian teachers; 4th. A little Baptist paper called *The Indian Missionary*, an excellent and good-looking monthly, of eight pages. These are some of the things accomplished in the Indian Territory, largely by the Southern Baptist Convention, through its Home Board and missionaries, of whom Rev. J. S. Murrow has been one of the most useful. One of the greatest of our works, over there, is the Levering School, which has just lost its superintendent, J. G. Vore. At A-to-ka the board is helping to establish a Baptist academy, which will do great good and be self-sustaining. The lot is already bought.

The board has fifteen or twenty missionaries in the Indian Territory, and there are a great many churches and Sunday-schools there. But, a constant income of money is required to keep all this up, and the board should receive more money for Indian Missions.—Kind Words.

Dr. John A. Broadus's Two Books.

I refer, of course, to his sermons and addresses, published by H. M. Wharton & Co., and his Commentary on Matthew's Gospel, issued by the Publication Society. Either of them can be had through Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., or preachers at less than cost. They have lately been given to me by one of my excellent members, Dr. J. N. Graddick—or rather, he gave me a piece of gold which was used in this purchase. And now they stand in my library marked as gifts from him, and the life of Dr. Jeter, now being written by Dr. Hatcher, will follow suit as soon as finished. My object in writing is not to praise the books or their authors—everybody is doing that in print and private—but if possible to increase the number of those who shall read the books, and so widen the circle of influence. The preachers everywhere, and of all denominations, will have both books as soon as possible—this of course. But it is a great mistake to suppose that either of these books is designed only for preachers or will be helpful only to them. The sermons are unlike any published sermons known to me, and my shelves are full of them, containing so little of the stiffness and stilted style of published sermons, and so much of the richness of the very marrow and fitness of the gospel, while the addresses printed in the same volume with them are unique in their scope of thought and literary cast and worth. The supreme text of a sermon with me, is its power to

influence my religious activity and my spiritual life, rather than merely my intellect and emotional nature. These sermons touch me at every point, and move my whole moral being, gladdening the mind by their thought, and rejoicing the heart by their clear and loving presentation of gospel truth.

Ah, how again and again, as I have read them, have they mellowed my heart and drew me nearer to him who is the preacher's chief joy and strength!

In very truth, I have forgotten their author while I read, and forgotten to criticize where criticisms might have been offered, completely carried away by their great theme, held spell-bound by the Savior who everywhere shines out in visions of glory. If any one who reads these lines, whether preacher or other, belongs to the old-fashioned-sermons class, I beg you to make an exception in this case, and read these sermons. I offered my eleven year old boy a reward to read one of these sermons, and on his consenting I turned him to that delightful one on Encouragements to Pray. He read it through, and, with considerable emotion, said, "He surely writes good sermons." Is that a severe test, and that very high praise? What pleased the child will surely charm the scholar and philosopher.

But after all, the Commentary is his great work—the great work of his life. In my use of commentaries, which is very free and frequent, I have often wondered if the great learning displayed in them could not be made more available for the masses, and if its resources could not be opened to our eyes and its results translated out of the technical language of the schools into the language of the fireside. Here it is done in a masterly and charming way, at once preserving the royal dignity of scholarship and giving the clearest expositions of the profoundest truths in the simplest language. One feels this even when disposed not to accept the conclusions reached by the distinguished author. This is indeed a book for preachers, but not for preachers only. No one who wishes to understand the gospel of our Lord, as given by Matthew, can afford not to have this work. Many intelligent persons have little idea how much such a book would help them in coming near to Jesus and understanding him, and in all their subsequent Bible reading. One book of this kind is worth all the devotional works and "aids to piety" I ever saw, and does me a hundred-fold more good. We are, to spend a whole year—from July next to July following—in the study of this gospel in our Sunday-school lessons. And this book must be a great power then, and will go far beyond what the best of our "Helps" can do for us. I am going through it page by page, and with great care, mainly for the purpose of spending that much time in close and continuous company and communion with him who must always be the preacher's life and the pulpit's power.

I thank the author for giving to the world these two volumes, and thank our heavenly Father for giving the author to the world, and pray that as he grows old the light and glory of his Master and mine may shine around him with ever increasing splendor. J. M. FROST.

Died.

In peace with all the world, on the 29th day of January, 1887, at her home at Orion, Pike county, Ala., sister L. A. Pickett, wife of James F. Pickett, and daughter of Solomon Siler.

Resolutions of the Baptist church and Sunday-school at Orion: Whereas, It has pleased our kind heavenly Father to remove our much beloved sister from the scene of her labors here on earth, to that rest which remaineth to the people of God,

Resolved, 1st. That this church has lost a consistent member, the people a true and honest friend, his widow and orphans a devoted husband and father.

2nd. That we deeply deplore the loss of our brother, and truly tender to his bereaved widow and orphans our condolence, hoping and believing that their loss is his eternal gain.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the widow of our deceased brother.

4th. That the clerk of this church be directed to spread the foregoing preamble and resolutions on the church book, and forward a copy of the same to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

H. G. SNEAD, I. C. SUTELLE, J. N. C. BROWN, Committee.

At the last Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Boston W. Smith, in behalf of the Sunday-schools of Minnesota, pledged \$50 to aid in rebuilding the meeting-house, at Key West, Florida, which was burnt March 30th, 1886. Not long ago the Home Board received, through Dr. C. C. Bitting, of Philadelphia, collected by B. W. Smith from thirty-five Sunday-schools in Minnesota, the sum of \$75 in fulfillment of this pledge.

memory of her virtues, strive to imitate her noble example, and hopefully look forward to meeting her again where parting is no more.

5th. She was generous, kind and good, and in every circle sister Pickett was known and appreciated as a lady and a Christian. She bore her afflictions without a murmur against her dear Savior, and his voice was heard with pleasure when he bade her come home to rest from her toil.

Farewell, dear sister, we miss thee here, but we hope soon to rest with thee in the presence of Jesus.

6th. Kind husband, you have lost a treasure, but heaven has gained a jewel. Friends, we have lost a guide in this world, but remember what she taught us. She awaits our coming to the glory land. As a church we remember her noble work, no strife, no bickering, no selfishness, but with an eye to God's glory. But death can only defy us here. To the fair land beyond the river, the angel of life has already borne the sufferer, and the weak and human sigh for rest is hushed, and pain is over now.

7th. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family, and commend them to him who does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us. How thy loss we deeply feel! But God will give thee back to us. He can all our sorrows heal.

8th. A copy of these resolutions shall be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and *Troy Messenger and Enquirer*, and be spread upon our church book, and a copy furnished the family of deceased.

DUNCAN GRAHAM, J. A. PENNINGTON, Church Committee.

MISS KATIE GRAHAM, "JENNIE YARBROUGH, MRS. J. A. PENNINGTON, Sunday School Com.

Resolutions of Respect

In memory of our sister, Mrs. W. E. Hudson, who departed this life January 30, 1887.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of presenting to the church these resolutions in memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. W. E. Hudson, respectfully report the following:

Whereas, Death has invaded our church and taken for its victim our sister, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That the church, while it submits to this irreparable loss without a murmur, yet it is deeply grieved, and cannot express its bereavement through the medium of cold words.

2nd. That in the death of sister Hudson this church has lost a faithful and devoted member, her daughter a loving and tender mother, and her husband, the best gift of God to man, a loving wife.

3rd. That we extend to our afflicted brother and family our condolence and warmest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on a memorial page in our church book, and that a copy be presented to the family, and one be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and one to the *Opelika Times*, with a request to publish.

J. C. CANNON, J. B. CALLER, MRS. LOUIS CHENEY, A. E. MILLFORD, J. C. CONDON, Committee.

Resolutions.

Whereas, Through the dispensation of an all-wise Providence, our much beloved brother, James G. Wilson, has been taken from us to experience the realities of an unknown world, and while we submit willingly to the will of our Divine Lord, we feel it our duty to offer this honest expression of our sympathy. Therefore be it

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MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Dec. 1st, 1886, Mr. J. C. Rotenberry and Miss Thenia Hicks.

At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 8th, 1886, Mr. Thomas Gandy and Miss Nora Fitts.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Jan. 18, 1887, Mr. J. S. L. Gandy and Miss Willie Smithman.

I officiated at all the above marriages, and I am still able to officiate when called upon, notwithstanding the richness of the tables at the above places.

S. M. ADAMS.

A Letter from Bro. Kilpatrick.

Dear Baptist: I've just been thinking that perhaps a short note from this section would not be out of place.

One month ago we held our first service in our beautiful new house at Woodlawn. Yesterday was our second meeting there, Dr. Cleveland pastor. The house is a beauty, both in and out, and something of which Woodlawn is justly proud. It is a model of both taste and comfort and shows the hearts of the Woodlawn people in the right spot. As a new East Birmingham has sprung into existence since the naming of the church and consequently some misunderstanding calculated to arise from this as to the location of our church, the name has just been changed from East Birmingham to Woodlawn Baptist church. This temple of the Lord is dedicated to him on the third Sunday in April. Bro. John R. Wood and Felix M. Wood are to be ordained as deacons on the 3rd Sunday in March.

Our church at Avondale, under the pastoral care of young Bro. Hobson, was organized on yesterday with a membership of 24. It is thought there will be 30 or 40 members when all are brought in who are already here. We have the foundation laid and the superstructure ordered for our church here. This church is beautifully located near the park, and one block only from the street car line. This will also be a beautiful structure, and we hope to complete it within three months. We have an active, working Sunday school of our own denomination here. We have some most excellent brethren and sisters also.

I am teaching in the house occupied by the Baptists, immediately on the street car line, near the park and spring, and I am hopeful of building up a good school.

While the "Magic City" is spreading and real estate on a steady, solid, and rapid advance, I thank God that the Baptists of our new and mighty city of the South are reaching out and occupying the territory as it opens inviting to them.

Ere the spring has come you might, Bro. Editor, reach both Woodlawn and Ruhama churches and East Lake City, six miles away, within fifteen minutes by a dummy. This would carry you through one of the most lovely valleys in Jefferson county, studded by beautiful mountain scenery on either side. Then, we promise you a royal trip if you will come and see us.

Yours in Christ, J. BUNYAN KILPATRICK, Avondale, Ala., Feb. 20th.

Is there a Difference.

"What is the difference between an 'anti-Missionary' Baptist and an 'Omissionary' Baptist?"

The Baptist brother who asks that question is one of considerable prominence as a thinker, and should himself have favored us with an article on the topic. But he did not. Is he therefore an "Omissionary"? We do not accuse him, as his time is to full of the Lord's work. Indeed, he is one of the last men in the State whom we would call either an anti-Missionary or an Omissionary. But his request gives us a cue. Both the "anti" and "Omissionary" can do, but do not. In that respect they are alike. That one is the most respectable Christian who is most unlike the other. Exactly like two surfaces intensely black. If one differs from the other, it must be through a lighter shade, as greater blackness is impossible. Both the "anti" and the "Omissionary" won't. "Won't" is a contraction of "will not." If either word is changed it must be the "not."

Any change must be towards the affirmative, because of the impossibility of going in any other direction. In other words, when a thing is at the bottom, the only way it may move is towards the top, they will do so from the same motive. But let us be understood. We prefer not to insult either of these brethren by placing either in uncongenial company. Let our "anti" brother understand: We regard his position as settled—very settled. The doing nothing platform is his. It belongs to him by right of possession. He occupies every plank. When it falls—when educational light shall shiver it—he will go down with it. No, we did not mean to say that any one shared his platform. And let our "Omissionary" brother understand that we give him all the honor, attaching, for claiming to have an aggressive platform. Just his state of mind, however, in owning such an object, would make a dumb man yell with

laughter. Who read recently of a man who came into possession of a domesticated elephant. The man was not a teetotaler, and thought as much of the elephant. The twin entered a bar-room. A glance served the denizen of the jungle to take in the situation. He swept everything from the lunch-counter into his stomach, after which seizing his owner by the clothes, he pitched him upon an awning and left him to soliloquize as to the meaning of the saying, "He has an elephant on his hands." We would not be disrespectful to our Omissionary Baptist brother, and yet, in all kindness, we ask, "What is he going to do with an aggressive platform?" What right has he to profess to be a commissioned soldier to fight idolatry? He carries no arms. Camp followers are not soldiers. What right has he to permit the world to believe that he is an advocate of education, Sunday-school, or any sort of Christian progress? The principles he professes are a can of dynamite that blows him to atoms—except his cheek. He has enough of that to stare God in the face and stand still. The step he occupies above his "anti" brother is imaginary. We would not undertake to say that the "anti" was not nearer right. The difference is, the "anti" opposes on principle, while the "Omissionary" omits from lack of principle. One says he will not and does not—the other says he will and does not. Just the difference in veracity is not hard to see. His code of morals differs from that of our "anti" brother. One is sincere—the other is not. The "anti" recognizes no debt—the "Omissionary" acknowledges the debt but fails to pay. Which is, therefore, the more honest? To the darkened intellect of the one, love to one is not a prompter to send the gospel to the heathen. He is to be pitied. He is to be instructed. The gleam of the heavenly light is about him, but he sees it not. To the enlightened mind of the Omissionary all duty is clear, and his sin is that of callousness.

So, all things considered, we are compelled to say that there is right much difference between these two parties.—*Biblical Record.*

Romanism does comparatively nothing towards giving the people a knowledge of God's Word. The priest never instructs the people in the teachings of the Savior. They have taught the people nothing in this city for four years, except to hate Protestants. They lie, deceive, mislead and destroy souls. The more I see of Romanism the more I am convinced that you ought to pray and work for the salvation of your Catholic friends just as if they were Hottentots. Their creed is salvation through Mary, and their faith is in their self-righteousness. They are veritable Pharisees. More than this, I stand ready to prove that Romanism is corrupting, demoralizing and degrading in its influence. The whole system was born in hell and is fulfilling its mission, peopling the lower regions with the millions of earth. There is in my conception far more hope for a few than a Catholic. Oh, yes, you know some who are such "good people," so do I. And I know some Jews, Infidels, Atheists, Unitarians and Universalists who are "good people," but are very far from being children of our Heavenly Father. Let us beware of this sentimentalism of certain good, goodly people, who see a Christian in every clever, sober man. The Bible lays down the only standard by which a true Christian may be known. By it must all men stand or fall.—*W. D. Powell.*

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