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To any one who will send us three new subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST and six dollars, we will send as a premium, that splendid Baptist work, "Grace Truman," by Mrs. S. B. Ford. To any one sending us five new subscribers and ten dollars, we will send this book and one copy of the BAPTIST to the party getting up the club.

The Senior is in North Alabama on a visit to his family.

The members of Eld. W. G. Curry's Verbera church are enlarging his house.

Rev. W. P. Harky, of Louisville, Ky., preached in the First church Birmingham, on the 4th inst.

Bro. J. P. Hunter is a helpful friend. He sends a list of renewals. How easy every preacher could do this.

Rev. J. C. Hudson, of Birmingham, has accepted a call to the church at Wetumpka, Ga.

Our churches prayer meetings, or preaching services?

NEXT week we give you another excellent letter from Bro. Whittle. Please send a new subscriber, and thus help enlarge our list of readers.

SAY what you please, a good preacher's wife is worth a good deal to any community. She is worthy of more honor and attention than many of them receive.

THE mayor of that "wicked city," Chicago, has forbidden the posting of objectionable theatrical pictures around the city. His example is worthy of imitation by the mayor of other cities.

ONE of Dr. M. B. Wharton's members enthusiastically said, "Our pastor is growing; he is getting to be one of the best preachers in the State." He has been "one of the best" ever since we knew him.

WE know that our readers will be interested in the paper of Bro. Thos. Henderson on "Booms, Futures and Corners," found on our first page. It is an able and timely article, and we trust will do good.

AN officer in a Japanese bank said to a missionary, "Your religion does something that ours cannot do; it makes men honest. Now, we wish our employees at the bank carefully instructed in these principles."

THEY who are Baptists simply because of family ties and nothing more should, in justice to the church, go and join something else. A loose Baptist will do more hurt to Christ's cause than a dozen unbelievers.

How prone even ministers are to neglect present opportunities, thinking "at some other time I'll speak to him," or "do this!" "Oh! the good we might do, if we would only do our duty, while the days are going by."

PICKING up a newly fledged religious periodical we milled to read in the editor's announcement that he had long seen the need of such a paper, and believed himself the proper one to edit it. He may in a few years see his mistake.

ROBERT McCREYNE was a gifted young preacher of Virginia who died early in life, but the *Herald* has told us much of his noble and holy character, and of the impress he left upon the lives of his hearers. He had as one of his motives in life these words, which should never be forgotten by every minister, pastor, and if possible, layman, "I ought never to do anything without prayer, and if possible, special, secret prayer."

A HEATHEN official once said to a missionary on meeting him: "I have not heard your doctrine, but I have seen it. I have a servant who is a perfect devil, but since he received your doctrine he is another man, and I can now trust him." A religion that can't be seen is not genuine.

In Dr. Tupper's report of Jan. 16, 1888, he gives the amount he has received from Alabama Baptists for Foreign Missions up to date as \$2,580.94. The Board asked us for \$5,000. This leaves a balance of \$2,419.06. We have only two months in which to raise this amount. What shall we do about it? Can we give it? Certainly we can. If every pastor would move among his people at once, tell them of the need of their contributions, and of the blessedness which comes to those who lend a helping hand to the Master, the money can soon be gotten.

THE meetings in the First church here, under Elder H. M. Wharton, are progressing finely. His simple recital of Bible truths reach the hardest hearted. His songs melt icy natures where spoken truths make no impress. The details of a business like ours prevents much attendance on these meetings, but each visit is one of soul profit. Hearing him and noting the effect of his preaching has impressed us more strongly of the need of Bible preaching. And why should we ever doubt its efficiency, when God has said "my word shall not return unto me void?" Over 30 have been added to the church, and we think there will yet be many more.

SOME people look upon missionaries as adventurers, who, having their expenses paid and a living guaranteed, are willing to go to far off fields as much for seeing the world as for leading souls into the gospel light's light, but did we know more of the spirit that moves these men and women, and could we see the privations suffered by them, we would change our opinion. The *Journal* tells us of Rev. J. N. Forman, a Presbyterian missionary, whose support is provided by the students of Princeton, who lately sailed to India. Instead of taking cabin passage he took steerage, or as we say "deck" passage, so as to be able to pay the way of another missionary. Ah! reader, well may we ask "Do I make any sacrifice?"

THE *Christian Inquirer* is the name of a new Baptist paper which takes the place of the *Baptist Weekly* and the *Gospel Age* of New York.

The Rev. J. B. Colvent bought the *Baptist Weekly* and united with the *Gospel Age*, published by Dr. R. T. Middleditch. The *Inquirer* is published by an incorporated company.

What a blessing a Christian physician can be.

BRO. J. S. DILL has, we presume, done more mixing among the country churches of Tuscaloosa Association than any city pastor in Alabama. It is wonderful what a power for good these city preachers can wield if they will try. Their visits among brethren not so fortunately situated as themselves often give new life and buoyancy to the hard pressed and discouraged pastor of a poor country charge. The man of superior education and information has increased responsibilities laid upon him, and we would that all our town pastors could realize this.

THE students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary propose to publish a magazine, to be called The *Seminary Magazine*, which will be published monthly during the session of the Seminary. Any proceeds above expenses will go to missions. The price will be one dollar per year of eight months. The paper will be published by a joint stock company. The officers are: J. H. Foster, Jr., of Alabama, president; T. S. Powell, of Mississippi, vice-president; T. J. Shephard, of Virginia, secretary. Editors: H. R. Mosely, South Carolina; T. V. Boman, South Carolina; F. O. Dawson, Alabama; A. J. Dickenson, Virginia; N. Pollard, Virginia; Trux, Missouri; J. F. Williams, Kentucky; A. T. Robertson, North Carolina. This is a good enterprise and we trust the young brethren will succeed in their venture. Address H. R. Mosely, Louisville, Ky.

BE sure to read the subjoined lines: "The newspaper is one of the foremost wonders of the modern world. The family that does not take and carefully read, at least one newspaper, is not living in the nineteenth century. A man who does not read a newspaper is placed at painful disadvantage in all conversation with intelligent friends. A woman who does not read a newspaper may be condemned to the disagreeable necessity of always talking about her neighbors. A growing boy or girl who does not read a newspaper will have no just views of that great and wonderful world in which they are to take a place. It is a great mistake to suppose that Christian people will find enough to read some secular newspaper. This is apt to give a little religious news, say one-fourth or one-tenth as much space as it gives to a horse race, a prize fight or a shooting affair, or a story of scandal."—John A. Broadus

WILLIAM THE BAPTIST'S AUNT.

The American Baptist Publication Society has published a very interesting little book called "William the Baptist's Aunt," price ten cents.

The circumstances that produced this little book are about these, according to the *Courier-Journal*. During the progress of the late Moody meetings at Louisville, the Pedo-baptists supplied some of the inquirers with a book called "William the Baptist," and its circulation among them was considered a good joke on the "bigotted Baptists." The laugh was on the other side a few days later, when some zealous Baptist quietly handed around a small pamphlet entitled, "William the Baptist's Aunt." We have read this little book and like it very much. If you want good Baptist doctrine in a small space, to circulate among your friends, send for it.

In another place you are told of our large press purchased by Bro. Harris, and now we tell you that the editors at their own charge have bought a small engine to run the press. This will enable us to hold open our columns at least six or ten hours later and still get the paper out on time. All matters of special moment received on Tuesday can be gotten in the paper the same week. Wednesday is given to printing, addressing and mailing the paper, so our readers, in most parts of the State, can get their copy on Thursday. We have also hired an extra type-setter so as to get more matter in the paper. All this making our expenses greater, but we hope our friends will appreciate our efforts enough to come to our rescue. Our printing office is now on the corner of Washington and Perry streets, but the business room remains at the same place, corner Bibb and Commerce streets. And now for a greater forward move.

MENTION has before been made of the demoralizing effects of the many unclean pictures that accompany packages of cigarettes. To a thoughtful mind it is evident that the boys are having scars burned into their characters which time will never efface, by gazing upon these photographs. They are carefully preserve these virtue destroying things as we would the mementoes of the departed. Who can measure the extent of corruption sown in a young boy's character by the constant meditations upon the suggestions from such pictures? But our boys are not the only ones reaping evil from that foully laid plot. A young man stated to the *Huntsville Independent* that many girls and boys were, confessedly, sinners.

"We shall yet see papa as hanging from a gallows."—One of our best friends.

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FIELD NOTES.

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A sample of the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society for the next quarter has been received.

The 18th and 19th of April is the date for the prohibition meeting at Decatur. The chairman says they propose putting out a ticket.

Greenville is to build a \$10,000 church, and Bro. Bass, the pastor, heads the list with \$1,000. Hurrah for such a church and such a pastor.

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"OUR COUNTRY."

In this little book Rev. Mr. Strong has arrayed facts so clear, and so strikingly true that it makes one open his eyes as he sees pass before him in panoramic view the perils which beset our country. Perils of immigration, perils of Romanism, perils of Mormonism, perils of intemperance, perils of socialism, perils of wealth, and perils of city.

Do you laugh at the idea of Romanism ever dominating our government? Read the facts which he has here gathered. Truly does he speak when he says "Rome is tolerant where she is helpless." Read what he says and then call to mind the number of Catholics on the police forces of our cities, remember how they are constantly slipping into our various positions of honor and profit. Think, if you can, how many donations their church has received from city councils and State legislatures. He tells us that the authorities of New York City during the eleven years preceding 1880 gave to the Catholic church real estate valued

amount of \$5,827,471, this in exchange for Roman votes.

Few of us know of the rapidly increasing wealth of this tyrannical power, calling itself the Church of Christ, in this country. In 1850 they had \$9,000,000 worth of property, in 1860 the sum had grown to \$26,000,000, and in 1870 to \$60,000,000. To those who think she holds no enmity to our free institutions we say think of the massing of wealth, read again her travels across the centuries. Hear her Pope saying "I acknowledge no civil power; I am the subject of no prince." Religious liberty is called "a wicked delusion." "No man has a right to choose his religion."

Freedom of speech and the freedom of the press is styled the "liberty of perdition." Every informed mind understands their position towards our free schools. Columns after columns could be filled concerning the matter of this work, but the book can be bought for fifty cents, and we beg our readers to get it. Send us the money and you shall have it at once.

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We exceedingly regret to hear that Bro. A. P. Smith & Co., of Knoxville, Ala., lost their store house and entire stock of goods by fire on the night of March 2nd. There are no better men in the State than these brethren, and we hope to see them on their feet again soon.

Dr. Chambliss called on us as he passed through from his appointment at Pleasant Hill to Union Springs. He told us he expected to move his family to Furman very soon. The doctor seemed to be well pleased with his new field of labor. We trust that the Lord may bless him and his people.

We thank Rev. W. H. Patterson, of Eufaula, for a list of subscribers and the money. If every pastor in the State would thus do, we would soon swell up our list to 10,000 subscribers. What say you, brethren. Each pastor strive to send us ten subscribers. A little talk and active work will do it.

Misses A. and M. Barnes, of Pleasant Hill church, Dallas county, have brought us under many obligations by their work for the paper. We hope they will continue. They write us that the church at Pleasant Hill are delighted with Dr. Chambliss, their new pastor. "The whole town is perfectly delighted with him as far as we have heard."

Some one asks, "How will those Christians who say that the water could cleanse the boy's sins, if one of our best families were to be destroyed by a fire?"

"There are those of high position, claiming to be Protestants, church and State, who take off the coats and bare their shoulders to the party lash, and lick the hand that smites the punishment by voting for whisky rather than stand up and vote for principle." If he means to apply this in part to the Editors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, which we presume he does, as he used similar language in letter to the senior editor of this paper, which we did not publish, we have this to say: We have never voted for whisky, and never expect to do so. If the party to which we belong sees proper to place before the people as a candidate, an intemperate man, we scratch his name off our ticket, and we expect to continue doing this. We are rather inclined to think that our friend drew upon his imagination rather largely when he wrote the above sentence. He allowed his zeal to outstrip his prudence and judgment. He will not be apt to make friends or converts to his third party by such statements. He accuses us also of bitter denunciation of a third party prohibitionists. We should, like for Col. Tanner to point out a single article that has been published in the BAPTIST, in which he or his associates in the organization of the third party have been denounced, or any bitter words used concerning them. We assert most positively that this is not the fact so far as the BAPTIST is concerned. We have discussed from the course pursued by a third party in trying to organize a third party course. We do so, honestly believe that we can accomplish more for prohibition in Alabama without the instrumentality of a third party than with it. We go further and say, we believe that the organization of such a party will do the cause of prohibition harm, and will require our efforts to secure it in this State. Our Legislators may not have given us all we asked of them, but we think that if we manage wisely and educate the people upon the subject, it will not be long before our Legislature will be forced by public opinion to grant what Prohibitionists desire.

Col. Tanner makes another serious charge against the BAPTIST, which every reader of the paper can testify is without foundation in fact. He accuses us in the last paragraph of the above extract, of low, vulgar criticism. If not indecent slanders of old mothers, wives, and daughters of the W. C. T. U. It is true that he mentions the *Alabama Christian Advocate* especially, but in the previous clause he includes the BAPTIST. Now we

