

in us, is developed under the touch of sorrow. Ofttimes God sends afflictions to draw us nearer to Him, and make our lives purer, nobler.

How must we treat this disguised angel of God, if we would receive the blessing it bears? We should accept it, as coming from the same loving hand that brings our comforts and joys.

"Art thou weary, tender heart?  
Be glad of pain;  
In sorrow's sweetest things will grow,  
As flowers in rain,  
God watches, and thou wilt have gain,  
When clouds, their perfect work, have done."

EMMIE RAMSEY.



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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE EMPEROR IS IMPROVING.

FLORIDIANS ARE FEARFUL OF YELLOW FEVER FOR THEIR SUMMER VISITOR.

DON'T FAIL TO READ THE SCHEDULE OF THE WESTERN R. R. TO RICHMOND.

CHINA'S LATE EARTHQUAKE KILLED AND WOUNDED MORE THAN 4,000 PEOPLE.

THE SURVEY OF THE MONTGOMERY & MAPLESVILLE R.R. HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

TROY SENDS A DELEGATION TO HOT SPRINGS, N. C., TO THE IMMIGRATION MEETING.

THE COUNTY CONVENTIONS ARE STIRRING THE PEOPLE—SOME SPLITS AND SOME HARMONY.

THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR LAW IS MAKING A HEAVY REDUCTION TO THE LICENSED SALOONS.

A HAIL STORM VISITED VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE, DESTROYING THE ATMOSPHERE QUITE COOL.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY OF GEORGIA IS UNDER FULL HEADWAY, STEERED BY MESSRS. SAM JONES AND SMALL.

EX-TREASURER VINCENT HAS BEEN VISITED BY HIS FAMILY. THE MEETING AT PRATT MINES WAS VERY AFFECTING.

THE NORTH HAD A COLD WAVE OF SEVERAL DAYS DURATION LAST WEEK; WE OF ALABAMA HAD A TOUCH OF THE SAME.

THE L. & N. RAILROAD AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE THEIR EMPLOYEES A FREE EXCURSION TO BLOUNT SPRINGS ON THE 15TH OF MAY.

THE SELMA LAND, FURNACE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, WILL MAKE LIBERAL DONATIONS TO ALL THE ROADS THAT WILL BUILD TO SELMA.

THE MONTGOMERY DISPATCH IS OPPOSED TO THIRD-TERMISM, AND IS USING ALL ITS POWER TO DEFEAT STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, HON. SOLOMON PALMER, AND HIS COMRADES IN OFFICE.

A MUSICAL IN HONOR OF MRS. ANNIE MCCORMICK, OF MEXICO, MISS MILTON, OF FLORIDA, AND MISS PERRY, OF NORTH CAROLINA, WAS GIVEN LAST SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE JUDSON INSTITUTE, BY PROF. AYERS.

## THAT IMMIGRATION MEETING.

Prior notice has been made of the immigration meeting to be held in Hot Springs, N. C., to-day. The first information was that certain Catholic priests or bishops were at the head of it, and the idea was by them suggested that much outside help would be gotten to do what they proposed. Now, as a shrewd move, leading men, representing various churches, have been invited to attend, and each State government is expected to be represented. The interest of different railroad leaders has been elicited, so as to give the matter as much of a business cast as possible. But mark the prediction: Different churches may be represented, but Rome will be the beneficiary by the largest degree, and we will soon see colonies of Catholics from other shores settled in our midst. We are in favor of the proper kind of immigration, but we want American subjects, not Catholics, whose allegiance is ever to the Pope of Rome, no matter what our Government may demand of them. American citizens must watch their interests.

Rev. D. W. Gwinn, D. D., has accepted the call to the pastoral care of the Decatur church. We welcome this brother back to Alabama.

## PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Alabama Press Association was held in the city of Selma last week, beginning Thursday morning, the 19th, and closing Friday evening. The meeting was one of great social enjoyment. It was our pleasure to meet many of our brother editors from over the State. They are a noble set of men, most of them being young men. President Meeks, of the Gadsden Times and News, presided over the deliberations. L. Hensley Grubbs, of the Decatur News, was secretary pro tem. The election of officers was held on Thursday night, at which time H. G. McCall, of the Sylacauga Argus, was elected president for the ensuing year; H. C. Graham, and R. E. Pettus, first and second vice presidents; C. W. Hare, secretary; Robert Rawls re-elected treasurer; J. A. Roundtree, annual orator; Wm. G. Brown, poet; Miss Mamie Hudson, essayist; Col. J. W. Dubose, historian.

A new constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Mr. Chappell Cory, of the Selma Times, delivered a well prepared and able oration, putting forth the needs of Alabama in an industrial point.

His dream is to see the State filled with small industries, making the masses as well as individuals rich. We are all proud of Mr. Cory. He is a young man of fine character, and is rapidly coming to be looked upon as among the leaders of thought in Alabama. The next meeting of the Association will be held in the beautiful city of Huntsville, and editor Pettus, with his brethren, will welcome us to their hospitable homes. Cool breezes of Monte Sano shall fan our cheeks and Huntsville's beauty and chivalry will vie with each other to do us honor.

The citizens of Selma never fail to royally entertain their visitors. A committee met as we came in, had a special car to convey us to the dummy line, and then to the St. James Hotel, from which many were escorted to private homes. During our stay every attention was shown us. Special drives were given through the city. Mr. McKee, president of the Land Company, laid us under many obligations for his attention. His dummy pulled a company of us over their choice lands, which bound that city on the north. Before many months we expect to see a busy village built where now only the level plain is seen.

The members of the convention, in a body, attended a delightful entertainment given by the Selma Choral Society in the Academy of music. This society is composed of young ladies and gentlemen of Selma, and their efforts did them credit. The annual Press Banquet was held in the dining hall of the Hotel St. James. We never attend these banquets, because the managers insist on having intoxicants on the table, but those who attended reported beautiful tables and a pleasant time.

We think our next meeting will accomplish something practical.

Our thanks are due the management of the Western and L. & N. railroads for transportation offered us to Jacksonville and Pensacola. So many county conventions necessitated a return home of the editors that no excursion was taken.

## ROMAN CATHOLICS AND SCHOOLS.

The following from the Indiana Baptist is true to the letter. This carbunkle on our nation's body is steadily growing larger, and Alabama will soon learn what Kentucky has thoroughly learned, that is, that Rome is planting herself in our borders to stay.

"The action of the Roman Council at Baltimore directing that the priests open schools in all parishes in this country is of national importance. It means a systematic, deadly and unrelenting warfare on our public schools. The end sought is the destruction of our educational system. The arguments against the Roman schools, as given by Joseph Cook in one of Boston Monday lectures, are: '1. It is historically true and notorious that Roman priests when they had their way never gave in their parishes primary schools sufficient instruction to fit a population for the responsibilities of free government. 2. Roman Catholic parochial schools are avowedly intended to destroy the American public school system. 3. The instruction given in them is always sectarian, generally mutilated, and sometimes thoroughly misleading. Examples were given from one or two Roman text-books. Bismarck declares that the school system of Prussia was that of the mutilated text-books used in the French schools. Mr. Froude found this systematic mutilation both in America and Europe. 4. Roman Catholic authorities wholly deny to the civil government the right to conduct the secular education of the people. 5. The church denies to the parent the right of proper judgment in the matter of education. Refusal to send children to the priest's school is followed by a denial of the rites of the church. There are in this country 2,600 schools with 500,000 pupils under the control of the Roman church.'

A. C. Armstrong & Son, 714 Broadway New York, have sent to our office a copy of 'The Bible Doctrine of Inspiration,' by Rev. Basil Manly, D. D., professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Refusal to send children to the priest's school is followed by a denial of the rites of the church. There are in this country 2,600 schools with 500,000 pupils under the control of the Roman church.

Send and get the work.

## UNION IRON WORKS CO., SELMA.

This mammoth enterprise advertised in our columns is a very important business. It is a consolidation of Gregory, Coe & Pollak, established in 1865 as the Central City Iron Works, and Brooks and Tyler, proprietors of the Selma Foundry and Machine Works. The present company began operations in December, 1885. This company employs about forty or fifty men, and do an increasing business throughout the Southern States. The company is composed of reliable gentlemen, who understand their work. All classes of engines and machinery can be supplied by them.

GREAT interest is felt in the final outcome of the May meeting of English Baptist, or the Baptist Union. Then will be settled whether or not Mr. Spurgeon will go back to the Union. The following is the basis upon which he proposes to form a new conference:

1. The Divine inspiration, authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.

2. The right and duty of private judgment in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit, to a true and spiritual understanding of them.

3. The unity of the Godhead and the Trinity of the persons therein—namely, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

4. The true and proper Godhead of our Lord Jesus and his real and perfect manhood.

5. The utter depravity of human nature in the consequences of the Fall, which Fall is no fable nor metaphor, but a literal and easily practical fact.

6. The substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, by which alone sin is taken away from sinners and saved.

7. The offices of our Lord as Prophet, Priest and King, and as the one Mediator between God and man.

8. The justification of the sinner by faith alone, through the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

9. The work of the Holy Spirit in the regeneration, conversion, sanctification, and preservation of the saved.

10. The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, and the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus, which judgment will be final, according to the words of the Great Judge: "These shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

11. The Divine institution of the Christian ministry, and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We utterly abhor the idea of a new Gospel or an additional revelation, or a shifting rule of faith to be adapted to the ever changing spirit of the age. In particular we assert that the notion of probation after death, and the ultimate restitution of condemned spirits, is so unscriptural and unchristian as to be unknown to all Baptist Confessions of Faith, and draws with it such consequences, that we are bound to condemn it, and to regard it as one with which we can hold no fellowship.

## IS THE CHURCH A FAILURE?

In an address delivered by Mr. E. W. Watkins, General Secretary of the International Committee before the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association at its recent session in Montgomery, and reported in the Montgomery Advertiser, we find this language: "He argued that the Young Men's Christian Association was one of the most powerful influences to apply God's work, (word, perhaps) because of its methods, its materials, its forces, and its far reaching influence. It helps the business man to do his duty to his large force of clerks; it offers to society to vouch for the character of the young men society can't investigate. It is the only force that combats the saloon every day on its own ground by offering to young men a pleasant resort, with a social atmosphere free from vice and elevating in tone. It combats the personal liberty league with an army of intelligent, conscientious voters. It harmonizes capital and labor and with it, through labor, providing comfort for the workers of the land. It fights anarchism by killing its roots, etc."

If the Y. M. C. A. is doing all this it is certainly doing a good work, and is a most excellent institution. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ was constituted to do just this work, and if it has failed to do it, or refuses to do it, then we may reasonably conclude that it is a failure, and the existence of such an organization as the Y. M. C. A. is a necessity. If, as the speaker asserts, "it is one of the most powerful influences to apply God's work," we suppose "word" is intended here; it is on a par with the church of Christ, that is, it is equal to the church of Christ, and if it is, then it can claim as much authority as the church of Christ. That the tendency in this age was to do this, we have no doubt, and the utterances of some of its earnest advocates.

If the Y. M. C. A. gathers all the best material in the church and puts it to work according to its methods, it virtually weakens the church and makes it secondary in importance. And may it not, when it has weakened and paralyzed the church, by controlling and operating its best material according to its methods, assume the power and authority of the church? We do not say that it will, but the tendency is that way. We prize that motto which says, "We labor the most, and if the young men and the middle aged men of our churches labor most for the upbuilding of the Christian Associations to which they belong they will soon prize the association more than they do the church, and it will be very natural for them to believe that the church is a failure and the association must take its place."

If the church of Jesus Christ, to whom was committed the oracles of God, was not set up in the world to do the very things that the Y. M. C.

A. proposes to do, and is doing, according to Mr. Watkins, then what is her mission? Why should it exist any longer, if it is to be done by a man for man society?

We do not believe that the church is a failure, and nor do we believe that it should surrender to any outside society, however efficient that society may be, the work which legitimately belongs to itself. We go further, and say, we do not believe that it should countenance the existence of any society that seeks to draw from it its best working material, and organize that material so that the church is weakened in proportion as the society is built up. If Christ has set up his church in the world, he has a work for it to do. That work is to make men better and to benefit the world. It is under the highest obligations to see to it that the truth, as delivered by him to his apostles and by them to his church, is preached to the world, not a part of the truth, but the whole truth. The Y. M. C. A. does not, cannot, teach the whole truth as believed by Baptists, because it seeks to gather its members from all denominations. Baptists who belong to it must consent to the suppression of a part of the truth. To work with this society they must be unfaithful to their Master and their church. Moreover, they join a society to do the very work which properly and religiously belong to the church, and which they ought to do in the church. They give their influence, labor and money to build up a society which simply proposes to do what it is the duty of the church to do, and which can be done in the church, and by the church, better than by any human institution.

Every young man in our churches can find plenty of work to do. Work to take up all their spare-time and money in the legitimate work of the church. We have Sunday-schools, prayer meetings, missionary societies, etc., that demand their time, their attention and their money. Let the same energy and attention be given to this work by the young men of our town and city churches that many of them give to the Y. M. C. A. and they will soon see a marked improvement in the condition of their churches. In these remarks we do not wish to be understood as making an attack upon the Y. M. C. A. Its objects are good, and we are glad to hear of any good that it may be doing, but when its friends assume for it a place equal to that of the church of Christ, and even in some things place it before the church of Christ, we cannot be silent—we dare not be silent. And we feel called upon to warn our young brethren who are members of Baptist churches to beware how they entangle themselves with an institution that makes such high pretensions. We suppose that some of our readers who are members of the Y. M. C. A. will dissent from what we have said, and will say our fears are groundless. We trust they may be. But as a faithful watchman we feel impressed to give this warning. We cannot remain silent when the honor and glory of the church of Christ—the Lamb's Bride—is impugned.

## Appointments of Eld. Jos. Shackelford, Editor Ala. Baptist.

I will preach at the following places at the times mentioned. At the same time will be glad to receive renewals and new subscriptions to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Brethren seeing these appointments will please give them as much publicity as possible.

Hartsell, Monday night, April 30th. Cullman, Tuesday night, May 1st. Hanceville, Wednesday " " 2d. Warrior, Thursday " " 3d. Trussville, Sunday 11 a.m. 6th. Springville, Tuesday 8th. Ashville, Friday night 11th. Atlanta, Saturday " 12th. Gadsden, Sunday " 13th. Greenwood, Monday " 14th. Fort Payne, Tuesday " 15th. Jasper, Thursday " 17th. Fayette C.H. Friday " 18th.

JOS. SHACKLEFORD.

## FIELD NOTES.

A protracted meeting is in session at Marion.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne was in Florence last week.

Rev. Anson West will write a history of Alabama Methodism.

J. H. Lilly, of Leighton, a whisky seller, was killed last Saturday.

Rev. G. S. Anderson is at Healing Springs for a month's recreation.

Rev. Thos. Henderson filled Dr. Loftis' pulpit two Sabbaths since.

Bro. I. C. Brown still has the inside track on the East Lake Land Company.

The young people of Orrville gave a successful entertainment on night of the 20th.

The ladies of Woodland Baptist church gave a successful entertainment last week.

The railroad companies are enlarging and repainting the passenger cars at this point.

Bro. John G. Lowery sends us money for the paper for a young man who is a convict.

The district meeting of the Unity Association meets with the Clanton church to-morrow.

The junior leaves to-day for Concord church, to meet the Pine Barren Association in a district meeting.

The contribution of the First Sunday school amounted to \$305.00, net, on their last Sunday night's meeting.

In the Northern States 126,082 Baptists contribute annually to missions something over a million dollars.

Bro. Ranier's meeting, in which he is aided by Rev. W. H. Smith of Huntsville, is growing in interest.

Livingston Baptist church is being repaired. It has been newly painted and will be furnished with a carpet.

Bro. Shaffer has been supplying the pulpit at Avondale, and he has supplied pretty well, we suppose, as he has nearly completed the new church and raised them out of debt.

Bro. Geo. E. Brewer has thanked for renewals and his kind promise to help us further in our work.

Hon. J. G. Blaine is reported as being very much broken in health, and though only 58 years old looks as if he was 70.

The Franklin Literary Society held their annual debate last Friday night in the Alabama Baptist church. The meeting was a pronounced success.

The Baptists of Hillsboro, Ala., are building a new church house. The one they have used has become too small for the congregations.

The good sisters of our church at Decatur are making an effort to build a parsonage. We hope that they will succeed. It is greatly needed.

Bro. W. C. Bledsoe is yet working for us, for which we feel duty grateful, and glad to learn his people are going to send him to Richmond.

Rev. W. H. Owens, pastor of the Baptist church at Pensacola, Fla., made us a pleasant visit, accompanied by Capt. W. H. Stewart, of U. S. Navy.

Rev. Frank R. Sculley, the New Orleans priest who through the influence of Rev. S. Landrom was led to Christ, has baptized another ex-priest in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Second Baptist church of St. Louis, Mo., which has been without a pastor for some time, has called Rev. A. G. Dixon, of Baltimore, to become its pastor.

The ministers' meeting of the Muscle Shoals Association convenes with the Pleasant Hill church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in this month. Everybody should attend.

Elder T. P. Gwin, of Oxford, sends money and says his church is looking up. A good Sabbath-school and prayer meeting; congregations good. Twelve additions this year by letter.

Bro. T. P. Gwin writes us: "I am still working for our valuable paper," and sends us, every now and then, a renewal or new subscriber. Never knew a Gwin who was not a good worker.

Everybody should peruse the May number of the Century Magazine, in it Mr. George Kennon will tell how he came to go to Siberia; also much about the trials and sufferings of the exiles.

Bro. Trotter writes that Dr. J. R. Graves, will be at Blue Eye church, Lincoln, Ala., Friday before the first Sunday in May to deliver his lectures on salvation. Everybody is invited to be present.

Bro. Hudson is preaching at Florence, Ala. He has to preach in the court house. We learned through a brother from that place that he has good congregations, and that the prospects are good.

Bro. Geo. Williams, of Union Springs, is a candidate for State Auditor. He is a gentleman of known ability and integrity and would doubtless serve well his people should he be honored with an election.

Some of our Northern Baptist papers—notably the "Christian Secretary"—is dabbling in politics, especially the "tariff question." The Christian Inquirer says, "properly preceded by

The Baptist missionaries of the Telugu mission, in India, have sent Mr. Spurgeon a message of sympathy and encouragement on account of the position he has taken in his controversy with the Baptist Union of England.

Huntsville, Ala., is on a boom. It has recently subscribed \$80,000 to the Tennessee and Coosa railroad, and will get it. Guntersville also subscribed liberally, and the road will cross the Tennessee river at that place.

A good brother, to whom we had sent one of our reminders of his dues, says, "I am sorry you had to notify me you did exactly right," and sends us the money. That's the right spirit, and may you be an example for many.

From Dolomite, Bro. S. R. C. Adams sends us a long list of names, and the money, for which we thank him, and we look for yet longer lists from our dear brother, as he knows what a benefit the aid of the paper can be in his work.

Bro. W. H. Patterson, moderator of the Eufaula Association, every now and then puts us under obligations to him for a new subscriber or a renewal from his field of labor. Thanks, brother, hope we will hear very often from you.

The district meeting of the Selma Association will convene with Shiloh church beginning to-morrow. A programme was sent us by Bro. Catts two weeks since, and we thought it had been published, but just discover that the printer lost it.

Rev. A. J. Battle, D. D., President of Mercer University, was elected to fill the position, lately made vacant, by death of Dr. Mell, as President of The Georgia Baptist State Convention. It could not have been conferred on a better or more able brother.

A feeling of indignation must certainly have seized the minds of the people when they read that Hamilton, who so brutally murdered young Gambell of Jackson, Miss., was pronounced innocent. Such verdicts are what encourage the lynch law.

A few of the prohibitionists of Alabama as represented by Messrs. John Tanner and E. A. Stone, met in convention at Decatur last week and nominated each other for the various State offices. They by such moves will neither get office nor help prohibition.

Prince Alexander, of Battenberg, wishes to marry Victoria, daughter of the Emperor of Germany, her mother, the Empress Victoria, and her grand-mother, Queen Victoria, of England, favor the marriage, while Prince Bismarck, the Prime Minister of Germany, opposes it, on account of the complications it may bring about with Russia concerning the Bulgarian affairs. When there are three women against one man, you may be sure the women will have their way.

Don't fail to read the letter from Mrs. Crawford in this paper. This loved sister is one of our own fair and to encourage her in her work by sending the Board all the money we can spare, and by praying God to send forth more laborers.

The senior, on the second Sabbath, preached at Town Creek and Leighton. He failed to get any Baptists to take the ALABAMA BAPTIST, but succeeded in getting two good Methodist brothers to take it. We know that they will be greatly benefited if they will read it regularly.

A sister sends us four dollars for past dues and renewal, and says "a friend failed to pay for my subscription for 1886 to 1887, through forgetfulness. Are there not others who have done the same thing? Look at your date on margin of your paper, and see when your time was out."

A coincidence: On the same evening, March 25th, that Rev. Lansing Burrows baptized Chong Yung, Chinaman, in Augusta, Ga., Rev. B. W. Bussey, pastor of Coliseum Baptist church, New Orleans, baptized Chow Mot Sing, a Chinaman. Both were merchants in good standing.

Rev. Wm. H. Whitsett, professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has completed his book, "Origin of the Disciples of Christ" (Campbellites). To those who are fond of searching into such literature this book will prove profitable. Write to A. C. Armstrong & Son, N. Y.

Bro. E. F. Baber does not forget how valuable an auxiliary he may have in us, among his people, and often sends us a name or two, also keeps the Baptist family of Alabama posted, as to how the work of the Lord is prospering in his hands. Read his interesting articles as they appear from time to time.

During the week, we have received a multitude of letters from both brethren and sisters, in reply to our reminders of their arrearages sent out by our assistant manager Bro. Benson, who will always take great pleasure in replying to all so received, especially when the remittance accompanies them. Brethren we need the substance.

Bro. Barnes, of Tallahassee, informs us that the district meeting for the second district of the Tallapoosa River Association, which was to meet with the Baptist church at said place Friday before the 5th Sabbath in April, has been postponed indefinitely. Sorry we offended the brethren. No offense was intended by our way of putting the subjects.

Wm. G. Hubbard & Co., Publishers, Columbus, Ohio, have issued the eighth edition of "The Wristed Foe," a temperance story by Grace Strong. A hasty glance through this work assures us of its value to temperance literature. The book is written somewhat on the style of Grace Truman. Great moral truths spiced with love, courtship and marriage.

Bro. Shaffer passed through the city on his way to Birmingham Saturday night. He is still pressing forward. If all our people would throw the determination into the work of endeavoring to build a cottage.

The Christian Inquirer, of New York, a Baptist paper, says the Religious Herald, of Richmond, boasts of having received eighty-two names from one single Baptist church in one day, but, they, had received 150 names in one evening, from one church where they already had a good number of subscribers. What will some of our Alabama churches do for us?

A brother asks if it is scriptural for a licentiate to administer the Lord's supper? If so, why? If not, why not? In short, a licentiate is only trying to see whether or not he can preach, or whether he is worthy of bearing the ministerial yoke. The church has not decided whether he is capable or not. This being a fact he has no right to administer those things.

Mr. Wm. Bucknell, who has been such a liberal giver to Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., has made another gift to that institution of \$25,000, which is to be used in the erection of an annex to the Young Ladies' Institute, a building to be used for music and Art purposes. Is there not some wealthy Baptist in Alabama who will endow a chair in Howard College by giving \$25,000?

We have so far sent out over one thousand dollars of statements; some amounts running back four, three and two years. How many will respond to our requests? Brethren, we need the money, these small sums aggregate much, and we are carrying it all for you. Now, can't you help us, if only to divide the burden? Our senior and junior will soon call on many of you, but can't see everybody. Don't wait, but send at once, and our assistant will always politely give you a due acknowledgment.

Dr. Hawthorne reported 75 additional to the First church, Atlanta, Ga., the result of the series of meeting recently held in that church. The church has now over 1,000 members. Thirty-four members were received into the Second church, and 15 were baptized on Sunday night, the 4th inst. Rev. H. M. Wharton was still assisting the pastor. There were 20 additions to the Third church during the same week. Dr. G. A. Lofton assisted pastor McColl. Meetings are going on in other churches in the city. The Baptist cause in Atlanta is certainly on rising ground.

The Decatur Land, Improvement and Furnace Company have given the Baptists of Decatur a beautiful lot in New Decatur for a church lot. It is most eligibly located, and one of the prettiest lots in the city. The thanks of the Baptists of Decatur are due to Maj. Gordon, the president of the Company, for the interest he has taken in the matter, and his efforts to secure for us as good a lot as any other denomination. This company has been erected in Troy.

very liberal in giving to all denominations good lots and well situated. We hope the time is not far distant when we shall see a splendid church building erected upon this lot.

A dear old sister, whose heart and head are just right, writes us: "You will please excuse me that I have been so remiss in paying my dues to your office. I did not know all those hints in your paper were being given to me, but was laying them on my neighbors, as human kind does generally. I did look at my paper, but it was so illegible I could not decipher it, and so comforted myself. If you will take into consideration that I will attain my 77th birthday in August you will forgive me." Most assuredly we do, and we pray that she may yet live many years to enjoy her family and bless the world, and honor the Master. Oh, what a contrast to some, who, in reply to our gentle reminder, say, 'Here's your money; stop my paper.'

After making due explanation why he could not pay us, a dear brother says: "I think best you should stop until my dues are all paid up, and would not have been surprised if you had stopped it long ago, knowing you cannot run your paper without money, although it is a sad thing to me to deprive my wife of reading the BAPTIST. I will renew when I get able. I wish to say that I do not think the ALABAMA BAPTIST has its equal in a religious point of view. My dear wife thinks there is no paper like it, and often tells me she had rather give up all her other reading matter for the BAPTIST; it consoles her every day when in lonely hours, and many happy hours are spent in reading it when she has no chance to go to preaching." We have not discontinued sending it.

Our Meetings promise to redound to the glory of God; will remain with the Girard and Brownville churches for a month; will bring you some subscribers when we are through with the meetings, or may be send some names before. When we can get the ALABAMA BAPTIST in every Baptist home then I expect to see the cause of my Divine Master move forward, but the trouble with some is, they do not want to be revived for fear it will cost something. When the war is over then we will rest under the shade of Tuesday, the 17th, I attended the funeral of Rev. Jesse H. Campbell, D. D., at the First Baptist church in Columbus, Ga. Old Bro. Campbell was the open air preacher who has been in the service of the Master 64 years. Dr. Harris preached the funeral sermon.—W. B. Carter, Brownville, Ala.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church of this city, held its quarterly exercises on last Sunday night, on which occasion the church was crowded with a large audience. The exercises consisted of sweet songs of Zion,







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No, never more to stand alone, Jehovah waits and waits, Beside my side, in gracious love, The weary hours to tell, And sunlight smites the darkness through, His patience hides mine fast and true.

No, never more to stand alone, To those who have my King, Alone and he the hidden spring Of every thing that is, Through flames that rise, through waves that roar, Alone, Nay, never, never more!

### The Perils of Young Men.

The following is an extract from an address delivered by Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, President of the New York Central Railroad, at the twentieth anniversary exercises of Pittsburg, Pa., Young Men's Christian Association:

"A peculiar phase of the growth of our country is the craze of a country boy to go to a city. Eventually he nearly always drifts into a town, secures a position and goes to a boarding house. He arrives full of vigor, having enjoyed that glorious advantage, a common school education, the tears of his mother yet damp on his cheeks, and her kind words of counsel still ringing in his ears. Full of life, full of energy, inspired with ambition, he stands ready to be the leader of society, to be a firm business man, or the leader of anarchy, of destruction, just as he is treated by his fellow-men.

"What does the city do to protect such young men and to help them to be citizens? At every corner, and in the centre of the block, is a saloon licensed by the State, and the young man is allowed to enter without being warned, for the State must secure revenue from its license. Pool rooms, licensed gambling dens, stand everywhere, protected by the State for a revenue. Does the policeman at the door warn the country youth of his danger? Does he tell of the risk he is running in going in there? Not he looks on while a thousand tempters surround the youth and say, 'You must cut your mother's apron strings or you will never amount to anything.' If he says he is a Christian or has any religious beliefs, they say: 'Get rid of these superstitions. These were well enough for your forefathers, but civilization has outgrown them. Cast them off and become independent.'"

"But now the Young Men's Christian Association comes up to him and takes him by the hand and calls him brother. It leads him to the bath rooms, shows him the gymnasium, makes him acquainted with the current topics of the day in the reading room, and allows him to become familiar with the learnings and genius of centuries in the library. He may have no religion, he may belong to no sect. No matter whether he is Jew or Gentile or Mussulman, he is welcome. It is not money or food that he yearns for, but social recognition; for some one to call him brother, and to feel that he is worth something to the State. In time, under the care of the Association, he rises and becomes a firm citizen, a bulwark of law and order. Tell me that business men have no interest in this institution? It is the safeguard to their fortunes and their homes."

Pedo-baptists admit that baptism and church membership are prerequisites to the Lord's supper, and in the order named; so do Baptists, with the important additional qualification that regeneration precedes both in the divine order. If all other denominations should abolish pedo-baptism, and still fail, as they now do, to insist upon regeneration as a prerequisite to baptism, Baptists could not consistently invite the to the Lord's supper; because the immersion of an unregenerated person, is not scriptural baptism. If it be said that on that theory Baptists would have to exclude from the Supper a great many of their own members, for many of them have never been regenerated, it needs only to be replied, that they cannot be held responsible for that, so long as they exercise all diligence to guard against it, and that so long as they continue to insist on the necessity of a regenerated membership, they do very widely from all other denominations. The great Baptist doctrine is

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### Vanity of Vanities.

BY LAURENCE.

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." So saith the preacher. So say I not infrequently. More frequently than at other times when on pilgrimage—a pleasure that sometimes falls to my lot. The thought flashed out to me yesterday from various points in this wise:

A. T. Stewart was in my mind, because the evening before I had passed two hours of enjoyment in the presence of the rare paintings and statuary which his money and his art agent had collected for him from the chief studios of the world. What delight it was to sit before that great canvas on which Rosa Bonheur expressed in triumph her genius in the spirited scenes of "The Horse Market." Surely that powerful Norman stallion at the left, in plunging straight upon you, and as you half close your eyes and look again, the impulse is strong to leap and again, does not seem as though either canvas or man could hold back that rearing form, splendid in energy. But certainly not less delightful to turn away and let the eye rest upon the wonderful coloring and the peaceful smiling faces in Bouguereau's "After the Harvest." Who else has so caught the charm of color? Then to me the piece of resistance was his "Homer and his Guide." Against a background of blue, such as only the Egean and Bouguereau could furnish, stand the grand figure of the blind bard, heroic, pathetic by reason of the sightless orbs, sublime nevertheless in the expression cast upon the face by the far-seeing soul. Closely by him, lovingly leading the master, is a beautiful dark featured lad, the ideal of a poet's dream. And over it all is thrown the glamour of coloring so soft and rich! Well, I had to stop looking and recall the commandments and hurry on. And I must do that with my pen, for I would be easy to take all my space with three or four of these masterpieces of art; and then where would my moral be?

The first reflection was—how happy must he have been who lived in the society of all this exquisite and refining art. And then, "Poor man!" came quick. For I knew that the world of beauty and fine sensibilities and delicate perceptions was not his world who owned these treasures. He could hire a man to buy them. He could hire a man to select the best. But he could not buy the power to appreciate his collection. Ownership he had of his great gallery, but not possession—for he alone can possess beauty or worth who can appreciate it. His world was bounded by dry-goods and gold. He could see them. Among his glowing canvases and living marbles he walked as blind as Homer. Hence I said, "Vanity of vanities."

More vividly the lesson impressed itself upon me next day. I chanced to walk along Thirty-fourth street, and at Park Avenue looked down upon the vast pile of iron known as the Park Avenue Hotel. How well I remembered when that building was finished and opened with such celebration as the Stewart Hotel for Women. What a perfect building it was—fire-proof as man knows how to make a structure; furnished luxuriously as a palace; reading room and a large library for the use of the young women guests; kitchen equipments unsurpassed; prices low. Here was a philanthropic venture—the one kindly and humane scheme of this man's life—a two million-dollar monument that should perpetuate his name in grateful remembrance. But alas! In a year the whole thing was abandoned and the philanthropic plan defeated. Mr. Stewart was dead and gone. The young woman said the rules were so strict and the espionage so severe that the old, scant room and fare, with freedom, were preferable to the new palace with the hundred rules. The house did not pay. And after losing money for a time, Judge Hilton transformed it into a hotel that would pay. The world cried "Shame!" at this disregard of a dead man's will and wishes, but the thing was done and the monument destroyed. "Vanity of vanities!"

Two blocks on westward and I came upon the marble mansion—the costliest private house in the world when it was built. Closed now. Not a shade lifted anywhere. No inmate but the janitor. The gallery displayed its precious contents, soon to pass into many hands under the auctioneer's decree. This structure itself a sort of "white elephant" on the hands of "the estate." What a lonely, exiled, sad life the widow lived there; and now, since her cold form was carried thence, no one having any use for the place—too big for a home, too costly for purchase—from the first a folly. It looked like a marble mockery. "Vanity of vanities!"

Later an engagement led me further down town. The merchant prince had passed out of mind, when suddenly my morning moralizing was renewed and emphasized as I found myself opposite that great store, filling the entire block at Broadway and Ninth street. A strange name was on the sign-boards. No name of a store or a business. The name of a man. A. T. Stewart & Co. It was with that view that he entrusted such absolute power to Judge Hilton, and practically gave him outright the bulk of his millions such a transaction as the sun never shone on before. Whatever else might fail, his ambition was that his business should remain as his enduring reminder among his fellow men. But again his will was thwarted. The business dwindled. The expiring of the Jew from the Stewart hotel at Saratoga resulted in his boycotting the Stewart firm in New York, and by and by the great mercantile house, known the world over, and long with rival in the magnitude of its transactions, closed its doors and went out of existence. If the immortals keep track of mortal affairs, that was a sad hour to A. T. Stewart. In not one of his plans looking beyond his own span of life had he been permitted to succeed. "Vanity of vanities."

Many sad thoughts pressed upon me, and some cheering ones as well. Life may be made as unsatisfactory

### Talented, But Lazy.

The town is full of talented girls who will never amount to anything because they are so well content with being simply talented. These girls will never be able to take a prominent place in any profession or circle in society, because they lack the industry without which all the talent under the sun is not worth a copper groat. Talent is the unwholen block of marble, industry is the chisel that may convert it to the perfect statue. Talented girls who are too lazy to accomplish anything except by inspiration, are often not only the victims of their own false idea, that talent is better than a developed muscle or trained mind or methodical work, but of the ill advised praise of relatives and friends. A smart girl wants encouragement, not merely praise. She wants that sort of encouragement that if she will to work, she can be and do anything that is great and noble and possible to human endeavor. Many a smart girl remains a slouch and a smatterer all her days because of the exaggerated ideas of her own ability, not capacity, she received from those who should have known better.

A talented girl of eighteen can play the piano, but not well enough to keep the honest attention of a roomful of people. She can dabble in paints, but not well enough to make her pictures worth framing. She can write romance, but none good enough for publication. These are her possibilities. They speak fairly well for her at eighteen, and friends predict a brilliant future for her. But at nineteen and twenty she neither plays nor paints nor writes any better than she did at eighteen. She has spent her days in idle, ambitious dreamings of what she would like to do. Her minds runs sluggishly, she is drunk with the stupor of laziness. She is an enormous reader of dime novels, but finds even the magazines "too solemn" for her mind and taste. Victimized by home adulation she has quit her piano practicing, neglected her studies, and she ends by doing nothing at all. Her mother has loved her too well to allow her to make a bed, sweep a room, keep up any routine of duties or studies, and the result is a failure. Admiring friends fall off slowly and disgusted. A lazy young woman is as unlovely a sight as a slovenly one. A girl of eighteen, a talented girl, needs at her elbow a mother or a guardian who shall unceasingly and earnestly inspire her with an ambition to take always and ever an upward step. —N. O. Piquette.

### Prohibition Notes.

Massachusetts drink bill last year was \$7,000,000.

At an election on the liquor question in Van Buren county, Mich., held two weeks ago, seventy-six per cent of the vote was cast for prohibition.

"There are fifty-five empty county jails in the State of Iowa already." It is supposed that the saloon keepers omit to mention this when bearing prohibition in that State.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The decision of the Supreme Court on prohibition, has already done more to help enforce the law in Iowa, than a State constabulary with ten thousand bayonets could do in a year.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

Two workmen were talking about a comrade who had lately "got into trouble," as the saying is. "He ought not to say he was led into it," said one, "he lent himself to it." Instead of a man being overtaken by his sin of drunkenness, he overtakes it, will hunt for a saloon as soon as he goes into a town.

### The Service of Song.

[The following from the pen of Rev. D. F. Lamson, of Northboro, is well worth the reading.]

Music is a power which the church has yet to learn to use for the glory of the Master and the salvation of souls. Good singing is a means of grace as much as preaching or prayer. It may reach, affect, and win hearts that nothing else would move, as Luther in his "Preface to All Good Hymn Books," represents "Lady Music" as saying—

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How often have cold hearts been warmed, and burdened hearts been lightened, and hard hearts been melted by the melody of such strains as "Rock of Ages," "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," "My Father looks up to Thee," and others in which our psalms are so rich, and which have already become the vehicle of praise of countless worshippers of every name! The great essential of good church music seems to be the adaptation of the words to the circumstances and feelings of the worshippers, and the fitness of the tune to the language employed. The hymn itself should be strictly devotional. This principle would rule out all didactic and expository hymns, which express merely natural feelings or human sentimentalism. Such excellent religious poetry is unfit for public worship, a fact which many of our hymn book compilers seem not to be aware of. But this is not all. Not only should the language be adapted to the feeling, the music should also be adapted to the language. Solemn words should not be sung to a light and jingling tone. Cheerful, exultant sentiments should not be unequally yoked to a grave and measured rhythm. Such matches were never made in heaven. Piety as well as good sense forbids the bans. Singing, to meet the true end of public worship, should, as far as possible, be general. Fashionable quartet music, for purposes of religious worship, is an abomination.

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The church is not an opera house or a concert room. This is not pleading for negligence and shiftlessness. If anywhere there ought to be good singing, it is in the house of God. If anything can inspire good song, it is the worship of the sanctuary. God is not pleased with any needless violations of the laws of harmony and good taste, with any slovenly and slipshod style. The music of the sanctuary should be the best that in the circumstances is practicable. But the aim should not be artistic excellence alone. Everything should be strictly subordinated to purposes of devotion. The end of singing in the sanctuary is not to exhibit the musical talent of the performers or to gratify an aesthetic taste, but to engage the whole congregation in the worship of God. It is gratifying to witness the revived interest in choral music among the churches. It cannot but result in the quickening of spiritual life and the increase of spiritual power. Let us sing more. This will our whole nature become elevated and purified, and brought into fellowship and sympathy with that vast harmony that swells from redeemed hearts all over the globe, and goes echoing on until it mingles with the praises and thanksgivings of a world above.

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