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Our venerable brother, Judge Falkner, of Mountain Creek, was with a few moments recently. His health is very fine for one of his age. Since the death of his wife he has come to Montgomery to live with his son. Brother Falkner has so long preached that he cannot well stop, and if three or four churches on the railroads wish his services he is ready to serve them.

There are yet 250,000 Buddhist priests in Japan—more than eight times the number of Christians.

Alabama Baptist.

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Send in your 25 cent subscribers.

If we could we would ring it around the state in tones of thunder. We are sure you know something of a preacher before you take him as your pastor.

We second the move made by Dr. Wharton regarding the golden wedding of Dr. Henderson. It would indeed be a fitting honor to bestow upon one of our oldest and truest ministers, and we hope brethren and friends will not forget to aid in this pleasant exercise.

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Don't stop your paper. If you do you will lose sight of our denominational interests. You will get out of sympathy with our enterprises, you will grow indifferent as a Christian, and then you deprive your family of a great treat. Again, we beg that you will not drop the paper.

Our Methodist brethren had a most delightful week for their annual conference at Greenville. The reports showed that they were making progress in their work at home, as well as abroad. Among their ministry are many of the most sacrificing and devoted Christians we ever knew.

BRO. R. M. HUNTER will join the Baptist conference for this section, and can be present any Monday except the one following the second Sunday. What can we say of Troy, Evergreen, Greenville, Union Springs and Eufaula? To try to join the conference, and endeavor to come if you now think you can't.

The death of President Davis recalls many touching incidents connected with his history. When he visited Montgomery a few years ago, an old Confederate soldier approached him and said: "I want to shake the hand that was manacled for me." So touched was the great chieftain that he is reported to have burst into a flood of tears. Every bystander was thrilled at the spectacle.

Just then we see about Birmingham. Along with other favorable indications concerning Howard College, he is made happier by knowing that the Judson girls love Howard College—not the boys, so much, but the college. On Thanksgiving day they made up a purse of \$10.50 and sent it to Dr. Purser, to be used toward building the college.

The trustees of Howard College have appointed Dr. D. L. Purser, W. T. Smith and J. T. Fitzgerald as a building committee. This is a good team. Brethren Smith and Fitzgerald have been such faithful yoke-fellows in the Judson work that it is an appropriate act to keep them together. We hope soon to chronicle the fact that active work has begun on the college.

HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS, in speaking of suicide, said: "Life is not like a commission that we can resign when disgusted with the service. Taking it by your own hand is a confession of judgment to all that your worst enemies can allege." No brave man can suicide. He may be brave enough to face a cannon, but he lacks moral courage who takes his own life. Truly brave men dare to live and face the battles, the trials and temptations of life.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alabama will not hold a convention this fall or winter, but will meet next April. Miss Fannie Griffin, of Verbena, has been appointed state organizer. She is also one of the national organizers. We are proud of Miss Griffin as an Alabama lady and the position she took at the late Chicago convention. As a friend has remarked, she wears laurels from our Southland. May her work result in much good to the cause of temperance.

It was our fortune to fall in recently with Dr. Nicholson, chaplain of the state penitentiary. He gave us an account of his religious work among the convicts. He meets many encouragements. Often, under his faithful instruction and tender pleading, men are converted. He met one man in the walls once who said the people outside had no sympathy for the convicts. He handed the man a tract which was sent him by a Christian woman. On the margin was written in a woman's hand, "Presented by Mrs. _____, accompanied by her earnest prayers." The Doctor assured the prisoner that there were many Christians praying for the unfortunate ones. He took the tract, read it, professed religion and has been baptized by Bro. Hogan.

Do not fail to read Dr. Taylor's sermon on the first page of this paper. It is the first of a series of four we shall present to our readers. After they are printed in this paper the series will be printed in tract form and will be very readable. Those who desire copies of the tract will remit at the rate of ten cents per copy. The sermons are highly interesting and we put them in tract form so as to preserve them all together. Read the sermon, "Baptism, What?"

The Baptists of South Carolina had a most pleasant session at their convention at Florence, in that state, beginning on the 17th ult. Good reports from all the fields were presented and the brethren were in excellent spirits for the work of the future. "The grumblers," says the Baptist Courier, "were not there in any considerable force, and the members not only acted harmoniously, but they were striving earnestly to find the best way for doing the right thing at the right time."

The Southern Baptist Record devotes considerable space to the Rev. Sam. P. Jones, the noted evangelist, and concludes with the following: "To us his ministry when we compare them with those so forcibly put forth in the New Testament, appear very largely to be 'of the earth earthy,' and so we are constrained to think there is a 'more excellent way.' But he is the servant of the great Master and he has said of every servant, 'To his own Master he standeth or falleth.'"

We call special attention to the program of the Baptist Congress, to be held in Troy on the 17th of February. The program is an excellent one, and it remains now for the brethren to prepare themselves for a most successful meeting. The committee have proposed splendid subjects for discussion, and the brethren who have been assigned positions on the program, as well as all those who attend, should go with the determination to have the best meeting possible. The speeches will be short, and all will have an opportunity to discuss the questions proposed. Let us hear from the brethren.

This Erhart Septette Concert in Montgomery have proved a decided success. Music lovers have been afforded a rare treat, and have showed their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Erhart by giving him good houses on each occasion. Two of the series of a half dozen concerts for the season have been given and the last was enjoyed equally as much as the first. Many years since such an enjoyable social attraction has been presented to the people of Montgomery. The program of music embraces the best authors and, as rendered by the Erhart Septette Club, will receive praise from all lovers of music.

Not only does the South Side church, Birmingham, mourn the death of Bro. M. G. Hudson, but there are hundreds of Baptists in Alabama who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family in their affliction. He died on the 7th and was buried in Mobile on the 9th. Speaking of his death, the Mobile Register says: "Mr. Hudson was well known in this city, where he resided for a number of years; He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and was for several years an officer in the St. Francis Street church. He served throughout the war and was vice-president of the Twenty-fourth Alabama Commemorative Association prior to his removal from this city. He leaves a wife, several children and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his death."

SATURDAY night, the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock, the spirit of deacon M. G. Hudson took its flight from earth. This brother was one of the purest and best men it has ever been our pleasure to know. For several years he lived in Mobile. He was the faithful superintendent of the Palmetto Street Sunday school. He was a strong pillar in the church. In business he was faithful and honest. Three years since he moved to Birmingham. He joined the South Side church and gave it his strength and influence. Recognizing his fitness his brethren elected him to be their superintendent. The church and Sunday school grew into his very being. The large crowd of children and older people who attended his funeral on Sunday evening showed how he was loved. Pastor Hale preached a most tender sermon, in which he gave a brief sketch of his life and labors, especially touching on his affection for his brethren and the children. Earth has been made poorer but heaven richer by the death of Bro. Hudson. His last hours were full of testimony concerning the goodness and mercy of God. He had the friends to sing to him the good old songs. They sang, "All the way my Savior leads me," and "My latest sin is sinking fast." At their conclusion he said, "It is so sweet." May the Christian's faith comfort the broken in heart. Our congratulations are tendered Rev. W. M. Blackwelder and Miss Flora Findley on their happy marriage at Tuscaloosa on the 5th inst.

OUR BIRMINGHAM OFFICE.

Recognizing the fact that Birmingham is a great city, and that the Baptist hosts in and contiguous to that place are moving grandly onward, so much so that it becomes necessary to be on the field to watch the progress of the work, we have decided to open an office in that booming, busy section and labor with them and for them more earnestly. We shall have an office in a prominent location, where all matters pertaining to advertising, subscriptions, printing, etc., can be attended to, presided over by the senior, Rev. C. W. Hare, who will give his entire time to the work. It will be Baptist headquarters for all that section of country, and we hope—have been assured—that our efforts will prove beneficial in advancing the interests of the denomination. The Montgomery office will continue to be general headquarters, and brethren who come this way will find a cordial welcome awaiting them, while those who visit Birmingham are extended a hearty invitation to call at the office in that city. The new quarters will be in the real estate office of G. G. Miles & Co., room four, over the Jefferson County Savings Bank, corner Second avenue and Twenty-first street.

COULDN'T FIND IT IN THE BIBLE.

They had intended having a good lecture from a celebrated divine by the name of Gliddon. The lecturer had written that he would come, the morning paper had asked the question, "Who is Gliddon?" and promised to tell all about him, her or it in a few days.

The superintendent of a large Sunday-school was interested in the question and desired to have it solved; indeed, he thought it best to bring it before the school and get their views concerning the perplexing subject. After remarks on the lesson of the day, he caught the ear of his audience especially when he asked the question—"Who is Gliddon?" It was indeed a difficult question to solve, and the ground for debate was not confined to the lecture room, but, as it afterwards proved, covered a large scope of Biblical history. The investigating mind was at work for some days, the story goes, and he' burdened its weight till sometime afterwards.

The superintendent is approached by one of dignified and stately mien, who, with a look of seriousness, proceeds and ends thus:

"Bro. Blank, you asked the question in Sunday school, 'Who is Gliddon?' and I told you, 'I don't know.' I have looked clear through my Bible and I can't find it. The name is familiar, but I can't find it in my Bible!"

The brother was in earnest—he really didn't find it, though he had labored patiently and faithfully.

Somehow or other, the brethren of that Sunday-school are now wondering if it was possible that the investigating brother could have confused "Gliddon" with "Gliddon" when he felt assured he would tell the school in a day or two who the latter was.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS.

Ex-President Davis died in New Orleans at 12:45 a. m. Dec. 6th. He had been quite ill for some days, and it was the opinion of those who watched by his bedside that he would never recover. However, loyal Southern hearts hoped that the grand old man would be spared them yet a while longer; that they might honor him more and give attestation of their feelings to the hero of the Lost Cause.

In Mr. Davis every true Southerner felt a deep and abiding interest, and it was this feeling of his friends and countrymen that assured the old veteran that they were one with him in times of adversity as well as in seasons of prosperity. The interests of Mr. Davis were the interests of the Southern people, so closely woven the texture that there existed not a shadow of indifference on the part of the chief for his people nor a spark for his subjects for their leader. His home was their home, his country their country, and on account of beneaming and vilifying from prejudiced men and bitter partisan newspapers can change the sentiments of southern hearts for a man who suffered for them and with them. He counted it not a shame to dwell among them when the war had ended, and his course in life since that eventful period has been just as it was previous to those stormy times—he has been true to every instinct of right. Previous to the war he was one of the Union's strongest defenders, and was never slow in defending her against an enemy; but for his "great sin" of contending that the Southern States had a right to secede if they desired to do so, and for upholding and defending the cause of the new government, he had been called by some a traitor and as deserving of the meanest death. But these hard and cruel words will be buried deeper than the mortal remains of those who uttered them, by unprejudiced historians of the future. They will view the life and character of Davis in the light, free from the smoke and din of battle, and place his name where it rightly belongs—among the greatest men this country has yet produced.

The whole South mourns the death of Mr. Davis. The news of his death flashed over the wires, and as soon as announced so soon did the mourning begin. Not only the old soldiers who followed him and who were directed by him, but the thousands of young men who have arrived at the age of maturity since the war, feel to mourn the death of a man who was as free from the taint of unloyalty to his country as were their own fathers. If Mr. Davis had been unloyal or a traitor, then every Southern man who engaged in the service during the war were equally as guilty. Their cause was in general, their interests in common.

As we watch from our window at this writing an old flag that floats on the breeze just across the corner, all tattered and torn and full of bullet holes, and feel coursing through our veins the hot Southern blood of a devoted father whose remains were deposited in a cemetery near the prison of Birmingham, we do not deem it necessary to render an apology for being Southern born, nor shall we say that our father was brave, less loyal, less patriotic than those who wore the blue. He went to perform his duty, as did thousands and thousands of others, and the cause he espoused shall never be called the traitor's cause. Never!

But Mr. Davis is dead! Peace to his ashes!

BIRMINGHAM and THEREABOUTS.

To one who enjoys, now and then, looking upon life as it takes on a quicker pace, the Magic City presents many attractions. We love to look upon the busy throng of workers who rush here and there in the discharge of their duties, to watch the curling smoke, and see the sky, night and day, painted by the flames that are belched from the furnaces. The more we see of this rapidly growing city the more we think of the responsibilities of God's children. One may stand upon some height in Birmingham and see more than a dozen towns and villages surrounding this busy center. Amid all these people there are hundreds of saloons, gambling dens, and other places of sin, that drag men down to disgrace and eternal ruin. But here and there the church steeple modestly lifts its head and points the weary and heavy laden to the Savior of the world.

It is a pleasure to note that God's people are more than ever awake to their work. They are organizing to plant a Sabbath school and preaching station in every section of the city. We believe it will not be long before every young preacher in Howard College will have a place to meet the people on Sabbath evening and talk to them of the love of a Savior. The preachers' association will act as a mission board, as it were, to hunt out the destitution and point the workers to it.

A FALL OF SADNESS.

hung over the city during last week, by the killing of Dr. Locke Chew by Dr. J. D. S. Davis. Both men stood well in the church—the former being a member of the M. E. Church and the latter a Baptist. At this writing the facts are not all in, and we will not comment on this, the saddest tragedy ever enacted in Alabama.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH.

was visited for the first time. Our brethren are indeed a brave band, to consent during all these years to worship in that old house, while other denominations have their palatial churches; yet they have gone forward, giving and praying and working until better times are in store for them.

Bro. P. T. Hale, the young pastor, knows no such word as "fail." He and his church work together in the most lovely manner. He thinks they are in a condition to begin building on their own lot soon. When completed their church will be in one of the most eligible locations of the city. Just now Bro. Hale is in great sadness, first over the trouble which Dr. Davis and his family are experiencing and then over the extreme illness of Bro. M. G. Hudson, his best brother.

THE FIRST CHURCH.

never had brighter prospects. Dr. Pickard is receiving new members at almost every service, and is working like a Trojan to do something worthy of a great church. A mistake in the time for prayer meeting made us miss this service.

An hour was spent with

THE HOWARD BOYS.

School was out and the drill exercises were engaging their time. Over a hundred boys were in line. And they were a noble looking set—as healthy as beavers. One of the boys has gained twenty pounds in flesh since he entered college. A Tennessee boy came south for his health and finds Howard College a first class health resort. A young man from New York finds the discipline of a superior class. Out of 143 students there was but one on the sick list, and he hurt himself by jumping. This is surely cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

A good time was had on Thanksgiving day. There were over 50

many sports engaged in, such as catching the greased pig, picking up potatoes, playing football, etc. One of the professors said that he believed every student in college looked upon the president and professors as personal friends. The boys seem to have caught the spirit of the denomination at large, and are doing their part to make Howard College a great success. Our young preachers are exerting a good influence, and doing creditable work.

FIELD NOTES.

Improvements are being made in the Baptist church at Jasper. Bro. C. A. Joiner, of Talladega, cheered us by a visit last week.

Dr. P. M. Bruner, of Evergreen, made us a pleasant call last week. Dr. Averett is moving along well with his work in the new Judson.

Rev. F. M. Woods, of Montealeo, spent a few minutes with us last week. An open saloon could not be found in seventy of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa.

The remains of Bro. M. G. Hudson were carried to Mobile for interment.

Rev. W. C. Avant began his work as pastor of the church at Ada last month.

Our office was brightened with a visit from Bro. Jernigan, of Troy, last week.

The church at Deatsville will have a ship for the Sunday-school children on Christmas.

Nine members were received into the First church, Birmingham, by letter, last Sabbath.

The Baptists of North Carolina are building churches at the rate of one hundred per year.

Rev. W. M. Blackwelder begins his work as pastor of the Decatur church on the 15th.

Rev. T. E. Tucker changes his pastorate from Bucautunna, Miss., to Healing Springs, Ala.

Rev. Samuel Lapsley, a native Alabamian, will go as a Presbyterian missionary to Africa.

Send on your renewal. We shall give our readers a better paper next year than we did this.

The Rutledge Enterprise has been moved to Luverne, and is now known as the Luverne Enterprise.

One member was received under the watchcare of the Adams Street church on last Sabbath morning.

The ladies of Woodlawn church give \$1 a month towards endowing a Kenfroe chair in Howard College.

Bro. I. A. White, of McKinley, sends us three subscribers, and has a good word for the paper. Thanks.

Bro. H. H. Brown, of Birmingham, was again honored by being elected Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Our Baptist friends have called Rev. Mr. Waller, of Barnesville, Ga., to serve them as pastor.—Clayton Courier.

Hopewell (Perry) and Newberne (Hale) churches are without a pastor. A good man will here find two good churches.

Rev. D. C. Culbreth again takes up editorial work: this time as editor of the Enterprise at Centerville. Success to you, brother.

When a poor drunkard sees a professing Christian go into a bar-room he discounts that man's religion.—Rev. M. B. Wharton.

Rev. A. L. Blizard, of Geneva, was among the list of visitors at our office last week. He reports the work progressing in his section.

Brethren N. G. Dilleshaw, Geo. Jackson, Ike Thompson, from Lawrence county, visited us during the session of the Grand Lodge.

The new reflector for the Adams Street church has been received and gives entire satisfaction. The church will now be splendidly lighted.

The California Baptist College had, last year, sixteen Japanese students, and this year there are eighteen. They stand well in their classes.

The expense of the criminal prosecutions in Iowa were reduced from \$400,000 in 1884 to \$282,000 in 1887. This is the result of prohibition.

Bro. Crumpton enjoys taking a collection, and says we should engage in that service just as ever other should be engaged in—with the heart and soul.

With only one or two exceptions, the officers of Adams Street church for the past year were re-elected on last Thursday night for the ensuing year.

Why do not more of our large city churches establish mission schools and provide chapels? Many are doing this kind of work, but there should be greater efforts.

The Adams Street church will begin the new year with no debts. Bro. Crumpton says "it was only a short while ago when this church had nothing but debts."

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, near Perryville, at 3 p. m., Nov. 27, 1889, by Rev. L. M. Bradley, Mr. W. T. Farley and Miss Eliza C. Suttles.

Bro. Manly, of Mobile, came to Birmingham to be with Bro. Hudson in his last illness. They were partners for many years and tenderly loved each other.

Sister J. L. Johnson, as president of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, of Woodlawn church, recently sent nine dollars to the Foreign Board for Mrs. Crawford.

The South Side Baptist church, Birmingham, has grown from a membership of 180 to 379 within a year, and is still increasing. Bro. Hale is doing a grand work.

The Institute Echoes, a monthly, is used by students of the Lake City (Fla.) Institute, has been received, and our best wishes are extended for the success of the paper.

I believe in a divine call to the ministry, but does not God call the laymen in our news to a special work as much as he does the preacher?—J. S. Dill, in Biblical Recorder.

Dr. J. W. Clark, of Clayton, died recently near Spring Hill. It was our pleasure to know and esteem this good brother. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

Among the friends of the Baptist Printing Co. is Mr. Thos. M. Stacey, of Hardwickburg, who has opened up a general merchandising business there and is driving a good trade.

Rev. J. M. Greene, of Prescott, Arizona, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Timothy Greene, passed through our city this week. They are returning to their old home in Pike county.

The South Side Baptist church, Birmingham, has no church building. They are trying to build, yet they gave last year to outside causes \$10,000. Who can show us better work than this?

In announcing the marriage of Bro. Manly Lide last week we gave the name of his bride as Miss Mollie Howe, when it should have been Miss Madie. She was one of Marion's choicest young ladies.

While you are thinking of making Christmas gifts, won't you remember the cause of missions? The wise men brought their gifts to the Infant Savior. Will you bring him something now to carry on his work?

Bro. Jas. Robertson, of Romulus, thanks us for sending him a notice of the expiration of his subscription and enclosed \$5.00. He has kept three years in arrears. Thanks, brother, we appreciate your kindness.

I go to Centerville to-day, and am looking forward to the best year's work of my life. I expect during this month to make a special effort to have my members subscribe for the BAPTIST.—D. C. Culbreth, Dec. 6th.

Dr. G. D. Boardman, who delivered such interesting lectures on "The Ten Commandments" to the students of the University of Pennsylvania, will this winter lecture on "The Ethical Teachings of the Minor Prophets."

Rev. L. G. Skipper will spend the winter at San Antonio, Texas, in hopes of improving his health. This brother has many friends in Alabama who are anxious for his recovery, and wish him a pleasant trip and an early return.

Dr. Geo. Dana Boardman, of Philadelphia, is earnestly advocating the establishment of an American Christian University at Washington City, which shall receive the support of the evangelical denominations of the country.

Bro. N. A. Hood sends his renewal, together with five other subscribers, and says: "I fear some of the good seed sown at the association fell among thorns." Well, brother, when at first we don't succeed, we have to sow again.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Mt. Cleland church, in Perry county, on November 27th, Mr. H. V. Faucette, of Bibb county, and Miss Lettie McCraw, of Perry. Rev. D. C. Culbreth officiating.

Rev. J. H. Colley, of Equality, called to see us last week. He says that while he is growing old in the service, he is proud of having boys to take his place. He is the brother who baptized Rev. J. L. Thompson, of this city.

The Holy Street Mission of this city had a pleasant time last Sabbath evening. Rev. W. B. Crumpton and Dr. Wharton honored the school with their presence, and encouraged the workers with earnest speeches on the hopeful outlook.

On the first Sunday in December I accepted the care of Bethlehem church, and preached to a crowded house. We raised a cash collection of \$50.85 for church repairs. The prospect is bright for a good year's work.—D. C. Culbreth.

Dr. Wharton thinks it would be well, in making Christmas presents, to remember that a good Bible is the best present that can be given to many of our relatives and friends. With God's blessing it may be the means of converting a soul.

Bro. J. F. Robinson, of Brooklyn, sends five dollars for three years subscription, and says "he will renew promptly when his time is out." Thanks, brother, we shall endeavor to give you five hundred dollars worth of reading before you renew again.

The ordination of brethren Cody and Pondexter, the new deacons of the Montgomery First church, was an interesting occasion. Rev. W. B. Crumpton preached the sermon, in which he discussed the origin, qualifications and importance of the deaconship.

Bro. H. W. Roberts, of Maple Grove, sends a list of subscribers, and says: "I hope soon to get the paper into most of the homes I now visit. The visit of Bro. Hare to our association will be long remembered by the brethren, besides it has endeared the paper to their hearts."

Married, in Evergreen Baptist church, by Rev. Jno. W. Stewart, Dec. 5th, Mr. D. E. Witherington and Llewellyn Hawkins, both of Evergreen. An overflowing house came to witness their marriage and bespeak for them the greatest pleasures possible. The most abundant joys be theirs.—Jno. W. Stewart.

Dr. J. C. Hiden, of Eufaula, will lecture at Adams Street church tomorrow night (Friday), on "The Cosmopolitan Bug." It has been pronounced a superb lecture, and those who intend going are anticipating a pleasant evening. The price of tickets will be twenty-five cents, and the proceeds will be devoted to charitable objects.

While in Birmingham, we met young Bro. Hubbard from Brock's Gap. He is an earnest Christian and will help circulate the BAPTIST in his community. He told us of a precious meeting held by Bro. Craig at Mars Hill. Twenty were received by experience and two by letter. A good Sunday-school and prayer meeting makes a live body.

The sermon by Bro. W. B. Crumpton at Adams Street church on last Sabbath morning was a jewel. He used as his text the words of Cain to the Lord, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The sermon was replete with striking illustrations and a happy thought. We venture no audience

has enjoyed a sermon more thoroughly than did the one that listened to Bro. C. on Sabbath morning last.

The Baptists in and around Birmingham can help by sending us their printing. We will lay the work down to them as cheap as they can get it anywhere. We have already to thank Messrs. Fowles & Myatt, M. C. Reynolds, J. H. Huey, and the Howard professors and students for their patronage.

Bro. G. G. Miles is superintendent of a Sabbath school at Tenth avenue, Birmingham, called the Reinhardt chapel, in honor of Mr. Reinhardt, who built the house and gave it to them free of rent. There are in attendance about forty children and six teachers. The teachers meet every Friday night and prepare their lessons for the coming Sabbath.

Our heart is saddened beyond expression over the death of our old friend, Tye Burkett, of Hillsboro. He was the picture of health the last time we saw him. His wife and children have our keenest sympathies. His death was made all the more sad because only a day before his young brother had died. May God in his tender mercy comfort the bereaved.

The entertainment at the Adams Street Baptist church on last Friday night, under the auspices of the Busy Bees, was a success. The small sum of ten cents was charged for admission, and over twenty dollars were realized from the entertainment. The program was novel and unique in its character, and a delighted audience showed their appreciation of its merits.

The Luverne church elected three deacons and a superintendent of the Sabbath school on the first Sabbath. At night a collection of \$6.10 was taken for state missions. This is a good beginning for a small church of eighteen members. On the third Sabbath we will ordain two deacons, one having already been ordained. A house of worship will soon be built.—J. F. Baker.

"Be not weary in well doing," was the opening passage of Dr. Wharton's text last Sabbath morning, at the First church, this city. The nature, scope and manner of doing good were presented in an interesting and instructive discourse. Christ was set forth as the model in well doing. At the close of the services a call was made for \$150, balance due on pledges for the Judson Institute. The amount was raised.

The ladies' aid society of Natusala church, have, within about three years, raised about \$186. The money has been used for missions, an organ, a bell and belfry, improving the stove arrangement, painting the church, etc. This does not include the individual contributions of the members of the society in ordinary church and Sabbath-school collections. What poor little church can beat this record?—E. F. Baker.

For years I have used THE BAPTIST TEACHER with much pleasure and profit. I know of no other periodical that gives in such compact form so great a variety of suggestions for the work of the Sunday-school lessons, coupled with such interesting editorial matter. Without meaning to disparage other publications, I can cordially recommend it from a long experience, to all Sunday-school workers.—Joshua Leavins, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. T. Stewman, of Coosa county, has a fine school at Hollins, on the Columbus and Western railroad. He is an excellent teacher, and the people are pleased with him. Hollins is the seat of a large lumber manufacturing industry, and it is expected that very soon other important interests will be opened there. It is in the lower corner of Clay county, near the lines of Coosa and Talladega. The Baptists have a church organization with about twenty-one members, with upward tendency.—E. F. Baker.

It has been the custom with the clerks of some churches, in writing letters of dismission for ladies, to use the appellation "sister." This leaves the clerk of the church, where the letters are deposited, at a loss to know whether the lady should be addressed as Miss or Mistress. We find the same mistake frequently made in sending us the name of ladies to be entered as new subscribers. Please do not forget to make the distinction, as you will thus save our modest young church clerks and bookkeepers, as well as the ladies, from much embarrassment.

Saturday night we were on the cars for two hours with Bro. Jeff Falkner, of Montgomery. He is a lawyer, but one of the most spiritually minded men it has been our good fortune to meet. He is an excellent teacher, and the people are pleased with him. He is in the lower corner of Clay county, near the lines of Coosa and Talladega. The Baptists have a church organization with about twenty-one members, with upward tendency.—E. F. Baker.

Bro. Pickard took occasion last Sunday morning to tell his church some plain things. He thinks the First church of Birmingham should not be satisfied until they have at least four hundred in the Sunday-school. The members don't treat the prayer meeting as they should. He wants more systematic giving. The members should not be content until they have a \$75,000 or \$100,000 church. They can't afford to wait. Birmingham Baptists don't read their state paper enough to acquaint themselves with our denomination. He urged them to take the paper, and then was kind enough to allow a representative of the paper to say a few words. The First church will do big things if the members of the church will stand up to their pastor.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.

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Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., DEC. 12, 1899.

Balancing Accounts.

When Mr. Jenkins went to the city on Saturday morning his wife accompanied him to do a little shopping. They were walking to the bank, Mr. Jenkins happened to glance down at his coat, uttered a vigorous exclamation, and added: "I thought you promised to sew that loose button on my coat. Now it's gone, and a fine figure I cut! Don't you?"

"I'm very sorry, John, but—"

"But won't you put it on again. There's going to be a committee meeting in the office to-day, this morning, and I don't care to look as if I were coming to pieces. I like to know what the use of my leaving it at home yesterday?"

"I had the needle and thread in my hand to do it, John, just as the baby fell down stairs, and that frightened me so that I put everything else out of my mind. I was anxious about her for hours, you know."

"How she came to get such a fall is more than I can see. What's the use, anyway, of your women staying at home all day, if you can't keep the children from breaking their necks?"

"She was scarcely out of my sight for a moment all day, except just that once, and—"

"Well, never mind. I suppose you can sew on the button to-night; but I wish you kept a memorandum. What you women ever do with your memories I don't know. Probably they are too precious to use." And Mr. Jenkins uttered a loud sigh and a perusal of the morning newspaper.

While they were leaving the train Mrs. Jenkins said, meekly: "If you are not too busy to-day, John, I wish you would stop at Polisher's and get my lace pin. I shall need it to wear at the concert to-night. None of my other pins are fit. I'd get it myself if it wasn't so far down town."

"There! I've thought of that pin a hundred times if I have once; but I never have more than time to catch the last boat as I come past. I'll get it to-night."

Mr. Jenkins had a hurried and busy day, and left so warm in consequence that he had to stop on his way to the ferry to drink a glass of soda water. That used up all his spare minutes, and when he passed Polisher's jewelry store he was walking as if for a wager.

One evening about the middle of the following week, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins sat in "social silence" on the broad piazza, the former trying to read by the waning light, while his wife was diligently making entries of some sort in a little red blank book.

Mr. Jenkins laid his paper aside for a moment and watched his wife. Finally he said: "I'm glad to see you growing so systematic and economical in your housekeeping. I hope it will tell when the bills come in."

"It's not housekeeping accounts this time, John, though I do try to be regular about them."

"I don't see what it can be, then. Seems to me you have grown very literary lately. I don't know how often I've seen you writing in that little book. Suppose you let me have a look at it?"

"Not just yet," said Mrs. Jenkins. "Please wait a little. You may see it Saturday night; that is, if accounts balance, or if there is something to my credit."

Mr. Jenkins looked puzzled. "So it is an account book, after all. Well, I'd just as soon wait. I will audit it for you on Saturday. That is, if the items are not too small and tedious—one cent for glove buttons, three cents for hair pins, five cents for a car fare."

"I don't think you will find the items tedious," was the reply, and the matter dropped.

About ten o'clock Saturday night it occurred to Mr. Jenkins to call for his wife's account book.

"You said it was not your household account, so I suppose it has to do with private expenses," he remarked.

"It is neither," said Mrs. Jenkins. "It is only a memorandum of items I wanted to keep in my mind."

"Well, that's an excellent idea, though I don't see why it needs balancing."

"Perhaps you will see in a moment."

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Visitors.

BY SENEX SMITH.

In town people call on one another. A lady starts out with her card case. She goes from house to house. If the lady of the house is at home, she stops a few minutes, and tells her how long she has been trying to come and see her, but she has been busy or sick or away from home; and the hostess responds with expressions of regret that she could not come earlier, and of gratification that she has come at all. And then they discuss the weather, the fashions, the last concert and the next prospective wedding, for, perhaps ten minutes. Then there is an effusive leave-taking, and the caller repeats the process at a dozen places in the afternoon. In this way, with an occasional evening party or reception, sociability is kept up in the centers of population. But ladies can not go calling in the country. We live so far apart that they have to make old-fashioned visits. Sometimes these visits are very welcome, and sometimes they are not. To entertain a guest for a solid day—to change all your plans, and give up your work, in order to discharge the duties of hospitality—is not always convenient.

We had an illustration last week. Our fruit was ripening very fast. We were working early and late to save it. Mrs. Smith was canning and preserving for our home consumption. We were having cold dinners, because the stove was covered with preserving kettles. In the midst of our hurry, about ten o'clock in the morning, a carriage came up the drive, and there was Mrs. Tabitha Tompkins, with her daughter and some visitors from the city. She had come to spend the day with her dear friend, Mrs. Smith. She knew, of course, that Samantha would be delighted to see her, and she could not let her friends from the city go until they had seen the Smith farm, and enjoyed the hospitality for which it was so famous. I was in the orchard, but had to leave my work there to join in welcoming the guests, to take care of the horses, and to kill some chickens for dinner. The fruit that was already overripe for canning had to be left to rot, and all the energies and resources of the family devoted to feeding and entertaining the guests. Poor Samantha had to be hostess in the parlor and cook in the kitchen at the same time. If she left her, Mrs. Tompkins and the other ladies alone for fifteen minutes, they thought that she was very impolite. But if she left the cook stove alone, something would burn. It was a day of weariness and anxiety. As its hours passed slowly, yet crowded with toil and care, we all felt like praying: "Save me from my friends." Mrs. Tompkins is one of our friends. We all like her. Under other circumstances we would have been glad to see her. But coming just when she did, she taxed our patience severely. She meant well, but she made a mistake. She should have sent us word beforehand if she proposed to take possession of us and of our home for a solid day.

This incident—and it is not an exceptional one—has set me thinking about

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The spirit that was in Christ, prompted him while in heaven to look around to see where suffering could be relieved, where sorrow could be turned into joy. He saw the earth darkened with the pall of sin, and suffering and weeping mortals down to eternal day. He came to earth, took upon himself the human form, human weakness, human infirmity, human suffering and died as a human being to free men from the dominion of sin and suffering and death. Every redeemed and rescued soul, every child of God must partake of the same spirit that animated the Master.—Gospel Advocate.

If God gives us ability according to our work, we should give him work according to our ability.

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