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ORDERS for job printing sent to either of our offices will receive prompt attention.

EVERY Baptist that visits Birmingham is requested to call at our headquarters and get a copy of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

We have several valuable communications that of necessity must lie over awhile. We are sorry for this, but can't help it.

With this issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST we close the year 1889. We wish our readers many happy returns of the holidays and pray that God's blessings may rest upon them and our loved state.

ALABAMA must have the leading Baptist paper in the South, and this she shall have if our brethren will only stand by her. The leading of Alabama is a hard work and more expensive, but we hope it also means greater benefit to the denomination.

In last Sabbath's lesson we see strikingly set forth the folly and danger of forming entangling alliances. Solomon's surroundings made him forget God. Again we are reminded that no matter how strong a Christian may feel himself to be, he is never strong enough to lean on his own strength.

In the church of the living God were doing its duty, if each member were living a holy and blameless life, were conscious of his or her own rectitude, with how much bolder front would sin be attacked! But we are all cowards, afraid to warn men to flee the wrath to come, simply because we are not living right, because our example can't back up our professions of faith. Oh, brethren, how long shall this continue? Look about you! Men and women are dying and going to hell for the lack of a friendly hand to lead them to Jesus.

SINNERS hear Christian people talk of the love of Christ, his tenderness, his nearness in times of trouble, etc., yet they don't understand it, can't appreciate it; but when they, like the Queen of Sheba, come and see for themselves, taste of his own sweet word, feel the stroke of his gentle hand, hear him say, "It is I, be not afraid," they are, which were many, are all forgiven," then, and not all then can they truly say, "The half has not been told." Dear friend, if you are unconverted, please don't be satisfied with what you hear of Christ; but go to him, learn of him, that you may appreciate the richness of God's love to fallen man. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life."

A COMMUNICATION, concerning the Bible and Colportage Board, was received too late for last week's issue. It will be found in this paper. The brethren composing this board are wide awake business men, and they will push the work, so that our people can, more than ever, have good books brought to their doors. Bro. W. E. Hudson is chairman of that board, and Bro. J. B. Collier is treasurer and manager. These brethren have as co-workers Elds. W. E. Lloyd, G. A. Hornaday, J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. A. Howard, Z. D. Roby, and brethren W. L. Hood and J. C. Condon. Surely if there was ever a time when we needed good literature among our people it is now. Other denominations are pressing the claims of their writings upon their people and we cannot afford for our members not to be thoroughly informed.

THE OUTLOOK.

Baptists of Alabama have never before had such opportunities as present themselves to day. And all along the line there is a determination to work. Men from other states are showing their faith in this section by investing their money here. Christian men need to show stronger their faith in the saving power of the gospel by building comfortable churches in every community and helping to support a pastor there. Let every church and every Baptist determine that progress shall be his watchword. If your pastor is not paid for the year just passed, go to work and pay him. If your church is not called led out on that line. This winter the weather will be cold, so put a good stove in the church. Don't let your Sunday-school die. Has your church been remiss in mission work? Then turn over a new leaf. The ALABAMA BAPTIST is going to be a better leader than heretofore, and if we can just arouse every preacher and church member to stand by us, to go forward with us, upon the cranks, the doctrines and the obstructions will either be demolished or get out of the way or be run over.

Brothers, the outlook is as bright as the promises of God. Let us do our duty and the results will be both a pleasure to us and an honor to God.

WON'T YOU ACCEPT IT.

The more copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST taken among the members of the church the more interest will there be awakened concerning the causes so dear to the heart of our Master. That churches may place the paper on trial with their members, we make the following propositions: (1) We will furnish 200 papers for three months for \$65; (2) 150 papers for three months for \$37.50; (3) 100 papers for three months for \$25; (4) 75 papers for three months for \$18.75; (5) 50 papers for three months for \$12.50; (6) and any smaller number at same rate. Who will be the first to accept one of the propositions.

ONE method we are using to reach the Baptists of Birmingham is to go visiting as often as possible with the pastors. On Friday evening we accompanied Bro. Pickard and his wife to Jonesville, a beautiful little suburb in the north highlands. This town has just been connected with the city by a street car line. All around the ridges and in the hollows are neat homes that look inviting by their very neatness. This is a Methodist community, they being the only people who have a church and Sabbath school there. Some five or six Baptist families were found. On the round we met a Methodist brother who, to take his word for it, was just loaded down with charity. He was asked as to the location of Baptists. He said they were scarce in that town but pointed out a family for whom we made inquiry. A polite invitation was given him to come in some Sunday to the Baptist church. "O yes, I will, I go to hear them me all; one church is about as good to me as another," said the gentle stranger. A few minutes later a Baptist family were telling where members of our faith could be found. Among others located they said: "There is a Baptist at the home of the man you were just with—his sister in law—but he don't allow her to go to the Baptist church. Why, his wife used to be a Baptist but she had to turn when she married him." Maybe it isn't quite as bad as our informant stated, but the fact that he gave us no information that there was a Baptist in his home lends color to the statement. Now, when you meet these good, good people who like your church as well as theirs, just count them as no account anywhere, or the veriest hypocrites.

WHERE DO THE YOUNG MEN GO?

From the following incomplete figures we can account for a few of the young men of Montgomery. These figures have been furnished us by the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city.

On Wednesday evening preceding Thanksgiving Day, there were present at prayer meeting at the First Baptist church 41 young men. At West's saloon and billiard room there were 68 young men during the hour; at Newbold's, 37.

On Thursday evening (Thanksgiving) there were 28 young men present at the prayer meeting service at Adams Street Baptist church. In one hour 40 young men entered the bar across from the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

On Tuesday evening, at the Dexter Avenue Methodist church, there were 8 young men in a bar not far distant were ten young men.

This is far from being a correct report of the young men who were in the bar and billiard rooms of these notorious places of sin and wickedness. It will be seen from the above figures that there were 47 young men at the three churches, while there were 153 at the four bars. The number in attendance at the other churches have not been ascertained, but the above figures are alarming, and those fathers and mothers who have sons should look to their eternal interests. There are dozens of bars in Montgomery that have a larger number of young men to visit them during the evening than the largest prayer meeting in the city. Our people should consider these facts and work for the salvation of the young men of the land.

RUHAMA CHURCH.

Owing to the fact that Howard College and the above named church are so closely linked every information concerning the church is of special interest to the Baptists of Alabama. The parent who can know when he sends his boy to college that he will fall under good influences feels much better concerning his absence. Among the good things that have fallen to the lot of our college in the last few years, the coming of Bro. McGaha as pastor of the college church is counted one of the best blessings. Having graduated from the Howard only a few years ago, he is in fullest sympathy with the students. He is a thorough Alabamian, loving her every institution and interest. He feels the great responsibility that rests upon him, hence he is ever working, and praying that he may benefit these boys who are the subjects of so many prayers. Not only do the boys have a great responsibility that rests upon him, but he has a for different report to make. He sees the signs of promise.

privilege of associating with a church that is at work on practical lines. When it was settled that Howard College was to be located at East Lake the brethren under Dr. Tague went there to build a church that would accommodate a couple of hundred boys in addition to the regular congregation. That house has been completed, and the members, though burdened with debt, are month by month adding to its comfort and beauty. They are setting the churches of our state an example on a line of work that should be universally adopted—that is, individuals are taking certain portions of the work to do. A communion service was needed, one brother presented that to the church; another member finished a Sunday-school room; then it was furnished by others; a stove was presented by another member, or members; and still others are at work on improvements yet needing to be done. It is evident that our young preachers enjoy considerable advantages here, privileges that will make them more useful when they leave college. We ask our readers to pray for Bro. McGaha and for the Ruhama church, and when you write to your boys encourage them to tell you of the sermons and prayer meeting talks that they hear, and above all, exhort them to seek the Savior as their personal Redeemer.

THE PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.
It was at a meeting of this society in Marion, twelve years ago, that we first realized that it was possible for boys to speak like men. The influence of this society had much to do in, encouraging our boyish heart to long to become useful to our fellow men. It was but natural, then, that we should avail ourselves of the first opportunity in several years to meet with this society in one of its entertainments. When we reached East Lake last Friday night we found Ruhama church crowded with citizens from the village and surrounding towns. The question for the evening's debate was, "Resolved that beauty is a stronger social endowment to a young lady than wealth." Cadets Barnes and Williamson sustained the affirmative while cadets Vant and Thames argued for wealth. The speeches were very interesting as were also the declamation by R. W. Huey and the oration by J. E. Harris. The debaters stated their points so strongly that to the audience it appeared as if both sides had gained the night, but the judges themselves, having been made to bow at the foot stool of beauty, decided in the affirmative.

Bright smiles and brighter flowers were always upon the lips of those encouraging them to press onward. Some honorary member sent a handsome cake to the rostrum, whereupon the chairman, Mr. Geo. Spurlin, assured the donor that so long as such substantial encouragements were given they would not fail. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Pickard.

FIELD NOTES.
Send your renewal as a Christmas present.
Read Dr. Taylor's sermon, "Baptism: What?"
Specimens of all kinds of printing can be seen at our Birmingham office.

Rev. J. C. Hudson, of Florence, had the pleasure of baptizing two ladies recently.
In another column you will see something of importance from Secretary Crumpton.

Rev. H. R. Schram, of Tallapoosa, Tenn., has had a good revival in his church recently.

Capt. W. C. Ward and Hon. R. H. Stettin, of Birmingham, gave us a pleasant call last week.

The Fort Deposit church, on the 8th inst., gave \$31.00 to assist Bro. S. Spence in his recent loss.

Rev. T. B. Thames received a hearty reception on entering his new pastorate at Danville, Va.

Bro. Hudson recently visited Waterloo, near Florence, and found six Baptists who had a building lot of two acres.

Bro. W. J. Elliott circulates the ALABAMA BAPTIST and asks no pay. He delights in seeing the good work go on.

Bro. Hudson reports the West-Florence mission in a flourishing condition, with Bro. L. P. Fleming as superintendent.

Rev. W. J. Elliott will please accept our thanks for a large club list. He is a model pastor and a good worker for the paper.

Rev. R. A. Massey, who has been absent in Texas the past seven years, is now on a visit to relatives and friends in Hale county.

We are having cuts of the two societies of Howard College made, so that hereafter all their letter papers can be printed with their special badge upon it.

Thomas W. Quarles, a quiet, honest Christian and member of Town Creek church, Dallas county, Ala., died on the 9th of October, 1889—W. C. Stewart.

Just as the pastoral year is closing the matrimonial fever breaks out, and three couples are victims in less than a week. Can Bradley or Adams beat that?—W. C. S.

Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, in Belleville, Dec. 10th, by Rev. Jno. W. Stewart, Mr. Geo. W. Pryor, of Greenville, and Miss Lillie Nord.

If every one of our readers will send us one new subscriber next week it will be a most acceptable Christmas present. Send one, if it is only for three months.

A sister in this city walks about six miles every Sunday, trying to serve the Master as teacher in two schools. Such self-sacrifice will be rewarded here and hereafter.

The First church of Troy has issued elegant invitations to the dedication services of their new church near Salisbury. The senior hopes to be present and report the meeting.

Correspondents with Bro. J. B. Pickard, of Montgomery, Ala., instead of at Mountain Creek, as formerly. Bro. P. is now making his home with his son, Col. J. M. Falkner, of this city.

The Selma church has extended a call to Bro. Dickinson, who has decided to remain with them until next September. He then expects to enter the Seminary at Louisville and complete his studies.

Permit me through your columns to return sincere thanks to Miss Annie Golsen for a beautiful watch chain. This appreciative token makes me rejoice. May the Lord bless Miss Annie.—W. N. Hutchins.

My East-Florence people increase in numbers and in interest, both in the Sunday school and in the congregation, and become more enthusiastic in the music at each succeeding service.—J. C. Hudson, Florence.

I have been called back to Burnsville, where I served as pastor and co-pastor with Bro. Andrews for several years. I have also agreed to preach on the third Sunday night at the East Selma mission.—W. N. Hutchins.

The Nashville debate, by J. R. Moody, Baptist, and J. A. Harding, Disciple, is now ready. It is highly spoken of by such eminent men as Rev. G. A. Lofton, of Tennessee, and Rev. J. B. Gambrell, of Mississippi.

Mr. J. P. Montgomery, of Birmingham, son of our venerable preacher, P. S. Montgomery, was on the night of December 10th, married to Miss Clara Inzer, daughter of Judge Inzer, of Asheville, Ala. The brightest and best of ministers are theirs.

Our readers remember the letter we published last year to an Episcopalian lady. Soon we will publish the letter she wrote in reply. It handles the question in a practical way and every body ought to read it.

The Ladies' Home Journal for 1890 will be ahead of its former excellence. It has a score of noted writers, who will make it a welcome visitor to any home. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy. Address, Curtis Publishing Co., 433 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

If brethren know how much could be saved with the ready money by the Judon building committee, they who lately subscribed would hurry up their payments. Hundreds of dollars could now be saved, if all these amounts were promptly paid. Come, brethren, hurry up your pledges!

A Methodist friend writes: "Enclosed find my renewal. I never intended to read a paper that I do not pay for. I am a Methodist, yet I find much that I like in the BAPTIST. Thanks for the kind words. We endeavor to give our brethren and friends the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

I am glad to see "our paper" constantly improving and every week becoming more and more interesting. I think it now ranks among our best religious papers. If I had the ability I would gladly influence every Baptist to take it, and carefully read the columns every week.—W. H. C. Childersburg, Ala.

The following ladies of the ladies' missionary society of the Tallapoosa church, were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the departure of Mrs. M. D. Hady: Mrs. N. S. McAfee, Mrs. J. W. Bishop, Mrs. J. A. Powe, Mrs. F. E. Wilson. Their words of commendation showed how highly that sister was prized by them.

My churches have commenced to collect their educational and mission money. There never was a new life infused into our denominational work. I hope to be able to report a good year's work in my field. Would be glad to have you visit my churches. Bro. Hood is in the field as missionary in our association.—J. A. Glenn, Asheville.

Last Sunday was our first Sabbath meeting in our new home at County Line. We had a large audience and a splendid sermon from Bro. W. M. Blackwelder. Subject: "Day of Labor." With our first songs, prayers and sermon in our new home we made an offering of twenty seven dollars for missions.—C. J. Harden, Duck-lyth, Ala.

We had a meeting of several days some weeks ago at Chestnut Hill church, Chilton county. It was an interesting meeting, and as a result there were two conversions. We believe it to be one of the most glorious revivals the church has ever enjoyed. The membership are in earnest to build up the cause.—J. W. Haggard, Morgan Springs.

Applaud me may be met by me on the Mobile & Birmingham rail road, between Whitley and Mobile, or between Mobile and Fort Deposit, or between Fort Deposit and Nashville, including the first and second Sunday in January. I will be at Whitley, including the fifth Sunday in December to hold institutes.—F. C. Plaster, Ft. Deposit, Dec. 11th.

It is hardly good Baptist phraseology to speak of baptism as "administered" to a candidate. It would be a great deal better to say that the candidate was baptized. Do you see the difference? Think of it, and you will, and then you will not again speak of baptism as "administered to," etc. The water is not poured on the candidate; the candidate is "buried" in water.—Indiana Baptist.

Bro. Lewis Nickle, chairman of the mission committee of the First church, Montgomery, has purchased one of Bro. Crumpton's canvassing books, and proposes to give every one of the eight hundred members a chance to give for missions this year. Try it, brethren. Read what is said about the book by Bro. C. in another column. The price is only fifty cents. Each book contains a few directions how to use it.

The new board at Opelika has received Bro. Crumpton of the book business and he has only the mission work to think about. The convention has asked him to be the leader in Alabama in the mission cause. Bro. Crumpton must have followers to succeed. Let the pastors and Sunday-school superintendents see to it that the counsels of their leader are heeded, and we will all rejoice together at the end of the year.

The Howard boys know how to do a good thing. The steward, Mr. St. Claire, has been exceedingly kind to the students and has furnished them, well cooked meals. To show their appreciation the boys bought an elegant gold medal and had engraved upon it, "From the Howard boys of 1889, for kindness shown." This was presented in regular style. Mr. St. Claire says he would not take a thousand dollars for it.

Does the pastor want a revival of religion in his church this winter? If realization will depend on how faithful he has been in sowing the seeds on the soil into which the seed was cast, on his willingness, first and foremost, and that of his church to pay the cost in humiliation and agonizing prayer and labor for souls; but more than all else on the measure of their willingness to be the channel of the Spirit's power.—Indiana Baptist.

Dr. Hiden's lecture at Adams Street church on last Friday night, was highly enjoyed by the audience. It was full of humor and was delivered in an entirely different style from the average lecture. The doctor knows how to present an interesting subject to an audience, and those who heard him enjoyed his remarks on the "bugs" and "humbugs." He had an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes, which as he uses them, never failed to produce hearty laughter.

There will be a meeting of the first district of the Unity association at Bethesda church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1889. The following is the program: 1. Introductory sermon. J. M. McCord. 3. The punishment of the Annual calls. Opened by J. W. R. K. 4. Are missions a failure? Opened by O. W. Shearer. 5. Does paying the pastor and giving for missions come under the same head in church work? Opened by J. M. McCord. 6. Shall the Unity association neglect longer the disputation in its bounds? Opened by Geo. W. Taylor.—Committee on Program.

By request I visited Ft. Payne last Sunday to assist the pastor in the education of brethren Monroe and Myers to the office of deacon. After preaching by the pastor the brethren were solemnly set apart by the imposition of hands. Preaching at night by the writer. The outlook for the church is better now than at any former period in its history. Bro. Joiner has the co-operation of a band of willing workers, and in a few days he will be prepared to give his entire time to the interests of the church. He will about complete his dwelling this week. Ft. Payne is rapidly filling with houses and people, and bids fair to soon become the peer of any city in the land.—J. H. A.

Program of fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Collinsville, Dec. 27, 28, 29, 1889. Subject: What may the churches accomplish through the Sunday-schools for the association? Opened by Elders E. B. Hannah and J. B. Wilkams. 2nd. The child of to-day the man of to-morrow. Which shall have him the church or the world? Discussion opened by—Brown, 3rd. The greatest need of the churches in our association. Opened by J. M. Joiner. 4th. By what means can we most effectively resist the evils of intemperance from our midst? Opened by J. R. Appleton. All feeling an interest are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.—J. R. Appleton, Pastor, Collinsville, Dec. 10th.

At the last prayer meeting of the First church, Birmingham, the pastor asked the church to grant him the privilege of adding to his advisory committee ten more brethren. At this meeting, Bro. M. M. Wood, of the Second church, told of his visit to East Birmingham in search of Baptists. He had asked the M. E. church if there were any Baptists out there, and he had assured him that there were not a Baptist in the community. But he determined, Baptist like, to investigate for himself, and found, out of some twenty families visited that ten were of Baptists, and represented a Baptist population of about thirty. A vote was at once made and carried to plant a mission in this new town, and a committee appointed to see about securing an eligible lot on which to build a chapel.

While I was away serving my church in Tennessee last week, some watchful soldier buried himself or herself with work for the Lord. On my return home, I found that the sun of blessing had arisen above the horizon of success, and that his gentle and appreciated rays had fallen on the preacher's home. You know that I was happy to meet the smiling and cheerful faces of my wife and children, which told me that the Harbottle Baptist church had done their duty, and made their report happy. The pastor's wife and daughters all wear new dresses, and some new hats and new wraps, and the boys wear new clothes also. Though several of our best members have moved away, we have several good workers left, and we hope to see a grand move made for the Lord in Harbottle this year. Success to the BAPTIST.—H. J. Harbottle, Harbottle, Ala.

The December number of the Political Science Quarterly opens with an article on the deferred Constitution Convention of New York State, by Hon. Seth Low, president of Columbia College. George Gunton attacks the Economic Basis of Socialism, namely, Karl Marx's theory of "Surplus Value." The Rev. Samuel W. Dike reviews the new and important Government Report on Marriage and Divorce. Worthington C. Ford (late of the State Department) criticizes and opposes the scheme of substituting silver for legal tender notes. Prof. F. W. Maitland, of Cambridge, England, completes his valuable survey of the materials of English legal history. Prof. F. J. Goodnow, of Columbia College, begins a description of the recent recognition of local government in Prussia. Twenty-two recent American English, German, French and Italian works are reviewed.

An article under the title "The Latest Infidelity.—A Reply to Ingersoll's Positions," by Prof. R. L. Dabney, D. D., LL. D., will appear in the January number of the Presbyterian Quarterly, published at Chester, S. C., and will also be issued separately in pamphlet form. Having read this article in manuscript, we, without solicitation, commend it to the public as timely, fair, and of marked logical force. In our judgment it is superior to any reply to Ingersoll we have read. We believe the friends of truth will do a good work by placing it in the hands of young men, especially of those who have read Ingersoll's works, or who have been infected by the prevalent infidelity of the day. W. A. Campbell, Robert P. Kerr, Hunter McGuire, Moses D. Hodge, W. W. Henry. The Pamphlet may be ordered from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va. Price 10 cents.

Honor Roll of Howard College.
For Six Weeks, Ending Dec. 6, 1889.
J. D. Abernathy, T. S. Andress, J. J. Blackshear, J. F. Bledsoe, J. H. O. Bolding, R. B. Caine, V. H. Caine, R. B. DeVine, J. A. Fagin, H. L. Finklea, Louis Fox, G. G. Fulton, J. E. Harris, W. S. Herren, T. S. Herren, T. T. Huey, H. C. Hurley, E. A. Jones, S. S. Knight, A. A. Lacy, J. S. Lambert, C. B. Lloyd, R. Martin, C. E. Meade, J. H. Newman, W. H. Payne, Jr., J. F. Pressley, M. P. Reynolds, J. A. Sartain, J. F. Savell, A. S. Smith, L. A. Smith, F. W. Smith, M. Stamps, H. Stanley, A. G. Spinks, G. G. Spurlin, H. K. Still, S. J. Struck, W. L. Tate, M. E. Weaver, E. Williams, Jr., H. J. Willingham.

SUB-COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.
G. E. Adams, A. L. Beason, K. Daly, J. P. Montgomery, B. F. Riley, Jr., A. C. Swindall, W. J. Waldrop.
Birmingham Churches.
FIRST CHURCH.—196 in Sabbath-school. Collection \$4.76. Large audience at the morning service, after which four joined. At night the congregation packed the entire house and many could not get seats. The pastor preached a clear cut uncompromising sermon on baptism, after which two were baptized.

SECOND CHURCH.—Pastor preached in the morning on "The Armor of God," and at night on "The Power of Little." Over 200 in Sunday-school, and large congregations. One received by letter. The Sunday-school will give a Christmas tree to the members. Outlook for new meeting house hopeful. The "Renfro Sunbeams" at a large meeting at 3 p. m. yesterday, sent \$25 to Bro. McCormick, at Zie atecas.

RUHAMA.—188 in Sunday-school. Large congregations at both services. Received one by letter and collected \$525 for debt on the house. Money was raised for a Christmas entertainment for Sunday school, and bought a book case. Mission society collected \$11.41 for missions last night.

WOODLAWN.—Pastor Adams preached at both services to large congregations. 107 in Sunday-school. Four received by letter and \$35 collected for ministerial education. Wednesday night prayer meeting largely attended and very interesting.

ELYTON.—Prayer meeting well attended and interesting. Fifty-three in Sunday-school. Two received at night; one by letter and one for baptism. Pastor preached at both services.

RIVERSIDE CITY.—Preaching by pastor Station, moving and night, to larger audiences than usual. Thirty-one in Sunday-school and two received by letter.

SECOND CHURCH.—Pastor's resignation unanimously received Wednesday night. Two deacons were elected and will be ordained next Sunday at 3 p. m. An enthusiastic mass meeting was held at 3 p. m. yesterday, to discuss the financial outlook of the church. Forty in Sunday-school. Pastor preached at both services. Will close his work on the 29th inst.

AVONDALE.—Rev. J. G. Lowry, of Blocton, preached two very interesting sermons. Seventy-four in Sunday-school.

TRUMP CHURCH.—Stewart Weaver preached at 11 o'clock and pastor Hogan at night.

DESTINY OF EARTHLY THINGS.
Sooner or later, decay follows in both animate and inanimate life, but man often dies too early from neglect. Taylor's Cherokee Kennedy of Soper, Green and Mullins checks, a cough or cold, which might result in consumption.

A Visit to Howard College and Judson Institute.

Being a patron of Howard College and the Judson Institute, I made a visit recently to both of these excellent and well known educational institutions of our state.

I was at Marietta, where, prompted by curiosity and interest, I visited the new Judson, built on the ashes of the old building, around which, in times past, clustered so many pleasant memories with the mothers of the Baptist denomination throughout our state.

The new building has been built on a grand scale, combining architectural beauty, ample room for the accommodation of its pupils, and all the appliances which water facilities afford for comfort and security against fire. The fare is of the best and most healthful kind and provided without stint. Dr. S. W. Averett is the man for his place, and our Baptist friends everywhere, and the public, may rest assured that under his supervision, aided by a full and trained corps of assistants, there is in all this land no female institution more worthy of public patronage than this justly celebrated school.

After visiting Marietta and the Judson, I went to East Lake, near Birmingham, to see Howard College in its new location. I was most agreeably surprised. The temporary buildings are located on an elevation, high and dry, affording most excellent drainage, which must necessarily contribute to its healthfulness. The scenery around is inspiringly beautiful. No liquors are, or can be, sold within three miles of the college. Church and Sabbath school facilities are good, and under the guidance, care and training of that justly popular and highly esteemed scholar, Dr. B. F. Riley, its president, patrons throughout Alabama have in their own state a college to which they may send their sons with the assurance of their receiving that moral and intellectual training so essential to the development of true manhood. The mess hall is kept in good style, and the best staples are supplied. The foundations of the main building have been already laid, and the buildings fund is constantly increasing under the zealous and indefatigable efforts of Dr. D. I. Purser.

Wilcox has several sons at the Howard and several daughters at the Judson, all of whom are maintaining good stands in the classroom. These numbers should be quadrupled, and no doubt will be when the excellence of these institutions are better appreciated by the public.

My visit to Marion was heightened in its pleasure by the kind attention received at the hands of the Hon. John Moore, W. B. Crumpton, Col. J. T. Murfee and others. The latter gentlemen are well known throughout Alabama as one of its most accomplished and successful instructors. He has been spoken of as a suitable person to be placed at the head of our State University, but situated as he is, at the head of the Marion Military school, an institution founded by himself, and which with superior accommodations that have been the condition, it is doubtful whether he could be induced to relinquish the hold he has upon the patrons of education in our state for even the presidency of the University.

J. N. STANFORD.
Pine Apple.

Note by the Editor.—The above valuable communication was mislaid, and we regret that it has not appeared earlier.

A MISSIONARY SERMON.
A pastor writes of some points of interest near his field and proposes to give one afternoon in each month to one point, and says: "If every pastor will give one afternoon in each month in the neighborhood of his church we will soon have no destitution in this association." That is just the thing to do. Let the work be done by pastors and people; don't be in a hurry about organizing a church; let it be a missionary station until a church is absolutely necessary, then organize one which has some strength and some promise. Then, if necessary, the State Mission Board may be called upon.

WHAT THE CANVASSING BOOK DOES.
"I have \$63 subscribed for missions, besides \$25 for ministerial education." So writes a brother who got a canvassing book. This is from a mission church, which is struggling for existence, and have felt that they were able to give but little. But their pastor has gone after them in a systematic way, trying to reach every member, and the above is the result. Now, let them have envelopes with the names written on them, every month, and as they come in credit their mission account, and at the end of the year all their promises will be redeemed and not a member feel poorer by it.

A MISSION DAY.
should be set apart by every church and Sunday-school, at least every month. This will leave three Sundays for other collections. The importance of this will be readily seen, if brethren will reflect a moment. Take our mission boards; they have made their appropriations for the year, may be without a dollar in the treasury. Men have left the work and are on the field. The boards are banking on the pastors and churches. They have no one else to look to. If the mission collection must be pushed aside for every special appeal which comes up, then the mission work may be very seriously embarrassed. The Foreign, Home and State Mission Boards have all, depending on the churches and pastors, made their figures for another year. There is no danger of their being disappointed if one Sunday in each month is sacredly set apart as mission day by our churches. Of course the envelope system should be adopted; then if it should rain on the appointed day, the envelopes are out and will be collected in the future. Sunday school superintendents stand very much in their own light when they fail to give a day for missions to the school. It

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

The envelope system will do well when worked diligently. One hundred and eight of our members have contributed and I hope to reach more next Sunday. I put ten little pins, whom I had just baptized, to work with them, and hope for "good results." One of the best young pastors in Alabama writes the above. No system will run itself. If a farmer purchases the best plow in the world, it won't cultivate the crop without something to pull it and a hand to guide it. But some of our preachers have expected the envelope system to work up contributions by itself. All they did was to get them, and see them, when I visited the churches, sticking about the pulpit or in the table drawers. This brother is right when he says, it must be "worked diligently." He is trying to reach

EVERY MEMBER.
It can be done. I would be glad if pastors would write me the number of members contributing. The first collection you take in your church, count the contributors. Probably not one in five of our members give anything for any object. No pastor should be satisfied till every member is reached. The pastor quoted above is

TRAINING HIS YOUNG MEMBERS.
Those ten little girls will be the better for having carried around the envelopes. So many times we baptize our young members and then give them nothing to do.

In Texas they drive up the young cattle in the spring, brand them and turn them loose. That is about the way most of our young members are treated. We baptize them and turn them loose. Wise pastors marshal these young soldiers while their hearts are warm and tender, and drill and discipline and lead them in the Master's work. The fight is on, brethren, pastors, the foe is before us, what shall we do? Let every man say, onward! and 1890 will be the grandest year in our history.

W. B. CRUMPTON.
Marion, Ala.

Bible and Colportage Board.
Composed of brethren appointed by the Alabama Baptist State Convention. The Bible and Colportage Board is now organized and prepared for the vigorous prosecution of its work.

The board has secured a suitable building, admirably located, for a Book Depository, and has employed a competent store keeper to take charge. As soon as the books can be transferred from Marion to Opelika, the Bible and Colportage Board will be ready to receive and fill orders for tracts, books, etc. From what Bro. Crumpton writes us, we expect to have in store, next week, everything the State Mission Board has to deliver to the B. and C. Board.

Sunday schools throughout the state can get next quarter's supply of Bibles with cash, to the Bible and Colportage Board, Opelika, Ala.

W. E. HUDSON,
Pres't B. and C. Board.

Our Home Mission Board.
Brethren of Alabama: Six months of the fourth conventional year have passed, and our receipts from Alabama, all told, since May 1st, have been but \$2079.76. It requires every

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MONTGOMERY, ALA., DEC. 19, 1889.

Rheumatism.
Is undoubtedly caused by lactic acid in the blood. This acid attacks the fibrous tissue, and causes the pains and aches in the back, shoulders, knees, ankles, hips, and wrists. Thousands of people have found in Hood's Sarsaparilla a positive cure for rheumatism. This medicine, by its purifying action, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, and also builds up and strengthens the whole body.

That peace is an evil place that whole body that is not together, is to be preferred, and rather to be chosen for a companion than peace.—J. Tillghast.

A prophet, they say is no good in his own country; but there is an exception to this proverb. Dr. Ball has been of infinite good to his countrymen, and his Sarsaparilla has become a national balm.

Every one must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness on all around, and most of us, as we choose, make of this world either a palace or a prison.—Sir John Lubbock.

"It's only a question of time," and short time, too, as to how long it will take to yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it.

There is a difference between happiness and wisdom. He that thinks himself the happiest man, really is so; but he thinks himself the wisest, is generally the greatest fool.

Children, cuts or wounds, can be cured in short time by the use of Sarsaparilla. All druggists sell it at 25 cents a bottle.

The grace of hearing is all-important to the people. Associated ears are as necessary as associated tongues.

Beecham's Pills act like magic on a weak stomach.

The only one from whom it is dangerous to dissent is Christ.—F. Hall.

Dr. T. B. Royster, Rochester, N. Y., offers trial bottle of Sarsaparilla free, in card in this paper.

Kindness is stored away in the heart like roses in a drawer, to sweeten every object around.

Is worth a column of rhetoric, said an American statesman. It is a fact, established by the testimony of thousands of people, that Hood's Sarsaparilla does cure scrofula, salt rheum, and other diseases, or affections, arising from impure state or low condition of the blood. It also overcomes that tired feeling, creates a good appetite, and gives freedom to every part of the system. Try it.

What we need to do for this hard world every day is to put something of Christ into it.—Dr. Goodell.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.
Mrs. Winslow's Sarsaparilla should always be used for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Argument will pull a wise man down to the level of a fool, but it will never raise a fool up to the plane of a wise man.—Squire Hobbs.

FITS.—All fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Mervous cases. Tremble and \$2.00 mail bottle free. Fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

There are Christians whose knowledge of truth is as crude and rudimentary as that of the heathen. They are "thoroughly furnished with every good work" in one who is well versed in the among the unconverted. God exalts his put signal honor on his own word.—Ch. Reicher.

For Nervous Prostration.
Use Harford's Acid Phosphate.
Dr. W. G. Harford, Northfield, Minn., says: "I have used it in cases of nervous prostration, and also in combination with other remedies in indigestion, it has proved as satisfactory as could be expected."

To take distilleries and liquor houses out of the taxed or licensed list is to make them free, and is to offer a premium to make the grain into whisky, and sell it, rather than into meal and flour. Taxed bread and free whisky is the practical result of taking distilleries out of the taxed list.

Look here, Friend, Are you Sick?
Do you suffer from Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach, Liver Complaint, Nervousness, Lost Appetite, Biliousness, Exhaustion or Tired Feeling, Pains in Chest or Lungs, Dry Cough, Night sweats, or any form of Consumption? If so, send to Prof. H. A. R. Warren St., New York, who will send you free, by mail, a bottle of *Flaxophyllin*, which is a cure. Send to day.

The apparent contempt in which the sacred writers hold all present affairs, and for which unwise critics too often blame them, is the result of their higher conception of the future. The present is base in comparison. To-day may be good, to-morrow is all. But to-morrow is to be the great day, then this may be valued highly.

Gratifying to All.
The high position attained, and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative, known, illustrate the value of the qualities of which its success is based, and are abundantly gratifying to the California Fig Syrup Company.

"You have never taken me to the cemetery?" said a married woman to her husband. "No, dear," replied he, "that is a pleasure I have yet in anticipation."

The Power of Ink.
A small drop of ink, falling like dew, upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.—Wm. Pitt.

The inspiration of his pen might give the dusky fluid such a far-reaching power, and we wish we were possessed of such an inspiration, that we might, through a like medium, lay into such extended notice the manifold virtues of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Laxative Pills, those tiny, sugar-coated granules which contain all the concentrated force of the nature's principles of vegetable extracts that Nature designed especially to promote a healthy action of the liver, stomach and bowels.

The best cure that a man can have for anything is not his reputation of his friends, but his imagination with his spirit.—Brooks.

In Memoriam.

J. Henry Pruitt, son of Dr. J. H. and Mrs. M. C. Pruitt, was born Dec. 23, 1869, and died after a short illness, at his home near Spring Hill, Ala., July 29, 1889. He professed the religion of Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Ramoth Baptist church by Eld. A. H. R. in the year 1885.

He was an obedient son and a faithful Christian. He was a young man of great promise. The prospects for a future of great usefulness were bright before him. But God, in his wisdom, saw fit to crush his aspirations and blast the fondest hopes of his parents and friends by calling him up higher. He was called away to his home in heaven.

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