

The condition of the prisoners at Coalburg, where so much fatality existed last summer, is greatly improved. Only twenty out of a number of 432 are on the sick list, and none of these are dangerously ill. The sanitary condition of the place is greatly improved, says the *Birmingham News*.



# Alabama Baptist.

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BAPTISTS in Birmingham and other towns could greatly aid this paper by advertising in it.

"VANCE" wrote one letter only and died. But we fail to see the inverted column rules in the *Western Recorder*.

To each of our subscribers who renewed between this date and March 1st we will present a copy of Dr. Taylor's tract, "The Ordinances."

Be sure to send your pastor to the Baptist congress on the 11th of February. It meets in Troy, and the meeting will be a glorious one.

The "Vance" sensation has ended. It came for a day, caught the La Grippe, and ended its mission. A short pathetic chapter and all is over.

There are a large number of subscribers whose subscriptions expire this month. Shall we drop them from our books? Let a speedy renewal be the response.

The *Western Recorder* should never have lost "Vance's" letter. It would have been the very thing for the files in the Smithsonian Institute. What a pity! The opportunity of a lifetime!

SEND in your orders for copies of the tract by Dr. J. J. Taylor, "The Ordinances." Baptists and others can, in a nut shell, get what we believe on the subjects of baptism and communion. Price, 10 cents.

We would like to have a note from each of our readers who practice the tithing system. Tell us how long you have been giving a tenth of your income to the Lord's cause and how it has prospered you.

"We do not know where he lives, the manuscript of his note not having been preserved, and no one in the office can recall the address." Such a pity, such a pity! The *Recorder* should have preserved so valuable a document.

As those who expect to attend the Baptist congress at Troy, Ala., on the 11th of February will please send their name and address at once to Rev. Jno. F. Purser, who will see that they are provided with homes.

BRO. T. L. JONES, of Bozeman, is a warm-hearted Christian, who, though not a preacher, has an influence which is largely felt for good. He is a strong helper, to his pastor, Dr. Wright. Wish we had his like in every church.

Those who have made pledges for the Judson ought to redeem their promises as early as possible. It would be a surprise to publish to the world that many who helped to make a glorious day during the convention have not been heard from since.

"We have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Vance, as we have none with very many writers whose articles we publish." Now, friend, that is a very lame excuse for the muddle you've gotten into. We think it time for sackcloth and ashes over about Louisville.

Our purpose is to do, as far as we can, the Baptist Book and Bible Depository at Opelika, in becoming the channel through which the Baptists of this state can order their books and Sunday-school literature. If we will only patronize this agency, it will soon grow to be an important work among us.

WHEN we are not in our Birmingham office our friends will always find young Bro. Rodney Cadden ready to serve them. He will make an active canvass of the city and surrounding towns for subscribers and printing. Brethren and sisters who can help him will confer a great favor upon us.

WITHIN the past thirty days nearly one hundred whisky licenses have been issued from the revenue department in Montgomery. There is scarcely a prohibition district in Alabama without its blind tigers. But in most cases the blood-thirsty creature has made himself solid with the government by taking out United States license.

WHILE the secular press is wildly discussing the soundness of men's Democracy, it will be well for the plain country folks, whose ballots count, to look into the moral character of men who are and who will offer for positions. Let us once get our people to demand social and moral purity of public men and times will change for the better.

A WRITER in the *Foreign Mission Journal* makes a good point when he insists that Christians, who grow restless and cry out, "Failure, because one or two missionaries are a half million heathen do not at once destroy all the evil influences, should remember that the same world, flesh and the devil are at work in heathen as well as in Christian lands, and until we can with lightning rapidly overturn these powers at home let us not demand that of our missionaries.

SOME time ago we offered to the friend sending us the largest list of 25 cent subscribers a nice book. It gives us pleasure to send an elegantly bound copy of Rev. H. M. Wharton's sermons and addresses to Bro. H. W. Bowers, at Helena. A number of brethren and sisters responded to our request, but none so liberally as this brother. We thank them all.

We cheerfully give place to the "correction" by Dr. Henderson. No one doubts the sincerity of his statement, but he must have unintentionally used Dr. Tichenor's name, as we get our information from a brother whose word is indisputable. It seems, though, in view of all the circumstances, that Dr. Tichenor has been advised against the reintroduction of the question.

The names of our subscribers are being transferred to a new book. We do not care to undergo the unnecessary labor of transcribing the names of parties who will not renew for the year, so you will do us a favor by examining the label on your paper and notifying us promptly of your intention. Stay with us, if you can, for we will certainly do you good.

AN exchange says "the Alabama Baptist association is going to establish a book house in Opelika," etc. The exchange is mistaken; the book house is established by the Alabama Baptist State convention, and has been removed from Marion, Ala., to Opelika, and is known as the Book and Bible Depository. Bro. J. B. Collier is treasurer. See advertisement in this issue.

AND who is "Vance"? Our bookkeeper knew something of him (or one about as mysterious) some years ago. "Vance" cheated him out of some money and took his departure out of the state. If the *Western Recorder* has succeeded in resurrecting him, that paper is welcome to all the honor and glory arising therefrom. Our people down this way don't want his foot prints even in Alabama.

BRO. B. H. CRUMPTON has twice been burned out during the last two years. But the fire always brings his friends prominently to the front. The first day after his last misfortune parties contributed nearly five hundred dollars in cash and clothing for him. We trust it won't be many weeks before the good people of Alabama will see that he is as well provided for in a home as he was before the burning.

It was our privilege to hear the lecture delivered in this city last Friday, by Col. Terrell, national lecturer for the Alliance and Laborer's Union. So much had been said about him that we were, despite our rule never to form an opinion until we hear both sides, a little prejudiced against him. But by made a then I saw the presentation of the true aims and principles of the Alliance. He said that all this cry about a third party was but the sheerest nonsense. He is a democrat and has a thousand times proved his loyalty.

The Adams Street church goes on record as one that will not countenance misbehavior by young people while in attendance during the hour of worship. For some time there has been a disposition on the part of some of the young people to ignore the wishes of the pastor and the church, and have what they call "a nice time." This "nice time" is ended, and the names of those who have not apologized will be read out before the congregation on next Sabbath, and steps taken to enforce the laws protecting people engaged in service against those who disturb public worship in the Lord's house.

Our sister, who recently died, was a great believer in the blessings of God resting upon a Christian who would honor God with the first fruits of his increase. For ten years, or more, she gave to the Lord ten cents out of every dollar she received. While in college we often found our self wondering where money would come from to pay the month's laundry bill, and as often we received a letter from her with a remittance, saying that was the tenth of the proceeds from some small transaction, and she believed the Lord would be well pleased with the expenditure. It was a double pleasure for us to care for her in her last illness.

We are glad to be numbered among the members of the Farmers' Alliance. This is an organization founded on solid business, social and moral principles, which, if properly acted out, will go far toward dignifying the occupation of the farmer and binding the brotherhood together, so they can indeed be helpful to each other. It has been claimed by some that anything like a permanent organization of the farmers was impossible. If our farmers will read more, think more with each other, it need be no more difficult to keep intact an organization like the alliance or grange than that of any other body of citizens. The farmer has nothing for which to beg the world's pardon, it be faithfully and independently doing his duty.

The Baptist church at Grove Hill has a new organ.

BRO. CRUMPTON says first-class churches will send their pastor to our congress. Shall it be said that we have any other kind in Alabama? Let some brother or sister make it his or her immediate business to get up a purse to pay the pastor's way to Troy, to the Baptist congress. Our word for it, you will get better preaching when the pastor comes home. Contact with brethren engaged in the same warfare will give us new strength and new zeal in the Master's service.

WHILE the saloon men and their friends are eager for the overthrow of prohibition at Anniston, and blind tigers are running, whisky continues to get in its work. A man was found dead on the streets of Jacksonville on Jan. 14th—heart disease from excessive drinking! So the victims are falling all around. Looking over the books in the revenue department last week, we saw the names of several parties who have procured license to sell liquor in Anniston. The temperance people could surely, with this plain evidence, convict the law-breakers.

It is with sadness we chronicle the death of Mr. S. H. Smith, of Anniston, which occurred in New York on the 18th inst. We knew him in Selma as a young man who possessed a brilliant mind, who was generous and warm hearted. We had clasped hands as close friends on many occasions and at one time were associated together on the Selma Times. Since his going to Anniston and our coming to Montgomery we have never met, but we have never ceased to remember the warm friendship of a few years ago, and feel to lament the early taking away of the generous hearted boy.

FROM the number of three year subscribers we have received during the last six or eight months, we infer the brethren are well pleased with the paper. It is pleasant indeed to announce that this list has run higher within the short period mentioned than in all the history of the paper in the past. In former years it was a rare thing to get a three-year subscriber, but it is frequently the case now that we find such notes as this: "Enclosed find five dollars, my subscription to the paper for three years. Success to you in your work." These are indications that our labors are appreciated by the brethren, and we are endeavoring to give them a better paper from week to week. Thanks, thanks to all.

TWO QUESTIONS.  
BRO. J. R. McLENDON, for whom we have a high regard, and in whose judgment we have great confidence, asks us to answer the following questions:

1. What proportion of the Baptist churches of Alabama are using *Kind Words* Sunday-school literature?
2. Is it a fact that the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society is better than that of *Kind Words*? If so, why?

In reply, we must say: The best way to be informed about the first query is to write to the business manager of *Kind Words*, who, no doubt, will give the name of each church whose Sunday-school uses their literature.

There is a difference of opinion concerning the second question. There are those who have, for years, used the series of publications from Philadelphia, who stoutly claim for them no equal. On the other hand, there are others who claim that for the past year *Kind Words* is equal to the best. The best plan for our school to pursue is to write to both firms and get samples and compare them. Every Baptist Sunday-school is free to choose its own literature. For our part we have for years read the papers called *Kind Words*, and like them, but have for a longer period used the lesson helps of the Publication Society. These helps have, since we have known them, had constantly on their list of contributors such Southern Baptists as Drs. Broadus, Manly, M. B. Wharton, J. J. Taylor, and others, whose notes and expositions of the lessons have made them common property for the Baptist family of the United States.

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The following program is suggested as one that will be interesting for the first meeting of the ministers' conference to be held in Montgomery on Monday morning after the first Sabbath in February. The brethren will meet in the office of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

## PROGRAM.

1. Five minute reports from all present concerning their work.
2. The "daymen's movement." What is right and what is wrong in it? Rev. M. B. Wharton.
3. Pastoral relations to other denominations. Our attitude toward them and duty to them. Rev. J. L. Thompson.
4. Position of women in the apostolic church. Their organization and work. Rev. G. S. Anderson.
5. The religious press as an aid to church work. Rev. R. M. Hunter.

Addresses limited to twenty five minutes and followed by speeches limited to five minutes.

## HEART DISEASE—AN EPITAPH.

We wonder if the man had no friends? Wonder if he was a young man, or old? Young, we are very sad; if old, we feel it a hundred times more keenly. If a young man we sit and wonder how he could go so heedlessly of the danger about him, with the thousands of black criss-crossing staring him in the face. If an old man, we wonder how he walked day by day with a decaying heart before his eyes, a funeral knell in his ear, a corpse by his side, without a constant dread of his ghostly form being cast into the pit of destruction, whose walls are as black as midnight, and whose depths are as deep as eternity.

Yes, we suppose heart disease exists in thousands of homes in Alabama—a disease whose beginning is seemingly innocent taste of drinking, and whose close will be the drunkard's grave, and as swift as the winged vengeance can make it. It can hardly be supposed that one who is drunken and lives in vicious excesses and soul destroying debauchery, can be fit for a walk with God's holy angels and his redeemed children, when the Lord of the living shall call him to judgment.

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay," saith the Lord. And the man who ignores the divine command and looks for strength in himself, is surely sealing his doom and fast, and a young man is opening underneath his feet to receive him to his reward. As surely as spoken in Holy Writ, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap," so surely will the great Harvester destroy with his consuming breath those who set at naught his commandments and live for the gratification of self.

The following lines are full of sadness to a thinking mind, and should make our sympathies go out further, our arms grow stronger, our prayers rise higher, and our hearts grow warmer toward those who are weak and cast down. God knows the strongest of us are weak, merely infants in grace; then how eagerly we should clasp every opportunity to our hearts and breathe through them the love and sympathy of our Christian religion, and let the light from our own hearts shine in on those that are discouraged and sinking in gloom. A sad obituary this, and a sadder epitaph on a monument to whisky.

"He was sitting in front of the store with body almost erect and head bent forward, with hat on one side of him and lantern on the other. The verdict of the jury stated that his death was from heart disease, caused by the intemperate use of whisky."

Such is the report given to the *Advertiser* from a correspondent at Jacksonville last week. It is a sad, sad reader. God grant that neither you nor any of your friends may share the same fate when life shall have ended.

## DOLOMITE.

For the first time in two years we worshipped (last Sabbath) with the saints at Dolomite. A mile and a half from the Bessemer dummy line landed us at the home of sisters Hodges and Hughes, where we spent the night. We regretted to find sister Hodges quite ill. They, with their brothers, the brethren Robertson, have been firm defenders of the faith in their community.

Sabbath morning we met the Sunday-school. Bro. Isaac Vines is the superintendent, and is aided by a corps of splendid workers. Bro. Geo. T. Lee is the pastor of the church, and, judging from Sunday's discourse, we would say he is giving them practical sermons on practical subjects. The subject of this sermon was, Praise God. He spoke specially about church singing; the necessity for the church to make suitable preparation of heart and mind so that the singing will be real praise. One of his remarks is worthy of serious thought on the part of churches: "If preachers were as far below the Gospel standard in their sermons as the churches are below it in their singing, their resignations would be immediately called for." Further: "In many of our churches the choir opens the service by singing on the subject, the preacher reads his text on another line, the choir then sings a different sentiment, the preacher preaches his sermon on a subject in keeping with his scripture lesson, and the choir closes with a song entirely foreign to any other thought of the day's service. So the hearers leave with no one thought clearly impressed upon them." Then he urged Baptist churches to furnish themselves with Baptist hymn books, when a collection was immediately taken to secure the Baptist Hymnal.

Dolomite church and her pastor are determined that every Baptist home shall read the ALABAMA BAPTIST and get a copy of Taylor's sermons in tract form. This church has a missionary who goes once a month to Blue Creek Mines and holds service. We refer to brother R. V. Robertson. He is a layman, but is doing good service for the Master. For mining town he makes a fine record of sobriety and quietness.

## WHERE DO THE YOUNG MEN GO?

Possibly some one will say, They go to church. But, no; we've been to the churches and they were not there. A few were present, but the great crowd were away—God only knows where. Like the miner searching for the rich bed of ore, turning here and there, to the right and to the left, to see if perchance he might find the treasure, so must he who makes an effort to discover the whereabouts of the young men of this city go from office to office, from home to home, from church to church, and find sadly the fact when the task is ended that only a handful are to be found in these places.

Where do the young men go? Well, we can't locate them all; but we know vast numbers never go to the churches in the city, to hear God's preached word, and to entertainments that are refining in character and elevating in life. Some go to places of ill resort and there bury in a life of shame noble ambitions which proceeded from the Divine influence.

Where do the young men go? We know where some are to be found, and too oft their fathers precede them to these places of iniquity. Some go to the theater, to the opera, and to the dance, and forget the high obligations of life and the true idea of living. They are content with the foam and froth of life, ever grasping after that which dissipates and is dangerous to both society and themselves. And among this class is a large number of young church members, whose mission seems to be to serve the world rather than the church and its Founder. It is deplorable indeed to see young men, who took upon themselves vows of self-sacrifice and said their lives should be conformed to that of their Master, drifting down the current with those of the world who care naught for vows and pledges broken.

Where do the young men go? Into the beer saloons and bar-rooms is where many young men go. They meet here because these places look so inviting without and within. The gilded blinds, the electric lights, the mirrored walls, all add a peculiar attractiveness to the good time promised those who will come and drink and be merry. The clinking of glasses and the bacchanalian revelry around pool and billiard tables, is but the beginning of a period of gloom, of misery, and of crime. The association of youth under such circumstances oftentimes means a clasp of the hand, a drink, a toast, a game of cards, a quarrel, a pistol shot, a dying groan, a soul lost, a funeral, a home draped in mourning!

To the question, Where do the young men go? should be added another—Where are the young men going? These are questions than which there are none of more importance to our churches. They should live and burn into the minds and hearts of all Christian people and their faith in the Giver of all good should be followed by evidence of their works.

Yes, brother, we have need of all the churches in Montgomery—and a dozen more—and of the Young Men's Christian Association and all other benevolent organizations. The young men must have as inviting homes about them as is offered by the beer and whisky kings, who defy morality, and decency, and self-respect, and trample under foot every noble impulse and crush with the heel of the tyrant every God inspired ambition. Let us be up and doing.

## FIELD NOTES.

Daleville is among the prohibition towns this year.  
Rev. W. N. Huckabee, of Plantersville, will preach at Camden on the 26th.  
The Mississippi Baptists are making arrangements to hold a congress this spring.  
Dr. Lorimer, of Chicago, declines the call to the Warren Avenue church of Boston.  
Lynchburg, Va., is making earnest efforts to secure Dr. McDonald, of Atlanta, Ga.  
Dr. Handley has resigned the care of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham.  
Bro. Faggard feels encouraged about his mission at the furnaces, near Avondale.

Rev. J. T. Verby, of Tuscaloosa, will preach for the Shultz Creek church, at River Bend.  
Bro. Curry writes that the pastorate at Livingston is approaching completion. He says it is a gem.  
The ALABAMA BAPTIST is a welcome visitor to many homes in this community.—M. Woodlawn.

The Court Street church, of Portsmouth, Va., built two houses of worship last year costing over \$3,000.  
Rev. M. M. Wood, formerly of the Second church, Birmingham, entered on the work at Bessemer on the 16th.

It does not speak well for a town when the largest advertising space in the local paper is taken up by a saloon.  
The Baptist Sabbath-school at East Birmingham is progressing well, with Bro. Geo. P. Zimmerman as superintendent.

Words of cheer come from many sections. We appreciate them all, but none more than these from a sister in Newberry, who writes: "Wishing you a happy new year, I am, as ever, a friend to the Baptist."

The Moulton *Advertiser* has absorbed the *Hartselle Index*, and the circulation of the *Advertiser* will be largely increased.

Bro. Jno. W. McCollum writes an interesting letter, and we see his bright face beaming with joy, happy and cheerful.

Bro. M. M. Wood has taken charge of the church at Bessemer. His post-office is now Bessemer instead of Mounds, as heretofore.

The young people of Dixon's Mills had a pleasant entertainment recently, and were honored by the presence of several of our preachers.

Rev. O. M. Sutton is president of a well organized military college at Union Springs. He has met with great success in the new enterprise.

Mr. W. S. West, of Peacock Tract, near this city, has already been supplying the market with green peas. This does not look as if winter is upon us.

The Woodlawn Baptist church gave every cent last year for the Lytle Canaan association for missions, and this year will do the same, if not better.

A hearty "God bless you," comes from W. M. Lewis, of the Y. M. C. A., of Waco, Texas, for a copy of the ALABAMA BAPTIST for their reading room.

Bro. Union Milam and Miss Alice Riddick, daughter of Rev. W. J. Riddick, were married recently at Stanton, Rev. W. N. Huckabee officiating.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, near Ashby, Jan. 15, 1890, Mr. Wyatt Arnold, and Miss Alice Day, Rev. J. M. McCord officiating.

Bro. Miles Hardy, Jr., of Soapstone, Dallas county, is another three year subscriber. Thanks, brother, we shall endeavor to send you a good paper.

It is always gratifying to see a large attendance as we found at the Sabbath-school of the First church, last Sunday. The school is constantly growing.

Sunday night we were at Woodlawn. Bro. Adams preached about the precious faith of the Christian. This church and Sabbath school is steadily growing.

To regulate a cyclone with cobweb cables, is just as sensible as to regulate saloons with license laws. Licensing an evil makes its regulation a farce.—The Issue.

Rev. Jefferson Falkner and his daughter, Mrs. Sallie May, have removed from Mountain Creek to this city. They united with the First church last Sunday.

The hearts of Christians will be saddened to know that the noted missionary, Rev. C. L. Powell, of North Africa, died December 19th. He was a faithful worker.

Pastor Pickard has begun house-keeping. His ladies placed an elegant carpet on the parlor floor and the sisters and brethren filled the pantry with good things.

The South Side church, Birmingham, has been saddened by the death of Miss Florence Lyle, a most active young Christian woman. The bereaved have our sympathies.

The friends of Col. S. W. John, of Birmingham, will sympathize with him in his recent bereavement. His father, full of years and honors, died at his home in Selma last week.

The good sisters of Grove Hill are getting up a purse to send their pastor, Rev. A. S. Adams, to the Baptist congress. That is good; let every other church in the state do likewise.

Dr. J. W. M. Williams has entered on the eighth year of his pastorate in Baltimore. "The Benefits of a Long Pastorate" was the subject of his discourse on beginning the year.

The ladies of the First church, Birmingham, have fallen right into line with the Central Committee on woman's work. The church will take mission collections once each month.

Bro. Wynne, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Birmingham, is working earnestly to do all in his power to make his rooms attractive to the young men who live in and who visit the city.

The *Biblical Recorder* says that Rev. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro, N. C., is a wise, progressive pastor and one of the ablest preachers in the South, and believes that his presence in the state is a blessing.

Bro. Daugherty, who has been attending Howard College, has resigned on account of limited financial means. He will give himself fully to preaching. He will act as agent of the ALABAMA BAPTIST also.

Married, by Elder R. A. Massey, on the 16th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. I. E. Stringfellow, in Hale county, Miss N. R. Stringfellow, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Mr. A. B. Sudduth, of Birmingham, Ala.

An excursion to California for the visitors and delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at Fort Worth, Texas, in May, is being planned by Rev. A. M. Johnson, who has spent several years on the Pacific slope.

Rev. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro, N. C., on January 5th, delivered a sermon to his church on "Regular attendance." The roll was then called and every member responded by rising, and were thus introduced to each other.

On account of ill health Rev. J. N. Prestidge has been compelled to resign his pastorate at San Antonio, Texas. His many friends in Alabama will be sorry indeed to learn this, and we hope his retirement will be only temporary.

Married, on the 24th of December, '89, at Mr. Douley's, the bride's father, Miss Lizzie Douley to Mr. Newton Butler, Elder J. Speer officiating. These young people will make East Decatur, where they were married, their future home.

Bro. H. R. Schramm, of Bell-buckle, Tenn., orders several books through us for a young brother in the church at Tullahoma, who is preparing for the ministry. He writes: "I want to make him a present of these, to help him in his work."

Dr. Wharton gave us two good sermons at the First church, this city, last Sunday. His theme at night, "Joy in Heaven over the Repentant Sinner," was an effort worthy of the preacher, and we trust the said sermon will bear much fruit.

Dr. G. A. Lofon has received an earnest and unanimous call to his old field in Talladega, Ala. It will be impossible, however, and would be very unwise, if possible, for him to leave the great work he is doing here. He will remain, we hope, for many years yet.—Baptist and Reflector, Nashville.

Churches which invite our young preachers to visit and preach to them ought to pay them. Don't think because they need practicing that you will get the benefit and give them no pay. They are in college and need help, and we hope churches being benefited by them will see that they are paid at least for their travel and their railroad expenses.

Bro. Geo. W. Ellis, secretary and treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, says the churches of the Bethlehem association are paying their pledges to the board dollar for dollar. Why don't every church do likewise? There never was a nobler set of young preachers at the Howard than at the present, and some of them are making great sacrifices.

The barrooms were closed but five new pupils were added to the roll at College Hall. Parents of Lafayette, keep them shut and we will have the finest school Lafayette or East Alabama ever had.—Lafayette Star. Yes, close the barrooms and you will build up the schools. Money that is now spent for whisky will be used in educating the children.

Prof. J. P. McAuley, who has been in charge of the school at Hammer Hall, this city, and who advocated a measure last spring to "kick Swinton's history" out of the public schools because it told the truth about the sale of indulgences in the Catholic church, has resigned that position, and gives the public notice that he will be in the book business for a time. We hardly think he will sell Swinton's histories.

Bro. Stillwell, formerly from Tennessee, has accepted the care of the Clanton church for every Sunday. This is a brave stroke our Clanton brethren and sisters have made, and we trust that they may find it in their power to continue as they have begun. We have only a slight acquaintance with Bro. Stillwell. We are glad to state, however, that he married one of the best Baptist ladies of our acquaintance.

Our little band of brethren and sisters of the Danville Baptist church, moved into their new house of worship last Sunday and held their first service. We commenced by organizing a Sabbath school, numbering forty-three on the roll, with a splendid list of teachers. We had preaching at 11 a. m. Our new house is being painted now. Possibly we may not dedicate it before spring.—W. T. Cobbs, Danville, Jan. 10.

Rev. J. M. Lofin has moved near Inverness, Bullock county, so as to be closer to his churches. We regret to give him up, and his family from Mt. Lebanon. We hope he may meet with the warm welcome for himself and family that we feel they are entitled to; and that God may graciously prosper him. Though his entry into the ministry was rather late in life, he is growing rapidly in effectiveness.—Geo. E. Brewer.

Bro. W. B. Davidson, superintendent of the Sabbath school of the First church, is progressive in all times and keeps an eye on the school of which he is the honored leader. He has the secretary to fill out a printed blank for him each Sabbath, giving number present, new scholars, collection, etc., which he enters on a book for his own use in the future. By so doing he is always familiar with the work and knows just where to "strengthen the walls."

Bro. H. R. Schramm, of Tullahoma, Tenn., is one of the number who have asked us for copies of Dr. Taylor's tract on "The Ordinances." He styles the sermons "masterpieces of truth," and wishes that "every one could read them." Bro. S. files the copies on the paper, and we hear from him when the postage service is defective. He has recently accepted a call to Bellbuckle, Tenn., and will begin work at once. Correspondents will please note the change in his address.

At a joint conference of the three churches, viz., Furman, Pleasant Hill and Centre Ridge, held at Carlowville on last Sunday, the 12th inst., a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Fred W. Eason, of Creston, Iowa, to serve us the present year. We have assurance that the call will be accepted. Bro. Eason was born and raised in South Carolina, and says he loves his native South and would be glad to leave that arctic region of ice and storms and return to it. He is an educated Christian gentleman, a fine preacher and will be a valued acquisition to the brotherhood of Alabama Baptists.—J. H. W., Carlowville, Jan. 17th.

Santa Claus, from Mt. Pisgah church, brought us a nice box, well filled with quite a variety of nice things. One can only imagine the joy that was manifested by the children (ranging in age from one to seventy-three) as the box was disclosed. The first thing that met the eye were the luscious fruits, then the toys, and many neat and tastefully made garments, of almost every size. How our hearts did glow with joy as we viewed with one another over our presents. After the "storm" was over with the children, we opened the book and read from the 11th Psalm; then all knelt in a prayer of thanksgiving to God, after which we sang, with renewed spirit, the lines: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—J. Speer, Trinity, Ala.

A brother from the Canaan association thought we were slow in sending out the notices of that association. Well, the facts are these: Bro. R. W. Beck promised at the meeting of his association to send us the manuscript, and we saw him a few weeks afterwards, and he said so soon as certain parties sent in their reports we should print the proceedings. Later he informed us that there was not money enough to send to us, and he would be compelled to have the work done in Birmingham, but when we agreed to duplicate any price given him in Birmingham he consented to allow us to do the work. We have not since heard from him, and presume the reports are not all in yet. Bro. Beck and the Birmingham Baptists believe in standing by the ALABAMA BAPTIST and of course he will send us his printing.

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LITTLE FRANK GILES, the only son of Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Giles, of East Lake, died Jan. 4, 1890. He was only a little more than one year old. He was born the day President Harrison was elected; was unusually bright and healthy. I think he was the prettiest baby I ever saw, hence was a general favorite with the community at large. May the Lord comfort the hearts of the bereaved parents and help them bear the loss of dear little Frank.

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# Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., JAN. 22, 1920.

## A SENSIBLE CALENDAR.

As usual at this time of the year the new crop of calendars is coming in. They are of all sorts, sizes, shapes and kinds, and many of them are as good for the asking, but the best calendar that comes to our office is that published by N. W. Ayer & Son, Newspaper Advertising Agents, Philadelphia, and which they send post-paid to any address on receipt of 25 cents. This calendar is 12x22 inches, the upper portion being beautifully printed in color, while the monthly sheets are printed with figures, so plain that they can be easily seen at a distance.

A man cannot be invested with a higher dignity than that of being the priest of his own household, and none more fully raises his position in the family—Lutheran.

**Kingdom Notes.** In the bars, sometimes a roaring buzzing sound are caused by catarrh, that exceedingly disagreeable and very common disease. Loss of smell or hearing also result from catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is a peculiarly successful remedy for this disease, which it cures by purifying the blood. If you suffer from catarrh, try Hood's Sarsaparilla, the peculiar medicine.

Never tell a child that he must believe what you do not believe, and that he must go through any experience which you are not sure is necessary to his conversion and his Christian life—Phillips Brooks.

It is reported that famine threatens northern Russia, but it is a certainty that millions of people will be suffering from famine this winter. Agony famine there is no protection, but for every child there is a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

The most powerful revelation will be that message which speaks deepest home to all that we have known and which Christianity has obtained that presence, it is because preeminently it possesses this quality—Matheson.

Venit! Vicit! This is said, of Salvation Ours, for it conquers the worst cases of rheumatism and neuralgia at once. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Religion was severed from morality and morality from religion, and the outcome of the ancient world was an immoral religion and an irreligious morality—Lutheran.

The most remarkable cures of scrofula on record have been accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

The man who prays, in proportion to the purity of his prayer, becomes a spiritual power, a nerve from the divine brain, whence power and grace flow forth upon his fellows—Macdonald.

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

Jesus Christ is a fact and not a theory—George A. Gordon, D. D.

**ADVICE TO MOTHERS.** Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children's ailments. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 45 cents a bottle.

Every association of men requires for its maintenance the spiritual principle of self-renewing love, and requires it the more the more solid and intense its life becomes—Fremont.

**FITS.**—All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 bottle free to fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Progress is still, as in the first age, the essence of our faith. We have to gather little by little the fruits of a victory in which Christ has overcome the world—Wescott.

**Its Excellent Qualities.** Commend to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste and by gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

The best sign that a man believes anything is not his repetition of its formulas, but his impregnation with its spirit—Brooks.

**For Constipation.** Use Dr. R. F. Furston's Acid Phosphate. Dr. J. R. Furston, Kiowa, Ind. Ter., says: "I have tried it for constipation, with success, and think it worthy a thorough trial by the profession."

To worship God and obey his laws is the most reasonable thing that a man ever did; and not to do this is hence the most unreasonable course that a man ever pursued. The pious fear of God is "the beginning of wisdom."

**Engineering in Montana.** Henry I. McDaniel, ex-City Engineer of Atlanta, now in charge of government engineering in Montana Territory, says that he contracted a terrible cough which no physician could relieve, but was cured by Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein.

We ought to be learning all the while to speak the truth as it is modified and improved by becoming a part of our experience. It is as important to make an old truth effective as to discover and present a new one.

"Like sunshine in a shady place." The poet called a woman's face. That gladdened all who saw its beauty. A face, no doubt, that beamed with health, that blessing which is more than wealth, and lightens every daily duty. O how can woman, whose hard life with many a wearing pain is rife. Escape the grasp of such affliction, And be a power to bless and cheer?

The answer comes both swift and clear—Take Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the only medicine for woman's peculiar ailments and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, of satisfaction being given in every case, or money refunded. See guarantee printed on bottle wrapper.

I think all lines of the human face have something either touching or grand, unless they seem to come from low passions—George Eliot.

**Look here, Friend, Are you Sick?** Do you suffer from Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach, Liver Complaint, Nervousness, Lost Appetite, Blisters, Exhaustion or Tired Feeling, Pains in Chest or Lungs, Dry Cough, Nightcoughs, or any form of Consumption? If so, send to Prof. Hart, 88 Warren St., New York, who will send you free, by mail, a bottle of *Fluoridin*, which is a sure cure. Send to day.

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## Central Committee

On Woman's Work for Missions and in the Churches.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON, Pres., Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. I. Y. SAGE, Treas., Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. I. C. BROWN, Cor. Sec., East Lake, Ala.

PRAYER CARD—JANUARY.

The Indians—"Bow down thine ear, O Lord; hear me, for I am poor and needy." Missionaries, S. B. C. 15. Levering Manual Training School an educational and Christianizing power. Policy of the Home Board to urge self-support in church work and gospel evangelization by the Christian Indians.

Study Topics.—Indian population, U. S. Indian characteristics and religion. Treatment by the government. Has the gospel been sent to all? Are missions to Indians successful? Condition of Indian women.

"That for which thou prayest, thou wilt love, and Thou wilt love that for which thou prayest."

MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Three members of the central committee, together with several of the pastors, met at the Y. M. C. A. rooms January 11th at 10 a. m.

Several items of business were disposed of satisfactorily and a letter read from Mrs. J. C. Bush of Mobile, declining the position as one of the presidents, appointed by the convention. It is much to be regretted that both Mrs. Early and herself are prevented from giving their influence and consecrated zeal to this work.

The central committee deplores beyond expression that it is deprived of the counsel and sagacity of these earnest spirits.

There are two points to be emphasized which, if once understood, much will be gained. Where there is a society already at work in a church there will be no necessity of forming another. Let that society fall into line by reporting its work. Whether it be for home or foreign missions, education or church expenses to the central committee.

Again, be sure to send only the receipt of the treasurer of the State Board to the treasurer of the central committee. The committee was at the necessity last week of returning a postoffice order for \$14 to one of the churches, begging that the receipt from Cro. Crumpton be sent instead.

MISS LOTTIE MOON, who has been in China ten years, has a scheme to plant a line of mission stations from Peking to the north to Chinkiang on the south. To further this plan, both last Christmas and this, envelopes were sent out begging the "Christian women of the South to send a Christmas offering to the heathen women of China."

Alabama was credited with \$58.65 of the \$3,315.15 raised last year. Your central committee this year, having heard from only three churches, so far can report two-thirds of that amount. The women of Alabama are at work, and how much better they can work, will be known only when their efforts are systematized and reported.

MISS M. J. THORNTON. Last year the Baptist women of the South were asked to give \$2,000 for the China mission. They gave \$3,315.15. One of the missionaries to be sent out in the spring is Miss M. J. Thornton, of Greene county, Ala., and part of this fund goes to her support. May the offering be increased fourfold this Christmas tide and be promptly reported. Let us remember that God's only child was a missionary, and may this great love constrain us to respond liberally for the maintenance of those who go forth in our stead.

**CONSUMPTION SUICIDELY CURED.** Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for above named disease. By its timely use thousands of lives have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption, if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl Street, New York.

**Obituary.** Died, on the 23rd of December, 1889, near Eagle Springs, Texas, J. B. DeLoach. He was from Alabama; served with distinction in the war; was in many engagements, and badly wounded at Sharpsburg, Maryland; married Miss Florence Fontaine, April 9, 1863, who died in Alabama in 1876, leaving seven children. Mr. DeLoach brought up his children with honor to himself. Being a good teacher, his children were educated, the youngest being fourteen years of age.

He was an esteemed citizen, a kind husband and father, and a true Baptist, dying in the faith. C. F.

**BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.** Cures Indigestion, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Malaria, Nervousness, and General Debility. Physicians recommend it. All dealers sell it. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

**Dr. Henderson's Golden Wedding.** The old Talladega church (Alpine) did a thing worthy of her enviable record in inviting by resolution the celebration of Dr. S. Henderson's golden wedding, 16th January. The afternoon and evening before was dark and lowering, and the day itself cold, preventing many who would have attended, but a goodly number of the community and other communities succeeded in gathering. The pulpit was fronted by a noble arch of evergreens, and festooned with flow-ers, as if of spring. Conspicuous just below the highest part of the arch was suspended in an aureole of flowers the number 50.

The pastor, Dr. Lane, as appropriate music burst forth, seated a couple of ministerial friends right and left, and himself in the middle, upon the upper platform of the pulpit. Offering a touching prayer, he introduced Dr. Teague and Dr. Tichenor, life time friends of Dr. Henderson, who addressed the audience in review of

the life and services of the venerable bridegroom and bride. The speakers were full of emotion to make a speech—they only talked in terms of affectionate simplicity to an audience filled also to the brim with emotion—the latter distributing presents from a number of churches, and many individuals, in several states. He did it more in tears than words. These presents were substantial and valuable, amounting to several hundred dollars, \$50 from Alpine, \$50 from First church, Montgomery, etc. The dear old veteran didn't know how widely and deeply he had impressed upon the minds of the state and the country; and when at the close of the address he rose to express his surging appreciation of the estimate put upon his life, it was the first time anyone ever saw him not quite master of the occasion or of himself.

The music, judiciously interspersed, rendering of sacred song by voice and organ and violin—was by the grandchildren, Misses Rosa and Talladega, and master Wales Wallace, aided by friends.

When the pastor, whose timely and heartfelt remarks constantly reminded me of what Dr. Fuller once said of Dr. Boyce, that the Lord made his chiefest boast that there might be room enough in it for his great heart, was about to have us dismissed for dinner, a thrilling episode occurred: Mr. James Eli Welsh, who could control himself no longer, rose, and with an eloquence had it been mixed with a little ambition in early life that would have ranked him with Prentiss and Vanecey, opened the floodgates of tears, and we gave way to emotions that had been welling higher and higher the whole hour. How the dear old man loved the old pastor who he stowed much of his earlier and later ministry on the old church, and influenced him in the slippery paths of youth!

An ample and elegant repast, which we had like to have forgotten in the delightful communings of kindred spirits, was now discussed, when we expected to retire. But no; somebody seated one of Dr. Lane's daughters at the organ; sweet voices surrounded her; the old folks grouped off here and there; and nobody wanted to leave, so we lingered till late in the afternoon. No such reunion can be gotten up outside the influence of religion; and no community can assemble no ble, Christian men, and more lovely Christian women, old and young, than the church and community of Alpine.

E. B. T.

**Birmingham Churches.** At the conference Monday morning there were present thirteen.

THIRD CHURCH.—Student Weaver preached a good sermon at 11, after which one was received under watch-care and one by letter. Pastor Hoag preached at night.

FIRST CHURCH.—Pastor Pickard preached at both services, 1:15 in Sunday school. Subject of morning sermon, "The heart the measure of the man." Four received by letter. Subject at night, "The harvest of humanity." These night sermons on the Life of Christ are creating a great deal of interest.

AVONDALE.—Rev. T. F. Jones, of Mississippi, preached morning and night. The church recently extended a call to Rev. J. G. Lowrey, of Blocton.

PRATT MINES.—Editor Hare, of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, was present, and reported a good sermon by pastor Lee.

SECOND CHURCH.—Rev. Stillwell preached morning and night. Good Sunday-school and interesting preaching services. Ladies' aid society was organized at 3 p. m.

WOODLAND.—Preaching at both services by pastor Adams. Collected for church expenses \$20.

ENSLY CITY.—Preaching morning and night by pastor Starnes; good audiences at both services; 26 in Sunday-school; two received by letter.

RUHAM.—Pastor McGaha preached morning and night and conducted a funeral service at 1:30 p. m. Usual number in Sunday-school. A brother McDaniel will be ordained for the ministry Wednesday.

SOUL SIDE.—Good congregations greeted the pastor at both services; 180 in Sunday-school, which lost one of its best members by the death of a young lady. The sketches of the new building are expected this week.

BESSMER.—The new pastor, Rev. M. M. Wood, preached at both services. One received by letter; number in Sunday-school thirty-five. Pastor begins his work under favorable prospects.

Rev. J. S. Daugherty has been on a run through north Alabama.

Rev. Stillwell has been called to Clanton for all time and will accept.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

**A Pastor Wanted.** By invitation of the Baptist brethren at Brewton, I assisted them on last Sabbath in holding services in their church, delivering two lectures. This is a very important field, and a great work can be done here by the proper man. The church numbers over one hundred members, and as fine a body of cultured Christian men and women as can be found. The Sunday-school numbers over one hundred scholars, and is in good working condition. I counted 100 over forty persons—aged from 15 to 20—sexes about equally divided. Brethren E. P. Loveless is superintendent, and M. F. Brooks, assistant. This church wants a pastor for at least half of his time and if arrangements can be made for all his time. Brewton has about 250 inhabitants, and the people are progressive, prosperous and intelligent. Settlers are coming in constantly, and the pastor that gets this church will find a jewel. The house is a good one, the services well attended, and a first class choir can be organized. I regard it the most desirable vacant field now in the state. Communications can be addressed to E. P. Loveless, Brewton, Ala.

J. G. HARRIS.

## The Fire at Greenville.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

A second time I am compelled to write about a fire. I regret it. I could not help it. I was out to tea. I could have saved my sermons and some little furniture, if I had been at home. My wife and children were crazy with excitement; lost all presence of mind, and could only scream, and by the time help came from fifty yards, one hundred yards, and so on, the entire house was enveloped in flames. It seemed as if it caught to burn up. The origin of the fire I cannot account for. It seemed to begin about the upper ceiling of a room in which there had been no fire since morning, and was bursting out of the top as early as it was seen in the room. I cannot understand it. I would seem that God had "somewhat against me," but I must await its development.

I know that God is purifying and made for circulation by fire. I know that Christ, "though a son, learned obedience by the things which he suffered." I lift no murmur; I could not. If the blow were heavy, the overwhelming sympathy and help rendered me in twenty-four hours, mollified and healed. If I only could have saved my sermons I can't leave this dear to me here, at least now. My health is no better yet, but I am expecting it to improve now, and the church insist that I allow them the privilege of taking care of me, sick or well, by an enthusiastic call again just the day before the fire with a purpose to increase my salary. God bless such a devoted and appreciative people. A sweet friendship in distress! Others have responded from other sources. I can not enumerate. I only write to gratify anxious friends.

Let us all get ready for Troy. I will insure my goods hereafter, if it requires retrenchment in other things. I will send my subscription to see Judson and Howard, just as if I had not burned out.

B. H. CRUMPTON.  
Greenville, Jan. 18th.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

**Work at Scottsboro.** I wish to say we are getting on very nicely in our church work at Scottsboro. Bro. W. R. Ivey, our pastor, is moving on very well. The people, without regard to religious opinions, all like him and come to hear him. My judgment is that he is a success, and that great and lasting good will result from his call. It was more of an experiment in trying to move out of the old rut of once-a-month preaching, and having a pastor for all his time, and some of us feared for the effort. However, trusting in God we are making the effort to do up our part in holding him up, and are beginning this early to see fruit growing that will certainly ripen in the future, in lucid fruitage. We take up a collection for incidental expenses every Sunday, and our collection for missions or for the board every quarter. To day we took our first quarterly collection and realized \$10, which will be sent to Bro. Crumpton at once. Our church is good singing, and a good Sunday-school. We shall, in a few days, lose two of our good workers, Bro. Minton and sister Maud Terrell, who go to Decherd, Tenn., to assist the father in his normal school at the place. We ask the prayers of the Christians of the state that God may bless the work here, and that their places may be supplied in the near future.

L. C. COULSON.  
Scottsboro, Jan. 12th.

**In Memoriam.** Died, December 13, 1889, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. R. Watson, near Castleberry, Conecuh county, Ala., Mrs. Sarah A. Ballard, nee Page, in the eighty-first year of her age. For the last five years of her life she had been a helpless invalid, rendered so by paralysis. These last years were made comfortable by the ministrations of her daughter and son-in-law. During her long and protracted illness she was never known to murmur, but bore her afflictions with a patient resignation experienced only by the mature Christian.

She was long an honored and useful member of the Missionary Baptist church, and delighted to mingle with God's people, being ever ready with her purse to aid in any benevolent cause. Especially was she adapted to nursing the sick, and many a throbbing head was soothed by the gentle influence of her touch. Her home, heart and purse were ever open to all in distress.

She was the mother of seven children, three of whom had preceded her to that "vale from whence no traveler returns," and were waiting to welcome her home. Hers was truly a long, active and useful life. It mattered not which way she turned, her eyes were ever open to duty. But the great chair is empty, and the busy, toiling hands are still. No more will she answer to the call of motherhood.

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