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new promptly. If not, we must drop  
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Every Baptist in Alabama should  
be reading this paper. Now is the  
time to subscribe.

The mission cause is crying loudly  
for friends. The men and women  
are on the fields, and but for our self-  
sacrificing brethren who are on the  
boards these men and women would  
suffer for the actual necessities of life.  
Let us all come up to the help of the  
Lord at this time.

Some brother says he thinks the  
Baptist cause in this state is on the  
decline. How is it in your church,  
dear brother? If there is not spiritu-  
ality and activity in pushing the Mas-  
ter's work, upon whom does the blame  
rest? Is it your fault? Look closely and  
see.

Read our "premium" offer. We  
will fill this state with good and use-  
ful books, if our readers and friends  
will work for us a few hours during  
each week. If there is a book you  
desire, and you don't see it among  
the list of premiums, write us and we  
will tell you on what terms you can  
get it.

The Birmingham *Age-Herald* of  
Sunday contained quite a lengthy ac-  
count of a cock fight, engaged in by  
Birmingham, Bessemer and Blocton  
parties, held midway between Bir-  
mingham and Blocton. There is no  
hint of disapproval of such a cruel  
and lawless practice. Are our great  
daily papers to be the abettors of  
criminals? The law legislature re-  
solved that the cock fighting be  
abolished.

Rev. Dr. PARKHURST, of New  
York, has been giving the mayor, city  
council and prosecuting attorney of  
that city a shaking up. Of course  
the guilty ones and the timid Baptists  
are afraid that such preaching will  
hurt the cause of religion. The New  
York *Examiner* very properly sustains  
the position that preachers and editors  
must get down from their positions of  
"propriety" and preach such sermons  
as shall stir people from their habits  
of sin. Sermons which deal only in  
generalities can be preached by any  
coward, but Jeremiahs are needed to  
call men and things by their real  
name.

Mr. SPURGEON never uttered a  
more sensible thing than is here pre-  
sented:

What numbers of professors I have  
known who go into one place of wor-  
ship and hear one form of doctrine,  
and apparently approve it because the  
preacher is "a clever man." They  
join with a church, and you ask them,  
"Do you agree with the views of that  
community?" They neither know  
nor care what those views may be;  
one doctrine is as good as another to  
them. Their spiritual appetite can  
enjoy soap as well as butter; they can  
digest bricks as well as bread. These  
religious ostriches have a marvellous  
power of swallowing everything; they  
have no spiritual discernment, no ap-  
preciation of truth. They follow any  
"clever" person, and in this prove  
that they are not the sheep of our  
Lord's pasture.

A girl has as much right to get  
drunk, swear, curse, gamble, and use  
rough language as a boy. Because  
they are of the opposite sex is no rea-  
son for a boy to have more license  
and wider range. Let parents teach  
their boys that they are forbidden to  
go where their sisters can't go.

If the boys loaf around bar-rooms  
and gambling dens, tell the girls that  
God's law isn't any more binding  
upon them than it is upon their broth-  
ers. We don't say that they ought to  
go, nor shall we ever say that the boys  
ought to go; but the moral law is no  
more binding upon the weaker sex  
than upon the stronger.

A broken law is a broken law,  
whether broken by man or woman,  
and is as offensive in the sight of God.  
"Every one that eateth it shall bear  
his (or her) iniquity." Teach  
the boys that they ought to be  
kept as pure and clean as their sisters,  
and that whatever defiles the one will  
defile the other. There should be  
no difference in their teaching, and the  
influences that surround the one  
should surround the other.

Some parents have yet to learn the  
first principle of home government.  
Train the boys and girls alike, and teach  
your boy that he ought not to go  
where it would not be well for his  
sister to go.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST has had  
many difficulties to encounter during  
the last four months. The severest  
financial depression of its history has  
been met. The larger number of its  
patrons are those whose dependence  
is in the cotton crop. The low price  
of that product has caused many of  
them to neglect the payment of their  
subscriptions to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

So general has this been that to-day  
there are more than two thousand dol-  
lars due us. This money is badly  
needed in order that we may meet  
present emergencies.

If the brethren would do their duty  
in putting its claims before their peo-  
ple, and urge upon them the neces-  
sity of prompt payment, we would never  
be reduced to the necessity of making  
these calls through the paper. There  
are some brethren, here and there,  
who say so much about wishing we  
had a better paper, until those with  
whom they associate become demoral-  
ized and hardly know whether or  
not they should subscribe for the ALA-  
BAMA BAPTIST. These friendly critics  
have done more to break down the  
honest, earnest efforts of the paper  
than any other class of people.

Rest assured of one thing, the pa-  
per will be made just as good as the  
support received will warrant. The  
present management will put just as  
much money in the paper as anybody  
else who might run it. It is not so  
much a change of management that is  
needed as it is a change of attitude on  
the part of the preachers and brethren  
generally. A hearty and prompt pat-  
ronage is what the paper needs.

## SUNDAY OPENING.

In no country is there such high re-  
gard for the Sabbath as in the United  
States; but efforts are being made  
every year to break down the walls  
of defense that were erected by the  
prayers of Christian people centuries  
ago.

It is a fact that those who have no  
regard for our institutions are the  
leaders in the desecration of the Sab-  
bath. Already there is a disposition  
on the part of many large cities to  
override the wishes of their most  
worthy and respected citizens and  
make the Sabbath a day of carousal  
and of non-observance. Particularly  
is this the case in such cities as New  
York, Chicago, Cincinnati and New  
Orleans, where the foreign popula-  
tion predominate. Coming to our  
shores with the customs and ideas of  
the Old World, they at once set about  
to inaugurate a condition of affairs  
like that they left in their lands.

The Christian Sabbath has always  
been pointed to with pride by the  
American people, and said will be  
for this country when we allow a law-  
less element to rob God and his peo-  
ple of "the day of rest." With every  
charge of the enemy against the Sab-  
bath and its observance, the friends  
of humanity must strengthen the walls  
of defense and continue to retrench.

From a letter by Mr. H. P. Cou-  
ter, of St. Louis, we make an extract  
which is to the point. He says:

I am satisfied that the professed  
Christians, as they and their adher-  
ents, hold the balance of power; and  
that if anything like unanimous agree-  
ment can be had, a federation of all  
denominations, or a pledging of the  
members of individual bodies to ig-  
nore and refuse to attend the World's  
Fair, will cause the directors to ac-  
cede to their demands.

If it were possible to add a provi-  
sion embodying these features to the  
present bill before congress asking for  
a loan of five millions of dollars, it  
would, no doubt, have the desired ef-  
fect. From present appearances the  
different executive boards, or those  
controlling these questions at Chicago,  
are pledged body and soul to the  
brewers and their allies,—those who  
would derive large monetary benefits  
from Sabbath opening. Would the  
Baptist Brethren expend \$6,500 for  
one stick of fir timber from the state  
of Washington, thirty inches square  
and one hundred and eleven feet long,  
to be resawed into exhibition bar  
counters, unless anticipating large re-  
turns? Why the pigeon-holing of nu-  
merously signed petitions and the sil-  
ent contempt awarded emphatic re-  
monstrances, if the "larger" of those  
in favor of the above, has not thus far  
influenced the action of these boards  
in a very peculiar or pecuniary man-  
ner?

By way of suggestion to the World's  
Fair management, we append the fol-  
lowing from the *Journal and Messen-  
ger*, which is a part of an editorial un-  
der the caption of "A Gratifying Fail-  
ure." The Museum of Art in New  
York presumed that it was necessary  
to keep open the Sabbath in order  
to grow more prosperous, and the in-  
formation comes that the best people  
of that institution have withdrawn, or  
that "interest has remarkably de-  
creased." Several large amounts for  
the institution have been withdrawn,  
because of the fact that the best class  
of citizens have not been treated with  
the consideration due them. This  
paragraph points a moral.

It is always gratifying to learn that  
any wrong measure is meeting with  
difficulty and failure. The experience  
of the officers of the Museum of  
Art we cheerfully commend to the  
attention of the Commissioners of  
the Columbian Fair. The moral and  
religious people of this land do not  
want the fair open on  
Sundays. If it is opened, they will  
not be present on that day, and for a  
large part on no day at all. If they  
open on Sundays, they would better  
put on an increased police force, and  
exhibitors would better make their ex-

hibits doubly secure against depreda-  
tion and defacement. Seven days'  
work means increased work for em-  
ployees; and so, largely added ex-  
pense. It means defiance to Almighty  
God, and this may prove expensive  
even from a financial standpoint.  
Shut the gates!

Let our people petition congress  
not to make the appropriation, except  
upon the condition that there shall be  
no Sunday opening.

In nearly all our cities there are a  
few sports, gamblers, drunkards and  
the like, who by some means are in  
favor with the officers. At any rate  
they manage to escape arrest, or if ar-  
rested are allowed to write fictitious  
names on the recorder's book. Viola-  
tors of the law should be shown no  
special favors, no matter what their  
family connections and previous posi-  
tions may have been.

## FIELD NOTES.

Thanks to Miss S. A. Andrews, of  
Banks, for a three-year subscription.

Bro. Browning preached at Irondale  
in the afternoon of Feb. 21st, to the  
largest congregation he has ever had.

Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, is said to  
be a southern Methodist, a total ab-  
stainer and in favor of prohibition.—  
*Union Signal*.

If some of us would hide in our  
closets away from the gaze of the world,  
our influence would be less injurious.  
—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

Mr. J. J. Vazey died at his home  
near Maplesville, on Feb. 22, 1892.  
He left a loving wife and six children  
to battle with the cares of this life.

We join the family and friends of  
Bro. J. T. Collins, of Gallion, in sor-  
rowing over the death of sister Collins.  
This sad event occurred Feb. 16th.

The Word of God teaches us that the  
Lord has done and will do things for  
his people that he would not do if we  
didn't pray.—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

Pastor Giles preached to good con-  
gregations at both services at Avon-  
dale, Feb. 21st. Missionary meeting  
at 3 p. m. Address by Bro. McGaha.

Richmond, Va., has 22,500 Bap-  
tists; 7,000 white, and 15,500 colored.  
The population is 80,000, a Baptist to  
every three and a half of the popula-  
tion.

Rev. C. K. Henderson, the newly  
elected pastor of Woodlawn, began  
work March 1st. The conference and  
Baptists of the community are rejoiced  
to know he has come.

Three additions by letter to the East  
Lake church, Feb. 21. Fine interest.  
Church in better condition in all re-  
spects than it has been at any time for  
more than three years.

Mr. Spurgeon's tabernacle church  
has 3,348 members. The church main-  
tains 26 missions and 30 charitable  
schools. It has 644 teachers and 8,513  
scholars in its schools.

Few of us have learned that the hard-  
est work we have to do is to pray as we  
ought. If we made others' burdens  
our own as the Savior did we would  
soon learn.—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

Bro. McGaha gives us another of  
his letters to pastors. The letter tells  
the story,—it is from one of the most  
godly men of our time. Let every  
one read it. It is a pearl of rare price.

Some object to religious papers and  
preachers having anything to do with  
politics, but this preacher wants to say  
that he fully endorses Bro. W. B.  
Crumpton's "platform."—J. S. Yar-  
brough, Orion.

The Indianapolis *Sentinel* says that  
George Stark was an inveterate cigar-  
ette smoker, and an excessive use of  
them is said to have caused his death.  
A short time after death his body turned  
a livid green.

Do not fail to read the good things  
advertised by the Sunday-school Board  
of the Southern Baptist Convention.  
Dr. Frost is the man at the helm and  
he is turning out a splendid literature.  
Send him your order.

We get the ALABAMA BAPTIST regu-  
larly, and I could not entertain the  
idea of doing without it. Those who  
do not take it, I am sure, do not real-  
ize what they are missing.—Miss Fan-  
nie M. Bean, Newton.

Rev. A. E. Burns and family will  
move from Jemison to Tusculum this  
week. Bro. B. enters upon his work  
as pastor of Tusculum and Sheffield  
churches next Sabbath. The Lord  
bless him in his labors.

It is now proposed to have an inter-  
national Sunday school building at the  
World's Columbian Exposition. Pos-  
sibly it would be well to "hold back"  
till we find out whether or not the fair  
proposes to open on Sunday.

We expect soon to have Rev. J. M.  
Kailin, of Linden, Ala., located as a  
missionary in our association. Bro.  
Kailin is an untiring worker and his  
coming will be a good acquisition to  
our forces.—Mobile Baptist Union.

The dictionary which a worldly  
man turns for the definition of "relig-  
ion" is the Christian's and especially  
the preacher's life. Whether you  
want to be or not, you are the model  
for your flock.—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

Spurgeon, it is said, used wine in  
early life, and defended it with the  
usual texts of Scriptures. But in later  
years he became a total abstainer, and  
was accustomed to say, "More men  
are killed by grape juice than by grape  
shot."

If we overcome with the angel we  
need not fear to meet Esau on the  
plain. Yet I am afraid too many of  
us fail with the angel. In fact, nearly  
all failures in the pulpit are due to  
failure in the closet.—Rev. A. W. Mc-  
Gaha.

The Baptist church in Tuskegee,  
Rev. G. A. Hornady, pastor, will  
have a centenary mission meeting on  
the 14th Sunday in March, and Sat-  
urday night before. An interesting pro-  
gram will be published in a week or  
two. It is sure to be a success.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has added  
another million dollars to the endow-  
ment of the University of Chicago.  
The letter concludes as follows: "I  
make this gift as a special thank offer-  
ing to Almighty God for returning  
health."

Bro. W. B. Crumpton, secretary of  
the State Mission Board, arrived in the  
city on the 18th. Bro. C. visited a  
number of the churches embraced in the  
Mobile Association before he left  
for other portions of the state.—*Mobile  
Baptist Union*.

New Prospect church, Birmingham,  
Feb. 21: Pastor preached on Saturday  
to a good Saturday congregation. On  
Sunday we had a large congregation,  
and Rev. E. B. Waldrop preached a  
good sermon. The Sunday school is  
growing in interest and numbers.

Many times we are made to  
blush when duty compels us to  
condemn in others the sins we are  
guilty of ourselves. It is painful to  
know that the man who sits in his pew  
before you is reading you rather than  
hearing you.—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

Bro. J. E. Bell, of Georgiana, has  
been called to the care of Prattville  
church. We had the pleasure of a  
few moments' chat with him. He is  
growing old in years, but not in  
interest for the Master. He says he  
is with and for the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The Ohio House of Representatives  
has adopted, by a vote of 63 to 20, a  
resolution against Sunday opening of  
the World's Fair. Every legislature  
should be asked to do the same, and  
also to vote that its own state exhibit  
shall observe the Sabbath in any case.

Spurgeon once said in a lecture to  
his students: "I aver that no pure  
mind ought to be subjected to the  
slightest breach of indecency from the  
pulpit. Christ's ministers must be  
without speck in their lives or in  
their speech." Amen and amen.—  
*Central Baptist*.

The greatest enemy of the "higher  
criticism" is the spade; and the reason  
it, it will not remain on the surface.  
The critics say certain things could  
not possibly be, and forthwith the  
spade of the eastern explorer over-  
turns the theory of the critic.—Rev.  
P. T. Hale, D. D.

Attention is called to Dr. Riley's  
communication to the Baptists of Ala-  
bama. Several brethren have con-  
tributed to a fund for putting an iron  
fence around the college buildings.  
The amount required is small, only  
\$300. Who will help? Read what  
Dr. Riley has to say.

We noted the fact last week that  
the firm of Chandler Bros. had been  
changed to Chandler & Jones. Bro.  
Wm. T. Chandler, who withdrew from  
the firm, is one of our most valua-  
ble friends, and a man of excellent  
habits. We trust he may see his  
way clear to remain in Montgomery.

The Ministers and Laymen's Asso-  
ciation are holding meetings every fifth  
Sunday, in which doctrinal subjects  
are discussed. The next meeting will  
be held with the Second church, Bir-  
mingham. Missionary meetings are  
also held on Sunday afternoons, to es-  
pecially push the centennial move-  
ment.

There is one thing, however,  
I have always observed; the ser-  
vant of the Lord, who is as faithful as  
he ought to be in praying for other  
things, will not be concerned about the  
unreasonableness of praying for rain  
until he needs rain, and then he will  
most certainly ask the Lord to send it.  
—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

A railroad train having knocked a  
cow over two stone walls and a school-  
house, the boy who was sent to inves-  
tigate being asked "Is she dead?" re-  
plied, "No, not dead, but terribly dis-  
couraged." The lottery is in the same  
condition. We shall hear again of its  
horns, if we do not "put it out of  
its misery."—*Christian Statesman*.

It is a shame that some of  
our lives are not as free from the  
blight of glaring inconsistencies as they  
might be. Remember that a preacher  
is only a sinner saved by grace, and  
that there are as many opportunities  
in daily life for an exhibition of our  
sins as there are for the display of the  
grace of God.—Rev. A. W. McGaha.

"Attacking the Word of God with  
a Penknife," is the subject of a sermon  
by Dr. P. T. Hale, on the first page.  
The preacher considers the critics as  
he passes on in his discourse. It is  
a splendid answer to the "higher  
criticism" and a powerful piece of  
logic and lump of wisdom hurled at  
the "critics." Let every one read it.

Our friend, Mr. W. T. Boyd, of  
Perry county, has been re-nominated  
to the office of treasurer of Perry  
county. He is one of the best men  
in the state. We cheerfully commend  
the following from the *Marion Stand-  
ard*: "There is no better man in the  
county than Mr. Boyd. His private  
and official record stands out without  
a stain."

Dr. R. A. Moseley, Jr., collector of  
internal revenue for Alabama, through  
his deputies, made a successful raid on  
licit distilleries in North Alabama  
last week. The work is considered  
about the best that has ever been done  
in the state. Five thousand gallons  
of beer and two hundred gallons of  
singlings were destroyed at one of the  
still. All the stills were destroyed.

R. W. Inzer, Trussville, Feb. 20:  
I wish in this manner to publish my  
grateful thanks to God for my recov-  
ery from the hurt I received last Sep-  
tember by being dashed from my mule.  
I am now able to preach as though I  
had not received an injury. Yet, be-  
ing hurt as I was, and the brothers  
thinking my hurt was such that I would  
never preach again, I now find myself,  
for the first time in thirty years, out  
of pastoral work. Feeling it my duty to  
preach, I want work in that line, and  
would like to correspond with any  
desirous or my labors, either tempo-  
rary or as permanent pastor. Address  
me at Trussville, Ala.

Southside church, Feb. 21: Large  
prayer meeting Wednesday night, led  
by Bro. Richard Holman. Fine Sun-  
day school and audiences. Five ac-  
cused by letter. Pastor Hale preached  
at 11 a. m. on "Attacking the  
Word of God with a Penknife." Rev.  
W. R. Ivey preached a good sermon  
at night. Met and administered the  
Lord's Supper with Bro. A. W. Sight-  
less at 3 p. m. Deep spiritual interest.

W. C. T. Moseley, Bufala, Feb.  
17: I am preaching for two churches  
in Georgia, Liberty and Elmi; these  
are good, influential churches, looking  
well to the interest of their pastor and  
the cause of Christ generally. My  
work is divided this year, part in Ala-  
bama and part in Georgia. I love the  
ALABAMA BAPTIST and I will do all I  
can for its circulation. Will write  
some articles as soon as I have time to  
do so.

M. L. Stansel, Carrollton, Feb. 22:  
In the last number of the BAPTIST Dr.  
Teague requests Dr. Hiden, or some  
one else, to locate the beautiful pas-  
sage of Shakespeare on man, begin-  
ning, "What a piece of work is man,"  
etc. It is found in Hamlet, Act II, Sc.  
2. Another not less beautiful pas-  
sage, and as often quoted, in the same  
play, may be found in Julius Caesar,  
Act V, Sc. 5, vide Hoyt & Ward's  
Book of Practical Quotations, pages  
34, 355.

The subscription list of the *Review  
and Expositor*, Atlanta, Ga., has been  
transferred to the *Christian Repository*,  
St. Louis, Mo., Dr. S. H. Ford, edi-  
tor. Dr. Ford says of his magazine:  
"It advocates the Bible truth, that  
there is no baptism, no church mem-  
bership—nothing spiritual, true and  
abiding—without justifying faith in  
Christ; that is, it is through Christ to  
baptism or church membership, and  
not through baptism and the church  
to Christ."

The Alabama Centennial Committee  
feel encouraged to "go forward" in the  
matter of educating Pura Cova at the  
Judson, and have so indicated to the  
Home Board. The way is being daily  
made more plain. Mrs. Crumpton  
and Mrs. Lovelace, Marion, offer to  
entertain this protégée of the Judson  
during vacation. She will come to  
the convention with her father, in all  
probability. Who will "roll away"  
another "stone" by pledging so much  
monthly or quarterly for her support?

Of infant baptism, the present  
Church of England Bishop of Salis-  
bury has said: "I must candidly and  
broadly state my conviction that there  
is not one passage nor one word in  
Scripture which directly proves it; not  
one word the undeniable and logical  
power of which can be added to  
prove, either in any way of fact, that,  
in the Scriptural age, infants were bap-  
tized, or of doctrine that they ought to  
be baptized. Nor, I believe, is there  
any such direct statement to be found."  
—*Ex*.

At the First Baptist church of Bir-  
mingham, Feb. 21st, there were one  
hundred and ninety in Sunday school.  
At 10 o'clock there were memorial  
services in honor of Mr. Spurgeon  
and Dr. Manly. Capt. W. C. Ward  
made an able address. One joined  
the church. At three o'clock a mis-  
sion meeting was held, and splendid  
addresses made by Dr. Purser and  
Rev. W. A. Whittle. At night, large  
audience, and the pastor preached on  
young manhood and what to do  
with it. Fine interest.

Speaking of a visit from Mr. Edward  
W. Bok, of the *Ladies' Home Journal*,  
the *Union Signal* says: "Mr. Bok in-  
cidentally mentioned that orders had  
been given to the artists who so hand-  
somely illustrate this great magazine;  
the no picture dressed *scullies*, and  
none without a breakable waist could  
be presented to their 700,000 readers.  
This one fact should make many  
friends for the magazine among wo-  
men of sense. Would that every edi-  
tor of an illustrated magazine would  
prove himself to be equally scientific  
and brother-hearted."

A. C. Dixon gives the following as  
his opinion of "Ingersollism": "It is  
moral deformity covered with mental  
finery. It is stale hash made of putrid  
meat, served on a flowered dish. It is  
a vampire bat which fans its victim  
with wings of melodious words, while  
it sucks the life-blood from his moral  
and spiritual nature. It is a poisonous  
vine with gaudy flowers, whose odor  
is death. But it is too weak to deceive  
sensible people, and impresses one  
with the fact that infidelity is really in  
its dotage. It will soon be dead. Ag-  
nosticism is its last struggle."—*Ex*.

Second church, Feb. 21: Prayer  
meeting and Sunday-school growing in  
numbers and interest. At 11 o'clock  
on Sunday morning there was held a  
memorial service in honor of Spurgeon  
and Manly. Capt. A. B. Johnson de-  
livered a very fine address on the char-  
acters and work of these great and  
good men. Pastor Whittle spoke feel-  
ingly of his pleasant and personal re-  
lationship with Dr. Manly, and also of his  
contact and acquaintance with Mr.  
Spurgeon. At night the house was  
crowded. Bro. Whittle gave a series  
of Sunday night sermons to young  
men. The Holy Spirit was with  
speaker and people.

The Baptist ministers of Chicago  
passed a resolution requesting the pa-  
pers not to publish the usual announce-  
ments of church services in the Sun-  
day papers, and a request for similar  
action was sent to the other ministerial  
associations. This request came up  
for action at the meeting of the Con-  
gregational and Methodist Episcopal  
ministers, and was unanimously ap-  
proved by both bodies. The Metho-  
dist meeting went farther and resolved  
that its members would refuse to fur-  
nish the membership or notice of their  
sermons, or their announcements in  
all cases, if they knew they were to be  
set up in type or printed on the Lord's  
day.

F. C. Piaster, The Bethlehem church,  
at Ada, having decided some weeks  
past to build a new meeting-house,  
their building committee reported on  
Saturday that the house would be  
ready for occupancy by the next meet-  
ing in March (Saturday before the  
third Sunday), and that day was set  
for the regular services for opening  
the house. Dinner on the ground  
both days. A splendid opportunity  
is offered to the friends of Christianity

by aiding these brethren in finishing  
up their house. This opportunity is  
especially favorable to the city of Mont-  
gomery. Saturday is the day to pay  
for the house. A word to the wise is  
sufficient. G. W. Boyd is chairman  
of the committee.

"American Bible Union Version of  
the New Testament." I have received  
from the American Baptist Publication  
Society the "Improved Edition of the  
American Bible Union Version of the  
New Testament." The revision of  
this version has been made by Drs.  
Alvah Harvey, John A. Broadus and  
Henry C. Weston. The names of these  
revisers give assurance that the  
work is well done. One wishing the  
very best rendering of the New Testa-  
ment into the English language can-  
not do better than to possess this  
work. It may be better than any other  
where the word "baptize" and its cor-  
responding ones are retained, and where  
the word "immerse" and correspond-  
ing ones are used, there being an edi-  
tion of each.—Geo. E. Brewer.

Our population is 1,700,000. About  
100,000 make a personal profession of  
vital godliness, leaving over a million  
of people beyond the age of account-  
ability, in the great empire state of  
the Northwest, who not even lay  
claim to a regenerated life by the Holy  
Spirit, through the atonement of Christ.  
Moriarty instead of Christianity, and  
chicanery instead of Christianity, are  
rampant and rampant. I write not  
thus as a pessimist. They are the  
facts. I write them as an optimist,  
knowing the power there is in the  
Holy Ghost, and in the Divine Word,  
by the blessing of the Lord Jesus, to  
transmute all this formalism and skep-  
ticism into a loyal Christian faith, and  
permeated by the beauties of holiness,  
and the simplicity which is in Christ  
our Savior.—Letter from Wisconsin, in  
Standard.

The students and professors of the  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
desire to have in some permanent  
form the memory of the late Dr. Basil  
Manly, and in order to this it has  
been decided to publish a memorial  
issue of the *Seminary Magazine*. It  
will contain pictures of Dr. Manly  
and of Georgetown College, memorial  
addresses of Drs. Eaton, Broadus,  
etc., articles and recollections men in  
the North, South and West, and from  
a large number of students, both for-  
mer and present. This should aid great-  
ly in circulating the memorial of a  
man whose memory Southern Baptists  
cherish with tender and high regard.  
A very large number of extra copies  
will be printed in March. The price  
will be 15 cents per copy, or two for  
25 cents.

This is indeed a fast age, or an age  
of fast girls. It is the fourth leap year  
since the last leap year. But the  
strangest thing of the age is the indif-  
ference, carelessness and near sighted-  
ness of parents. As soon as children  
are old enough to say sweet heart,  
or the boys large enough to wear knee  
pants, and the girls to have their bangs  
trimmed, they are pronounced ladies  
and gentlemen, and dismissed from pa-  
rental care and watch, to take their  
chances in the cruel world without the  
hand of any one to guide them aright.  
Then it's the little folk's party, little  
couples, arm clench, verandah prome-  
nade, dark corner court, late hours  
at night, late hours to rise, late hours  
at school and late hours at everything  
except the right thing. The parents  
don't know where they are, don't  
know whether they will be at home  
to-night or not, don't know whether  
the company they are in is good, bad,  
sober or drunk.—XX, in *Alexander City  
Outlook*.

W. J. Hatcher, pastor: The Baptist  
church—Bethany, Geneva county—  
have secured land at a new cross roads  
where they desire to build a new coun-  
try church house, but are not able to  
do so without help, and now offer an  
opportunity to any church or person  
to lend a helping hand by sending their  
contribution to Bro. Willie Hinson,  
deacon, Americus, Geneva county,  
Ala. The reader will remember that  
Geneva county has recently been filled  
with new settlers, who are oppressed  
both from the closeness of money mat-  
ters and also from having to home-  
stead and build and open farms. The  
congregations are often large and ap-  
preciative, and desire and demand an  
appropriate house; but the church is  
small and financially weak. For this  
reason they appeal to their more fa-  
vored brethren for help in this time of  
need. It's the Lord's cause and we  
feel sure the appeal of this earnest and  
needy church will not be in vain. Any  
contributions will be acknowledged in  
the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

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### An Unexpected Lesson.

"I didn't enjoy the sermon at all this morning," said Mrs. Fisk. "It seemed to me Dr. Prescott went out of his way to add things, and I am sorry to notice he is beginning to put on little pulpit airs, something I especially detest in any minister."

"What do you mean by little pulpit airs, wife?"

"Why, didn't you notice how every little while he shrugged a shoulder?" and Mrs. Fisk drew up one shoulder in exact imitation of the minister's movement. "Then there was an affected way of glancing with great rapidity from right to left, as if started by his own ideas."

Again Mrs. Fisk mimicked the pastor, turning her eyes from side to side in so ludicrous a manner that her husband laughed outright, and little Dot burst into a loud peal of laughter, too. "It's such queer little mannerisms as those," she added, "that I call pulpit airs, and, as I said before, I detest them. I only wish some one would tell Dr. Prescott how he spoils the effect of what he is saying by assuming such looks and attitudes."

Mrs. Fisk and her husband had just returned from church, and little Dot, seated on the floor was paying such fixed attention to what her mother was saying, that her father asked laughing, "And what do you think of pulpit airs, little Dot?"

"I-a-tests 'em!" said Dot, emphatically.

This caused a merry laugh at Dot's expense, for the little four-year-old girl was particularly fond of getting hold of words altogether too large for her little pucker of a mouth. The dinner-bell ringing just then effected a change in the subject. It was only Monday afternoon, however, that Dr. Prescott called on Mrs. Fisk, and the servant, thinking her mistress was at home, admitted him. On discovering that Mrs. Fisk was away, the girl returned to the parlor and was surprised to find Dot carrying on what appeared to be quite an animated conversation with the minister.

When Mrs. Fisk returned she saw her pastor's card in the silver on the hall table, and later in the afternoon as she sat sewing, with Dot seated as usual on the floor, surrounded by her beloved dollies, the waitress in a long looked into the room and said:

"I suppose you saw Dr. Prescott's card, ma'am?"

Mrs. Fisk replied that she had seen it, and was sorry not to have seen the gentleman himself.

As the girl passed on, Dot looked up, and remarked in a tone of great satisfaction:

"I seed him and I telled him I a test pulpit airs."

"What!" Mrs. Fisk started so, and spoke with such energy, that Dot started, too. Then she added more quietly, "Dot, tell mamma what you said to Dr. Prescott."

The child began again with a satisfied air, as if sure of commendation for having so worthily performed a needed duty.

"I telled him I a test pulpit airs. And he say: 'What do you mean, little girl?' And I say, 'You shrugs up your shoulder, and you goes this way,' and Dot opened her Brown eyes to their utmost extent, and looked at little body about in her desire to look as wild as possible.

"What else did he say, and what did you say?" asked Mrs. Fisk, her voice fairly trembling with excitement and anxiety.

"He say, 'Who telled that, little girl?' And I say, 'Miss Miti-kine,' and Dot threw back her head and laughed merrily.

"Was that all he said?" asked her mamma.

"No; he say, 'Who is Miss Miti-kine?' And I say, 'Old Mother Hubbard is.' And he laugh and say, 'Who ole Mother Hubbard is?' And I say, 'Little ole Marm Step and fetch it!' and the unconscious Dot laughed the harder.

Mrs. Fisk, despite her trepidation, had to laugh, too, but she asked again:

"And what did Dr. Prescott say then? Tell mamma truly, Dot."

"He never say 'nothin' word, only pinch my cheek and say, 'O you little mischief, you.'"

Mrs. Fisk felt a little relieved. She had shown such a predilection for silk mittens all winter that her husband had sportively called her Mrs. Miti-kine, and, of course, Dot had learned the name by heart in a very short time.

Then, because of her fondness for a rather shapely house dress, he had occasionally dubbed her Old Mother Hubbard. The appellation, "Little Marm Step and fetch it," because of her alacrity in running little errands, and knowing as he did that the longer the name the better she would like it.

Mrs. Fisk took Dot on her lap, and, looking at her steadily, said gently, but with some decision:

"My little Dot, I want you to tell me truly, did you say anything at all to Dr. Prescott about papa or mamma?"

"No! truly rooly, I didn't say mamma or papa one single time."

Then Mrs. Fisk added, lightly, not wishing to impress the matter further on the childish mind:

"You must not speak in any one of that gain. Now remember, Dot!"

And the innocent Dot reassured her, promising "truly rooly" never to tell it to Dr. Prescott again, nor to any one else, "never any more."

In talking the matter over with her husband that night, Mrs. Fisk concluded with the remark:

"I did not realize for an instant that the little midget would understand in the least what I was saying, much less treasure up and remember it. But it shows that parents can not be too careful what they say before children, and especially about others. As to my mimicry, I am simply ashamed of it, and I acknowledge, frankly, my criticisms were unnecessary and uncharitable and severe. I can only say I have learned a lesson not soon to be forgotten."

Not very long afterward, Dr. Prescott preached an admirable sermon, to which Mrs. Fisk listened with a forced air of placid attention, although her heart fluttered in little un-

even bounds at several points in the discourse. There was entire absence of any supercilious mannerisms, but only a very earnest, impressive air, as the good man admonished Christian parents to beware, lest their style of conversation prove anything but beneficial to the younger members of the family.

He reminded his hearers that, let a preacher be ever so faithful and ever so sincere, his teachings would lose all power, and his precepts all value, in fact his influence for good would be totally lost upon the young people of the household, if he were criticised unfavorably in their hearing. A single remark, he argued, of a detrimental character was sufficient to destroy the most earnest efforts on the pastor's part.

And the sermon was one which could have been listened to with marked profit by many a well-meaning, but thoughtless parent.—*Christian Observer.*

### A Pinching Night.

A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR STORY.

"Your mother and I are going over to set up with the Barker child."

Pa Bascom's fingers were in the straps of one of his boots when he began that sentence. Before he finished it, though he spoke rapidly, his foot had slipped into the thick leather with an emphatic thud.

Pa did not seem to see how pale his wife's face grew. Apparently he had not heard anything rustling in the side pocket of the boy's coat. That he had been told on Monday that his wife had led the young people's meeting that very night seemed to have disappeared from his mind as completely as his foot had in the boot.

"Be careful of the fire. And if you hear a tramping around in the barn be sure and go out and see what it means. Stay up as late as you can, so to have the house nice and warm when you go to bed. It's going to be a pretty sharp frosty night."

Pa was busily preparing for his trip while he was speaking. He did not seem to find time to glance at the boy in the corner. And when he heard Mrs. Bascom coming out of the bedroom he hurried with his overcoat so fast that his left hand slipped into a tent in the sleeve lining.

"Served him right, when he's not a grain of thought for other folks," said the swift comment, which flashed through Elijah's mind.

But he rose up from his seat and helped his father. His action was so speedy that Pa saw the paper which had been half jerked from the boy's pocket by his alert endeavors to help him.

"Ought to take good care of your sum papers at school," he said. "The algebra lessons are pretty hard, I heard some of the scholars saying; you may want to refer to the paper when you've worked 'em out."

And then Pa came out from the bedroom with an anxious face.

"The Barkers' child is so sick that we ought to hurry up all we can," he said as he pulled her hood tightly down about her face.

"Good night, 'I-jah, and be sure and keep up a good fire so my plants won't freeze. There's my bread I put to rise down by the stove door. You can take a look at that now and then."

That was the mother's parting injunction to her son.

"They don't seem to think or care anything about the young people's meeting. I didn't tell them, though, that Hi. Wardwell was coming to night, because I was going to lead. And I've been trying to get him out for such a long while. I am sure he'll go back home when he sees I'm not there—and that will be the end of what I've hoped so much from. And I'll never find out now what has been holding Hi. back so long."

It seemed to Elijah that the situation was a very dark, hopeless one, as he picked up his father's shoes which had been left in the middle of the floor, and let these reflections run savagely through his mind.

But the sight of some bean husks in one of his father's shoes made him pause and look at them for a moment.

"Father must have been threshing them out while I was at school to-day," he said to himself. "And that was work that I expected to do. His other work was pinching him, too."

Elijah could not but feel that his father had been very kind to do that. And he must have felt pinched and tired enough when they came after him to go and sit up with the Barker child. And mother—she's had to work unusually hard while I've been going to school. Yet neither of them complained a bit, when they were called off in this way, that will hurry them so about what they had planned to do this week."

The expression of Elijah's face was greatly changed by the time he had harbored these kind thoughts in his heart. And when he quietly put down his father's shoes in the corner, his hand slipped into his coat pocket, and he softly rustled out the notes which he had written out for his talk at the Endeavor meeting.

"Must have seemed selfish to father when I slipped off by myself to write these when I came home from school. Guess it pinched his patience more than it did mine as he told me he had to go away, and that my duty was to stay at home from the meeting."

Then the merry jingle of sleigh bells rang in upon his reflections. The sound took the happy shine out of his eyes. His fingers clutched upon his notes. He knew that the Tinkhams were going to the young people's meeting. And how would the evening pass off with him absent? He could not recall a night when the leader had not been promptly on hand. And Hi. Wardwell, what would he do when he found that his friend was not there? The boy again decided that the meeting would be a poor one, and that Hi. would not remain at it.

"I'm just pinched up here in a corner," he flashed out as though his parents were there to hear.

A few moments later he hurried out to the barn with the lantern. He was going to take the pony and ride down to the meeting, anyway, and get home before his father and mother returned, and never tell them what he had done, or speak it out to morrow as though he had a right to do as he

pleased, when his promises demanded that he should lead that meeting.

Not at all. He had a bushel basket in his hand. There was a great purpose in his heart, though that member thumped a little harder than usual as the boy struggled with his thoughts.

"I can't thresh beans in the barn very well, but I can shell out a lot by the fire, and when that's done I can look after some of mother's work which has got behindhand."

Those were the resolves which made the boy hurry out so eagerly. And when he went back to the house, his steps were still lighter, though he had given one or two very long glances towards the cozy little church of the town.

A half-hour later he was singing away so cheerily at his work that he did not know any one near the house until the kitchen door opened suddenly and there stood one of his schoolmates with a curious expression upon his face.

Before Elijah could speak his surprise, the other said impulsively:

"Guess I'm the one that's got pinched this time."

"Why, what do you mean, Oliver? Come in, come in. You look as though you were cold."

"I am rather chilly," said the other boy, awkwardly, as he came into the kitchen. "That is, outside. But I'm pretty warm about the heart."

"Didn't you want to go down to the meeting to-night? And if you did, how do you happen to be singing, and looking the way you are?"

"Yes, I wanted to go, Oliver. But—well, I'll tell you. Father and mother trusted me that I could look after things here. And I couldn't help thinking that if they did I ought to trust the Lord to take care of the young people's meeting, when he knew I couldn't be there, and how much he had prayed about it."

"Was tougher work than getting some of these beans out of those dry pods?" said Oliver emphatically.

"It was, indeed!"

"Well, I know just how it feels. Let me have some of those pods. I can talk easier if my hands are busy. I'm going to help in the meetings after this. I've held back and said you and some the rest weren't in earnest. I met your folks going over to Barker's. I couldn't resist the temptation to come right over here, and see how you stood the disappointment. I must say I feel better. And I'm the one that's been keeping Hi. Wardwell from the meetings. I thought to-night he'd never go again if he didn't find you there. But if he has any such feelings I shall talk them out of him. Why, Elijah, what makes you cry, and you are not shelling a single bean!"

Oliver knew well enough, though, how such news as his had filled the boy's heart with such joy that he could only sit and look at him.

"I hoped good would be done—but I never dreamed of this, was all that Elijah could say."

"Wouldn't wonder if we'll hear more to encourage us from the meeting," answered Oliver, rubbing his own eyes in spite of his efforts to wink back the tears.

He was so earnest in that belief that neither he nor Elijah was a bit surprised when the Tinkhams called in on their way home from the young people's meeting and reported that it had been the best one ever held.

"We didn't wait a minute," explained Benny Tinkham. "I knew Elijah must have been hindered when he didn't get to the church ten minutes before the required time. I led the best I could, and we had Hi. Wardwell to help us for the first time."

"We'll never forget the pinching night," laughed Oliver, with the tears of joy shining on his cheeks.

"No, indeed," answered Elijah emphatically.—*N. Y. Observer.*

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