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WHAT about your contributions to missions? Forward at once.

THE authorities of Indianapolis are against Sunday baseball playing.

THE "Self-denial Band" is growing. Send your name to Bro. Crumpton.

THE government has sent tents to the flood sufferers along the Tombigbee.

UNLESS many of our churches and individual Baptists shall act quickly, the Foreign Mission Board will be compelled to report a deficit.

WHILE people are holding up their hands in holy horror because Dr. Parkhurst assailed the city government of New York, and are crying out that he had better stick to preaching, yet public sentiment is strong enough to compel the police to close the saloons on Sunday.

THE authorities of the Chicago University are calling for \$1,000,000 more to properly equip the buildings of the Baptist University. Already Mr. Marshall Field has pledged \$100,000 and Mr. S. A. Kent \$150,000 of that amount; \$750,000 more is needed within the next ninety days.

THE New York Mail and Express has lately been having something to say about Roman Catholics, and Mr. Sherman and his friends are fearful lest all Catholics shall be driven from their party, and hasten to condemn the Mail and Express and deny that that paper expresses their sentiments.

WHILE we read with a thrill of joy the work of William Carey in India, God prepared a man in Alabama by which work. Brother, sister, if you are having trials and oppositions, be comforted by the thought that God may be schooling you for a greater field. He calls no man into responsible positions without previous preparation.

In our boasted state (of Georgia) are there more than 80,000 Baptists who give nothing to missions? Is it true that not more than seven per cent of our Baptist families worship God in their homes, and that almost half of our churches have no prayer meeting? Are there only one third of our preachers who read one eighth of our members who read any religious paper?—Christian Index.

What about our statistics in Alabama, Bro. Crumpton? Can we make as good a showing?

THE meetings at the Adams Street church continue this week. The congregations of the West Montgomery and First churches worshipped there last Sabbath. The spiritual feeling is deep. A glorious work is going on. There have been several conversions and eight or ten additions by letter and experience. Monday night fifteen asked an interest in the prayers of Christians. Bro. Jameson preaches with power. The Spirit of God accompanies the preaching in the convicting of sinners. The Sabbath school is growing in numbers and some are interested in the meeting. The prayers of Christians are asked in behalf of the work.

THERE are those in this state who believe that the Baptist church in Alabama is getting into a demoralized condition. And there can be little doubt but that our people are not doing their duty in the matter of pastoral support, keeping up regular prayer meetings, giving for missions, etc. But what are the causes? Some believe that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is doing better work, and more faithful work for the denomination than ever before, while others say the "sin" is at the door of the editors and publishers.

We call the attention of our friends to the fact that we are giving more missionary intelligence, more about church work and other leading questions than has ever before been given. If all our readers will just help us circulate the paper, and then urge the subscribers to read what is written, they will do much to help on the cause, and we will hear less complaint. When a brother complains about the paper, ask him what he has ever done to help the paper. When a brother "regrets" the condition of the treasury of the boards, ask him what he has done for missions.

THE Baptists of Boston are openly opposing state appropriations to sectarian hospitals. Neither the state or national governments have a right to support religious institutions out of the public funds.

ALABAMA has given \$5,282.22 of the \$12,000 asked for this year. What will the state do? What can the Foreign Mission Board do? Our bank account is \$35,000 against us and only two weeks left.

H. A. TUPPER, Cor. Sec'y.

SOME little fellow, who sympathizes with Ingersoll, sent Rev. A. C. Dixon some newspaper clippings about preachers who were guilty of crimes, with the advice that he attend to these characters before bothering with infidels. The reply of Bro. Dixon is quite characteristic: 1. It is safe to leave to his correspondent and the enemies of the church to ventilate those things. 2. Such crimes are noticed because they are out of harmony with their Christian profession, but the same crimes committed by infidels would occasion no comment. 3. The church promptly repudiates and casts out such frauds, while they would be welcomed into the infidel camp.

EVERY Christian, whether Baptist or not, wants to get a good book on the life of Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Dr. Lorimer has given the public one of the best books ever written concerning this great man. He began work on this volume months before the death of the great preacher, and put into it some of the best work of his life.

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THE day of loud preaching has past. There may have been a time when "yelling" and "screaming" in the pulpit served a purpose, but we have never heard of such being recorded anywhere or at any time. We read that the Master would "speak" to the people, or "sitting down," he would "teach" them. We have never heard of him at times the voice would be raised a little higher than the ordinary. But we are of the opinion that the "loud preacher" has never impressed people to the same extent that the moderate speaker has. Let all such who are guilty, read the following from the Christian Index:

The speakers (at the convention) were too loud. We do not know why it was so unless it was because they saw the deaf editor, with his ear trumpet on the front bench, and the Sunday school Evangelist just back of him with his dentophone in his mouth, and thus got the idea that the whole delegation was deaf. Some of the speakers rasped their throats as if trying to tear the skin off, while others spoke so loud that the noise was positively painful even to a deaf man. Length and loudness were proofs that the speakers were not thoroughly prepared, and were trying to hide their want of preparation under cover of noise and time. No wonder some of our brethren suffer with "preachers' sore throat," and they deserve to suffer with it. Brethren, prepare your speeches, speak in moderate tones, and economize the patience and endurance of your hearers.

THERE is no excuse for the drug stores of this country to be kept open on Sundays. They sell everything from medicine down to soda water and cigars. The time has come when the authorities of our cities should shut down on them. We give an article taken from the Union Springs Herald touching this question and would be glad to have the druggists of Alabama consider the question well.

The president of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, spoke the following words at the last annual meeting of that body. The druggists throughout the state would do well to consider them.

"I have for years studied the matter of Sunday labor in drug stores, and my observation, based in no degree upon a biased opinion, justifies the statement that fifty per cent of the prescriptions presented on Sunday night could be presented the day before or the day after, and need not have required Sunday labor. The sale of cigars, soda-water and the like (the banner of principle for a penny), goes without excuse—is a blot upon the dignity of our profession and a shame upon its representatives. \*\*\* This practice of such sales can find no justification. It is forbidden by the laws of man. The law of God forbids it. Why should I, taking advantage of a medicine case, not sell save on week days? I can see no difference in principle between the sale of cigars in a drug store and the sale of cigars in a grocery store. Sunday is Sunday in both places, and if cigars may be sold, so may beer."

The worthy speaker discussed much on this subject, and set forth some strong points against the practice of Sunday drug store labor, and we have reproduced some of them, which will meet with consideration.

THE A. and M. College, at Auburn, has set the world an example in giving cotton by electricity. The dynamo at the college was connected with the motor on the farm by 3,000 feet of wire, and did the work of a ten horse power engine.

MONTGOMERY was enlightened last week by the presence of the physicians, the dentists and the Knights of Honor of the state. Among the delegates were many of our leading men. We attended a few of the sessions of the physicians and dentists and were pleased and instructed by the character of speeches delivered and papers submitted. "Progress" is the watchword of those noble professions, and year by year the standard is placed higher. How to prevent diseases of the body is the one great study of every live physician, and to educate the people to properly care for the teeth is the dentist's ambition.

REV. DR. HERRICK JOHNSON, of Chicago, in a sermon preached to a large Washington congregation, including the President and several Members of the Cabinet, gave the following eight reasons for not opening the World's Fair on Sunday:

First. Its opening would be contrary to all precedents in this and other English-speaking Christian countries. The Anglo-Saxon exhibits at all European expositions have been closed on Sunday.

Second. It is contrary to the best traditions of our nation. The law of God is woven into our customs and laws, as shown by our Thanksgiving, the giving of oaths in the name of the Most High, and President Lincoln's proclamation against Sunday labor in the army and navy.

Third. It is contrary to the conscientious convictions of ten, possibly twenty millions of church members, and it would be bad policy to affront these, the best citizens of the country.

Fourth. Its opening would import to this country that mongrel thing, the Continental Sunday, and relegate the honored American Sabbath to the back yard, which would be a national disgrace.

Fifth. It would demoralize Chicago completely. Excursion trains would dump an additional 100,000 visitors into the city, and with the saloons and other ungodly places in full blast Sunday would become the devil's harvest time.

Sixth. It would set an example for future license, leading to the ultimate destruction of the American Sunday.

Seventh. It would interfere with the rights of labor, by compelling 50,000 men to work on Sunday, thus adding another link to the chain which would bind the laborer to 365 days work in the year.

Eighth. It would be selling the Lord's day for a few pieces of silver, because the chief motive for wishing to keep the fair open on Sunday is the hope of financial gain.

## FIELD NOTES.

Be sure you read the first page.

Bro. Dalbey gives us an interesting letter.

Bro. Thos. Henderson is doing good work with the Fayetteville church.

Men are God's instruments through which God moves the world.—I. A. White.

The Baptists of Tuskegee had a glorious time with their Sunbeams last Sabbath.

Bro. Elliott writes about "The Need of Prayer." Hear him and then let us heed.

The Coosada church has been presented with a nice organ by Mr. Pierce Welch, of Connecticut.

As we go to press the Knights of Pythias are assembled in annual convention in Montgomery.

We rejoice to know that the wife of Prof. O. W. Ward, of Bessemer, is greatly improved in health.

Bro. Draughon has a few words for the brethren of the Bethlehem Association. Read his communication.

Bro. W. B. Crumpton has been sick for several weeks, but we are glad to learn that he is now able to be out.

A good meeting is in progress at the Baptist church in Union Springs. Bro. Brown, of Chattanooga, is leading the singing.

Do not overlook Bro. McCollum's "Call for Men," on first page. It comes from a heart consecrated to the cause of Christ.

Bro. J. W. Stewart writes from Mobile that considerable interest is being manifested in the meeting at Bro. Shell's church.

Rev. Jefferson Falkner, of Montgomery, has been called to serve the new church recently organized at Chapman, Ala.

The nice new church at Castleberry is a monument to the zeal of that little band of Baptists, and to Rev. Jno. W. Stewart, who so patiently led them.

W. B. C. I am hearing from the self-denial band. They are sending in their names, and they are sending the money, too. Let the names come in.

Bro. E. F. Baber is giving all his time to Castleberry and other churches near Evergreen. His health has been fully restored and he is doing good work.

Vice-President Morton runs a bar-room in connection with his fine hotel in Washington. He is a member of the Liquor Dealers' Association, of Terre Haute, Ind.

The next session of the Georgia Baptist Convention will be held with the Baptist church in Dawson, Ga. The time is Tuesday after the first Sunday in April, 1925.

Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Athens, Ga., is having a series of sermons at his church. The friends of the Doctor in Alabama will ever remember him, and we are sure many prayers will ascend for him and his church.

Rev. W. J. Williams, of Thomasville, Ga., will begin his work with the church at Russellville, Ky., the 1st of May. He is spoken of as being a strong young man.

Dr. W. Wilkes has consented to serve the Sylacauga church for the present. A member of that church states that that brother has entered heart and soul into the work.

We sympathize with our Methodist friends at Anniston in the loss of the church house, but we hope that means a better building and a quickening of the energies of the membership.

Every man or woman who is interested in the cause of temperance should read the clipping from the (Miss) Leader, published on the first page of The Liquor Law. Just what we must have in Alabama.

As a boy, Carey was studious, he did nothing by halves, but carried every project to completion. He never yielded to discouragements. He was a plodder, and God gave us most plodders.—I. A. White.

Bro. J. C. Kelly, of Demopolis, writes: "I consider the paper a necessity to every Baptist in the state, with all desires to keep posted as to his own denomination, and the religious movement of the world."

The following note has been received from a brother: "What shall I do with Baptist preachers who are political office? If disabled, elect them; if able to preach, exclude them for making false pretense."

When determining to quit sin and be a churchman, Carey says he found himself a painted hypocrite. This world is full of men and women who think themselves good, while they are only "painted hypocrites."

Baptists of Georgia are greatly blessed in their educational institutions, male and female.—Christian Index.

The Baptists of this state have most excellent schools, and they will grow better as the years pass by.

"Speaking of 'South Vindicated,' 'Bill Arp' says: 'It is a masterly vindication of the South. For the sake of your children get it.' Price only 50 cents. For sale by the Alabama Printing Co., Montgomery.

We are in the midst of a great meeting here in the Central church. I find Bro. F. R. Boston a lovable man and wise pastor. Thompson will tell you about the meeting in Huntsville.—D. I. Purser, Memphis, Tenn.

God bless the widows! It was a widow who cared for God's prophet. It was a widow who set the grand example of Christian benevolence, and a widow in whose home the first foreign missionary society was formed.—I. A. White.

Brethren who were elected as delegates to the convention by their associations, and know they can go, should immediately notify Rev. Lansing Burrows, Augusta, Ga. If they cannot go, they should inform the alternate so that he may send his name.

The people of Selma speak in loud praise of the sermons preached by Dr. Henderson. Bro. Dickson says that his best work is before him. He not only preaches strong sermons, but his tender heart lays hold of the hearts of his hearers.

Hon. H. C. Tompkins, so long the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama, has resigned as a member of the committee, and has announced his candidacy for congress. Hon. A. G. Smith, of Sumter county, has been elected chairman in his stead.

J. W. Edmonds, Lyon, Marengo county, April 5: I am sorry to see so many of our brethren fail to pay promptly their subscription. Most any one, any year, could lay aside two dollars for so good a religious paper as the BAPTIST. Our church at Uniontown is well pleased with our new pastor, Rev. J. G. Dickinson.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, of New York, made a visit to Baltimore and is reported to have said that the devil seemed bigger in New York than in Baltimore. That besides Romanism and crime, that they had all sorts of "isms to fight, and that it called for the very highest and best types of Christian men and women."

Bro. J. M. Miles, one of the "fathers in Israel," died last Sabbath evening at his home in Jermain. He has for many years been a faithful gospel preacher, and leaves behind many to mourn his death. He was the father of the late John L. E. Miles, and G. G. Miles, of Birmingham.

I want to know the whereabouts of Thomas Bishop, or his children, who left Virginia before the war and located in Alabama. He was a brother to Harmon and William Bishop. There is a legacy due them in Kentucky. All papers in Alabama please copy this. Address, with stamp, A. B. Bishop, Lockburg, Sevier county, Ark.

In a recent examination of public school teachers, in a Southern State, forty-two out of seventy applicants were Catholic nuns. The Catholics and infidels seem to be straining every nerve to get hold of the public schools. But as long as Baptists are wise, they will send their children to our denominational schools.—Western Recorder.

J. E. Herring, Opelika, April 18: Yesterday was a large day with us, Sunday-school and congregations. Seven joined by letter, making fifty-seven up to date for this year. There are others to follow soon. Our young people's meetings are well attended and the spirit of missions is steadily growing. I leave to day for the Sunday-school Convention at Huntsville.

A man, opposed to foreign missions, was induced to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal. He consented to this, hoping to find argument to fortify his position. After some reading, he remarked to his wife: "I tell you what is a fact, wife; we will have to become missionaries or quit the Missionary Baptists." The power of information is what is needed to move prejudice from the world. Preachers who fail to induce their people to read religious papers will fall far short of giving them that degree of enlightenment which they could otherwise get.

What a delightful sermon was that of Dr. J. Taylor, of Mobile. Elegant in diction, clear in analysis, full of gospel truth. Rarely do we hear a sermon of such finished style. Scarcely did it seem that any word could be changed without marring the beauty of the whole. Truth, Knowledge, Liberty—We shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.—Christian Index.

J. E. Herring, Opelika, April 18: Died, Bro. H. K. Dunn, aged 73 years, lacking 3 days. His daughter, Mrs. Carden, tucked the cover well around him so he would rest well. When she went to his bed next morning he had not moved. He seems to have died while he slept. More than forty years he was a member of the Baptist church. Now he "sleeps in Jesus, blessed sleep."

Prof. Whitsett needed seven hundred and fifty dollars to enable him to meet the expense of some of the students at the theological seminary. He got it, mainly inside of thirty minutes, including his speech. It was not "a speech," but an oration. He just talked right along for about ten or fifteen minutes, until he came to ask for the money. After that he said, "Ah, thank you," as the amounts given were announced.—Christian Index.

J. J. Taylor, Mobile: We expect P. T. Hale with us Monday, the 18th, to preach several days and nights. There is prospect of a good work. That little account I sent you of the Georgia brethren somehow omitted one of Alabama's best representatives at the convention—Hornady, of Tuskegee. He was on his native heath in LaGrange, and seemed to be having a glorious time. His sister, Mrs. Dr. Ridley, seemed to be caring for a good part of the convention.

W. B. Wynne, Gadsden, April 18: Our pastor, Bro. H. W. Williams, is absent from us now; he is in Virginia on a visit to his old home and friends. He will return and preach for us on the first of May. His health had become somewhat broken, and he thought it best to give up active work for a few weeks, and his church very cheerfully purchased his course. He is a fine preacher and a good worker, and his church and community are devoted to him.

Geo. E. Brewer, Opelika, April 12: The Sunday school of Alexander City has just purchased a small library and expect to add to it from time to time. Had a pleasant and well attended service at our last. The Hursboro church has just repainted the house and beautifully papered it, so that it is now quite neat and attractive. The congregations are good. Brethren Bradley, Carter and Whipple appear to be getting along finely in Phenix City and Girard.

Ex Gov. McFeyr ought to bow to the inevitable with a good grace. He has been defeated in a contest fought according to his own plan. The people have decided against him after a hot and close fight, and if he prizes the success of his party he will not attempt to make further trouble. He would do the party in Louisiana some good service in the past, but whether justly or unjustly, the people believed him to be too intimately connected with the Louisiana Lottery Company and they have pronounced against him.—Memphis Commercial.

W. N. Hucklebee, Camden, April 11: We had the largest congregation at the Baptist church here yesterday that I have had the pleasure of preaching to in this town. The outlook for the Baptists in the Pine Barren Association is very encouraging. Our Sunday school is well attended, and in the very near future I hope to have a considerable gathering of souls. I am preaching nine times a month. The prospects of a railroad to Camden are very good. The matter is assuming practical shape, and in a short time I think we will be blessed with the road.

The supreme court of the state of Pennsylvania rendered a decision that holds out great hopes of final financial relief to the widows of drunkards. A man of known intemperance habit, who got drunk, fell in a ditch of water, caught pneumonia and died. His widow sued the saloon keeper for damages and got them. Any drunkard's wife may reap the same reward. It is hard to see how any woman who loses a drunken husband can suffer much damage thereby, but this new rule of law is a good one as a check on saloons and a step toward practical and real prohibition.—Age Herald.

Langum, Huntsville, April 18: The meetings conducted by Dr. D. I. Purser with the Huntsville church closed last Tuesday, with fourteen additions to our membership, and twenty or more conversions. The meeting was one of deep spiritual power. It was a real revival of the church. By it we have been more closely united, our activities have been strengthened, and there is good condition for active work. I have never listened to more practical or more appropriate sermons. Some of us will never forget the "grasshopper sermon." May God bless our brother wherever he goes.

Rev. Dr. DeWitt Burkhead, the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, after a long illness, passed to his reward at 6 o'clock Monday evening, April 18. Since August, 1885, Dr. Burkhead was the faithful, efficient and greatly beloved pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city. He was a man honored by all who knew him. His ability as a scholar and a preacher put him in the forefront of his denomination. His pure life gave him a great influence among his fellowmen, and the citizens of Montgomery, irrespective of denomination, weep over the loss we have all sustained.

The writings of Herbert Spencer, and the various forms of western philosophies, find as ready a welcome here as people loosed from the moorings of the old faith can give. It is said beyond expression to see, all around you, men, by the thousands, marching to eternal death, to the quickstep, the chief strain of which is, "There is no God." Brethren, let me plead with you to join the ranks of the advance guard, and to prevail upon others to join with you, for though "one can chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight,"

we have here in Japan forty million armed with the latest and most improved weapons of attack and only two of us to meet them.—Rev. J. W. McCollum.

Oh, for men, men, men! The people are daily walking into the snares made by the devil for them, and there is no one to call out, "This is the way! Walk ye in it!" Who will make it a point to plead for men for Japan? Who will be the first of the eight? My brother, will you? Yes, I mean you who are reading this. Do you know that you are wanted? Will you turn a deaf ear to the cry which goes up from the millions of Japan for sunlight and soul life, a light and life which you have and which you are bidden to freely give? Eight men are not all that are wanted, neither will they supply the demand, but all the eight are absolutely needed now. In God's name, I plead with you, my brother, you, to "come over and help us!"—J. W. McCollum, 345 Kiyomachi, Kobe, Japan.

JACKSON, Miss., April 4.—All the saloons of the city that were not in the front of the buildings were to day moved there in compliance with the new law. All saloons were torn down, leaving the bar in full view of the streets. All portions of the dram shop chapter is in full force, except that part relating to license. This is only in effect where new licenses are obtained. Those heretofore procured are good until the expiration of the law is one of the highest ever adopted by any state, and will result in closing fully half the saloons. Many estimate that two-thirds will quit. The slightest infringement of the law will have this effect, if the keeper is proceeded against. Just such is needed for Alabama.

There were in Louisville last year twelve hundred and twenty-eight suicides. Of the 7,300 arrests made by the police during the year, 4,964 were for offenses which indicate whisky behind them. There are 1,659 given as simply drunk and disorderly, without any other offense being named. All the other distinct offenses committed by those who were at the time under the influence of liquor are given under separate heads. We have carefully analyzed the police report and we think it is fair to say that 67 per cent of the crimes and misdemeanors of our city last year were caused by strong drink. More than half our city expenses would be saved if our people would let whisky alone.—West Hill Review.

And what is true of Louisville is largely true of every other town and city in the land.

The Southside church, Birmingham, had an enjoyable missionary meeting on a recent Sabbath. Of the meeting the correspondent says: The talks from brethren Ward, Cabanis and Sawyer were soul-stirring and elevating, and as we listened to their ringing words, telling us of the wonderful work commenced by Carey (a Baptist preacher) two years ago, of the great achievements and grand work done by Judson and others since that time, of the plans that the Southern Baptist Convention have set on foot to raise \$250,000 this centennial year of missions, we were all stirred as we have probably never been before. Our hearts were never before so rejoiced over the conquests that had been made in the heathen lands by our devoted representatives, and we looked forward to greater victories in the future. The other features were equally interesting.

W. J. Elliott: Our people at Clanton greeted us last Sunday with a crowded house. This visit gave me the opportunity to learn somewhat of the good work being done by the church and the various societies. The people of Clanton speak in the highest terms of Bro. R. M. Hunter, who preceded me. One thing is very evident, and that is a new and larger house of worship must be built to accommodate the large crowds who attend the church. Sunday night room could be used to stand up during the service, while others were turned away unable to get in at all. I am glad to say that steps have been taken looking toward a new building, and it is hoped this year will see it completed. It was my privilege to attend and take part in an entertainment given by the Sunbeams in the evening. It was a complete success and was highly enjoyed by the large crowd that attended.

Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, was recently asked what induced him to take the bold stand on the subject of the evils which he so vigorously condemns. His reply was: "One of the chief features of my ministerial work has been the spiritual care of young men. In dealing with the young men I have become, as it were, one of them. I have entered into their troubles and they have learned to look to me with as much confidence as a dutiful child does to his mother. In this way I discovered what a terrible source of danger and sin was the brothel and the gambling hell, whose minions throng the streets. I know how weak human nature is, and in my heart I pitied the young men of New York. Then, under the inspiration of God, I resolved to buckle on my armor and, come what may, to keep agitating for the cleansing of our city from at least a portion of the filth that is a disgrace to us as citizens of a Christian nation."

We want eight men to come to Japan this year, and some of them ought to be from Alabama. Some of our pastors need to get out and come. In this way you may bring Japan to the doors of the people whom you now serve. How many of you will come? Don't say "Oh, Japan is civilized and will soon be Christianized," for in the fear of God I tell you, brethren, the people of Japan are yet "in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." There can be no civilization without Christianity. We have here a form of civilization, but it is merely the shell which withers into ashes at the touch. There are thousands, yea, millions, in Japan who are trying to live without any religion. Buddhism is not dead, nor is it sleeping, but the younger generation only holds it to in form. When old Japan was opened it died and with it the once powerful religion received its mortal wounds. Though alive and struggling, Buddhism is as surely dying as Christianity is entering.—Rev. J. W. McCollum.

W. B. Carter, Girard, April 11: The Girard saints and community are being stirred by a series of sermons that our dear brother, Dr. F. C. David, is preaching for me. He has been here a week. Much interest is being manifested in his sermons; two have been secured to Alabama again if some good church would apply in time. The state needs him. He is here, in Columbus, Ga., visiting a son, but he has resigned at Galveston, Tex. Bradley is in a series of meetings at Phenix City also; he will have a good meeting, I hope. Bro. Whipple closed a good meeting at the Second church, Phenix City, some two weeks ago. Zion is moving on in this part of the state, as far as I know very well. Let all the pastors stir the churches on missions. We have but a short time to work before the books will be closed.

Dr. Eager, in a sermon before the Y. M. C. A., in Birmingham, on Sunday night said: This Christ in whom we all unite is the mightiest force in our civilization. There was never a time when Christ was so powerful in the midst of men. Our literature is filled with Christ. The opponents of our creeds yet are clinging to the Christ John Stewart Milla says "take the creeds away and still the Christ is left." The printing press is busy with the Christ now as never before. There have been more biographies of Christ in the last twenty-five years than in all the centuries. What of all this? The historic Christ is being lost in the human Christ—a man not shut up in a cloister, but a real working, sympathetic, perfect man. Let us learn that as men in humble homes we can live pure, and purity is more than power. Again, he was a manly man—too manly to lie, too pure to be tricky, uncompromising for all truth, yet tender to perfection. Young man, I appreciate physical culture, but that is not manliness. John Sullivan is a perfect specimen of physical manhood, but, like Nero, a moral monster. Manliness is the truthness that was in Christ. Let us follow Jesus. He was our model in work. But he was never in a hurry nor fretful. Yet no man worked as he. He was our model in studying God's word of truth. He commended much with God's word in the Old Testament. It was by this that his messianicship was revealed. So we must study much God's truth. He was a man of prayer; this above all was his power.

The Pastor's Institute, East Lake, Alabama.

This school is peculiar to itself and is the first of its kind organized. Two sessions have been held and another is announced for the coming summer.

It was organized by Dr. D. I. Purser, who has since been at its head as president of the faculty and board of trustees. Whilst its sessions are held in the buildings of Howard College it has no organic connection with that institution.

It is controlled by a board of trustees chosen from its membership, one third being elected annually.

The purpose of the Institute is to meet the want of pastors and workers along the line of personal advancement in efficiency from year to year.

New phases of religious duty, being the emergencies which they bring, are being constantly presented to our pastors.

Preachers, like other laborers, want the stimulus of suggestion and co-operation which spring enterprise and contribute to success in other callings. Country pastors are usually isolated and feel the want of contact and sympathy with their kind. It is easy to drop into ruts and pursue a tread mill routine of duty from year to year. To get out of these fixed habits, to keep away from fossilized methods, to be brought into contact with men engaged in the same work—to know more men and a greater circle of ideas—to be acquainted with their methods of work and their range of thought, to get out of ourselves and into the lives of others, and to get others into our lives in a mutual exchange of testimonial struggles, is the prime purpose of the Institute. Like a tree, the natural law of human life is that of growth. Growth is also its necessity to prevent death. A natural law of ministerial life is also that of growth. The pastor who fails to grow in efficiency dies in spiritual experience, in the force of his influence, and in visible results. Extraneous influences largely control this growth. Incentives to action are needed every day, every hour. Unlike the contracted growth of the tree, God has unfettered the possibilities of his servants. This growth may be rapid and continuous. The mastering of the multiplication table is the triumph of the child; graduation, that of the youth; consummated enterprise, that of maturity. Success is the material of future success. Triumph augments the possibilities of triumph, growth accelerates growth and furnishes the basis of limitless development. Men grow in other callings, why not grow in the Christian pastorate?

If statesmen, jurists, scientists grow in the beauty of god at seventy and eighty, why not those whose thought is higher, and whose purpose sweeps a wider range, also grow. Something of the old man is said to be beautiful in the boy. It is likewise beautiful to see something of the boy in the old man. To hold youth and age together, to perpetuate the one and borrow from the other till







