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Pride, sinful pride, is found in every class of society. Even among the inmates of Five Points, N. Y., the most degraded society in the world, one family refused to associate with their neighbor because they had two chairs, and their neighbor but one. There is a false pride in the world that is the wreck and ruin of many a poor soul.

HORACE MANN, in one of his discourses to young men, said: "Young men, what do you think of this advertisement, 'Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they have gone forever!' Unemployed moments have wings swifter than eagles, and when gone return no more. Life is but a span, hence we cannot afford to lose the golden moments. Let us be about our Master's business."

LUCK, says Cobden, is always waiting for something to turn up. Labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something. Luck lies in bed, and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy. Labor turns out at 6 o'clock, and with busy pen or ringing hammer, lays the foundation of a competency. Luck whines. Labor whistles. Luck relies on chances. Labor depends on character. Luck slips down to indigence. Labor strides upwards to independence. "The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing." The lazy, indolent Christian is an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

PAUL, in that most powerful exhortation to the Hebrews, in which he warns them not to fall back from the faith, but to be diligent and patient in waiting upon God, because God is most sure and certain to fulfill his promises, concludes with these words, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope, we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Such a hope is faith's helmet, and the manna from heaven, that comforts us in all extremities. When all other things fail us, hope stands by us to the last."

DILIGENCE is a most commendable virtue. It lightens our burdens, strengthens our body, quickens our perceptions, enlarges our brain and adds to life's happiness. Richard Burke, after listening to a masterly effort of his brother Edmund, in the parliament of England, was found in deep thought by a friend, who asked him the cause of his sober thinking. He replied, "I have been wondering how Ned has contrived to monopolize all the talents of the Burke family, and I think I have solved the problem: when we were at play, he was always at work." This is an important lesson for our sons and daughters, and it is also important to Christians. Christian activity, diligence, will certainly bring its sure reward—happiness. "The soul of the diligent shall be made fat."

THE governors of the following states have already notified the inauguration committee that they will be in line, accompanied by their staffs, on inauguration day, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Louisiana, and Wisconsin. From present indications, the inauguration on March 4th will be the most imposing ever before witnessed. We are glad to note that the states are making it national, and not partisan. Whenever an American citizen is appointed to office by his countrymen, he should receive the respect and support of all men irrespective of party affiliation, so long as he is worthy. The true patriot rises above the passions and prejudices engendered by party strife, and regards all classes and sections worthy of his protection and confidence. Under no circumstances should members of our churches carry their political differences into their church relations. God forbid that Christians should ever let their political faith and doctrine enter, as a disturbing element, into their religious faith and doctrine. If such is the case, the devil will surely take advantage of it, enter into the strife, and if possible produce a disruption. No, by no means, brethren, allow your politics and religion to clash.

On last Sabbath we delivered two lectures in the Union Springs Baptist church. It is a real pleasure to meet with the members of this church; they are social and pleasant, and make one feel that it is good to be with them. The church is progressing and doing its duty in sustaining the various enterprises of our denomination. Pastor Dalby is certainly highly appreciated by his people, and he richly deserves it. He attends Sunday-school regularly, which is very encouraging to all connected. The membership is something over two hundred. Brother B. T. Eley is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he makes a very efficient one. They have enrolled about 135; average attendance, 100. They have excellent singing, both in Sabbath-school and church. This is one of the old churches. During the past twenty-five years the following ministers have served them: Carroll, Curry, Sanders, Hendon, Tobey, Goodwin, Dill, Wright, Chambliss, Foster, Dalby. Everything is moving on smoothly and pleasantly, and one of the most encouraging signs is, they are interested in the circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The pastor took a collection for Howard College. The amount was not announced, so we are unable to give it.

THERE may be such a thing as unpopular preaching by preaching the truth. Sometimes good meaning people request their pastor not to say much about certain indiscretions, or sins, common among the members. Of course the preacher, if he is called of God, goes fearlessly on, doing his whole duty. Sometimes you find members of the church engaging in the dance, the game of cards, and other amusements that are not in keeping with Christianity. Now of course these members would not have their pastors say anything against their sins. It reminds us of an anecdote, told of an old negro preacher in slavery times. His master said to him one day: "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, massa, de Lord do help me powerful sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the negroes steal little things on the plantation?" "It's mighty 'raid they does, massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to the negroes against stealing." After a few moments given to solemn thought on the subject, Pompey replied, "You see, massa, dat wouldn't never do, 'cause it would trow such a coldness over de meetin'." And so it is with church members; when the minister begins to denounce and condemn vices that are common among his members, it makes the "meetin'" very cold. But, brother, persevere, and matters will warm up, and a revolution will be sure to follow. What we need in some churches is fearless, heroic denunciations of sin. Our prayer is, that God will increase the number.

WASHINGTON WILKES, D. D. In this issue will be found a sermon from Rev. W. Wilkes, D. D., the subject of this sketch. Dr. Wilkes was born in Marlborough district, S. C., A. D. 1822; made a profession of religion and joined the Bethlehem church, near Louisville, Barbours county, this state, in 1842, and was baptized by Rev. Peter Eldridge. Spent most of 1843-4 in Dale county. Here he tried to evade the call to the ministry, and therefore kept his letter in his pocket. Yielding to the voice of God, he was licensed by Bethel church, Pike county, in 1846, and ordained the same year by Samuel Henderson, J. Davis, M. H. Parker, and A. N. Worthing. He served Bethel church (now Brundidge) 1847. Graduated at Howard College 1851; was a beneficiary of Salem association. After his first year in college he became pastor at Hamburg and Perryville, continuing through his college course, which enabled him to be partly self-sustaining. He succeeded A. G. McCraw at Ocmulgee and Burns ville. Dr. Wilkes was married in October, 1854, to Miss Mary E. Lamar, a most lovable woman, who died only a few years ago. His pastorate were always successful. At Bethesda, Big Spring, Mt. Hebron, Autaugaville, and Prattville, in Autauga county, he preached for several years, also at Plantersville, Dallas county, and Montevallo, Shelby county. Bro. Wilkes has been very successful in erecting church buildings in many of his pastorate, perhaps as much so as any of our preachers.

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whenever he preached then and now he gave out no uncertain sound. He is sound in the faith. He ignores all sensational preaching, but proclaims salvation by grace in its purity, power and simplicity. In 1878-9 he was missionary for the Sunday-school Board in five counties, visiting nearly, if not all, the churches in Coosa River, Shelby, Central, Carey, and Coosa Valley associations.

Dr. Wilkes has been a close student, has read much, and now has hundreds of pages of manuscript in his study on different subjects. He has written a number of short poems that have been pronounced by some of our best critics excellent. Dr. Henderson urged Dr. Wilkes to prepare his writings and poems for publication, but he has always been a modest, retiring preacher. The denomination in the state does not know his work nor worth. We could give a much fuller sketch of the life and labor of this noble brother, but we will leave that for the historian who, we hope, will soon begin the preparation of a history of the Baptists of Alabama. Dr. Wilkes is to all appearances in the full vigor of robust health. He is preaching regularly, and is as energetic, zealous and interesting as ever. May a kind Providence lengthen his days, and increase his usefulness, and may he be spared yet many years, as a workman in the vineyard of the Lord.

## FIELD NOTES.

The protracted meeting at the Central Baptist church, New Decatur, has been postponed.

Rev. J. W. Mitchell has become pastor of the Baptist church at Six Mile, Bibb county.

Dr. John Thomas, a prominent citizen and Baptist, died in Marengo county on the 3d inst. The obituary will be published next week.

The Centennial pledges must be paid as soon as possible, if we are going to be ready for the Convention at Nashville. Don't wait, brother!

Don't forget the meeting of the State Board of Missions in Montgomery on March 7th, at 7:30 p. m. Let every member be present if possible.

Greenville Advocate: Sardis church has called Rev. W. C. Avant, of Rutledge, to serve them for another year, and it is to be hoped that he will serve.

Syllacauga Argus, 17: Rev. C. S. Johnson occupied the Baptist church at this place last Sunday morning, and delivered a sermon that made a lasting impression.

Mr. Ed. Wilkinson, of Birmingham, and a daughter of Dr. Hilda, of Richmond, but late pastor at Eufaula, were married last week. They will reside in Birmingham.

Extensive repairs, which were much needed, have been made on the old First church of Montgomery, giving vast improvements in the basement room, gas system, windows, etc.

At the residence of the bride's father, S. V. Herring, near Woodstock, Ala., Feb. 15, Rev. J. E. Wilson and Miss Ola Herring were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by Rev. Wm. Foust.

Rev. J. G. Apey has removed from Clinton to Eutaw, of which his correspondents will please take notice. They will remember it more surely if brother A. will write to them occasionally through these columns.

Pastor McCord proposes to have a centennial meeting with Brezner church on the first Sunday in March. The programme has not yet been prepared, but much will be said that will be pleasant and profitable to the people.

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W. B. Crumpton: Brethren Ray, Curry and others are out this week for a trip through Sumter, Choctaw and Clarke; and brethren Willis, White, Skinner, Parker and others, are in Wilcox and Monroe. Let pious hearts remember them before the throne that the Lord may be with them.

Mrs. Ada C. Bell, wife of Rev. T. P. Bell, assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, died at Richmond, Va., after a long illness, on Monday last week. She was Miss Ada Claybaugh; was reared in Talladega, and was baptized by Dr. Renfroe. She was married to Rev. T. P. Bell in 1880.

Pastor Catts, of Fort Deposit, has paid us some valuable attention recently, and says he will continue to act in the same way. We have been pleased to see our brother's success ever since he began to preach, and he will do still better with more experience and the ALABAMA BAPTIST to help him.

Clanton View, Feb. 16: The new Baptist church building when completed will be quite an ornament to Clanton, and every citizen interested in a good cause should lend a helping hand towards finishing it. Every little contribution will help—J. R. Hill is the new superintendent of the Baptist Sabbath school at J-mison.

Bro. D. S. Martin, of Elmore, is busily engaged at preaching and working for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. We appreciate your kindness, brother, and we hope to make so good a paper that those whom you persuade to subscribe will thank you, too. Bro. Martin has been clerk of the Central association for so long that probably some of the older members could not make a good speech if they did not have him before them while they were talking.

Bro. E. B. Lovelace, of Roberts, Ecambia county, has placed us under obligation by sending us a long list of names with appropriate government securities. But there is no surprising about it, as it is the Lovelace way to lay hold with both hands if they touch a thing at all. The Lovelace brothers manufacture yellow pine timber and lumber, which is as strong and sound as their friendship for the ALABAMA BAPTIST—and that is saying a good deal for the lumber.

Correspondent Greenville Advocate: Rev. J. E. Kolb preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Sardis church, Butler county, to a large congregation. It was sooner than expected, as his work is to commence next Saturday as missionary in the Alabama association. We regretted very much to give him up, as he has endeared himself to every member of Sardis church, and also to surrounding community. We congratulate the Alabama association in securing his services.

Bro. D. C. Culbreth, who has been pastor and editor in Bibb, Perry and other counties of that region, writes us a note from Geneva, enclosing a note against the United States, and says: "Have just entered upon my work as pastor of the church here, and will send you a list of subscribers soon. I think the general outlook here is very promising." In his experience as pastor and editor brother Culbreth appears to have learned that one important thing for a pastor to do is to get his people to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. If he is mistaken about it, probably some one can show him it is.

W. E. L.: Bro. J. B. Small, in his communication on State Mission work, a week ago, gave us this quotation from our brethren in the country: "The town people are able to run their own concern, and we are not going to give our scanty means to support any such policy." Exactly so; and this can be heard in almost any direction you may go. So it seems we have reckoned without the host. And who was so unwise as to expect favorable comment on a policy that deliberately neglected 90,000 of our people? The sequel of such administration is an alienated brotherhood, and an empty treasury.

W. N. Huckabee, Camden: I see many things in the paper of last week which I appreciate very much. I wish to lend a hearty amen to two things mentioned in brother Crumpton's article. The whisky traffic of this country and reform in politics are the gigantic issues of the day. The Negro problem has been supposed to be the main issue before Southern Baptists; and many even now suppose that to be the greatest problem before us. But to my mind this is a corollary hanging upon other problems for its solution, and those problems are the whisky business and the purity of our ballot box. I also appreciated Dr. Teague's article. Several years ago he wrote a series of articles on "Drift of Doctrine and Practice," which I greatly admired. I look upon Dr. Teague as the ripest scholar and most level-headed man in the state. May God spare him yet many days to the denomination.

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W. J. N. Taylor, Union: Rev. J. E. White has taken charge of Beulah and Bethel churches. He will occupy the old Matthew P. Smith home. Bro. S. S. Thornton has a flourishing Sunday school at Beulah. The late cold spell did not freeze them out. Dr. Lucas has a good Sunday school at Bethel. Mrs. Rebecca Pool, one of the oldest members of Bethel church, died at the residence of her son, B. F. Pool, Feb. 15th. A good woman has gone to her reward. Rev. J. G. Apey has moved to Eutaw, and will preach there this year. Any church on the railroad wanting a good preacher, will find it to their interest to confer with him, as Eutaw will not take up all his time.

We find the following paragraph in some of our exchanges. It may be that some of our brethren would like to try the experiment of putting the ALABAMA BAPTIST in the hands of their members, and thus test the truth of what the Arkansas preacher says: "Elder T. W. Adams, of Arkansas, in the past two months sent the Arkansas Baptist about \$200 for new subscribers and renewals. He takes the position that for his people to read their state paper helps him rather than hinders his work. He says securing subscriptions to his denominational paper gives an impetus to every phase of local church interest, and develops an increased zeal in all denominational affairs."

Rev. J. H. Curry, Northport: The long cold wave has passed away, and the bright sunshine reminds us of the approaching spring time. Northport has been called to mourn the death of one of her oldest and most efficient members, Deacon Samuel R. Hamner. More than a half century he faithfully and conscientiously served in the office of the deaconship. His life was beautifully consistent and useful; his death peaceful and triumphant. Bro. L. O. Dawson, pastor of the Tuscaloosa church, is making a splendid beginning. His church is delighted. We are all expecting great and good things by the hands of the Lord, with this good brother and his faithful helpmate.

J. M. K., Citronelle, Feb. 16: Bro. Willis, last week, said some good things for Howard College, but surely he did not intend to slip in some free advertising for building and loan associations. These associations are organized to make money for somebody. I know of a brother who withdrew after a two years' membership, and got \$30 less than he paid in, and this was the leading association in the state. If you can spare something every month, put it in some good bank, or invest in real estate. Every ten years people are led off on some money making scheme. In 1870 it was life insurance; in 1880, marriage insurance, and in 1890 we had building and loan associations. What next?

The subject of Baptist history in Alabama is coming right up to the front. Rev. J. T. S. Park makes an interesting contribution in this issue, which also reaches outside of the state. When the brethren who are regarded rather as the connecting links between the past and the present do begin to talk, they can tell a great deal which the younger generation never read or heard of. We have been thinking that Elder Jefferson Falkner might be moved, before long, to give us some facts, incidents and reminiscences which he has been storing away in his mind for nearly three-quarters of a century. But possibly he dislikes the labor of writing, or else can hardly decide where to begin.

Our little paragraph, last week, in which we spoke of the Culpepper meetings at Birmingham, moved Bro. Landmarker to call us to account.

We mentioned with pleasure what the papers said of the good effect of those meetings, and our brother draws the inference that we "endorse Mr. Culpepper in toto." That "inference" puts the brother so far out of reach that we could not touch him with an argument ten feet long so we will not attempt it. But we hope to go to Bro. Landmarker's house, some day, and to eat his bread and meat and milk and butter; and we have no doubt that we shall heartily endorse it all, but we shall not say so if an endorsement also of his methods of farming and dairying. We do not know what they are, any more than we know what Preacher Culpepper's doctrines and methods are—only we know that one is reputed to be a good farmer, and the other is said to be a Methodist.

## Excursion to Cuba--One of the Results.

Dr. R. B. Montgomery, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was of the party which visited Cuba. Before he left home the Ministers' Conference of New York City secured from him a promise to tell them what he saw in Cuba. Here is one of the results:

BROOKLYN, Feb. 14, '93.  
Rev. John Wm. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.:  
The New York Ministers' Conference voted unanimously to raise money for Diaz's work in Cuba, and requested Dr. Montgomery to receive and forward it. A. C. Dixon, President.

## Will it be Sent to Richmond?

Baptists are a liberal people. All they need, to do their duty in works for the extension of Christ's kingdom, is to be properly informed. Safely may it be said that more information has been given to the churches this year and the one previous than ever before. Much fruit will come from this broad sowing. But let the fruit be in proper season. The Foreign Mission Board is in need now of \$30,000 to meet the arrears of the churches. Will it be sent at once, in addition to as much more for the work of this quarter?

H. A. TUPPER

## Take it Now.

Your collection for the Centennial Fund—if you have not taken it, take it now. If you have taken it, and there are unpaid subscriptions to it, collect them now. Only a little over two months remain before the Convention meets in Nashville, and how much remains to be done! Brethren who are responsible for the pledges made at Anniston, do press the collection! Don't let one fail, if you can avoid it. And report them as fast as collected to our State Board Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion. Then don't neglect the regular collections because of your centennial contributions. As brother Crumpton says "the pressure is on"—let every one do something.

Geo. B. EAGER,  
Chm'n. Cen. Committee,  
Montgomery, Feb. 21st.

## Heroic Work.

This is what we must have this year on the part of pastors, if Alabama is to be saved from falling behind on missionary contributions. During the war, when a long, tedious march was to be made over bad roads, on short rations, or when the breastworks of the enemy were to be carried at the point of the bayonet, the heroic men were called out. Most any sort of a fellow would do to count, when they were lying around the camp with nothing to do. If the war hadn't called for anything more than that, the last one who wore a uniform or answered to roll-call would have been counted a hero. But the pinch came, now and then, and those who were real men were discovered. Brethren pastors, you are the leaders of God's Israel. The pinch is on us now. Who will be equal to the occasion?

## A HERO HEARD FROM.

Bro. John P. Shaffer is one of the veterans of the late war. He bears honorable scars, which show that he was in the thick of the fight. He has thrown himself into the movement to "round up" the Centennial. In January he made some appointments in the Carey association for February. Everybody knows what terrible weather we have had. I have just heard from him. He writes: "Well, I made the trip, and everything was as unfavorable as could be. It rained every day but two during my trip, and they were cold and cloudy. But I was in for the campaign, and I never worked harder in my life, and did as little. All the collections were taken, to be over and above what they will give for the regular work. Here is the result—\$130.40, of which \$58 is cash."

God will bless the brother for his labor and compensate him for his suffering. If fifty pastors will lay hold with the same zeal and courage, we will not only get the Centennial "rounded up," but our regular work will not fall behind. Brethren, won't you do it? W. B. CRUMPTON.

## Secret Prayer.

Isaac went out into the fields to meditate at eventide. Daniel, in his chamber, bowed in prayer three times a day. Jesus saw the devotion of Nathaniel under the fig tree. Peter was at prayer on the house-top when he received his commission to preach to the Gentiles. Jesus withdrew from the multitude and from his disciples to pray.

Secret prayer is a test of sincerity. Public worship may be attended from various motives, good or bad. But private devotion, secret prayer—what can induce it but the motive honest and pure, the thirst after righteousness, the love of God? The hypocrite may pray in public, and he may pray in his family. Here he is seen and heard by others. But he will not pray in secret. There is hope for a man so long as he is faithful to pray in secret. The fact that he still feels

after God in secret places, is evidence of his sincerity, and that the Spirit of Divine grace is with him, and drawing him to the fountain of life.

There are no restraints whatever in the closet. In secret prayer no feeling need be suppressed. The tear may flow. The passion of penitence may be indulged. The agony of prayer may be exercised. There is no ear but God's to hear; no eye but God's to see.

The closet not only removes hindrances, but it furnishes helps. It shuts out things visible, and brings to view things invisible. We leave for a while the busy scenes of life to commune with God. The world is not there, pride is not there, passion is not there. Eternity, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are there.

Secret prayer prepares us for public service. "The Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." It will appear in your experience, and in the daily walks of life. The spirit of Christ shall be with you and in you. J. H. CURRY.

## Wise Suggestions.

I have read Dr. F. M. Ellis' suggestions, (printed in the Kentucky Baptist) as to having one set of officers to superintend the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Sunday-school work of our Southern Baptist Convention, instead of having three distinct boards as we now have. The plan seems to me to be a desirable one. Practically the same thing was suggested to me by a brother of our own state last summer. I believe that some change in our present plans is necessary. I believe Dr. Ellis suggests an exceedingly practicable, economical and desirable plan.

JNO W. STEWART.

## North River Association.

The fifth Sunday meeting of North River association was held with Providence church. The programme was fully carried out, but many of the speakers appointed failed to appear. The next meeting will be held at Jasper church, and a suitable programme will be made out.

There is serious complaint about the preachers not attending. Dear ministering brethren, you are represented as having and holding the light of truth; then please come out to these fifth Sunday meetings and enlighten the church and the people upon the subject of church work, mission work, and all the work the Master has assigned you and his other laborers.

God bless the ALABAMA BAPTIST and its editors. JAMES HILTON.

## Don't Whine.

Don't be whining about not having a fair chance. Throw a sensible man out of a window, he'll fall on his feet and ask the nearest way to his work. The more you have to begin with the less you will have in the end. Money you earn yourself is much brighter than any you can get out of dead men's bags. A scant breakfast in the morning of life whets the appetite for a feast later in the day. He who has tasted a sour apple will have the more relish for a sweet one. Your present want will make future prosperity all the sweeter. Eighteen pence has set up many a peddler in the business, and he has turned it over until he has kept his carriage. As for the place you are cast in, don't find fault with that; you need not be a horse because you were born in a stable. If a bull tossed a sensible man of middle age, high he would drop down in a good place. A hard working young man, with his wits about him, will make money while others will do nothing but lose it.

Who loves his work and knows how to spare, May live and flourish anywhere."

As to a little trouble, who expects to find cherries without stones, or roses without thorns? Who would win most learn to bear. Idleness lies in bed sick of the millgrubs, where industry finds health and wealth. The dog in the kennel barks at fleas; the hunting dog does not even know that they are there. "Try" swims it and makes all the trade. "Can't do it?" would be the bread set for him, but "Try" made meat out of mushrooms.—John Plowman.

There is danger that the preacher lose faith in the power of the pure gospel. The effort that some men make to attract the people by means outside of the truth itself is evidence of this fact. God sometimes gives us men who attain the very highest success and popularity by adhering to the simple plain truth, and by depending on that and that alone. Such a man was Spurgeon, of whom Dr. Joseph Parker says: "Herein Spurgeon was the wonder of the church. Without gown or bands, without choir or fiddle, without an organ or drum, he drew the largest congregations in the world, and held it for a life time. George Elliott might sneer at him, but the fact remained that, without accessories of any kind, with only the common ground for a pedestal, he filled the world with his influence, and out-ran the fleetest genius that ever started to tell nothing to nobody."

There is a legend that once a silver egg was prepared as a present to a Saxon queen. When she opened the silver shell by a secret spring there was found a yoke of gold; touching the spring of gold, it flew open and disclosed a beautiful bird. Pressing the wings of the bird, in its breast was found a crown, while upheld by a spring, like the rest, was a ring of diamonds which fitted the finger of the princess herself. Oh! how many a promise there is within a promise in the Scripture, the silver around the gold, and the gold around the jewel. Yet how few of God's children ever find their way far enough to discover the crown of his promise or the ring of his covenant? It requires the eye of faith to discover the precious treasures within.—Sel.

## News Items.

Hayneville has been made a separate school district.

The Coosa, the Alabama and the Warrior rivers have been very high. Judge Jack R. Wilson, an old citizen of Clarke county, died last week.

Columbia claims to be steadily growing all the time, without a boom.

Thomas Dyet was drowned last week in crossing the upper Cahaba river.

Sam Jones has been holding a meeting in Memphis, with large audiences.

There is complaint of "blind tigers" at Childersburg, and of gambling at Talladega.

W. W. Watson, of Wilcox, was married last week to Miss Allen, of Bagdad, Fla.

The sudden melting of snow and ice has caused a flood in some of the rivers of the Northwest.

Some of the people of Shelby county are in bad humor with Dr. Burns, a traveling medicine man.

The representative of a large number of Germans is looking to Alabama as a place for them to settle.

Judge Jackson has been confirmed as Justice Lamar's successor on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

Our legislature has passed a law regulating primary elections, giving them the protection of the law.

Hawaii will be annexed to the United States if congress ratifies the act of the president in the matter.

The commissioners of Lowndes have increased the tax rate one mill, making now three mills for that county.

G. V. Hogg, of Texas, and Gov. Jones, of Alabama, have recently written messages in opposition to lynching.

G. M. Beauregard died in New Orleans on Tuesday night. He was the last of the Confederate generals of his rank.

Destructive wind storms, and very cold weather, prevailed in some of the middle and eastern states on the 20th.

In Montgomery, one night last week, Wm. Jackson shot and killed Daphne Talbert, a young woman, both colored.

Geo. E. Spencer, who was for a few years a troublesome figure in Alabama politics, died in Washington City a few days since.

Dr. Daniel E. Smith, of Mobile, died Monday night from blood poison, contracted through a sore on his hand in dissecting a corpse.

The legislature passed a new election law and a school amendment to be constituted by the people.

Judge Box, at Talladega court, fined some witnesses and sent others to jail for being absent when called, and they all come promptly now.

Last week, in Mississippi, Bishop Galloway preached the funeral of Col. Barksdale, who once wrote the bishop's obituary, under the belief that he had died.

The \$80,000 flouring mill of Comer & Wilkinson, Birmingham, was burned Tuesday; no insurance. J. A. Lewis, of Spring Hill, was burned to death in his room.

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# Alabama Baptist

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**RATES AND INFORMATION.**  
Subscription Price—\$2.00 per year in advance. To ministers, regularly in the service, \$1.50.  
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Advertisers—Will find it to their interest to write for terms. This paper has a large circulation in Alabama among the 100,000 white Baptists.

Pride, sinful pride, is found in every class of society. Even among the inmates of Five Points, N. Y., the most degraded society in the world, one family refused to associate with their neighbor because they had two chairs, and their neighbor but one. There is a false pride in the world that is the wreck and ruin of many a poor soul.

HORACE MANN, in one of his discourses to young men, said: Young men, what do you think of this advertisement, "Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they have gone forever!" Unemployed moments have wings swifter than eagles, and when gone return no more. Life is but a span, hence we cannot afford to lose the golden moments. Let us be about our Master's business.

LUCK, says Cobden, is always waiting for something to turn up. Labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something. Luck lies in bed, and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy. Labor turns out at 6 o'clock, and with busy pen or ringing hammer, lays the foundation of a competency. Luck whines. Labor whistles. Luck relies on chances. Labor depends on character. Luck slips down to indigence. Labor strides upwards to independence. "The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing." The lazy, indolent Christian is an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

PAUL, in that most powerful exhortation to the Hebrews, in which he warns them not to fall back from the faith, but to be diligent and patient in waiting upon God, because God is most sure and certain to fulfill his promises, concludes with these words, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope, we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Such an hope is an anchor, a harbor, a helmet, a door. Such a hope is faith's rent gatherer, and the manna from heaven, that comforts us in all extremities. When all other things fail us, hope stands by us to the last.

DILIGENCE is a most commendable virtue. It lightens our burdens, strengthens our body, quickens our perceptions, enlarges our brain and adds to life's happiness. Richard Burke, after listening to a masterly effort of his brother Edmund, in the parliament of England, was found in deep thought by a friend, who asked him the cause of his sober thinking. He replied, "I have been wondering how Ned has contrived to monopolize all the talents of the Burke family, and I think I have solved the problem: when we were at play, he was always at work." This is an important lesson for our sons and daughters, and it is also important to Christians. Christian activity, diligence, will certainly bring its sure reward—happiness. "The soul of the diligent shall be made fat."

THE governors of the following states have already notified the inauguration committee that they will be in line, accompanied by their staffs, on inauguration day, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Louisiana, and Wisconsin. From present indications, the inauguration on March 4th will be the most imposing ever witnessed. We are glad to note that the states are making it national, and not partisan. Whenever an American citizen is appointed to office by his countrymen, he should receive the respect and support of all men irrespective of party affiliation, so long as he is worthy. The true patriot rises above the passions and prejudices engendered by party strife, and regards all classes and sections worthy of his protection and confidence. Under no circumstances should members of our churches carry their political differences into their church relations. God forbid that Christians should ever let their political faith and doctrine enter, as a disturbing element, into their religious faith and doctrine. If such is the case, the devil will surely take advantage of it, enter into the strife, and if possible produce a disruption. No, by no means, brethren, allow your politics and religion to clash.

On last Sabbath we delivered two lectures in the Union Springs Baptist church. It is a real pleasure to meet with the members of this church; they are social and pleasant, and make one feel that it is good to be with them. The church is progressing and doing its duty in sustaining the various enterprises of our denomination. Pastor Dalby is certainly highly appreciated by his people, and he richly deserves it. He attends Sunday-school regularly, which is very encouraging to all connected. The membership is something over two hundred. Brother B. T. Eley is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he makes a very efficient one. They have enrolled about 135; average attendance, 100. They have excellent singing, both in Sabbath-school and church. This is one of the old churches. During the past twenty-five years the following ministers have served them: Carroll, Curry, Sanders, Hendon, Toby, Goodwin, Dill, Wright, Chambliss, Foster, Dalby. Everything is moving on smoothly and pleasantly, and one of the most encouraging signs is, they are interested in the circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The pastor took a collection for Howard College. The amount was not announced, so we are unable to give it.

THERE may be such a thing as unpopular preaching by preaching the truth. Sometimes good meaning people request their pastor not to say much about certain indiscretions, or sins, common among the members. Of course the preacher, if he is called of God, goes fearlessly on, doing his whole duty. Sometimes you find members of the church engaging in the dance, the game of cards, and other amusements that are not in keeping with Christianity. Now of course these members would not have their pastors say anything against their sins. It reminds us of an anecdote, told of an old negro preacher in slavery times. His master said to him one day: "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, massa, de Lord do help me powerful sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the negroes steal little things on the plantation?" "It's mighty 'raid they does, massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to the negroes against stealing." After a few moments given to solemn thought on the subject, Pompey replied, "You see, massa, dat wouldn't never do, 'cause it would throw such a coldness over de meetin'." And so it is with church members; when the minister begins to denounce and condemn vices that are common among his members, it makes the "meetin'" very cold. But, brother, persevere, and matters will warm up, and a revolution will be sure to follow. What we need in some churches is fearless, heroic denunciations of sin. Our prayer is, that God will increase the number.

**WASHINGTON WILKES, D. D.**  
In this issue will be found a sermon from Rev. W. Wilkes, D. D., the subject of this sketch. Dr. Wilkes was born in Marlborough district, S. C., A. D. 1822; made a profession of religion and joined the Bethlehem church, near Louisville, Barbour county, this state, in 1842, and was baptized by Rev. Peter Eldridge. Spent most of 1843-4 in Dale county. Here he tried to evade the call to the ministry, and therefore kept his letter in his pocket. Yielding to the voice of God, he was licensed by Bethel church, Pike county, in 1846, and ordained the same year by Samuel Henderson, J. Davis, M. H. Parker, and A. N. Worthing. He served Bethel church (now Brundidge) 1847. Graduated at Howard College 1851; was a beneficiary of Salem association. After his first year in college he became pastor at Hamburg and Perryville, continuing through his college course, which enabled him to be partly self-sustaining. He succeeded A. G. McCraw at Ocmulgee and Burns ville. Dr. Wilkes was married in October, 1854, to Miss Mary E. Lamar, a most lovable woman, who died only a few years ago. His pastors were always successful. At Bethel, Big Spring, Mt. Hebron, Autaugaville and Prattville, in Autauga county, he preached for several years, also at Plantersville, Dallas county, and McAtteville, Shelby county. Bro. Wilkes has been very successful in erecting church buildings in many of his pastorates, perhaps as much so as any of our preachers.

In 1868 he removed to Fayetteville, in Talladega county, where he was pastor up to a few years ago. In turn he has served the churches at Syllacauga, Tallasseehatchee, Mt. Pleasant, Hepzibah, Mt. Sharon and Childersburg, Talladega county; Rockford, Union Springs, Mt. Olive and Concord churches, in Coosa county; Jackson's Gap, in Tallapoosa county; Harpersville, in Shelby county; Croppwell and Macedonia, in St. Clair county. The pastorate of these churches covers twenty-five years. During these years he was called to several prominent town and city churches in this state, Georgia and Louisiana, but he declined these calls, as he preferred to preach in the country. In 1856 he was agent for Howard College, and in 1863 the Soldiers' Orphan's Home. His revival meetings were spiritual and doctrinal, and

whenever he preached then and now he gave out no uncertain sound. He is sound in the faith. He ignores all sensational preaching, but proclaims salvation by grace in its purity, power and simplicity. In 1878-9 he was missionary for the Sunday-school Board in five counties, visiting nearly, if not all, the churches in Coosa River, Shelby, Central, Carey, and Coosa Valley associations.

Dr. Wilkes has been a close student, has read much, and now has hundreds of pages of manuscript in his study on different subjects. He has written a number of short poems that have been pronounced by some of our best critics excellent. Dr. Henderson urged Dr. Wilkes to prepare his writings and poems for publication, but he has always been a modest, retiring preacher. The denomination in the state does not know his work nor worth. We could give a much fuller sketch of the life and labor of this noble brother, but we will leave that for the historian who, we hope, will soon begin the preparation of a history of the Baptists of Alabama. Dr. Wilkes is to all appearances in the full vigor of robust health. He is preaching regularly, and is as energetic, zealous and interesting as ever. May a kind Providence lengthen his days, and increase his usefulness, and may he be spared yet many years, as a workman in the vineyard of the Lord.

**FIELD NOTES.**  
The protracted meeting at the Central Baptist church, New Decatur, has been postponed.

Rev. J. W. Mitchell has become pastor of the Baptist church at Six Mile, Bibb county.

Dr. John Thomas, a prominent citizen and Baptist, died in Marengo county on the 3d. inst. The obituary will be published next week.

The Centennial pledges must be paid as soon as possible, if we are going to be ready for the Convention at Nashville. Don't wait, brother!

Don't forget the meeting of the State Board of Missions in Montgomery on March 7th, at 7:30 p. m. Let every member be present if possible.

Greenville Advocate: Sardis church has called Rev. W. C. Avant, of Rutledge, to serve them for another year, and it is to be hoped that he will serve.

Syllacauga Argus, 17: Rev. C. S. Johnson occupied the Baptist church at this place last Sunday morning, and delivered a sermon that made a lasting impression.

Mr. Ed. Wilkinson, of Birmingham, and a daughter of Dr. Hiden, of Richmond, but late pastor at Enfield, were married last week. They will reside in Birmingham.

Extensive repairs, which were much needed, have been made on the old First church of Montgomery, giving vast improvements in the basement room, gas system, windows, etc.

At the residence of the bride's father, S. Y. Herring, near Woodstock, Ala., Feb. 15, Rev. J. E. Wilson and Miss O. Herring were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by Rev. Wm. Foust.

Rev. J. G. Apey has removed from Clinton to Etowah, of which his correspondents will please take notice. They will remember it more surely if brother A. will write to them occasionally through these columns.

Pastor McCord proposes to have a centennial meeting with Breznan church on the first Sunday in March. The programme has not yet been prepared, but much will be said that will be pleasant and profitable to the people.

New Decatur Advertiser, 18: Rev. W. T. Cobbs has been called to pastor the church at this place, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Jos. Shackelford. He has also been elected pastor of the Baptist church at Hillsboro.

The letter of our good brother at Salem was a little late in coming, but it will not spoil before next week. It is written on both sides of the paper, and it does not take much to throw the printers off the hinges about this time of the week.

Rev. W. M. Rabbakus to change the address of his paper from Brewton, Ala., to Milton, Fla. Bro. R. is rigid in doctrine and plain of speech, and we hope he will have good success in persuading the people whom he meets into the plain old path.

J. H. Glazner, Gadsden, Feb. 20: I am glad to state that after being confined to my room for near four weeks, I am at this time able to be up, and filled my appointment yesterday. Hope to be able to enter fully into the work of the Master again.

Attalla church—C. B. Hammett, pastor. Fifty eight in Sunday-school; pastor preached morning and night. Morning subject: Religion a life.—Acts 5:20. Evening subject: The important question—Acts 16:30. Congregations good; one received by letter at night.

So many of our readers have pecuniary interest in pine trees that have been tapped for turpentine, that we need make no apology for publishing the circular on the subject from the United States Department of Agriculture. Our people in the large pine area of Alabama will be glad to see it.

Jno. W. Stewart, Evergreen: I can't foresee what the future may prove, but it seems to me your plan of publishing a sermon occasionally, with a biographical sketch of its author, is a good one. I read Dr. Teague's sermon with pleasure; in fact I generally read whatever I see over his name.

W. B. Crumpton: Brethren Ray, Curry and others are out this week for a trip through Sumter, Choctaw and Clarke; and brethren Willis, White, Skinner, Parker and others, are in Wilcox and Monroe. Let pious hearts remember them before the throne that the Lord may be with them.

Mrs. Ada C. Bell, wife of Rev. T. P. Bell, assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, died at Richmond, Va., after a long illness, on Monday last week. She was Miss Ada Claybaugh; was reared in Talladega, and was baptized by Dr. Renfro. She was married to Rev. T. P. Bell in 1880.

Pastor Catts, of Fort Deposit, has paid us some valuable attention recently, and says he will continue to act in the same way. We have been pleased to see our brother's success ever since he began to preach, and he will do still better with more experience and the ALABAMA BAPTIST to help him.

Clanton News, Feb. 16: The new Baptist church building when completed will be quite an ornament to Clanton, and every citizen interested in a good cause should lend a helping hand towards finishing it. Every little contribution will help.—J. R. Hill is the new superintendent of the Baptist Sabbath school at J-mison.

Bro. D. S. Martin, of Elmore, is busily engaged at preaching and working for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. We appreciate your kindness, brother, and we hope to make so good a paper that those whom you persuade to subscribe will thank you, too. Bro. Martin has been clerk of the Central association for so long that probably some of the older members could not make a good speech if they did not have him before them while they were talking.

Bro. E. B. Lovelace, of Roberts, Ecambia county, has placed us under obligation by sending us a long list of names with appropriate government securities. But there is no thing surprising about it, as it is the Lovelace way to lay hold with both hands if they touch a thing at all. The Lovelace brothers manufacture yellow pine timber and lumber, which is as strong and sound as their friendship for the ALABAMA BAPTIST—and that is saying a good deal for the lumber.

Correspondent Greenville Advocate: Rev. J. B. Kolb preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Sardis church, Butler county, to a large congregation. It was sooner than expected, as his work is to commence next Saturday as Missionary in the Alabama association. We all regretted very much to give him up, as he has endeared himself to every member of Sardis church, and also to surrounding community. We congratulate the Alabama association in securing his services.

Bro. D. C. Culbreth, who has been pastor and editor in Bibb, Perry and other counties of that region, writes us a note from Geneva, enclosing a note against the United States, and says: "Have just entered upon my work as pastor of the church here, and will send you a list of subscribers soon. I think the general outlook here is very promising." In his experience as pastor and editor brother Culbreth appears to have learned that one important thing for a pastor to do is to get his people to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. If he is mistaken about it, probably some one can show how it is.

W. E. L.: Bro. J. B. Small, in his communication on State Mission work, a week ago, gave us this quotation from our brethren in the country: "The town people are able to run their own concern, and we are not going to give our scanty means to support any such policy." Exactly so; and this can be heard in almost any direction you may go. So it seems we have reckoned without the host. And who was so unwise as to expect favorable comment on a policy that deliberately neglected 90,000 of our people? The sequel of such an administration is an alienated brotherhood, and an empty treasury.

W. N. Huckabee, Camden: I see many things in the paper of last week which I appreciate very much. I wish to lend a hearty amen to two things mentioned in brother Crumpton's article. The whiskey traffic of this country and reform in politics are the gigantic issues of the day. The Negro problem has been supposed to be the main issue before Southern Baptists; and many even now suppose that to be the greatest problem before us. But to my mind this is a corollary hinging upon other problems for its solution, and those problems are the whiskey business and the purity of our ballot box. I also appreciated Dr. Teague's article. Several years ago Dr. wrote a series of articles on "Drift of Doctrine and Practice," which I greatly admired. I look upon Dr. Teague as the ripest scholar and most level-headed man in the state. May God spare him yet many days to the denomination.

Our little paragraph, last week, in which we spoke of the Culpepper meetings at Birmingham, moved Bro. Landmarker to call us to account. We mentioned with pleasure what the papers said of the good effect of those meetings, and our brother draws the inference that we "endorse Mr. Culpepper in toto." That "inference" puts the brother so far out of reach that we could not touch him with an argument ten feet long; so we will not attempt it. But we hope to go to Bro. Landmarker's house, some day, and to eat his bread and meat and milk and butter; and we have no doubt that we shall heartily endorse it all, but we shall not say so if the endorsement carries with it an endorsement also of his methods of farming and dairying. We do not know what they are, any more than we know what Preacher Culpepper's doctrines and methods are—only we know that one is reputed to be a good farmer, and the other is said to be a Methodist.

Bro. Elliott reports good congregation and a pleasant time, last Saturday and Sunday, on his second pastoral visit to Mt. Gilead church, near Benton. The church took a collection for ministerial education. The good people fed the new pastor on turkey at the first dinner on his first visit, and they did equally as well the last time. They also sent us, by the hands of brother Elliott, something that is better than turkey—at least it can be used for more different purposes. It was very much like them to do as they did, and we thank the brethren and sisters for their profitable remembrance. Bro. E. preached at Benton Sunday night.

W. J. N. Taylor, Union: Rev. J. E. White has taken charge of Beulah and Bethel churches. He will occupy the old Matthew P. Smith home. Bro. S. S. Thornton has a flourishing Sunday school at Beulah. The late cold spell did not freeze them out. Dr. Lucas has a good Sunday school at Bethel. Mrs. Rebecca Pool, one of the oldest members of Bethel church, died at the residence of her son, B. F. Pool, Feb. 15. A good woman has gone to her reward. Rev. J. G. Apey has moved to Etowah, and will preach there this year. Any church on the railroad wanting a good preacher, will find it to their interest to confer with him, as Etowah will not take up all his time.

We find the following paragraph in some of our exchanges. It may be that some of our brethren would like to try the experiment of putting the ALABAMA BAPTIST in the hands of their members, and thus test the truth of what the Arkansas preacher says: "Elder T. W. Adams, of Arkansas, in the past two months sent the Arkansas Baptist about \$200 for new subscribers and renewals. He takes the position that for his people to read their state paper helps him rather than hinders his work. He says securing subscriptions to his denominational paper gives an impetus to every phase of local church interest, and develops an increased zeal in all denominational affairs."

Rev. J. H. Curry, Northport: The long cold wave has passed away, and the bright sunshine reminds us of the approaching spring time. Northport has been called to mourn the death of one of her oldest and most efficient members, Deacon Samuel R. Hamner. More than a half century he faithfully and conscientiously served in the office of the deaconship. His life was beautifully consistent and useful; his death peaceful and triumphant. Bro. L. O. Dawson, pastor of the Tuscaloosa church, is making a splendid beginning. His church is delighted. We are all expecting great and good things by the hands of the Lord, with this good brother and his faithful helpmate.

J. M. K., Citronelle, Feb. 16: Bro. Willis, last week, said some good things for Howard College, but surely he did not intend to slip in some tree advertising for building and loan associations. These associations are organized to make money for somebody. I know of a brother who with drew after a two years' membership, and got \$30 less than he paid in, and this was the leading association in the state. If you can spare something every month, put it in some good bank, or invest in real estate. Every ten years people are led off on some money making scheme. In 1870 it was life insurance; in 1880, marriage insurance, and in 1890 we had building and loan associations. What next?

The subject of Baptist history in Alabama is coming right up to the front. Rev. J. T. S. Park makes an interesting contribution in this issue, which also reaches outside of the state. When the brethren who are regarded rather as the connecting links between the past and the present do begin to talk, they can tell a great deal which the younger generation never read or heard of. We have been thinking that Elder Jefferson Falkner might be moved, before long, to give us some facts, incidents and reminiscences which he has been storing away in his mind for nearly three-quarters of a century. But possibly he dislikes the labor of writing, or else can hardly decide where to begin.

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**Excursion to Cuba—One of the Results.**

Dr. R. B. Montgomery, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was of the party which visited Cuba. Before he left home the Ministers' Conference of New York City secured from him a promise to tell them what he saw in Cuba. Here is one of the results:

BROOKLYN, Feb. 14, '93.  
Rev. John Wm. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.:  
The New York Minister's Conference voted unanimously to raise money for Diaz's work in Cuba, and requested Dr. Montgomery to receive and forward it. A. C. DIXON, President.

**Will it be Sent to Richmond?**

Baptists are a liberal people. All they need, to do their duty in works for the extension of Christ's kingdom, is to be properly informed. Safely may it be said that more information has been given to the churches this year and the one previous than ever before. Much fruit will come from this broad sowing. But let the fruit be in proper season. The Foreign Mission Board is in need now of \$30,000 to meet the arrears of the churches. Will it be sent at once, in addition to as much more for the work of this quarter?

H. A. TOPPER  
Richmond.

**Take it Now.**

Your collection for the Centennial Fund—if you have not taken it, take it now. If you have taken it, collect them unpaid subscriptions to it, collect them now. Only a little over two months remain before the Convention meets in Nashville, and how much remains to be done! Brethren who are responsible for the pledges made at Anniston, do press the collection! Don't let one fail, if you can avoid it. And report them as fast as collected to our State Board Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion. Then don't neglect the regular collections because of your centennial contributions. As brother Crumpton says "the pressure is on"—let every one do something.

GEO. B. EAGER,  
Chm'n Cen. Committee,  
Montgomery, Feb. 21st.

**Heroic Work.**

This is what we must have this year on the part of pastors, if Alabama is to be saved from falling behind on missionary contributions. During the war, when a long, tedious march was to be made over bad roads, on short rations, or when the breastworks of the enemy were to be carried at the point of the bayonet, the heroic men were called out. Most any sort of a fellow would do to count, when they were lying around the camp with nothing to do. If the war hadn't called for anything more than that, the last one who wore a uniform or answered to roll-call would have been counted a hero. But the pinch came, now and then, and those who were real men were discovered. Brethren pastors, you are the leaders of God's Israel. The pinch is on us now. Who will be equal to the occasion?

A HERO HEARD FROM.

Bro. John P. Shaffer is one of the veterans of the late war. He bears honorable scars, which shows that he was in the thick of the fight. He has thrown himself into the movement to "round up" the Centennial. In January he made some appointments in the Carey association for February. Everybody knows what terrible weather we have had. I have just heard from him. He writes: "Well, I made the trip, and everything was as unfavorable as could be. It rained every day but two during my trip, and they were cold and cloudy. But I was in for the campaign, and I never worked harder in my life and did as little. All the collections were taken, to be offered and above what they will give for the regular work. Here is the result—\$130.40, of which \$58 is cash."

God will bless the brother for his labor and compensate him for his suffering. If fifty pastors will lay hold with the same zeal and courage, we will not only get the Centennial "rounded up," but our regular work will not fall behind. Brethren, won't you do it? W. B. CRUMPTON, Marion.

**Secret Prayer.**

Isaac went out into the fields to meditate at eventide. Daniel, in his chamber, bowed in prayer three times a day. Jesus saw the devotion of Nathaniel under the fig tree. Peter was at prayer on the house-top when he received his commission to preach to the Gentiles. Jesus withdrew from the multitude and from his disciples to pray.

Secret prayer is a test of sincerity. Public worship may be attended from various motives, good or bad. But a private devotion, secret prayer—what can induce it but the motive honest and pure, the thirst after righteousness, the love of God? The hypocrite may pray in public, and he may pray in his family. Here he is seen and heard by others. But he will not pray in secret. There is hope for a man so long as he is faithful to pray in secret. The fact that he still feels

after God in secret places, is evidence of his sincerity, and that the Spirit of Divine grace is with him, and drawing him to the fountain of life.

There are no restraints whatever in the closet. In secret prayer no feeling need be suppressed. The tears may flow. The passion of penitence may be indulged. The agony of prayer may be exercised. There is no ear but God's to hear; no eye but God's to see.

The closet not only removes hindrances, but it furnishes helps. It shuts out things visible, and brings to view things invisible. We leave for a while the busy scenes of life to commune with God. The world is not there, pride is not there, passion is not there. Eternity, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are there.

Secret prayer prepares us for public service. "The Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." It will appear in your experience, and in the daily walks of life. The spirit of Christ shall be with you and in you. J. H. CURRY, Northport.

**Wise Suggestions.**

I have read Dr. F. M. Ellis' suggestions, (printed in the Kentucky Baptist) as to having one set of officers to superintend the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Sunday-school work of our Southern Baptist Convention, instead of having three distinct boards as we now have. The plan seems to me to be a desirable one. Practically the same thing was suggested to me by a brother of our own state last summer. I believe that some change in our present plans is necessary. I believe Dr. Ellis suggests an exceedingly practicable, economical and desirable plan.

JNO. W. STEWART, Evergreen.

**North River Association.**

The fifth Sunday meeting of North River association was held with Providence church. The programme was fully carried out, but many of the speakers appointed failed to appear. The next meeting will be held at Jasper church, and a suitable programme will be made out.

There is serious complaint about the preachers not attending. Dear ministering brethren, you are represented as having and holding the light of truth; then please come out to these fifth Sunday meetings and enlighten the church and the people upon the subject of church work, mission work, and all the work the Master has assigned you and his other laborers.

God bless the ALABAMA BAPTIST and its editors. JAMES HILTON, Nauvoo, Ala.

**Don't Whine.**

Don't be whining about not having a fair chance. Throw a sensible man out of a window, he'll fall on his feet and ask the nearest way to his work. The more you have to begin with the less you will have in the end. Money you earn, yourself is worth brighter than any you can get out of dead men's bags. A scant breakfast in the morning of life whets the appetite for a feast later in the day. He who has tasted a sour apple will have the more relish for a sweet one. Your present want will make future prosperity all the sweeter. Eighteen pence has set up many a peddler in the business, and he has turned it over until he has kept his carriage. As for the place you are cast in, don't find fault with that; you need not be a horse because you were born in a stable. If a bull tosses a sensible man of mettle sky-high he would drop down in a good place. A hard working young man, with his wits about him, will make money; while others will do nothing but lose it. "Who loves his work and knows how to spare, May live and flourish anywhere."

As to a little trouble, who expects to find cherries without stones, or roses without thorns? Who would win most luck to bear. Idleness lies in bed sick of the multitudes, where industry finds health and wealth. The dog in the kennel barks at fleas; the hunting dog does not even know that they are there. "Try" swims it and makes all the trade. "Can't do it" would not eat the bread set for him, but "Try" made meat out of mushrooms.—John Plowman.

There is danger that the preacher lose faith in the power of the pure gospel. The effort that some men make to attract the people by means outside of the truth itself is evidence of this fact. God sometimes gives us men who attain the very highest success and popularity by adhering to the simple plain truth, and by depending on that and that alone. Such a man was Spurgeon, of whom Dr. Joseph Parker says: "Herein Spurgeon was the wonder of the church. Without gown or bands, without choir or fiddle, without an organ or drum, he drew the largest congregations in the world, and held it for a life time. George Elliott might sneer at him, but the fact remained that, without accessories of any kind, with only the common ground for a pedestal, he filled the world with his influence, and over-ran the flutest genius that ever started to tell nothing to nobody."

There is a legend that once a silver egg was prepared as a present to a Sax. queen. When she opened the silver shell by a secret spring there was found a yoke of gold; touching the spring of gold, it flew open and disclosed a beautiful bird. Pressing the wings of the bird, in its breast was found a crown, while upheld by a spring, like the rest, was a ring of diamonds which fitted the finger of the princess herself. Oh! how many a promise there is within a promise in the Scripture, the silver around the gold, and the gold around the jewels. Yet how few of God's children ever find their way far enough to discover the crown of his promise or the ring of his covenant? It requires the eye of faith to discover the precious treasures within.—S. J.

**News Items.**  
Hayneville has been made a separate school district.

The Coosa, the Alabama and the Warrior rivers have been very high. Judge Jack R. Wilson, an old citizen of Clarke county, died last week.

Columbia claims to be steadily growing all the time, without a boom.

Thomas Dyer was drowned last week in crossing the upper Cahaba river.

Sam Jones has been holding a meeting in Memphis, with large audiences.

There is complaint of "blind tigers" at Childersburg, and of gambling at Talladega.

W. W. Watson, of Wilcox, was married last week to Miss Allen, of Bagdad, Fla.

The sudden melting of snow and ice has caused a flood in some of the rivers of the Northwest. Some of the people of Shelby county are in bad humor with Dr. Burns, a traveling medicine man.

The representative of a large number of Germans is looking to Alabama as a place for them to settle.

Judge Jackson has been confirmed as Justice Lamar's successor on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

Our legislature has passed a law regulating primary elections, giving them the protection of the law.

Hawaii will be annexed to the United States if congress ratifies the act of the president in the matter.

The commissioners of Lowndes have increased the tax rate one mill, making now three mills for that county.

G. V. Hogg, of Texas, and Gov. Jones, of Alabama, have recently written messages in opposition to lynching.

G. N. Beauguard died in New Orleans on Tuesday night. He was the last of the Confederate generals of his rank.

Destructive wind storms, and very cold weather, prevailed in some of the middle and eastern states on the 20th.

In Montgomery, one night last week, Wm. Jackson shot and killed Daphne Talbert, a young woman, both colored.

Geo. E. Spencer, who was for a few years a troublesome figure in Alabama politics, died in Washington City a few days since.

Dr. Daniel E. Smith, of Mobile, died Monday night from blood poison, contracted through a sore on his hand in dissecting a corpse.

The legislature passed a new election law and a school amendment to the constitution, the latter of which must be ratified by the people.

Judge Box, at Talladega court, fined some witnesses and sent others to jail for being absent when called, and they all come promptly now.

Last week, in Mississippi, Bishop Galloway preached the funeral of Col. Barksdale, who once wrote the bishop's obituary, under the belief that he had died.

The \$80,000 flouring mill of Colmer & Wilkinson, Birmingham, was burned Tuesday; no insurance. J. A. Lewis, of Spring Hill, was burned to death in his room.

It is reported that four thousand people in the Concordia and Catahoula parishes, in the northern portion of Louisiana, are on the verge of starving, a result of last year's floods. The Republicans and Populists had a long contest in Kansas as to which had the lawful legislature. The militia was called out by the governor to help the Populists, but finally the sheriff took charge of the matter, and the question will now go before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Cleveland has announced the following as members of his cabinet: Judge Gresh



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### Baptist Congress.

Programme for the congress to be held in the East Lake Baptist church, March 28th and 29th:

First day, morning session—  
10 a. m. 'Denominational economic ics,' by Rev. L. O. Dawson.

11 a. m. Inter denominational Christian comity. Rev. J. A. French.

Afternoon session—  
2 p. m. Sources of Baptist history in Alabama. Rev. Jos. Shackelford.

3 p. m. Report of the committee on constitution and by laws of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society. Rev. Z. D. Roby, W. B. Lloyd and J. W. Wilkins.

4 p. m. Importance of the preservation of Baptist historical material. Dr. E. B. Tesgue.

Evening session—  
7:30 p. m. Sermon. Rev. W. M. Harris.

8:30 p. m. Meeting of the Historical Society.

Second day, morning session—  
9:30 a. m. The preacher as a man. Rev. S. C. Clopton.

10:30 a. m. The Immanence of the Spirit in the preacher. Rev. B. J. Skinner.

11:30 a. m. The analytical view of the Hexateuch and its practical effects upon the religious uses of the several books. Rev. J. J. Taylor.

Afternoon session—  
2:30 p. m. Should missionary intelligence be transmitted through our denominational weeklies exclusively? Rev. W. H. Smith.

3:30 p. m. Revivals—Missionary Calvinism. A. J. Dickinson.

The opening addresses must not consume more than thirty minutes.

It is optional with the speaker whether he write, an essay or make an address upon the subject assigned him, except in cases where the speaker fails to attend, then he will be expected to send a paper.

Dear Baptist: Ample provision will be made for the accommodation of all visitors to the congress, and it is earnestly hoped by our citizens and church that a large crowd will come.

Please send in your names before the 15th of March, to R. W. Beck, who will notify you of your homes.

A. W. McGAHA  
East Lake, Feb. 20.

C. A. Thompson, Seymour, Ind., writes: "My sister Jennie, when she was a young girl, suffered from white swelling, which greatly impaired her general health and made her blood very impure. In the spring she was not able to do anything and could scarcely get about. More than a year ago she took three bottles of Botanic Blood Balm, and now she is perfectly cured."

### Birmingham Conference.

First Church—Rev. J. S. Dill preached morning and night. Good congregations and pleasant services.

Avondale—Meetings continued through the week, Pastor Lee preaching at night. One received by letter and four for baptism. A splendid interest and the meeting continued.

Gum Spring—Church has a new organ. Two very good services; no additions. Sunday school, under the guidance of Bro. F. Houlden, is doing good work.

New Prospect—Pastor A. J. Waldrop preached on Saturday. Student A. A. Hutto, of the college, preached a good sermon to a large congregation on Sunday.

East Lake—Large congregations at all the services. Pastor preached at 11 a. m. Centennial collection taken amounted to nearly three hundred dollars. One received for baptism. Dr. Lane preached at night.

Pratt City—Ninety-one in Sunday school. Large congregation at 11 a. m., and pastor preached, subject, "Christ glorified in his people." A splendid meeting of the young people at 4:30 p. m. Pastor preached at night.

Bessemer—Pastor preached at both services to good congregations, especially large at morning services; Sunday-school very large, best since last reported. The church is becoming quite enthusiastic over this work.

Elyton—Sunday-school more largely attended than usual. Pastor Harris preached to two large congregations. Interest increasing.

Southside Church—Largest audiences in the history of the church; 250 in Sunday-school and collection \$14. Pastor P. T. Hale preached at 11 a. m. on "Building the Wall," and at Y. M. C. A. at 3 p. m. on "There were Slimepits in the vale of Siddim." At 7:30 Rev. W. A. Whittle preached

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