

Alabama Baptist

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OUR PASTORS.

THE ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

TEXAS.—We will send your pastor to the convention on May 9th at Dallas, Texas, if you will send 40 new subscribers at \$1.50 each.

WHY THIS "WHY NOT?"—Read the announcement elsewhere in this paper.

"But,"—"I regret I haven't sent more money, but"—There now! That is enough. We accept the apology. Just do your best next time, and the Lord bless you in it.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.—The ALABAMA BAPTIST from May 1st to Jan. 1st, 1895, for seventy-five cents to any new subscriber. We want one thousand names added to our list under this offer. Will not the pastors help us in this? We are helping you and the churches all we can, and we are sure you can do no better service to your people than to put them on our list under this proposition. Won't you do this, brethren?

OUR SCHOOLS.—This paper will go to many who do not know that the Baptists of Alabama have first class schools, all their own. The Judson Female Institute, at Marion, is first class in every respect. The Howard College, at East Lake, for our boys, has an able faculty of Christian men who are devoted to their profession. Brother, if you are going to send your boy or girl off from home to school, why not patronize your own institutions? Write for catalogues now.

THE ONLY CHANCE.—An earnest pastor writes: "I have too much work, riding and preaching; but oh, my brother, these people need it, and I am the only chance. They seem to be hungering for the gospel, and I will work till I fail, and then God will raise up another to fill the place." This sounds like Him who said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work;" and "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

WHY THIS "WHY NOT?"—This will be the title of the little book by Rev. A. J. Dickinson, of Selma, reviewing the book, "Why and Why Not," by William Dudley Powers, Rector of St. Johns Episcopal church of Montgomery. It is now ready to be sent to our readers by mail. They should have it. The price is only 10 cents per copy, or one dollar per dozen, post paid. We will send it as a premium for one subscriber, new or old. No one who loves the truth can afford to be without this valuable book. The supply is limited, and we would advise all to send in their orders early.

TO PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.—Every pastor should have a Simplex Printer. He cannot visit all his people as often as he would. A Sunday school superintendent often wants to write to his teachers and pupils when he has not opportunity to talk with them. A letter from the pastor or the superintendent, written with his own hand, would often do great good. With the Simplex Printer he could write one letter and in a few minutes copy it one hundred times. It is the simplest thing you ever saw. For six new subscribers and nine dollars we will send the note size as a premium. See picture and advertisement in another column.

AT DALLAS.—The Secretaries of the Convention will be at the Oriental Hotel. Associational delegates will please report to them at their rooms as early after arrival as possible. Will some brother on each route get up the names of Alabama men on the train and land them to me at the Oriental?

W. B. C.

TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FREE.—To any one sending us 40 new subscribers at \$1.50 each we will give a ticket to Dallas from Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham or Decatur. This offer is good till May 9th.

SENATORS WHO PRAY.—It is said that during the Moody meetings in Washington, Senators Peffer and Frye attended and made fervent prayers when called on. We are almost afraid to publish this, for fear somebody will dispute it. We love to think of a senator of the United States being a devout and humble Christian, who loves to go to meeting, and is not ashamed to pray when called on. Some how our devout Christians who are competent to serve their state in the senate are elected to stay at home.

A SPLENDID NUMBER.—That is what they are calling the Missionary number of week before last. The editors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST are missionary Baptists. As Dr. Carroll said in Nashville last year, we want to see "Baptists stop bragging and go out to take the world." We are determined that this paper shall do its part towards bringing the lost world to Christ. One of the speediest ways to do this is to get Baptists to do their duty. "Awake, oh sleeper!" shall be our cry up and down in Alabama.

HOLDING UP THEIR HEADS.—Bro. Roberts of Gurley, was in our office recently. He said: "A few years back the Baptists stood no showing in Gurley. We were a feeble folk, and nobody regarded us with any favor; but since Bro. Thompson has been serving us, we are looking up. We have a good strong church, and we are growing all the time. We will soon have a comfortable home for our pastor." We wish you could have seen this brother's delighted look as he told of these things. Baptist growth is possible anywhere if it has a consecrated, godly man behind it.

THE BALANCE ALREADY.—As hard as the year is, several churches have sent in their contributions and closed with the remark, "This is the balance of our pledge at the Association." The Association is not to meet till fall; therefore the year is hardly half out; yet with persistent work systematically pressed, the amount is already raised. We are gratified to have these letters close with, "but we do not propose to quit." Oh, brethren, you who have neglected your collections because of the hard times cry, you have done your church and the Boards a cruel wrong. It is not too late; help us now.

A ROW OF POTATOES.—Here is a half dollar, and where do you guess it came from? The Zimmerman boys, of Autauga county, planted a row of potatoes and made this money. They did the same last year. Wanted, wanted! One thousand boys in Alabama who will plant a row of potatoes and give the proceeds to missions! What do you say, boys? We know you will do it. Now, get good land and prepare it well—fertilize it, if necessary, plant the best seed and cultivate it well. Let it be a long row, boys—no harm will come of having several rows. Next fall or winter we want to hear from all the boys who did this. We will call them the Potato Brigade. We want you to write us a letter with your own hand when you gather the crop.

A GOOD WORK.—Attention is called to the plan fallen upon by Miss Lida Robertson's infant class in St. Francis Street Sunday-school, Mobile, to furnish the ALABAMA BAPTIST to worthy people who were not reading it. We never take a trip without finding one or more persons who, by reason of age or affliction, are not able to pay for the paper, yet who would greatly appreciate it. To furnish the paper to all such gratuitously would be too much for us to do. We are willing to bear a part of the burden. We make the following proposition: To any church, society or individual who will send us the name of some worthy person who is not able to take the paper, and one dollar, we will send the paper for one year.

STATE MISSIONS NOW.

We have not done all that we wanted to do for Home and Foreign missions. But the record for 1893-94 has been made. We must now look after our own state work. Now, brethren, shall we not have in the next six weeks \$20,000 for this work? This will just about pay what we owe the missionaries. We beg pastors and superintendents of Sunday-schools to help us press this work now.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FREE?—Forty new subscribers at \$1.50 each will entitle you to a ticket free to Dallas and return from Selma, Montgomery, Mobile, Birmingham or Decatur.

THE HOWARD BOYS AS PASTORS.—Here are contributions from two of their churches, Bro. Arnold Smith, of Roanoke, and Bro. Stevens, from Jemison. The first is out of college and is in charge of some of the best churches in the state, and only needs to have a wife to make him a great man. The other has the wife, but he is yet in college. He will be out in June, and if he stirs up churches along all lines as he has Jemison church on the missionary line, he will be a pastor much to be desired. Our people do not realize what the college is doing for our churches in the state. God bless our boys and the blessed old Howard.

A VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

The condition of our State Mission Board is a very serious one. Under the new arrangement we are employing the collectors and paying their book accounts with as salary. So that the debt, if we have not the money for state missions, is transferred from the collector to the book department. If we do not secure the money asked for in May and June, our missionaries may not only suffer, but our college work be seriously crippled. Remember state missions in May and June.

PROHIBITION LAWS.—Why not treat them like other laws? When we discover a weakness in any other law, we ask the next legislature to amend it and cure the defect. But when the prohibition law shows any weak point, men begin to talk of repealing it. They say it makes them perjure themselves. Well, why not repeal the law against perjury, then? No; they do not talk in that way about any law except the one against liquor.

There are two classes that cry out for repeal: The people who want to sell liquor, and the politicians who want to use it in the elections—and possibly another class, those who want the revenue from it so as to lessen their own taxes. Selfishness is at the bottom of it, and not love for the state. Of course no one will accuse the repealers of love for their fellow men.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHER.—There is a wide field of usefulness open in Alabama for Christian school teachers. There are places where they are as greatly needed as the missionary in the foreign field. The people are in very good circumstances, and could sustain a school, but they need to be aroused to the importance of educating their children. It will take patient work. There may not be much money in it, but there is a living to be made out of it, and not telling the good to come from it. Boys and girls with bright minds are there, and need only to have their ambition stirred just a little, to show what is in them. Besides teaching in the week, there is a world of work to be done in the homes, churches and Sunday-schools. Why should not our young Christian men who are not preachers devote their lives to this work in Alabama? The field is white unto the harvest.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Shall we organize them, or shall we not? This is the question agitating the minds of many people. We are heartily in favor of organizing them for the study of God's word, and to work for his cause. The movement means a great deal for the future of all our churches if we manage it wisely. We believe every pastor can organize his young members and train them effectively. They cannot get along without his constant attention. For any further organization than this we see no good reason. If it were considered desirable for the encouragement of our young members that a special session of the convention, a half day if necessary, be given to the consideration of work among them, we would favor it. For parades, displays, banners and uniforms, with all the pick-nicking, frolicking notions that go along with such, we have no sympathy whatever. We believe that indulgence of this kind is not promotion of piety, but tends to pride, extravagance and demoralization. Of course we recognize the right of every church to do as it pleases about federation with a Southern organization, yet to be formed, or with the National society as it now exists. But for our part we are not for federation with either.

The Master does not call men to sit in the shade and find fault with the laborers.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

In another column will be found a communication from 'N.' on an important subject. Every year the Baptists of Alabama have an opportunity at their conventions to thoroughly ventilate their views of how a college ought to be run. No other colleges in the state are subjected to the same scrutiny, except possibly the Greensboro college, which belongs to the Methodist conferences. We believe, if the examination annually into the affairs of our schools must necessarily provoke adverse criticism of their management, it would be far better to turn them over to self-perpetuating boards of trustees, and let them bear the same relation to the Convention that the Theological Seminary at Louisville does to the Southern Baptist Convention.

We do not believe this at all necessary. We believe we can turn over a new leaf. Let the members of our Boards of Trustees determine to be more faithful and diligent, and let the Convention brethren determine to be more tender and kind in their public discussion of the schools. But if we cannot do better, then the Convention had better quit trying to manage large schools. These are our schools. Every Baptist in the state owns an interest in them. They ought to lie close to the heart of every one of us. We should give them our sympathy, our prayers, our patronage and our money. We should teach our children to love them. Let us all do this, brethren, and the schools will live and prosper, and our children will bless God for the loyal support we gave to the schools at East Lake and Marion.

CHEAP EDUCATION.

When parents are looking for schools for their children, it is natural that they keep in mind the expense. But that should not be the only question. In two or three years the child is to lay the foundation for its future life. They are the most important years of its life. Parents should not put their children up to the lowest bidder during these years. After the questions of morals and of health are settled, then comes the important one, "Where can my child secure the best education?" The question of cheapness should not be the chief consideration. Rest assured of this—where this is the attraction, the school must make it up in cheap teachers, or a cheap tale.

The religious surroundings, the health of the location, the equipment and thoroughness of the school, then the question of expense. This is the order in which the consideration should be made. If we look to the best interests of our children, we will consider the question in this way.

A STUDY of the men and women whose acts and words constitute so large a part of Bible history is a fruitful source of interest and instruction. The Bible reader who passes lightly over the personnel of the sacred record makes a mistake. The men and women of Scripture were human, and we ought to study them as men and women of flesh and blood, "of like passions as we are," as is asserted of Elijah, so that we may be warned or inspired or instructed by the human example set before us. The Colportage Board has for sale two books, "Representative Men of the Bible," and "Representative Women of the Bible," which are offered at one dollar each, and which would be quite helpful to every Bible reader. A copy of either book and the ALABAMA BAPTIST for one year to new subscribers will cost only \$2.20.

FIELD NOTES.

The Sunday-school of Evergreen Baptist church is much larger than any other in the town.

The Dothan Baptists expect to complete their new church in July. It will cost more than \$10,000.

A great meeting is going on at Greenville Baptist church. Pastor Harris is assisted by Dr. Jameson, of Atlanta.

The Abbeville Times expresses pleasure from the fact that the Baptist church in that town has called Rev. L. M. Bradley to its long vacant pastorate, and that he has entered upon his work.

A. E. Pinckard, Orion: The church here is moving slowly, but we think our Young People's Union will do much good. How hard for some of our country churches to get out of old habits!

Bozeman Baptist church has the Articles of Faith read quarterly before the church. Pastor McCord read them last Sunday, and asked the brethren about to be ordained as deacons if they endorsed them. They responded very promptly in the affirmative. They knew what they were talking about.

The spire on Adams Street church is growing rapidly. The church occupies an elevated location, and when the spire is completed it will reach nearer the clouds than any other in the city.

On Sunday morning, at Adams Street church, pastor Gay, on behalf of the church, presented Rev. J. L. Thompson a beautiful Oxford Bible, suitably inscribed in gilt letters. It was an appropriate gift, and the incident was interesting and touching.

Pastor Gay says that Bro. Thompson is one of the strongest Gospel preachers he has ever heard, and if Gurley does not work with him in the most earnest way, he is liable to be called to another place. But from what we hear, no man is more appreciated at home.

Bro. Gibson having resigned the presidency of the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, Bro. Dawson takes temporary charge till commencement. He thinks the presidency of a college the nicest, easiest job he has found, but he will not allow himself tempted from the pastorate for anything.

Bro. Gibson, please remember to make all money orders and bank checks payable to 'ALABAMA BAPTIST,' and not to any one connected with the paper. Bear in mind, also, that checks on country banks cost us ten cents for collection. A money order for a small amount is cheaper, and equally convenient to us.

We have received The Atlantic Baptist, a paper recently started at Norfolk, Va., of which Dr. A. E. Owen is chief editor. Dr. Owen is an able preacher, and we shall watch with interest to see whether or not he is as strong in the editorial chair as he is in the pulpit. The price of the paper is one dollar a year.

Bro. Caldwell states the matter thus: "A Missionary Baptist Church.—A Chicken Pie. You can not have a chicken pie without chicken. Neither can you have a Missionary Baptist church without helping in missionary work—and that requires money." There are no feathers in that proposition—it is all solid meat.

W. H. DeWitt, Nicholasville: I want to tender my heartfelt thanks for your help in my recent losses. Though heavy, yet my Master knows what is best.—I am trying to cover a large scope of country this year. I am preaching to six churches, and have several school-house appointments or Saturday night talks to young people about the gospel.

Bro. McCord pursues a plan of Scripture reading with his churches which other pastors might find profitable. He selects a certain portion of Scripture to be read within a given time, and he and the churches read it as they have opportunity. Of course he finds a text occasionally as he reads, and those who have joined in the reading readily fall into sympathy with the sermon.

Our readers of course remember that Miss Georgia Pope, of Wilkesville, is collecting canceled Columbian postage stamps under an offer of a business house, by which she is to receive money for the Baptist Orphanage for a given number of stamps. A lady writes us that she is collecting stamps to send to Miss Pope, and she asks her pastor to make request from the pulpit that the said stamps be brought to her by the people. It succeeds. Try it yourself.

Prof. Hicks, of Calera, writes a scolding letter because we did not notify him when his time expired, and informs us that it would not hurt his feelings to receive a "dun" from us. That is so different from the way some other talk that we are tempted to indulge in the luxury of sending him a dun every now and then. Our brother's letter contained more than a year's subscription, so we received the scolding very pleasantly. We can stand more of the same sort.

L. M. Bradley, Brundidge: The work at Ashford is quite prosperous. Received seven members there last month. House full at both services on Sunday.—The church at Brundidge is shining brightly. Has just been renovated thoroughly and painted within and without. (The ladies did it.) Received five members this month.—Perote can boast of as pretty a little church as any town of the size in the state. It has just been painted without, frescoed within, and has new pews and carpets on the floor.

Our subscribers are earnestly requested not to ask us to "stop the paper when the time is out." It is a mere chance if we remember it, as there is so much else to be remembered. To keep up with the few requests of the kind mentioned it would be necessary to employ an additional clerk at great expense.

The right way to do, the surest and the cheapest, is to write us a postal card when the time comes and request that the paper be discontinued. Will our friends please bear this in mind?

L. H. Huff, Cottondale: I held a meeting of days at Blocton, which resulted in the strengthening of the church and adding to her number five by letter. The irreligious expressed themselves favorably in regard to christianity; they wish to be remembered in prayer, and from the indications I think the persons referred to will be converted and brought into the church as a result of the meeting.—Bro. F. M. Woods, the pastor of Blocton church, is improving rapidly. He finds Texas a splendid climate for delicate persons like himself.

H. H. Shell, Mobile: We have just closed a fine meeting at Palmetto Street church. Large congregations, close attention and deep interest at every service. The meeting was far reaching, coming in touch with homes not under the immediate influence of our church. Strong men, hardened in sin, were brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. As an immediate result of the meeting there have been twenty-eight accessions to the church, nearly all of whom are adults. Fifteen of them are heads of families. Rev. J. W. Stewart did the preaching. He is a magnificent co-worker. Stewart is one of our best young preachers. His preaching is simple, clear, forcible. The "old, old story" has never lost its power.

J. H. Fendley, Behrman, Clarke county: Money and religion both appear to be scarce, and but little of either in circulation for the Master's cause. No one appears to be alarmed about it, but very well content to think God will provide the ways and means, and they hold on to what they have. We have two abominable conveniences, the nickel and the copper cent. When they get into a man's pocket his dollars are hard to reach. They are in nearly every man's pocket, and they get into every hat that goes round. There are a great many people who try to believe it is not their duty to give anything for the cause of Christ, and when they have given a nickel or a copper cent, they are very near the man who gives nothing.

"How many members does it take to make a quorum? Some say seven; I think five would do."—A brother asks our opinion on that. And we reply that there is no settled rule among us, so far as we know, as to what number constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business in conference. The custom is for business of no great importance, or about which it is thought there would be no difference of opinion, to be disposed of by whatever number of members may be present, if not more than three. Otherwise, if there is no reason for immediate action, the matter is postponed until there is a better attendance. It is largely a question of justice to others and of good judgment whether or not a few members should take final action in any case.

Pastor McCord, and the church and the visitors were all delighted with the fifth Sunday meeting that closed at Bozeman church on Sunday night last. It was felt that not only were the subjects discussed unto edification and instruction, but that a very inspiring spiritual atmosphere was evident all the time. On Sunday morning brethren Gray and Levens were ordained as deacons. Bro. Lowmyre made a talk on the deaconate and delivered the charge, and brethren Baber, Caldwell and Falkner performed the other parts assigned them. Altogether it was an impressive service, and it is believed was profitable to those present. There was a meeting of the Earnest Workers in the afternoon, at which two addresses were made, and then a sermon at night closed the feast.—They have a beautiful new church house at Bozeman, and the church spiritual and the Sunday-school are both in excellent condition.

The meeting at Adams Street church closed on Sunday night last, at which time eleven persons were baptized. The meeting was a remarkable one. In the first place it began without a flourish of trumpets, or other such visible preparation as is sometimes made. There was doubtless much earnest prayer for God's blessing, and there was much visiting and talking to the people by the pastor. This was kept up by pastor and people. The preaching was plain and unpretentious, and the methods peculiar to sensationalists were avoided. The congregations were quite good all the time, and frequently overflowed. The influence of the meeting early began to spread, and people were attracted who had rarely vis-

ited a church. Some of these were men who spent their time at the gambling table and scoffed at religion, and they were converted and baptized. Mature men and women and boys and girls, rich and poor, yielded to the Spirit's influence and put on Christ. Many a heart has been thrilled by a strange and unexpected joy, and in many households tears of shame and sorrow have given place to tears of gladness and gratitude. The additions to the church were 101, of whom about half came by experience, the remainder by letter and watch-care. Rev. J. L. Thompson, a former pastor, did nearly all the preaching, and has a warmer place than ever in the hearts of the people. Pastor Gay is happy, and has great reason to be thankful for such a fruitful beginning of his pastorate.

The A. P. A.

Dr. Hawthorne preached an able sermon last Sunday in his pulpit in Atlanta on Religious Liberty, which was published in the Constitution. While I agree with many things the good Doctor says, I am sure he has made the mistake of his life in the length to which he goes in his attack on the American Protective Association. This seems to be a secret anti-Catholic organization, whose object is to prevent the election of Catholics to office. I know nothing of the society except what I have seen in the newspaper reports. From my reading I understand the A. P. A. proposes to fight the Catholics with their own favorite weapon—that is, a secret ballot.

It is notorious that Catholics are secret political plotters; that they claim allegiance to the Pope first; that in their obedience to the Pope, if they disobey the government, they are justified in the eyes of their people; that they are opposed to religious liberty; that they never let an opportunity pass to stab our public school system; that a Congress never meets that they do not get their paws into the public treasury; that they boast that Rome never changes; that in Catholic countries they take life where they are opposed by Protestants; that where the evangelists of the A. P. A. have gone to propagate the doctrines of their association, and expose the tricks and dark deeds of the Catholics, they have been set upon by mobs of Catholic toughs; that they are afraid in this country to have the errors and crimes of their church exposed; that while they may be Democrats or Republicans, they always vote as Catholics for the men who will best serve their purpose—in short, that they are anti-American in all their ideas. They are the shrewdest politicians the world knows of to-day. These are the people Dr. H. would willingly see elected to office in this free country without a protest. His sermon will be a great delight to them. In it they pose as martyrs.

If Americans who have felt the sting of their power in the great cities; if men become alarmed at the rapid influx of these hordes of Roman Catholic foreigners; if men, seeing the case with which these un-American masses are clothed with the right to vote, and how they are courted by both the great parties, believe it is their duty to defeat by the peaceable battle of the ballots their encroachments, what right has Dr. H. or any other man to call them political cutthroats and assassins?

They are not being opposed on religious grounds at all, but as the most accomplished politicians in the world. No, I do not know about the secrets of the A. P. A. or any other secret order; but so long as they are peaceable, and use only the tongue, pen and ballot to accomplish their purpose, I have for them no word of censure. If it be religious persecution to vote against a Roman Catholic for office, this writer glories in being numbered among the persecutors. To secure my vote, a Catholic candidate would have to persuade me beyond all possibility of doubt that he had the disease in a very, very mild form. This no Romanist could do. No Catholic in office by my vote, is a safe creed for every American voter. As one of Dr. Hawthorne's best friends, I regret exceedingly the sympathetic words he uses for the poor oppressed, down trodden, persecuted Catholics!

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Montgomery. The twenty-first annual conference of the Society of Charities and Corrections of the United States will meet at Nashville May 23, and continue till Monday, 28th. This is a very important organization, of which Miss Julia Tutwiler, of Livingston, is an active and honored member. With increase of population there is increase of crime, and of course growing need of punishment and of charity. The organization mentioned discusses these subjects. Alabama greatly needs a reformatory prison for youthful offenders. The following are some of the subjects to be discussed at Nashville: State Boards of Charities; Charity Organization in Cities; the Insane; Juvenile Reformatories; the Feeble Minded; Sociology in Institutions of Learning; Child Saving Work; Prisons and Reformatories; Training School for Nurses.

For the Alabama Baptist. From Huntsville to Birmingham.

The many demands upon a pastor entering a new field make it difficult to report. The Dallas Avenue Baptist church, of Huntsville, was left in a prosperous condition, growing in the grace of giving as well as a godly walk and conversation. Doubtless the Lord will send so deserving a people a good pastor. To part with those who so faithfully held up my hands through anxiety and cares was not pleasant, but to join hands and interests with those who in former years stood by my side—yes, even while I was only a college student they were my people—mollifies the pain.

Arriving at Birmingham on the evening of April the 11th, we were met by brethren and a carriage to take us to our home. At 7:30 p. m., we met many friends at prayer meeting and had a pleasant service. We are now living in the same house built for us when we were here before, but it has become more attractive by the marked improvement. We enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren until we could move into the parsonage. Everything is moving on smoothly, and the members are at work. The ladies furnished meals at 25c. during the soldiers' re-union, and their receipts amounted to \$103.55. The expenses to be paid out of this would have been greater had not the members and friends contributed liberally chicken, cake and other eatables. The women did well their part, and the men were not wanting in zeal, thus one united effort and success followed. We extend our many thanks to the friends who ardently labored at the stand, and to those who patronized our ladies' giving us success. J. F. SAVELL.

For the Alabama Baptist. Girard Notes.

We have with us, just arrived, Dr. J. F. Huey and family, of Birmingham, who have located in our town. Valuable additions to our community and church, coming as they do, from the best families of the state.

We are erecting our parsonage in Girard, and it will be very pretty when completed. We have the frame up, and the work is progressing well. All the members seem to have a mind to work. No nobler set of brethren and sisters can be found than the Girard saints. I have served them six years, and they are much more dear to me to-day than ever before. I baptized one good woman Sunday.

Bro. Smith, at the First church, Columbus, is in the midst of a glorious meeting. About forty have united with the church to date.

Our Zion is doing reasonably well on this side of the state. Our church at Crawford is looking up. We now have a bell to call the people to the house of God. Crawford is still without a practicing physician. They need a good doctor very much. If I knew how to roll pills, I would rather go to Crawford than any place I know. They also need a high school there. Where are all of our literary men? Two good men—one physician and one teacher—would do well to report to me. I have had some correspondence, but no one has come except Dr. Huey, and he was so delighted with Girard I could not get him out to Crawford.

W. B. CARTER.

SECULAR NOTES.

Good stand of cotton in Henry county, and corn also looks well. The St. Charles hotel was recently burned in New Orleans; it was one of the oldest and best known in the South.

Mrs. Morgan, wife of Senator Morgan, died in Washington City on Saturday. She had been unwell for some time, but it was not thought to be serious.

In the circuit court of Crenshaw some whitecappers were sentenced by the jury to pay a fine of one dollar each, but Judge Tyson added three months hard labor for the county.

The re-union of Confederate Veterans at Birmingham on the 25th and 26th of April was a notable event. Many old soldiers were there, and empty sleeves and wooden legs were numerous. Many comrades met again who had not seen each other since they laid down their arms, or since they parted on the battle field. There was an immense crowd of people at Birmingham. Generals Gordon, S. D. Lee and others were there. The sessions of the Veterans' Association at the Wigwam were marked by many interesting incidents. "Dixie" and "The Bonnie Blue Flag" would set the old soldiers to yelling as in the days long ago, and many a limping gray-beard became for the time a young and dashing soldier. The parade of the veterans, with the young military companies as an escort of honor, was an imposing sight, and it was also pathetic. How natural it came to the old men to fall into the measured tramp, tramp, to the music of the band. But many of them could not keep in place very well. Rheumatism and old wounds were known, but the long line moved on, and memory was busy with the past. There was no political significance in that notable meeting.

The specific business transacted was the taking additional steps to have a correct and impartial history of the war written, and to provide school-books which will not teach Southern children that their fathers were cruel and treacherous. The Veterans meet next at Houston, Texas.

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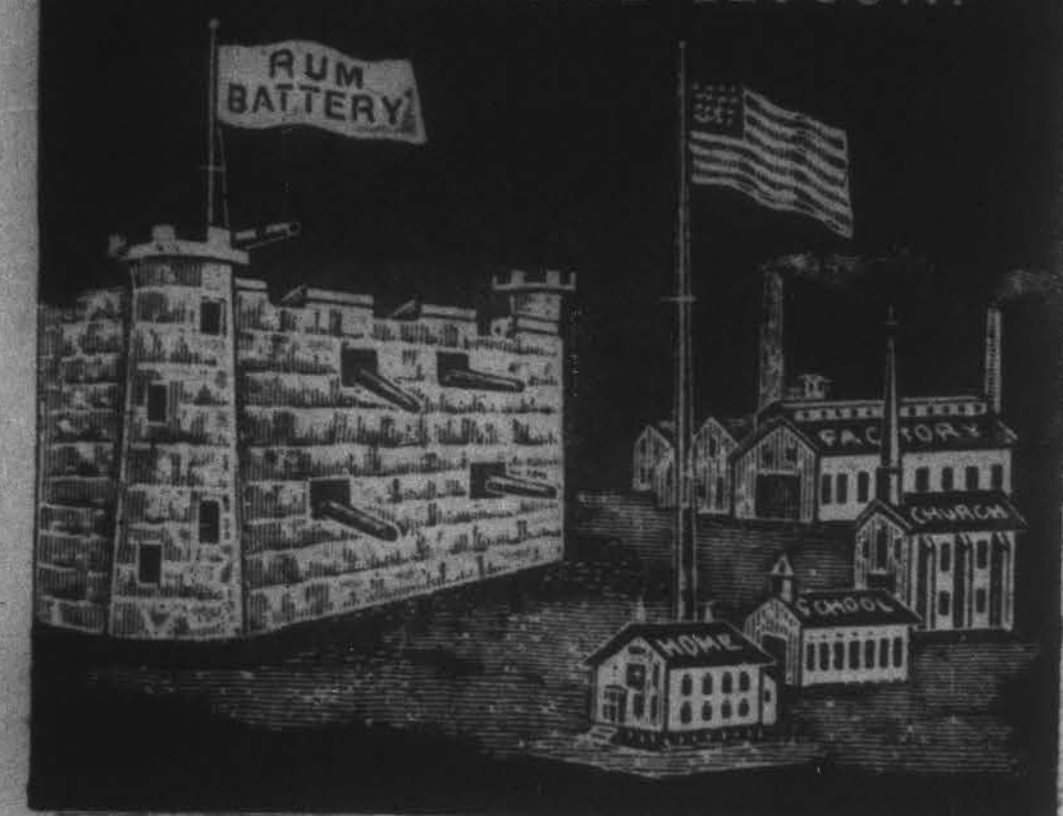
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A TEMPERANCE LESSON.



What is a Young Life Worth?

A few nights since a bright young man of seventeen, belonging to a good family, came out of one of the bar-rooms of this city, and with a pistol borrowed of some one in the room, blew out his brains. The daily papers said with an innocent air, "There was no known cause for the rash act." The surroundings all pointed to a brain maddened with drink, and a sensitive nature wounded at the thought of his condition being known at home; but the saloon press, always ready to palliate the crimes of the saloons, couldn't discover the cause. With the immense profits on its business, the saloon was able to beautify its bar and billiard room so as to attract and entrance the young men. No other room in Montgomery is half so beautiful. The keeper is half so disappointed. It does just what he wanted it to do—it attracts. Here is a boy only seventeen who has found his way there. It is not the first time. The habit of drink has got the best of him. But he hasn't reached the point where he doesn't care. Mortified at his condition, he has put an end to his life. What was this young life worth? Who can compute it? By what rule shall we work in making the calculation? And who but the heart-broken parents can tell what that young life had cost? But in a moment it was thrown away, and for what? To get gain to the saloon keeper, and to get revenue for the city. How long, oh Lord, how long will this iniquitous traffic and this state partnership with crime be permitted to go on? Will our consciences remain forever dead?

The question of temperance is not the question of whether there was one or two kinds of wine in the Bible, though there are those who sometimes reason as if they thought so. "But there is no mercy," the question of total abstinence, "That is an entirely distinct matter, having its own principles and mode of settlement. It is simply a question of whether the people favor the institution known among us as the saloon. Just as they were called upon to decide, and decided, that they did not want the Louisiana lottery, so they are called upon to decide the other question. We have not the slightest doubt that in due time they will answer this as

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Sent far away to a heathen land.
A little brown penny, a generous thought,
A little less candy just for one day,
A young heart awakened for life, mayhap,
To the needs of the heathen far away.
The penny flew off with the prayer's swift wings;
It carried the message by Jesus sent,
And the gloom was pierced by a radiant light.
Wherever the prayer and the message went.
And who can tell of the joy it brought,
To the souls of the heathen far away,
When the darkness fled like wavering mist,
From the beautiful dawn of the Gospel day.
And who can tell of the blessings that came,
To that little child when Christ looked down,
Or how the penny, worn and old,
In heaven changed to a golden crown?

Making Spring.

BY MARY F. BUTTS.

"When will the spring come, mamma? I'm so tired of cold, and snow, and ice. I'm tired of staying in the house; I'm tired of everything."
"You may play at making spring," said mamma.
"Making spring? Why, I can't make flowers, and sunshine, and blue sky."
"I think you can, dearie. The flowers of love are the brightest of all. Think of some one to whom you can be kind, and see if you don't bring the spring-right into this very room."

Flossy's face brightened. She was sitting on a crick in mamma's side. She leaned her elbow on her knee, put her little hand to her forehead and reflected.
"I was cross to Johnny this morning," she said, after thinking very hard for a quarter of a minute. "I think I'll be good to him, to make up. I wouldn't let him play with my new ball. I'll tell him when he comes home from school he may play with all he likes. And, mamma, don't you think Carrie Hall must be lonelier than I? Her grandma is deaf, and her mother has to work out all day long."

"I think she must be very lonely," said the lady. "I wonder my little daughter has not thought about it before."
"May I go to see her, and take Maude Ellen if I am very careful? I don't b'lieve Carrie ever had such a splendid doll come to visit her." "Certainly, dear."
"And I will take Minnie and Katie with their little trunk. We will undress them and play put them to bed. I'm sure that will 'muse Carrie.'"
So Flossy, well wrapped up, with her dolls and their belongings in a basket, started for Carrie's house. Her face was so bright that anybody could see that the lovely spring had come to her heart.
—N. Y. Examiner.

THE FARM.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Pease, the Clover of the South.

There is no doubt but pease fertilize land in proportion to the quantity of vines raised on the land. Therefore, I am ready to conclude that our exhausted lands may be restored to their original fertility by growing crops of pease-vines each year, to be plowed under with oats, rye or wheat, and when the grain is taken off, plant in pease again. Following this plan, our exhausted lands will be filled with vegetable matter again. All farmers know that a new ground needs no help for one or two years after clearing, and the reason is the land is filled with rotted vegetable matter, and on being mixed with the soil causes luxuriant crops of corn, cotton and pease to grow on it. Planting corn or cotton continuously on the soil, land will sooner or later take on the vegetable matter, leaving the soil worn out, as it is called. Continually taking from, and returning nothing back to the soil, will eventually wear out the richest land in the state.

Plant pease on every acre possible, and let the vines remain on the land; the pods may be picked for winter feed, or allow the hogs to gather them. On our uplands pease seldom do cows any harm, and hogs never, but come in as an important factor in fattening the pig for good bacon.

Pease are of many kinds and colors, all of which have some peculiarity not possessed by any other kind. This peculiarity may crop out in earliness or lateness, as some will mature pods in six weeks, while another will not bear until cool nights in September; while the speckled or whippoorwill will sometimes, under favorable seasons, make two crops, and the McLendon pease will, under the same favorable seasons, make three crops. But these early varieties, under the most favorable circumstances, will not equal on an average be more than equal in pods and vines to one good crop of Clay pease. The advantage of these early pease is, that they give the farmer something early on which to feed cows and pigs, and an occasional meal for dinner, if he was properly educated to eat when a boy, as the man who does not ask

for pea-soup for dinner and a bowl full for supper loses a great part of the happiness of farm life.

My experience for years has been that where I raise the most pease-vines, there I make the best corn or cotton; therefore I conclude, without going into scientific investigation, that pease-vines enrich my land.

Men who claim to be scientific farmers say that pease are nitrogen gatherers, while corn and cotton are nitrogen consumers. If their *ipse dixit* is true, and I believe it is, herein lies the plan of restoring our poor lands to a condition of active fertility again, thereby enabling the horny-handed sons of toil to laugh and grow fat, even on the poorest Alabama land.

Try it, brother farmer. Plant pease after oats, plant pease between every hill of corn, plant pease in every missing place in the cotton, plant pease in every missing hill in the pinder patch, and in fact, when you have an idle hour, plant pease even in the garden and in the watermelon patch, and in the corners of the fence, until you have the whole farm nitrogenized. Your land will thank you for the vines, and not only thank you, but will yield you larger crops, thus enabling you in a few years to save the expense of commercial fertilizer.

We ought to hold a farmer's institute to discuss the merits of the pease-vine.
J. R. McLENDON.
Naflet, Ala.

Notes to Remember.

TURKEYS.—Little turkeys never have much appetite until two or three days old, and then an egg custard, with tender onion-tops cut small enough for them to swallow, will tempt them sooner than anything else. When they have learned to eat pretty well, season their custard with a pinch of black pepper and thicken it slightly with the soft crumbs of egg bread; feed them five times a day until they are two weeks old. The reason of this is that the growth of feathers on young turkeys is very rapid and demands a constant supply of nutrition; hence a single omission of food for a few hours sometimes proves fatal. Sweet milk should be offered them to drink daily, given in some manner to prevent them from getting themselves wet. One of the secrets of turkey raising is, never allow them to get wet or chilled. A good way is to make a yard of boards ten or twelve feet square for the mother and her brood; provide shelter for them to sleep under and to protect them from sudden rains. After two weeks the custard may be omitted, and feed a bread made of bran, middlings and a little cornmeal, baked and moistened with sweet milk. After a month old they can be fed mixed grains once daily, with a little cracked corn; later on their morning meal can consist of any cooked vegetables thickened with good wheat bran and middlings fed warm. Place the food in troughs or anything that can be kept clean, as it is necessary that their food be prepared fresh every day. Provide plenty of grit, also plenty of clean water or sweet milk. Cultivate their acquaintance as you feed them. Keep them growing from the shell to the slaughter, and send nothing but finished products to market. While I do not say my way is the best way, yet I do affirm from experience that it is a very successful one.

TOMATOES.—The market gardeners of Maryland have brought the growing of tomatoes to a nearly perfect science, and their methods of planting and fertilizing are, therefore, worthy of attention by tomato-growers everywhere. They recommend applying 400 to 500 pounds of nitrogenous fertilizer broadcast, doing this early in the season, so that frequent stirring of the soil will thoroughly mix the fertilizer with it. When the plants are set out they apply a small handful of the fertilizer to each hill. Whether the crop is a success or failure depends largely on whether vigorous and stocky plants or those that have grown tall and spindling are planted. It is impossible for the best system of manuring for a make spindling plants produce a good crop either in quantity or quality.—*Boston Cultivator*.

BUTTER.—Unless butter-making is properly attended from "start to finish," there can be no success. First, the cows must be properly kept and given clean and comfortable quarters. Second, the milk must be carefully done. Third, the milk and cream must be kept in a clean, cool place, and the "head" of the family must provide nearly all of these conditions; so that the fault generally found with poor butter is placed on the "women folk" quite wrongfully.

The practice of the following method is said to greatly increase the durability of fence posts, wire poles and grape posts. A pit is made of convenient size and depth and poles and posts are set upright in it. Lime is thrown in among the timber, and when this pit is filled water is poured on the lime which is slack, and, of course, generates heat, by which the water and air in the timber are forced out, and as the timber cools afterward the lime is absorbed into the pores of the wood. The lime has the effect of decomposing the albumen of the wood, and thus prevents its decay, to which the rotting of the timber is chiefly due.

Arrange the windows in a stable so that the light will not fall directly into the eyes of the stock, and the ventilation so that the animals will at no time be exposed to a direct draft.

A farm lying five miles from market connected by a bad road, is of less value than an equally good farm lying ten miles away from market connected by a good road.

If you want to keep a hen in good condition for laying she should never have a full crop during the day. It is well enough to give a light meal of mixed food warm in the morning in the trough, but it should not be more than a fourth of what the hens require. Let them go away unsatisfied and forced to find their own food, picking it up grain by grain. This will give them healthy exercise and good digestion.

A scientific writer recommends the administration of the bark of a sassafras root as a spring tonic for horses. The roots are given to the animals in the feeding trough and the bark is peeled by them with great avidity. It has the effect of assisting the shedding of the coat, and giving smoothness and glossiness to it. It stimulates the appetite and thus strengthens the animal. There is no need to peel the bark from the roots, as this is done by the horses themselves.



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