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If our after thoughts could only rule our lives, there would be fewer mistakes made.

In Pennsylvania there are 688 Baptist churches, with a total membership of 99,059, who contributed to benevolence \$97,383, and for all purposes \$981,749.

"The first Baptist church organized in every state capital in every Southern state, with one single exception, was a mission station of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first colored Baptist church organized in the District of Columbia, before the war, was a mission of this board.—I. T. Tichenor.

The cause loses a good man, who was a faithful servant of the Board, in the death of Rev. E. L. Compere, Dallas, Ark. He has been suffering for some time. The Board for Western Arkansas and Indian Territory has appointed Rev. L. W. Wright, of Kully Chula, I. T., superintendent of Missions for Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, to take the place of Bro. Compere.

Keep in mind that systematic work and organized effort tell. Many churches in which there are good workers do not wield their full strength by reason of lack of system in work or organization of workers. Brother pastor, choose a good plan and push it.—Biblical Recorder.

Something like that has often been said in these columns, but we are pleased to give our North Carolina contemporary room to repeat it.

The Japan Mail, which is said to be the best informed and most carefully edited paper in the far East, had the following to say in a recent issue about missions: "The missionaries lead the most exemplary lives; devote themselves to deeds of charity; place their educational and medical skill at the free use of the people; and exhibit, in the midst of sharp suffering and adversity, a spirit of patience and benevolence such as ought to enlist universal sympathy and respect. It seems to us that the record is all in their favor. Watching the question closely for many years, we have failed to discover any want of discretion on the part of the missionaries, unless it be an occasional display of unwelcome confidence in the natives, or the introduction of women into the interior." This is certainly quite striking, coming from such a source.

Dr. Charles A. Stakely has entered his ninth year of ministry with the First Church of Washington. When he assumed the pastorate of this old and historic church, he found discouragement, and small promise of a large future. But hope soon revived, and we behold now what God hath wrought through the instrumentality of his servant and a united membership. Four hundred have been added to the church, and about \$180,000 have been raised for all purposes. A handsome and commodious edifice has been built, corner of Sixteen and O street, N. W., which, with the ground, is valued at \$100,000. Dr. Stakely has from the first commanded the respect, and by his manly bearing and earnest spirit won the esteem, of many outside of his own congregation, and denomination. He has few superiors as an able and evangelical preacher.—Watchman.

Dr. Stakely lived in Montgomery when he was a young man. He has relatives and friends in the state who feel proud of his success.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Advance Movement in Mobile

The westward vicinity of the city has felt for a long time an imperative need of a more convenient place of worship. The distance to both established churches has brought a harvest of irregularity in attendance upon the Sunday-school and church services, through inevitable conditions and results.

Last spring the St. Francis Street church appointed an energetic, efficient committee to go forth and view the situation and make recommendations concerning it. The committee returned and recommended the establishment of a mission in that part of the city.

The Misses Knott, prominent Baptists, and the leading educators of girls in the city, offered the use of their school building in which to make a start, and the first mother must push the movement. When their school reopened the mission had to seek other quarters, and found them in a vacant house belonging to one of the committee. It developed so rapidly into a live force that Rev. J. W. Willis (who will be remembered as administering the Word so successfully in Auburn) was tempted to accept the call to the work. Having classmates and friends here, he received a warm welcome back to his native Alabama, when he came to take charge on October 1st. His arduous labors in behalf of a Christmas festival for his mission were crowned with remarkable success in the temporary abode.

After prolonged and diligent search to obtain a satisfactory, suitable permanent location for the work, the fine lot and commodious residence on the corner of Dauphin and Ann streets, right in the heart of the residence portion of the city, was purchased at a cost of \$4,000 by a large-hearted, consecrated brother for the promotion of the work. The petitions down stairs having been removed, an excellent audience room for services is made, and the five large vacant rooms serve as invaluable class rooms.

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12th, the mission met in earnest delight for the first time in the new quarters. The work having assumed such advancement, Bro. Willis found it necessary to retire from the superintendency of the school in order to concentrate his labor upon his preaching services and large Bible class. After an impressive charge the new superintendent, Mr. Gaston J. Robertson, grandson of Rev. D. P. Bestor, D. D., was solemnly installed, and replied to the charge in earnest, touching words. The mission's benefactor then stepped forward and caused deep gratitude to well up in all hearts as he handed the deed to the entire desirable property to the superintendent as a free gift for the mission's "home." His charge to the school was tender and touching: That all he asked was that the old Book should be taught.

By providential coincidence, our able foreign mission secretary, Rev. R. J. Willingham, chanced to be in the city, and concluded the exercises with one of his sparkling spiritual addresses. The mission felt that his presence at the first service in their own home was prophetic; that this mission itself will become the mother of many missionary efforts.

The promising outlook for the upbuilding of the Baptist cause in that end of the city could not be brighter. L. B. R.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Impressions and Notes.

Not the "early impressions" of a child, but of a Tennesseean sojourning in Alabama.

1. The mild winter and my improved health impress me that this climate will modify, if not cure, catarrhal troubles.

2. The great number of Baptist churches impresses me that the gospel has been very efficiently preached in this country.

3. But the scattered destitutions and calls for preaching impress me that there is opportunity.

For work and sacrifice.

4. The kindness shown me by many brethren on short acquaintance, impresses me that they are worthy of the love and co-operation of all Baptists.

5th impression: that your new Secretary of State Missions, Bro. Bledsoe, is a genial, sweet-spirited Christian, worthy of, and demanding your united and fullest support.

6th, That Bro. E. F. Baber is a judicious and proper business man at the helm of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, for

ITS MAKE-UP—ITS SUBJECT MATTER seem always good. I note in particular Maj. Harris' paper on "Duty of the denominational paper to its pastors and churches." Well told indeed! But who will be the first to complain? Rather let each remember and recognize the varied tastes and joys of the other readers.

I greatly enjoy the short reports of the religious progress from the preachers and churches throughout the state.

be published in tract form and given to every boy and parent in America. Surely the Doctor was a boy: he describes the animal so exactly. Surely he is a wise Christian parent, for he sounds the keynote of paternal duty and responsibility before the boy reaches the fool age, and breathes the very spirit of patience and Christian love for the boy's soul. A sad thought: that most boys at this age scorn and despise the counsel and love of their best earthly friend, the mother, and will respect and follow almost any one else rather than her. Oh, the depth of our depravity! Lord Jesus, save us therefrom.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THOUGHT.

Does not the diversity of calls for money upon the churches hinder and confuse giving, and cripple mission work? Bro. Bledsoe calls for a thousand dollars in January which is greatly needed, and at the same time urgent need calls for contributions now to the Orphanage. Would not one "Board of Missions and Benevolence," charged with all this work, and a uniform and regular giving, be better? Then the board would have ample means to anticipate its needs. Is not the same true of the Southern Baptist Convention Boards and work?

COOSADA CHURCH.

The Sunday-school begins the year hopefully and with full purpose of heart. They seem moved with an earnest desire for Bro. R. H. Hudson's return to this community. Bro. Elliott, their pastor, preached an excellent sermon on Confession, last Sunday. It was my pleasure to meet this promising young minister for the first time. S. L. LOUDERMILK.

Coosada.

The Florida Baptist Convention

It was my pleasure to attend this convention, just closed at Pensacola. Strange that I have been so near this ancient city so many times through the years past and have never been there till now. St. Augustine is generally known as the "ancient city," but I hear that Pensacola has been rummaging among the old papers and has found what she believes is evidence going to show that she has the oldest claim, by four years, to that honor. I heard another strange statement. Florida is generally considered a very small state, but it was repeated more than once that it was the largest Southern state east of the Mississippi. That seems hard to believe, but the Floridians say it with great pride, and they look like they feel a foot taller and a heap bigger when they say it.

Well, it's just beautiful to see how heroic these good people are. Last year's freeze was mentioned in every talk, sermon and report, but there is a spirit of hopefulness that is really inspiring. Look at these figures—\$50,000,000! that is the size of their loss. It all came in one night. Rich men were brought to poverty in one night. But people with their pluck can't be kept down long. I talked with pastors, some of whom were graduates of colleges, whose salaries amounted to not more than \$200. The State Board was able to make a financial report almost equal to that of last year, despite the hard times.

The convention was not large, owing to the distance from the central part of the state. If you will look on your map you will see that Pensacola is in the extreme western part of the state, within a few miles of the Alabama line. There were brethren in the convention who had traveled six hundred miles. Some one has fitly described the map of Florida as a boot. At Pensacola you enter the toe, and six or eight hundred miles from there you run out of the mouth of the leg. The visitors are numerous. Let me see if I can name them: Willingham of the Foreign, Tichenor of the Home, and Bell of the Sunday-school boards; Harvey of the Recorder, Folk of the Baptist and Reflector, Thomas of the Baptist Courier, Averett of the Judson Institute, Williams of the Christian University, Bledsoe the new Corresponding Secretary of State Board in Alabama, Biting of the American Baptist Publication Society, Karlof of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and this scribe, who announced himself as the general agent of Georgetown College, Kentucky. It came awful awkward for my mouth to get that off, but I had to make a break some time, and I thought this was as good a time as any, though it almost choked me.

If anybody thinks that the Home Board ought to be abolished, let him just go to Florida and hear the brethren tell how it has helped them. Looking up at the handsome church in which we were worshipping, Secretary Chaudoin said, We could not have had this house but for the Home Board's aid.

Brothers W. S. Rogers and B. M. Bean, old ex-Alabamians, were present and had the old time look. Bro. Chaudoin, "Uncle Chad," as he is generally called, is both corresponding secretary of the board and president of the convention. He looks as well as he did twenty years ago, when I first saw him. He was then expecting very

soon to die, and so he talks now. Frail and diseased, and yet he goes on cheerfully doing the dear Lord's work and bearing the burdens of the brethren put upon him. God has praised for such a life! Bro. N. A. Bailey is the long time secretary of the convention. Bro. Geiger gave a good, soul-helpful sermon as introductory to the convention.

Bro. Porter, of the Florida Witness, has suffered faultily on account of the depression in business, but he keeps the paper going. It is doing a great work for the convention, and deserves success. What would become of our denominational work in the states with out our religious weeklies? They are not appreciated as they should be.

The Florida brethren have what they call a "Ministers' Relief Association." Every state should have one, and every minister ought to belong to it. Write for information, and let one be organized in Alabama at once.

Dr. Thomas, of South Carolina, gave us a talk on the dispensary law of that state. Brethren, as sure as you live that is the coming law. Senator Moody, of Tuscaloosa, introduced the bill into the senate of Alabama, but it was defeated. Let every temperance man who reads this determine to inform himself about this law. It is the best thing we can get now. Let's have it.

I was very fortunate in the home I found in Pensacola. Bishop Pugh and his wife treated me like kinfolks. What a work he has done for the Baptists here! They are not out of the woods yet, but if they can keep him as their leader, with God's blessing, the Baptists will yet be a power in that city. The church is a model of convenience, furnishing ample room for every purpose, and its location could not be improved. I have many things to write, but this must suffice. W. B. CRUMPTON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Seeking Light.

Mr. Editor: This is truly a day of light, liberty and progress, yet many people are too stupid to realize it, and desire to cling to the ancient ideas and customs of their forefathers who passed away before the "higher critics" lifted the flood gates and poured on the light. While their doctrines have been a mystery to me until recently, a few stray rays of light have at last fallen upon me, and my dull understanding is being lighted up as never before.

When a boy, as I looked out over this broad earth, covered with green grass and fragrant flowers, filled with precious metals and priceless jewels, and trod by myriads of living creatures, the thought of all this being brought out of nothing in six days was too wonderful for me. So I sought information from my father, but as he was ignorant of the theory of Evolution, and knew nothing of modern science, but accepted the Bible as a book of truth, all the information I received was, "God could have as easily created such a world as this in a moment as in a thousand years." Then he quoted scripture after scripture to prove the goodness, greatness and grandeur of the Almighty, until my youthful mind grasped the thought, "God is all in all, and man is nothing but a poor lost sinner." Never can I forget the exalted views he had of Jehovah and the Bible; and when I think of his unwavering faith, godly life and triumphant death, I am almost persuaded to let evolution and modern science go, and hold on to God and the Bible.

But, when I begin to study this Evolution doctrine, and hear its advocates tell of man's body and nearly everything else coming from evolution, I begin to think they are going to answer a question I put to father years ago: "Where did God come from?" Sometime ago I had the difficult problem of the six days creation solved by a preacher who seemed to think he understood a bit about the Bible. He referred to the fact that a thousand years with the Lord are as a day with man, and the six days mentioned in Genesis were six thousand years, which, he thought, gave God ample time to create things. And, before he finished his sermon, he had his god almost on a level with fallen man, and much lower than the scientists have ever gotten their's. Doubtless his god did come from evolution.

We have in our midst men who lift themselves high, whether they elevate their God or not; and this they have a right to do, for they are sinless, have had the "second blessing," or been baptized by the Holy Spirit. I do not know that this baptism places them on a level with the apostles in speaking all at the different languages and working miracles, but it seems that it elevates them far above the apostles in one particular, as they claim to be perfectly holy, both soul and body. Then, their hearts are so overflowing with love, and their faith so strong and broad, that they readily accept all the different theories and doctrines as true, and consider each man, whatever his belief, exactly right, if he is only sincere. They claim to be so deeply interested in the salvation of sinners, that they have no time to throw away on any command of

Christ's that is not absolutely

essential to their salvation from hell. Now, Mr. Editor, my father taught me that such teaching as this was straight out infidelity, and would soon lead the world to trample the Bible under foot as a worthless thing; but as he was only a sinner saved by grace, knew nothing of the "higher critics," was ignorant of modern science, was never baptized by the Holy Spirit, and was not able to explain away the Bible, I know not how to proceed with some one to guide me, and so I appeal to you for help. Please tell me how I can know what books of the Bible are true, and what commands are essential or necessary to be observed. This information is very necessary, as I have been taught that Christ really meant for us to obey him implicitly, and not to break the least of his commands nor teach others to do so. SKEKKE.

For the Alabama Baptist.

History of the Baptists of Alabama.

"'Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what report they bore to Heaven, and how they might have borne more welcome news." As with an individual, so with a body of men; and the Baptists of Alabama can gain great help for the future by looking over the past.

Dr. Riley's History gives us this view of the past from the earliest times down to the present, (1803-1894.) The sketch of the early settlers and their ways of living, their churches and their religious meetings, is particularly interesting and full of novelty to the younger portion of our people. It is of historical value outside of its religious value.

There is no other history which gives us just the information contained in this one, brought together from different sources. Holcombe's History of Alabama Baptists is a valuable work, to which Dr. Riley owes much as he acknowledges in its introduction; but Mr. Holcombe died in 1841, and since then no history has been written until now.

A full and most instructive account is given of the founding of Howard College and of Judson Institute. Many of the details and sketches presented in connection with these two institutions—their origin and growth of Alabama Baptists—are worthy of being repeated again and again, not only that the

present generation may learn them, but that the present generation may remember them, and may imitate more and more the noble examples of devotion and self-sacrifice in our past. The story of Harry, Dr. Talbird's servant and janitor of the Howard, and his heroic death in saving the boys from fire, ought to be known by all our young people. The generosity of the Marion people in connection with the Howard and the Judson is well brought out, and it cannot be too highly commended. If some wealthy Baptists could now feel inspired to pay off the debts of these two institutions and let them go on their way rejoicing, to even grander success, it would be a fitting and beautiful fulfillment of the great work begun by our noble predecessors. We should then be entering into their labors.

The relations between the white people and the negroes in the old times of slavery are brought out in a most attractive way, and are a revelation to many of the younger people, as well as to our brethren not reared in the South. The stories of Dock Phillips and of Jessie Goldthwaite are full of interest and instruction.

The devotion and labors and generosity of our forefathers, both ministers and people, cannot help inspiring us with a desire to emulate them. If we never look to the past our horizon is very small and we become very narrow. Looking backward and forward, we grow, and are able to do higher and better work for our Master.

The History is written in a style of bright, clear and attractive, that is a pleasure to read it. The facts and statistical details are arranged in such a way as not to interrupt the course of the narrative, and often a little item of special interest is thrown into a passage which threatens otherwise to become dull. If any fault may be found, it is in the lack of a full index, so that the work could be used readily for reference.

If any one says that the work is partial, that credit is given to some and neglect is shown to others, it may be answered that this accusation cannot be avoided in any book of moderate compass dealing with the recent past. Dr. Riley does not claim to have complete knowledge and perfect judgment. He has done his best, and that at the request of the Baptists themselves who chose him in 1893 to do this work.

Every Baptist will be deeply interested in it.

LOUISE MANLY.

Judson Institute, Marion.

If you can not be great, be willing to serve God in things that are small.—S. T. Smith.

Every Christian, and especially every leader, has need of periods of retirement.

For the Alabama Baptist.

In Geneva Association.

Baptist Sunday-school Convention to be held with Friendship church, 6 miles north of Geneva, beginning on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1896.

PROGRAM.

Preaching Saturday, 11 a. m.: Rev. G. J. Canant, Rev. J. F. Register, alternate.

2 p. m.: Called to order by President J. F. Register; enroll names of delegates, etc.

1st subject: Organization; R. P. Coleman, E. E. Byrd.

2d. Who should attend Sunday-school, and why? Rev. J. F. Patton, J. J. Morris.

3. Benefits to be derived from the use of our literature; E. Beach, A. B. Jernigan.

Preaching Saturday night; Rev. J. W. Brooks; A. J. Brooks, alternate.

Sunday, 9 a. m.: Prayer service.

4. Importance of reading school literature; essay by Mrs. Daniel Swanner.

5. The duty of pastors concerning Sunday-schools; Rev. James Blount, P. N. Hickman.

Locate next convention, and set the time.

Appoint committee on program. Read minutes.

Preaching Sunday at 10 o'clock by Rev. P. L. Moseley.

It is earnestly desired that every Baptist Sunday-school in the association send representatives, and that those churches having none, organize one, and that those whose names appear on program attend, prepared to make the occasion pleasant and profitable.

A. W. BEAN,

T. W. CAPPS,

Committee.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From Auburn.

Ed. Ala. Baptist: Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, preached a most excellent sermon in the Auburn Baptist church January 12th. His subject was, "The Christian for the time," and the apostle Paul was given as a striking illustration of what can be accomplished by a conscientious, fearless Christian who has the fortitude to face all obstacles when the time comes to act, and who is quick to seize the opportunities God places before him to advance the cause of Christ in the world. A large audience greet-

ed the Doctor and gave him close attention. Many of the cadets of the State Polytechnic Institute were present. This service was designated a "Missionary Rally," and a very liberal contribution was made to the cause of missions.

The Auburn church is still holding her place as one of the most successful working churches in the state. The brethren are thoroughly awake to and interested in all the enterprises of the denomination, and they contribute liberally to the work of the boards as well as to the preaching of the gospel in their own midst. Bro. J. J. Cloud, the beloved pastor, is doing a splendid work, and he has the united support of all the members of the church. His sermons are full of spiritual food, and they are delivered to the people with that earnestness and love so characteristic of the man, so that he has won the admiration and affection of the church as well as the esteem and praise of the people of other denominations.

The B. Y. P. U. is in a flourishing condition; and, under the direction of the pastor, it is used as a valuable means to instruct the young people concerning the peculiar beliefs of the Baptists and the work of the denomination in this country and in foreign lands. The Union meets on Thursday night of each week, and is well attended by the young and old.

Professor G. W. Duncan, principal of the Auburn Female Institute, and Professor J. F. Duggar, assistant professor of Agriculture in the Polytechnic Institute, are valuable additions to the membership of the Auburn Association, and taking active part in all the work of the Baptists in Auburn.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor spent a recent Sunday with us, and gave a most interesting talk to the class of cadets in the Sunday-school. The Doctor is always a welcome visitor to Auburn, and whenever he comes his many friends give him a warm reception. He has always taken a great interest in the state institution located at this place, and the work he accomplished while he held the position of president of the A. & M. College will be as enduring as the institution itself. He built the foundations of the college. In this connection it might be of interest to know that there are 86 Baptist boys on the rolls of the college this session, and many of them are earnest Christian young men—members of the church.

The Ladies' Aid society is a strong factor in sustaining the cause of Christ in Auburn. That society, besides many other good works in its charge, has assumed the care of one of the orphans in the Home, and has arranged to defray all the expenses of educating and clothing the boy so long as he remains in the Home. The society has also sent each year a valuable box to the

frontier for the use of the missionaries; and also succeeded in raising last year a large sum of money for the various enterprises of the church. It is the intention of the ladies to give an entertainment on the 16th of this month for the benefit of the building fund, and the indications are for a most enjoyable occasion.

Auburn. F. H. MELL.

From the Western Recorder.

Theatres in the United States.

It was not a preacher nor the editor of a religious paper who said this of the theaters, but the Century Magazine:

Nobody with any knowledge of the facts will deny that the American theater, considered merely as a rational means of entertainment, without reference to its relations to literature and art, is a most forlorn and debased condition. Tragedy, high comedy, the historical and romantic drama, have been virtually banished from the stage or find few worthy interpreters, and have been replaced to a large extent by worthless melodramas, the extravagant buffooneries of so-called farce comedies, or the feverish and unwholesome society play, in which the most vicious topics are discussed openly under the pretense of solving social problems.

And this estimate of the theater—not as it was, not as it may be some day, not as it is in Utopia, can be heard on all sides. No one with any reputation for culture to lose will contradict this plain statement of the Century.

And there is no remedy; because the experience of the world shows that theatrical performances always have a tendency to deteriorate.

Take an audience in any city of the best people. Let a theater play only the finest of Shakespeare's dramas. Let the actors and actresses be persons whose private lives are above suspicion. This is supposing a case in which the theater is at its very best. Now let those actors play Shakespeare for three or four months to the same audience. It will be found that the audience has deteriorated. Shakespeare will be tame to them. They will demand something more exciting. Either the theater will yield to the demand or they will go elsewhere, and the theater fail for lack of an audience.

Invariably, all the world round, has this been the history of the

representation lowers the mental and spiritual tone of its audiences. It is not that a different audience of inferior caliber comes in; given the same people and the deterioration is seen.

Why this result should follow is not clear. Some explain in one way and some in another. The fact remains, and wise men will act upon facts. They will not go where their taste will be vitiated, no matter if they do not see why the result will follow. No man in his senses will sleep in the Roman marshes of the Campagna because he does not understand why the air causes fever. Hence, it is useless to try to elevate the stage. It will not stay elevated. Sometimes it is better from an intellectual point of view. Sometimes it is higher morally when it can secure an audience of those who were trained by those who did not frequent theaters. But the moral decline is sure, and things which are morally bad do not long remain intellectually excellent.

The arrangement made by the Century is just and true; is, even in view of all the facts known to all in the cities, mild. There are no theaters in which one can be sure of hearing no double meaning word, seeing only decently clothed persons. Therefore, now as never before, and for added reasons, should all who profess to be separate from the world, and even all who have any culture and refinement, refuse to go to the theater.

The Congregationalist thus notes a fact more than ordinary interest: "The Jews at last have their revenge on Babylon. Nearly 500 years ago Babylon took the whole nation into captivity, but two Jew of Bagdad have now bought all that is left of Babylon. The Jews may be conquered in war and enslaved, but give him a chance to trade, and time enough, and he will own his owners."

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's hand writing, a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and thank him for it who is the fountain of loveliness, and drink it in simply and earnestly with your eyes: it is a charmed draught, a cup of blessing.—Ruskin.

A writer in the Occident tells of a preacher who, after a Sunday evening declamation on the power of music, prayed that "the waves of music might wash away the sins from this congregation." It is marvelous that he dared say such a thing in prayer.

Any one ready to compromise with sin and use subterfuges is weak. There is wonderful power in one brave, true man, when he is right, over multitudes who are conscious of wrong.]

Central Committee.

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PRAYER CARD—JANUARY.

China.—"Lift up your heads, O ye gates . . . and the King of glory shall come in." Missionaries, 41; native assistants, 25; stations, 50; churches, 16; membership, 1,131; baptisms, 118; schools, 9; scholars, 518; Sunday-school scholars, 231. Contributions, \$2,010.40.

Study Topics.—Provisional results from the war with Japan. The remote regions of China as yet untouched by missionary labor. Influence of medical missions. Prayers for reinforcements.

Prayer in the History of Missions in China.

Over forty societies have a force of missionaries on the field in China now.

In 1845 Rev. Mr. Shuck became the missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention at Canton.

In 1849 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions sent its first missionary to Canton, Rev. E. C. Bridgeman.

Alabama Baptist

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Directory for the Baptists of Alabama.

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We renew our offer to give both new and old subscribers Riley's History of the Baptists of Alabama, for \$2.50. This is cheaper than you will ever get the two together again. This offer will hold good for sixty days. We most earnestly request the pastors of churches to call attention to this liberal offer and its limitation.

A CLUB.—We have made an arrangement with the Ruebush-Kieffer Co., the well known music publishers, by which we can furnish the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the "Musical Million" to new subscribers for \$1.50, the price of this paper. The price of "Musical Million" is fifty cents a year. It is devoted principally to musical matters, and each issue contains one to three pieces of music, but there is also much interesting reading of literary and general character. We ask our readers to make it known to their musical friends who are not subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST that they can get both papers for the price of this paper alone.

THE LOUISVILLE POST OF Jan. 16 contained the following: We are pleased to see that the Seminary has friends among the secular press:

Tuesday the friends of the Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated the matriculation of 300 students. The event is out of the ordinary, and on several accounts much tribulation this institution was founded. Then it began to grow, striking its roots deep into the earth. Then Dr. Boyce died, and a year ago Dr. Broadus died. These were great men, and to those who had watched the early struggles of the seminary it seemed as if it must halt for a time at least to gather strength. Dr. Whitsett was called to the Presidency; called to guide the institution and to maintain its reputation and usefulness. Few supposed that this year the attendance would surpass all previous records, but so it is, and the whole Baptist denomination, nearly all who care for those things which make for righteousness, congratulate Dr. Whitsett and his valued associates, and wish them God-speed, prophesying in the near future 500 students in these halls.

READ THIS LIBERAL OFFER.

To any person, whether an old subscriber or new, who will send \$2.50, we will send the ALABAMA BAPTIST for 12 months, and also a copy of Dr. Riley's "History of the Baptists of Alabama." This book ought to be in every Baptist home. It contains a great deal of information. Then, too, we sincerely trust that the denomination will subscribe for the paper, and aid us in making it the best religious journal in the South.

PROF. R. L. SAUNDERS, a deaf mute, was recently shot and killed in Mississippi, being mistaken for a burglar. He was a Baptist, and one of the editors of the Baptist Record, who was once in Alabama, and the following touching incident:

He always seemed to be content and appreciative during the service that we one day asked him how it was that he was so often there and showed such interest. He drew forth his tablet and wrote as follows: "I always bring my hymn-book and Bible. When you announce a hymn I have a friend to find it for me, and read as you do and sing like any one at the people do. You always announce the scriptures that we will read before reading, and my friend finds that for me and I read it as you do. When you and the congregation bow in prayer I also lift up my heart and silent voice to God in humble praise and supplication. Then when you give out your text my kind friend finds the chapter and verse for me also, and I consider what blessed truth it contains, and as I see you becoming more and more interested and earnest in your discourse I feel that you are preaching well, and when I glance about and see that every one else is deeply interested and intent on getting every word—sometimes with a smile but more often with a tear I am happy because I know the gospel is being preached, and I pray that God will make it his power unto the salvation of souls."

LYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

That is a fearful story told (Acts 5:1-11) concerning the man Ananias and his wife Sapphira. The disciples of the Lord, moved by a great and generous impulse, were making their contributions to the common treasury, even to selling their land and houses. Ananias had presented his contribution as the full price of his land, when he was startled by the question from the lips of Peter: "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie unto the Holy Ghost?"

It is a fearful question. While the incidents of the early occasion may not be reproduced, yet there are lessons for us to study and dangers entirely possible now. The lie which was told came from the prompting of Satan, the father of lies. Satan had access to the man's heart and filled it with his own evil inbreathing. It came from the heart, but from a heart under the dominion of Satan. It was a lie to the Holy Spirit, and then found expression in its telling to Peter. Satan and the Spirit of God have each access to the human heart, and which ever gains possession here, controls the lips and life.

This lie to the Holy Spirit was a lie about money, specifically about one's contribution to the Lord's cause. This awful sin is possible in regard to many things, but here the case is specific. You suppose the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with money—that it is a thing too materialistic for him. The supposition is a blunder fraught with many evils and dangers. It is significant that the conflict between Satan and the Holy Spirit was a conflict at the point of his possessions, a conflict specifically about how much he was giving to the Lord and of its relation as to how much he was holding back. The Spirit says, fill up the treasury of the Lord that there be no lack, crowd his house with the tithing that is his due; Satan says, withhold your gifts, enrich yourself and make scant the Lord's treasury, withhold from God and rob him of time and lites and offerings. How often this thing is repeated, no one can tell; that it is possible with human hearts and in our churches today, is fearfully certain.

In this crime the man's wife was privy to it, gave her consent, agreed with him in giving part and withholding part. So they united in tempting the Spirit of God. One in holy bonds, they became one in awful crime before God—lying about their contribution to his cause. They were under no compulsion about their giving. The money was theirs to give or to withhold as they might elect. But they chose to make a show of giving largely, and hide their withholding under cover of lying. But God uncovered the secret not only of their treasure, but the deeper secret also of their hearts. Surely one should scrutinize closely the influences which lead him to keep back his gifts. And the part that wives play in regard to their husbands' giving is important and even momentous. We have known men made wonderfully liberal and generous by the influences of their wives—and some other cases also which were precisely otherwise.

It was a fearful doom that came upon this man and his wife. He lying and she confirming, they were stricken dead. Such physical results as this may not come to any now, even when guilty of a similar sin in the sight of God. But results may come to one's moral and spiritual nature even more dreadful than physical death. There is special danger in sinning against the Spirit of God, no matter in what regard, but also in the matter of our contributions to the Lord's cause.

A brother a few days since in a neighboring city remarked: "We have recently made a calculation and found that the money paid for the choir in our Baptist churches in this city is sufficient to pay for the support of ten missionaries on the foreign field. We feel like saying: 'Let all the people praise the Lord,' and then we will have cause for more rejoicing in souls being saved in foreign lands. We can take the money paid for choirs and double our missionary force at once." Let pastors and churches read and think of what Dr. A. J. Gordon and his church did along this line.—Mission Journal.

Some churches employ choirs whose music is not only expensive, but is also distasteful to a large part of the church and congregation. The wisdom of this course is not easily seen.

It was an old Latin saying: "Opportunity has hair in front; behind she is bald. If you seize her by the forehead, you may hold her; but, if suffered to escape, not Jipster himself can catch her again." "The mill will never grind with the water that has passed."

FIELD NOTES.

R. J. I. McCollum has changed his post office address from Fayette to Dry Creek, Fayette county.

Each mail is bringing in responses to last week's appeal. Let's come up to the one thousand dollars for January!—w. c. n.

Rev. W. M. Rabb's address is changed from Brewton to Georgiana. He is engaged for half his time in mission work in Butler county.

M. A. Malcomb, Castleberry: I think we are having a splendid time here in our little church. All appear to enjoy it. And we have a fine Sunday-school, too.

L. M. Bradley, Brewton, Jan. 20: Yesterday was a good day with us considering the inclement weather; 153 in Sunday-school, and the services both morning and evening well attended and interest good. Our work is moving along nicely.

Bro. W. C. Jordan, of Midway, never fails in his thoughtful attention to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The excellent trait of faithfulness

or opportunity for kindness comes before him.

We are surprised by the announcement of the Dothan correspondent of the Advertiser that Rev. W. M. Burr has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church in that town. Whatever may be the result, we hope Bro. Burr will remain in the state.

Rev. G. E. Jones has removed from Keener to Brice, Ala., on Lookout Mountain. He has two churches in Etowah association and one in the Cherokee. This is his first year in the "full work" of the ministry. We wish you great success, brother.

Rev. W. M. Harris, whom we all so much regretted to lose from Greenville pulpit, is now "at home" at No. 2210 Avenue I, Galveston, Texas. Write a letter for these columns pretty soon, brother, and others along at short intervals.

Eutaw Mirror: Rev. Mr. Apsey has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church in this place. We have not, as yet, heard of any successor being called. He is a very able, strong and practical preacher of the gospel, and is very popular with all denominations.

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa: Sunday-school workers around Tuscaloosa are expecting a great treat on the 23rd inst. A large number of international Sunday-school workers, will deliver two addresses on the general work in the afternoon and evening of that day in the Baptist church. All Sunday-school workers within reach are invited, and will be entertained at the homes of the brethren that night.

A burglar entered Judge Haralson's room in the second story of his residence, sometime after one o'clock on last Sunday morning. While the Judge slept the visitor helped himself to a suit of clothes and a small sum of money. It is fortunate that he got no more than he did. If a justice of the supreme court and president of the Southern Baptist convention does not escape the hands of a thief, what may the rest of us expect?

Pastor Hubbard, of Evergreen, called to see us a few days since during a brief stop while passing through the city; but he went to the wrong place, and we did not have the pleasure of meeting him. We excuse his mistake, however, as he was getting ready to be married when the announcement was made of the removal of our office to its present location, and of course he knew of but one thing that was going on in all the world. Yes, we excuse you, brother.

Times-Recorder, Americus, Ga.: Dr. B. F. Riley has finished his book, "The History of the Baptists of the South." It will cover 350 pages and will present a number of most interesting facts. It shows that there are over 500,000 Baptists, white and colored, in Georgia. Dr. Riley is perhaps one of if not the most thorough and finished English scholars in the South. He now holds the high position of professor of English in the State University, and his book will be one which must attract the attention and admiration of the public at large.

I. A. White, Orrville: At our Baptist Minister's Conference in conjunction with the last State Convention, a number of brethren who heard my paper on "Correspondence Study of the Bible," manifested kindly interest in its contents. Two or three expressed a desire to know more of the kind of work pointed out. I should be pleased to have those brethren, and any others who may be sufficiently interested, to send me their address on a postal card.

W. M. Blackwelder, Furman: Bro. A. R. Hardy, of Greensboro,

recently made a visit to my church. His preaching was much enjoyed, and his presence an inspiration. He endeared himself to all by his earnest Christian spirit and gentle manner. To the claims of the work which he represents there was a cheerful response. We bid him Godspeed in this enterprise, and cordially commend him and his interests to the denomination of the state.

I spent last Sunday with the church at Tuskegee. The morning service was devoted to missions, and the collection was quite liberal. Pastor Hornady, after ten years of good work, goes to Lafayette and will take charge there on Feb. 1st. Few pastors are ever loved so well as the Tuskegee church loves him. It had not been determined up to last Sunday who would succeed Bro. Hornady; whether he may be, he will find a noble band of Christian men and women to give him hearty welcome.—w. c. n.

The Fancier, Atlanta: Washington is going to be a great state, poverty growing, as it has the climate and all the natural advantages. And we are glad to see Bro. Collier, who is an Alabama boy, coming to the front as a poet judge.—[That "Alabama boy" is a son of the Secretary of the Baptist Bible and Colportage board here in Montgomery. The elder Bro. Collier may not be so good a judge of a live fowl as the younger—his ability as a "judge" is displayed when the bird appears on the table.]

W. J. D. Upshaw, Lineville: Please allow me space to congratulate Milltown church and Sunday-school on their contribution for the Orphanage. It was mainly due to the indomitable energy of sister Lula DeVaughan, who labored so earnestly in getting up a beautiful program for the occasion, that made the day so enjoyable. Milltown is one of the banner churches of East Liberty association. It has paid all its dues up to date to mission work and to the pastor in cash. It keeps up two splendid working prayer meetings. May the Lord bless them.

J. A. French, Talladega: It strikes me that the offer of Riley's History of Baptists for \$1.50, or with the ALABAMA BAPTIST for \$2.50, is really remarkable. Hundreds of our people should embrace the offer at once. I have been

seeing how any intelligent Baptist in the state can dispense with it. These long winter evenings afford a fine opportunity for knowing our origin and development as a people. Reader, if you get the paper already, be quick to get the history; or if you are in arrears to the paper, avail yourself of the unusual opportunity and be all the happier for it.

Geo. W. Townsend, Louisville: Let me ask correspondents to address me at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as I will be here until summer. I can enter into engagements for holding meetings from June on.—I take this occasion to say that I am pleased with the Seminary. A finer faculty and a finer president it would be difficult to find in any college in the Union. They are simply a set of superb men, with the right man in the right place. The corps of 300 students, on the general average, can't be surpassed anywhere. This Seminary strikes me as being the real Baptist heart of the world.

An old friend down the Mobile road, through sickness and other causes, fell a good way in arrears with the ALABAMA BAPTIST. We knew the circumstances, and feeling sure that the money would come after a while, the paper went on. Not long ago a remittance came from the brother, with the announcement that he had enclosed a certain sum each month until he paid up. He "clinch his teeth" on the resolution, and of course the money has been coming in. The last payment placed him a little ahead, but he says there's more coming, and he shall not interfere, as he seems to enjoy the proceeding. It's fun for us, too. Brethren, won't some of you take the hint?

Early last year an elect lady of a Baptist church in this state was moved to use the ALABAMA BAPTIST as a means of doing good. The following note tells the result so far as developed: "Please allow me a little space in your most valuable paper, of which I am a reader, but not a subscriber, being a poor widow with several girls and only one boy old enough to plow. We find it hard to make a living, so we have to cut all expenses. I was very sorry to stop my paper, for we all enjoyed reading it, and I wish to thank some kind and most benevolent friend or subscriber for sending me the paper. It

was in February last that I stopped my paper, but it has never failed to come but one week, and in the last copy I received five dollars nicely wrapped in my paper. I assure the kind sender it was highly appreciated. No one knows only those who are needy. Enclosed find one dollar and fifty cents, for which please send me the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Again thanking the good brother or sister for their kindness, and wishing them God's blessings and a prosperous life."

Bro. Schramm is so fully persuaded that Ramah church, Barbour county, is a model church, and he adduces such good evidence of the assertion, that we would be glad to give him all the space he wishes in talking about it; but we can give only the leading points. Ramah is a model church because 1. The members are united and all work together; 2. Nearly all the male members will lead the prayer meeting, which is held weekly; 3. The prayer meeting and Sunday-school never fail, and the latter contributes to missions; 4. Nearly every family takes the ALABAMA BAPTIST; 5. Nearly every member gives something to the cause of Christ, the members averaging about \$5 each, and one member gives a tenth of his income; 6. The church cooperates heartily with the pastor; 7. The pastor is paid promptly; 8. No member uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or dances or gambles. With all these facts before the court, we do not see that the claim that Ramah is a model church can be disputed. The fact that nearly every family receives the ALABAMA BAPTIST is of itself right hard to overcome.

The ceremony of the formal opening of South Montgomery Baptist church on Sunday night last, took the form of a mass meeting under the auspices of the Montgomery Baptist Union. President Davidson made a few introductory remarks, and then asked all to join in singing, "Coronation." Rev. J. L. Thompson offered prayer, Rev. J. B. Powell, of Forest Home, read the 84th Psalm, and a hymn was sung. Then Dr. Eager explained what the Montgomery Baptist Union is. It appeared to be necessary, notwithstanding that we have the Montgomery association and various organizations within the churches. The Doctor paid a just compliment to the members and the pastor of South Montgomery church. Rev. W. D. Gay spoke

very church, and gave his reasons for starting the church. Pastor C. Johnson spoke of the development of the church, saying among other things, that he had used no McCormick reaper in trying to gather people into the church, but rather had been careful, and insisted on conversion as a prerequisite to membership. Then a collection was taken to meet the little floating debts that have given trouble to the church. In a short time more than two hundred dollars were raised, which was all that was asked. This brought the anxious and faithful treasurer, deacon Collier, to his feet, and he appeared to be almost ready to lead the shouting if the suggestion had been made. He would have had a number of followers. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced. The spirit of the meeting was unusually good. The neat little church was filled to its utmost capacity, and every one felt that it was good to be there. The exercises were interspersed with songs in which all the people joined, excepting, of course, the touching solo by Mrs. J. C. Cheney. Mrs. B. P. Crum presided at the organ, which assured the excellence of that part of the exercises. Altogether there was good reason for thankfulness at the success of the meeting.

One More Effort.—Will relieve the Orphanage of debt, and so soon as this is paid several friends have promised liberal gifts toward improving the property. Our family is now larger than it ever was before. A family of forty-one have to eat their meals in a bed room. Brethren, shall we have your help to enable us to remove this debt and build a dining room and kitchen? Whose pledge is it that hasn't been redeemed? Help now, brethren.

JNO. W. STEWART, Evergreen.

BRONCHITIS. Sudden change of weather caused Bronchitis. Dr. J. B. Riley's "The History of the Baptists of the South" will give effective relief.

The Golden Rule says that the other day some Christian Endeavorers were singing Miss Havergal's Consecration Song, and when they came to the words "Take my silver and my gold," they stopped short. They could not honestly sing those words; they had not given all to Christ. We wish some other people would think a little more about what they sing; perhaps not stop singing, but act more in accordance with their songs.—Evangel.

For the Alabama Baptist. Dr. Riley's Book—Dr. Bledsoe—General Remarks.

If ever a people were under moral obligations to purchase a book, we, as Baptists are, in reference to Dr. Riley's "History of the Baptists of Alabama." He wrote by authority of the Convention. He spent many hours of fatiguing labor, unearthing facts that would soon have become not only effete, but entirely forgotten by even the most intimate and loving relatives; indeed, but for that work, many facts which would be exceedingly useful to posterity as well as to all, would have been entirely unknown. A young man, looking back upon a worthy ancestral history, will be stimulated by aspirations that laugh at apparent impossibilities. A denomination of Christians becomes more fixed in their religious views and more loyal to their faith from a knowledge of the proud achievements of worthy sires. The man in whose breast a noble spirit of patriotism would not respond to the hardships, privations and courage of the revolutionary fathers, as gathered from a correct history of the same, is unworthy a place in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Others who can have their histories; why not we? The great vantage gained and possessed by the Roman hierarchy today, is that they have a written history, albeit partisan, untrue and suppressive of every and any other church history, backed by the allied governments of which she had become consort. Baptists of Alabama, your children will confront you in the judgment and condemn you, if they be led away from the true faith into the adoption of a false one, by your failure to provide them with the best and most modern history available. It is sheer nonsense to refuse because of any discovered defect in the history; no history is perfect. As pastor, I will freely give the half dollar allowed for agency work, and any other ought, unless a man's living is partially in it.

DR. W. C. BLEDSOE

Was surely a wise selection of the Board to take the place of Bro. W. B. Crumpton. His only trouble in the world is a morbid timidity and consequent retiring modesty, which, I think, the very appointment to the office ought to overcome. I write these lines not to pass pleasant comments or compliments on one I have always admired and held in high regard, but for what it is worth, to render an unqualified endorsement of the action of the Board and bespeak for him, among any who are unacquainted with him, a warm reception and cordial co-operation. All regret is that I am not in charge of a church or churches able to send him a hundred dollar check forthwith. He will surely send prayer and help the coming year. If matters do not move along as our brother desires, and some city people have a right

gloomily, for I assert now, while everything is looking up and business improving, even in the country, mules selling and lands renting as in days of yore—yet this very fact is making it harder for ministers to collect their salaries and raise money for benevolent enterprises. Let the city churches do their best while we are in the transition process, and country churches do all they can, even at a sacrifice, and soon will dawn an era pregnant with results. Let us foster all our enterprises, even if we can only do little. Keep alive all the objects of the State Board of Missions—and that embraces everything—and light, effulgent light, will ere long chase away the clouds. I feel more keenly than ever that the work before Baptists is grand and responsible.

B. H. CRUMPTON.

Bellville.

For the Alabama Baptist. Recital at the Judson.

We wish all friends of the Judson and of music could have been present at the recital given on the evening of January 17th. A large audience was present in spite of the bad weather, and their expectations were not disappointed. The talented and skillful artists who presided over the musical department of the Judson gave us a treat of sweet sounds of voice, violin, organ and piano, such as is rarely heard in even a large city.

At eight o'clock Mrs. W. A. King took her place at the grand and beautiful organ which is a monument of love and devotion to the cause of the oppressed. She played a march while the long file of fair young girls walked in and took their seats in the left transept. It stirred one's heart to see youth and beauty, with most of life before them unknown and full of dangers; and with stately music swelling on the air, one can but hope that God's love, like the harmony of the march, will guide them to take the right steps in all the walks of the future.

Mrs. King then began the program of the Recital with Mendelssohn's beautiful "Overture to Midsummer Night's Dream," in which she brought out of the organ a whole orchestra of instruments. The first passage, containing the woodland sounds, and the Wedding March, will never grow old nor dull with repetition, and they gained new beauties under Mrs. King's skillful fingers. A "Gavotte" by Houseley was her next number, and showed the capability of joy and gaiety that lies in the organ.

Miss Stakely, who has won all hearts by her beautiful voice, next appeared and was greeted with sounding applause. Her first piece, "With Verdure Clad," from Haydn's grand oration, "The Creation," was rendered with pure full voice and admirable technique. Then followed Cowen's "Snow Flakes,"

Meyer-Helmund's "The Vow," and Weckerlin's "Sunrise," in all of which she charmed the audience by her pleasing manner, great taste, and wonderful adaptation of expression. The hearty applause which followed showed the keen appreciation of her hearers.

Mr. A. G. Verdenburg, the able director of the Music department, then appeared with his fine violin, an Andreas Amati, and rendered the "Allegro con brio" from Beethoven's Sonata Op. 14, No. 1, accompanied by Mrs. King on the piano. The marvelous swiftness and brilliancy of tone and expression were admirably brought out by both violin and piano, and one felt that true artists were interpreting the thought of a great master who had composed it for human ears out of the magic harmonies of nature.

Eckert's "Styrian Song," next rendered by Miss Stakely, carried us away to the glorious Tyrol mountains and made us share the wild free joy of the shepherds of that lovely region.

The "Praise of Tears," ("Lob der Thränen"), David's arrangement of Schubert's beautiful song, was then given by Mr. and Mrs. Verdenburg on the violin and piano. The piece throbs throughout with mingled joy and sadness; and Mr. Verdenburg's true interpretation of the skillful and wonderful arrangement of his instrument, made the large audience sit spell-bound under its influence.

The next number was Mendelssohn's "Overture to Ruy Blas," on the organ and two pianos, played by Mrs. King and Mr. and Mrs. Verdenburg. This grand piece received a worthy rendition, and it gained the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

The closing number was Verdi's "Tacea Notte Placida," sung by Miss Stakely. Her glorious voice rose to its full pitch of power and beauty, and found ample scope in the great variety of this magical selection from the Italian master. The Allegro passage was especially pleasing, and the force and fire of the conclusion left on the hearers an impression of beauty that will long remain.

Jan. 18.

For the Alabama Baptist. Baptist Ministers' Conference.

There will be a meeting of Baptist Ministers at Elba on Wednesday and Thursday, February 19 and 20.

Ministers residing in Crenshaw, Pike, Coffee, Henry, Geneva, Dale and Covington counties are invited and expected to be present. Ample arrangements will be made for the entertainment of the brethren and the care of their horses.

This promises to be, and ought to be, the most important meeting of the denomination ever held in this section of the state, and every brother in the counties around should be present and bring some other Baptist.

The object of the conference is to discuss many of the problems that confront the brethren who occupy this territory. Practical discussions of how to reach the masses, how to meet the heresies that are being propagated in our midst, and how to get the members of churches in touch with their pastor, and in sympathy and co-operation with our missionary movements, will be some of the leading subjects which will be considered.

Now, brethren, won't you come? Your presence is most earnestly desired. Let nothing prevent your being in attendance. I have written to a number personally, but cannot get the addresses of all. Let us make this conference a success.

FRANK M. HASVER.

Rutledge.

For the Alabama Baptist. Seminary.

Last Tuesday (Jan. 14) was a great day with the Seminary. Dr. Whitsett gave a dining to the students and faculty in celebration of the fact that 300 students had matriculated this year, which makes this the largest Theological Seminary in the world. Dr. Hemphill, who is president of the Presbyterian Seminary in this city, was present, and in an after-dinner speech spoke of the fraternal relations of the two institutions. Dr. Eaton was present, and spoke in behalf of the trustees of the Seminary. Dr. Whitsett spoke of the Seminary at large. Bro. Truex, of Missouri, spoke for the students. All the after-dinner speeches were good and encouraging.

At the weekly missionary meeting, Prof. McClothlin read an excellent paper on "Judson's preparation for missionary work." The devotional part of the Seminary work is much better than I had expected to find it. The morning and evening prayer services, and also the Thursday night prayer service, are all well attended, and frequently there is a strong demonstration of spiritual power. The majority of the students seem to have as great a desire for heart power as for head power.

There are men here of all ages from 18 to 70. Alabama men compare well with the men from other states, both from an intellectual and spiritual point of view. A neater and cleaner set of students in personal appearance is not to be found in the Seminary, and we have every reason to think the inner man is as clean as the outer. Our ambition is that Alabama shall stand first in other ways as well as alphabetically.

JOHN BASS SHELTON.

P. S. Up to date 302 have entered this year.

Jan. 17.

Scrobb's licks in the blood of nearly every one, but Moody's Scrobbilla drives it from the system and makes pure blood.

For the Alabama Baptist. Some Notes.

RILEY'S HISTORY.

How can the brethren afford to miss the opportunity to supply themselves with Riley's History of the Baptists of Alabama? I learn that very few of the preachers have secured it. What can be the reason? For years we have been talking at our conventions about our great need of such a history, and now we have it; better than any of us could have done, and cheaper than we ever hoped to see it. The book is not faultless, but it contains information, a rich treasure of information to be found nowhere else in all the world. Every Baptist family in the state should send at once \$1.50 to J. B. Collier, at Montgomery, and possess this book which will be regarded as invaluable as soon as read.

THE MINISTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

I spoke, in my report of the Florida Baptist convention, of the Ministers' Relief Association, and suggested that one be formed at once in Alabama. My understanding is that each minister becoming a member pays one dollar as a membership fee, and probably as much more as an annual fee. This money goes to pay the necessary expenses. On the death of a member, notification is sent to each member assessing him in the sum of one dollar, which is paid to the family of the deceased. Persons who are, not ministers, by paying the regular fees may become honorary members; but only ministers can receive the benefits of the association.

I nominate Bro. J. L. Thompson, of Montgomery, as the brother to inaugurate such an association at once. If he will write to Rev. L. D. Geiger, Corresponding Secretary Ministers' Relief association, Apopka, Fla., he will get the information needed. If Brother Thompson will say in the ALABAMA BAPTIST that he will undertake it, I will authorize him to place my name as the first on the list. At the convention at Huntsville the brethren can then organize permanently. The expense is very small—for postage, printing, and such clerical help as the secretary may need, and probably a very small sum to the secretary.

The benefit to a poor preacher's family on his decease will be considerable, if a good sized membership can be secured. So you see, brethren, I am counting myself as one of you in some sense, though I may not move about among you as of old.

FEATURES OF THE DISPENSARY LAW.

Bro. Thomas, of the South Carolina Baptist-Courier, said at Pensacola that he was opposed to the Dispensary law of South Carolina two years ago, but now he favored it, and gave a few points in its favor. It abolishes the saloon with all its attendant evils, treating,

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Brethren, after studying this question for many years, I unhesitatingly announce myself in favor of the Dispensary law as the best remedy for the existing evils of the traffic, and as the nearest route to final Prohibition. I want to see Senator Moody's bill printed in the ALABAMA BAPTIST so we may all study it.

A BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE AT ST. AUGUSTINE.

One of the most cheering reports at the Florida convention came from St. Augustine. The church bears the name of "The Ancient City Baptist Church." They will soon have completed a \$15,000 building, and propose after this year to be self-sustaining.

Bro. Provence, probably the most scholarly man of the convention, read a clear, strong paper on "The History of the Baptists of Sanctification," which will be published in the Witness, and ought to be put in tract form and widely circulated.

Bro. Whitehead, my room-mate, greatly interested me. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi; practiced law for a while, and then entered the ministry—yielding after years of disobedience to the heavenly call. He can tell of recovery of health in answer to prayer, when life had almost been come a burden and all hope of being restored by ordinary means had gone. No one can listen to his story, modestly and humbly told, without being impressed that God does yet heal disease in answer to prayer. I am sure the great majority of us are skeptical and unbelieving, and hence we live far beneath our privileges. And this brother knows what it is to suffer for Christ's sake, too. He can entertain you, too, about the Land of Flowers. He made me long for a home near the Amitee river, where the sea breezes keep one cool in summer and the freezes never kill the oranges, and all the year round the fish are waiting to be caught.

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Montgomery Churches.

First Church.—Dr. Eager occupied the pulpit at morning service and preached from the text, "The righteous shall flourish as a palm tree." He drew the analogy of a palm tree—upright growth, develops in unpromising surroundings, as well as favorable environments, draws its strength from hidden sources, bears fruit in old age. One received by baptism and one by letter. Song service at night, and a lecture by Mr. C. A. Lanier on "Hymnody," or the hymns we sing. Large congregations at both services. Good collections at Sunday-school and \$10.34 collected for the Orphanage.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Greensboro House.

Before turning over the office of Corresponding Secretary to Dr. Bledsoe, it was my privilege to pay off the first note for the lot in Greensboro, and more than a hundred dollars were left over which will go on the last payment.

I gave out a lot of plank cards to the Sunday-school at Georgiana, and requested that they become interested in the Greensboro House. Only a few days passed before the pastor wrote for more—he said some had already filled their cards. If the Sunday-school superintendents and teachers will interest the children in this enterprise, the Sunday-schools alone can raise the money for the building. Write at once to J. B. Collier, at Montgomery, for the cards.

I am deeply interested in this movement, and will watch it with great interest. W. B. C.

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Birmingham Conference.

Woodlawn.—Rev. W. A. Whittle preached at the morning service on "Growth in grace." One hundred and four in Sunday-school. Thirty-three present at Young People's Union. At night Bro. Whittle favored the audience with an interesting lecture on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

East Lake.—Pastor Foster preached at both hours. Two accessions since last report.

Avondale.—Large and interesting

Sunday-school—112 present. Superintendent Gilbert Carter has introduced into the school a large chart which plainly illustrates the journeyings of Christ from the cradle to his tomb. This chart is one of the most helpful features of our school. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Bro. Henderson Cheek, an old Howard College boy, whom Kentucky now claims for its own. The sermons were good and were highly appreciated by large congregations. This great institution, the Howard, has many noble sons of whom she is justly proud. Dr. F. T. Hale lectured for the church at 3 p. m. to a packed house. In this most excellent lecture there was milk for the weak and meat for the strong. The best thing is to visit the Holy Land, and see the places where Christ lived and died. Bro. Hale lectured on his visit there.

For the Alabama Baptist.

First Church—Good congregations,

one addition to the church. The Ladies Union have just clothed and sent two orphan boys to our Home at Evergreen. Last Monday night, Jan. 13th, Dr. B. L. Whitman, the scholarly and cultured president of Columbian University, Washington City, delivered a most charming and electrifying address to a crowded house in the First church on "The College as a moral force." Nothing like it has been heard in Birmingham.

Southside.—Pastor Hale preached

at 11 a. m. on the "Model Church," and at night continued his series of lectures, his subject being "Nazareth, the Land of Galilee, and Bethlehem." Preparation, Active Ministry, Confession of Divinity. Seven additions—one for baptism. At the morning service the church celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization. Capt. W. C. Ward delivered a memorial address. During the ten years more than one thousand have been received into the church, and over \$40,000 raised for all purposes. Congregations were large and the outlook bright and hopeful.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Dr. Christian's Book.

Rev. John T. Christian, A. M., D. D., of Louisville, Ky., has written a book which deserves wide circulation and careful perusal. The book is entitled *America or Rome, Which?* and is published by the Baptist Book Concern. Price, \$1.

In this work Mr. Christian speaks as a citizen rather than a theologian. He says: "In regard to the theological opinions of Rome, except in so far as they touch upon national life, I have not expressed an opinion. But as an American, one who loves the Stars and Stripes, I enter a plea for the preservation of our free institutions."

He further says: "I have striven to be judicial in my sentiments, conservative in language, accurate in statement, and above all charitable in thinking." And he evidently kept the purposes here expressed well in mind throughout the entire work.

The book contains some 275 pages divided into nine chapters which treat respectively of the popehood of Peter, the attitude of the Romish hierarchy toward morals, toward civil liberty, toward religious liberty, toward marriage, toward the Bible, toward the public schools and general learning, toward the press and toward secret societies.

The first chapter is marred by some slight slips in grammar, and other minor blemishes; but the argument which it adduces in opposition to papal claims is clear and convincing. Peter was not a pope.

The eight other chapters treat of living issues upon which it becomes every good citizen to be posted. In these chapters which set forth the hostile attitude of Romanism toward some of the dearest things in life Mr. Christian has not drawn upon imagination or hearsay, nor has he been satisfied simply with the testimony of those who are the opponents of papacy; but he cites passages from pastoral letters, decrees of councils or other authoritative documents, and quotes from the utterances of popes, cardinals, bishops or other high dignitaries in the Catholic church.

For example, in proof of the proposition that the Roman Catholic church receives and retains in fellowship the vilest sort of sinners this book does not stop with the citation of well known facts in current history or with the testimony of missionaries who have gone to preach the gospel to the victims of Romish errors, but it records the testimony of Romanists themselves. On this point Cardinal Gibbons is quoted as saying: "The Church, walking in the footsteps of her divine Spouse, never repudiates sinners nor cuts them off from her fold, no matter how grievous or notorious may be their moral delinquencies;" also Cardinal Bellarmine, as saying: "Wicked men, infidels and heretics, remaining in the public profession of the Romish church are true members of the body of Christ."

Like testimony is given to show how the Romish church fosters intemperance, and connives at gambling, profanity, perjury, theft,

adultery, murder and almost every iniquity known in the calendar of crime.

Persons who have sung Bishop Ken's great Doxology and Cardinal Newman's *Lead, kindly Light*, who have read some of the famous theological works of Catholic authors, or who have personal friends and honored acquaintances among the devotees of the pope, and have nevertheless failed to post themselves in regard to the matter, can hardly realize the atrociousness of some of the doctrines which all faithful Romanists are required to hold. To all such Mr. Christian's book will prove an eye-opener.

Our friend Murray of the South-ern Chimes, would probably resort to his usual tactics, and denounce the book as a tissue of misrepresentation and falsehood, but for the fact that it is composed so largely of utterances from Catholic authors—and who ever knew a Romanist to vary from the truth, even though Liguori says, "It is certain that for good reasons one may be permitted to use equivocations, and to maintain them by oath," which in plain language means "tell lies and swear to them."

But get the book, and see for yourself. J. J. TAYLOR. Mobile.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Word About Howard College.

The first term of the present session of Howard College will close with this month, and it is the opinion of one who has been looking on from the outside, that—

1. There is an improvement in the personnel of the students. There are more large boys than for some years past, and the general appearance of the students is better.

2. There is an earnest spirit among the students. They have a mind to work. A purpose seems to have gone with them to college.

3. The entertainments given by the Literary societies have been exceptionally good.

4. The department of the students has been remarkably good. Not a wave of disorder has reached the public ear.

The second term will begin February first, and this will be a good time for any one to enter who has been unable to do so earlier.

1. That will give you an introduction. It takes some time for the new student to "catch on" to his new surroundings. Going from home to college is a sort of transplanting, and the acclimation must have some time for taking root in its new soil. If this were done, and no more, your time would be well spent.

2. It will afford an opportunity for review. If your aim is to be really educated, such a review will be of great advantage. You will begin with next session well up, and will be able to keep up and do thorough work. Such a review would be helpful to any one, but especially to those who have been out of school for some time. If you do not need a review, you can find your place with those who have stood examinations and are advanced, and move right on with advance work.

3. If you enter now, you will settle the question of your going to college. This may determine your course through life.

Remember, too, that Howard College is open to young ladies. There are five young ladies in attendance. I had a letter from a young lady in Georgiana who thinks of entering in February. How many others will follow her good example? Brethren, let us bestir ourselves in the interest of our college.

W. A. HOBSON.

Woodlawn.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Dallas Avenue Church, Huntsville.

I have been thinking for some time that I would tell the many readers of your growing paper how we are progressing, for it seemed at the convention that the eyes of the state were turned toward us.

I was sorry to leave dear old Elyton, where I had been so long; yet, my kinsfolk were not swift enough to keep the tears from trickling down my face; yes, we wept because we love the people and the cause of Christ there; but I believe that the Lord directed us to this field, and therefore we came willingly.

We have been here a little over two months, and so far we are delighted, yes, more than delighted we are full of joy. "We feel like singing all the time."

First, however, the members of the church are willing to make any sacrifice for the good of the cause of Christ; and second, because they show us by their actions that they love us, and you know that love begets love. I believe our love was mutual from the first.

Our pantry is full of good things—costly things. But I must tell you something about our work, or rather, what the members did, as reported on the cards, for part of December: Number of visits made to sick, 66; number of poor families needing aid, 52; families aided by individuals; number joined the church through the influence of others, 3; (9 additions since we came); number joined Sunday-school through influence of others, 54; number times Sunday-school attended, 77; number times church attended, 128; number families visited, 235; number prayer meetings attended 33; number chapters read in Bible, 136.

Our Sunday-school numbers 135. Our congregations are fine—at night the house is full.

But we are not surprised, for almost anything will move with such men as W. E. and R. E. Pettus and R. P. Whitman and a host of good women behind it, or rather in front of it.

We look forward with a great deal of interest to the meeting of the Convention with us next November. Thirty-five copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST are taken by the members of our church. See! I hope that in the providence of God I will always have such a privilege to follow as Bro. A. G. Mosely, who is now in the school of the prophets at Louisville. Bro. Mosely did a fine work on this field, and we predict for him success wherever he shall be placed.

W. W. HARRIS.

[Yes, we see, brother. Your church started right. Wise brethren introduced the ALABAMA BAPTIST among the membership just so soon as they could after the organization, and indeed some of the constituent members were old subscribers. Of course it would be a good church.]

For the Alabama Baptist.

A School Which Furnishes a

Christian Home for Girls.

Some years ago a plain countryman came to Marion and brought his daughter to the Judson. The next morning when he was ready to leave he addressed her in about these words: "Daughter, I will leave you here with these good Christian teachers. I should like to see you here when you have grown up. I have heard about it. Since I have visited it and talked with the teachers I am sure I am leaving you in good hands. If I had not been a Christian school I would not have brought you to it. Remember that your mother and I are praying for you. We have made a great sacrifice to send you here, and we expect you to do your best, and I know we will not be disappointed. Don't forget your Bible, and always pray for us at home. Some who read this will be ready to guess who the brother was, it was so much like him to talk just that way. It was Brother Tom Fancher, of Bibb county, who went to his heavenly home only a few months back. I never met him but that he was full of religion, and he carried a tender place in his heart for the Judson as long as he lived.

Some weeks ago one of the Judson girls received a telegram calling her home to see her father who was critically ill from an accident. I happened to be present when the telegram was received, and tried to comfort the distressed daughter. Later I heard read a letter from the grateful father, who was recovering, in which were these words: "I am entirely pleased with the Judson. What parent could suffer any uneasiness about his girls in the Judson? Anna will return; she thinks there is no one like Dr. Averett. God bless you, your girls and the other teachers."

I hear from the Judson every day, now that I am at home, and I am sure there is not a happier set of girls in all the South than is to be found within those walls. I doubt if Dr. Averett ever had as little trouble with a school in all his long experience as a teacher. It is a Christian home for the girls who are sent there.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Marion, Ala.

Few of our readers realize how silently, yet powerfully, Rome has invaded and taken possession of New England, the home of the Pilgrims. This has been done by pouring in two streams of population, one from Ireland and the other from Canada. There are today fully four hundred thousand French Canadians resident in New England. About two-thirds of this number are in the cities and large towns of Massachusetts, the balance being divided between the remaining five States. Irish Catholics are exceedingly numerous in Boston and other New England towns, so that between Ireland and Canada this section is fast being possessed by the Catholics. What would the Pilgrim Fathers say if they could return to Plymouth and have a sight of the rock on which they landed, and see a large, flourishing Catholic Church erected upon it. Facts like these emphasize the importance of home mission work in a wonderful way. Hitherto the South has escaped, but with the incoming wave of immigration one may expect to see our cities and towns flooded with Papists. We must have missionaries to meet them at the beginning with a pure gospel and evangelize them ere the priest can get them under his control. New England neglected to do this, and is today suffering in consequence. Let the South profit by this mistake, and give our Home Board means to do this work promptly.—Evangel.

The credit of actually winning an election is claimed for a party emblem in the little town of Benton, Ky., where a Local Option election was held a few days ago. The campaigners for license adopted a jug as their emblem. The prohibitionists later adopted a picture of an open Bible, with the words "Holy Bible" in big letters across the top of the open pages as the emblem of the antileague forces. The people of Benton may be thirsty, but they are pious, and it is related, that when the open Bible and the jug of whisky were pictorially placed before them they couldn't vote against the Bible, even though they favored license. The choice between the two touched them in a vulnerable spot, and the election went very dry.—New York Voice.

He who tells all he knows, rarely knows much to tell, the greater part of his talk being that about which he is ignorant.

He who pursues fortune, is the follower of a sickle-will-o'-the-wisp, who scowls far oftener than she smiles.

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Women in the Poultry Yard.

Women are beginning to show that they can write on poultry topics in a way that commands attention. Many a man will have to doff his hat to a woman's superior skill in caring for poultry and her entertaining, chatty style of telling in the papers how she does it.—Baltimore Star.

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UNSATISFIED.

Why is it we never are satisfied with our own, the good that we have gained? But always, throughout the whole world wide, we long for the unattained? The valley is bright with blooming flowers, And sweet with wildwood scents, but I would climb the mountain that grandly towers, And yearn for heights that we cannot gain.

Ah! how we long for the towering peak, Whose top is lost in a mocking haze, And ever a path to climb we seek, Till our eyes grow dim in steadfast gaze.

The love that our restless arms enfold, Stirs in our clasp with an unrest, And the precious things that are ours to hold, Are never the things we think are best.

Forever we strain our eager sight Away to the coming time that smiles, Forgetting the shores of Time are white With the bleaching wrecks of the after-whiles.

And never is bliss for us complete Anywhere 'neath the shining stars, And forever our soul's wild wings we beat, Like a captive bird, 'gainst prison bars.

Waiting, waiting, we know not why, For something, Alas! it is ever thus, And never beneath the wind-swept eaves, Do the things we wait for come to us.

Montgomery. VERN McDONALD.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The complete novel in the February issue of "Lippincott's" is "Groundswells," by the well-known writer, Mrs. Jeannette H. Walworth. It is a tale of rather unusual length (for the Magazine), readable, lively, and "up-to-date."

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To Mothers.

A writer in Babyhood makes an appeal to mothers to combine and organize a school for the proper training of children's nurses. When one considers the ignorance and unfitness of many of these, it is a wonder that so many mothers seem to be so indifferent to the influence which they unquestionably exert upon the children in their charge. "A cook," says the writer, "is a very important member of the household," but "much more important is the nurse, who, being so constantly with the little ones, cannot help leaving the impression of her character upon them. If she is untidy and careless in dress and care of her person, it is to be expected that she will give proper attention to the bathing, teeth cleaning, etc., of her charges? If she is not entirely truthful and upright in her ways, if she practices even small deceptions successfully on her employers, are these not almost always known to the children, who are either bribed or frightened into silence about it? Can this be anything but injurious to them? The marvel is that children are as truthful as they are with all the evil influences around them. Furthermore, children hear many things that they do not understand, in coarse jokes or jokes which, in most instances, would not be told if it were not for the impression which they do make on an impression. Later on, when the child begins to ponder over the mysteries of life, such things will come back, and will tarnish the lustre and soil the purity of the growing mind.

Men and women are not put in the business world into positions of high trust and responsibility without satisfactory proof of their capability and fidelity. Is there a more precious trust than the guardianship of a little child? And should not the person interested give satisfactory proof that she is qualified faithfully to shield that little one from harm, moral as well as physical?

Gen. Harrison on the Presidency.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison will discuss "The Presidential Office" very comprehensively in his "This Country of Ours" series, in the forthcoming February Ladies' Home Journal. He will detail the provisions and methods of electing a Chief Magistrate, and will have much to say bearing upon the eligibility of a president for re-election; will give his views as to the length of the presidential term, and express rather decided opinions relative to the annoyance to which presidents are subjected from office-seekers. The article is practical, based upon experience and observation, and is very timely. General Harrison believes that the fears (expressed by the framers of our Constitution) that the power of the office is such as to enable an ambitious incumbent to secure an indefinite succession, have limited the popular opinion has limited the eligibility of the president to one re-election. But some of our leading and most thoughtful public men have challenged the wisdom of the four year term, and have advocated six years, usually accompanied with a prohibition of a second term. And unless some method can be devised by which a less considerable part of the four-year term must be given to hearing applicants for office and to making appointments, it would be wise to give the president, by extending the time, a better chance to show what he can do for the country. It must be admitted, also, that ineligibility to a second term will give to the Executive action greater independence. It seems unlikely, however, that any change in the presidential term will be made, unless some unexpected event should stir into action a thought that is now of a theoretical rather than a practical cast.

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