





## Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, FEB. 18, 1897.

### A Truthful Statement.

An excellent and invaluable remedy for the cure of cough, cold and hoarseness, is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and Mr. Jas. Haddell, 350 West St., New York City, verifies this statement. He writes: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a most excellent remedy for cough, cold and hoarseness, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to all, who require such a valuable household medicine." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

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The Lincoln fountain pen is a regular \$2 fountain pen, and will now work superior to most \$2.50 pens now on sale. The makers for an advertisement will sell the limited number on receipt of 10c, neatly boxed with filler and full directions, postpaid. If the pen is not satisfactory we will refund the money. Write to the makers.

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### Plant System.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 21, 1896. We beg to announce the establishment of a new station on the Sanford and St. Petersburg Division, one mile south of Clearwater, to be known as Belleair, Florida.

At this point is located the new Hotel Bellevue, now being constructed by the Plant System, which will be opened to the public on January 15, 1897.

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FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS Mrs. Winton's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething, it soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

### WHO'S SHELLABARGER?

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY W. A. HOBSON, East Lake, Ala.

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### Montgomery Churches.

First Baptist—Sunday-school, church and B. Y. P. U. services were held as usual.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," was the text of the morning sermon by the pastor.

Special prayer was offered at all the services for the relatives of those killed in the railroad wreck.

The evening sermon, from Gen. 24:27, showed the Christian's surety of receiving blessing when in the path of duty.

Bro. Maxie Pepperman led the B. Y. P. U., and the meeting was most interesting and helpful.

Adams Street—A red letter day.

Had a special gathering of the whole church, and we filled the meeting-house, even seating in the aisles.

There has never been such a church meeting before in our house. Pastor's subject, "The Perseverance of the Saints." He has been preaching doctrinal sermons and preparing for a great revival.

One addition and three restored to the roll. At night another splendid congregation to hear the sermon on "Lying to God." One addition.

Clayton Street—A fine attendance at Sunday-school. Morning and evening large congregations assembled to hear Rev. J. F. Edens, field editor of the "Index" of Atlanta, who preached two masterly sermons. Morning theme, Justification; text, Heb. 10:38. Evening subject, "By what are we justified?" text, Heb. 10:38.

"Now is the accepted time," and use who throw away present opportunities do so at their peril. Trust to-morrow and you may do to your own destruction.—Rev. F. A. Horton, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We have the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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### Birmingham Conference.

First Church—Large congregations, three additions to the church, and fine attendance at Sunday-school. The Ladies' Society secured the services of Mrs. Sarah T. Rorer, the famous president of the Philadelphia Cooking School, who gave a week of lessons on Artistic and Practical Cooking and Hygienic Food, with great pleasure and profit to hundreds of the best housekeepers of Birmingham and vicinity, and with gratifying financial success to our Ladies' Union.

Woodlawn—Pastor preached at both hours. Good congregations. Fine Sunday-school.

Product in the theological seminary met with us—large gathering.

Bro. A. B. Johnson delivered a most excellent address on "Worldliness." At night a memorial service of Bro. W. T. Pemberton was held; text, "Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Every seat occupied, and some stood up.

East Lake—Pastor Hobson preached at 11 o'clock; subject, "Talent hiding." Matt. 25:25.

The Young People's Union held a public meeting at night. Large audiences at both services.

Third Church—Rev. J. E. Barnard preached at 11 o'clock; subject, Baptism. Pastor Jones preached at night.

Pratt City—Dr. A. W. McGaha preached at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Barnard at night; subject, Personal work for Christ.

Jasper—On account of pastor Hurley being sick, Rev. J. E. Barnard preached on the 4th and 5th Sundays in last month.

John H. Pool—Interest at the mission on 1st Avenue between 17 and 18 streets is good. Service every night at 7:30. May every Christian who reads this send up a prayer for this work.

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In April we are to have our state meeting at Talladega. This is only a short time ahead, and we should bestir ourselves to have such a report of our work as will be worthy of the Baptist young people of Alabama, and the cause they represent.

How many new unions will be reported? What have we done in the way of contributions to the Lord's cause? Especially should we respond to the earnest appeal in behalf of missions, ministerial education, etc. Above all, let us not forget the hand-to-hand Christian work for the salvation of the lost. We ought to have a great meeting at Talladega. Let us have a large attendance and a spiritual meeting. To this end let us all be earnest, prayerful, active. Bro. Jordan will be on hand, and a rare treat will be ours in seeing and hearing the gifted and eloquent secretary of the Southern Union.

OUR GIFTS, AND HOW TO USE THEM.

Such is the topic to be studied this week by each member of every Union in the South. How fitting that young people should study such a topic. The old, who have lived in forgetfulness of God and their duty to him, were they to give their hearts to God and accept his Son as their Savior in the last hour, would gain heaven "as by fire," but they could not hope to do much for God or man, beginning at the sunset of life. How sad it is to see a wasted life. How dishonoring to the Master who has called us.

What a life, too, that might have been as glorious in achievement as any that adorns the pages of history. Who does not shrink from the thought of going up to the judgment with no sheaves, and there to stand before the Lord empty handed?

"Nothing but leaves; the spirit grieves."

Over a wasted life.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecc. 12:1.)

AS TO THE EXACT TEACHING OF THIS PARABLE.

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### For the Alabama Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Whitsett went to Virginia to attend the funeral of Dr. Harris at Richmond.

Professor Carver will teach the class in History of Missions for the remainder of the term.

Bro. Watson has been quite sick for the past week, but is now convalescent.

Missionary Day was largely attended, and was an occasion of great interest. The address was delivered by Dr. T. P. Bell, of Atlanta, Ga., who presented the history and work of the Woman's Missionary Union in a masterly way.

By invitation of the students, Dr. Whitsett and wife and their guest, Dr. Bell and wife, took supper in the Hall Thursday night, accompanied by Dr. Pickard. The index editor made an earnest and heartfelt talk, and the Broadway pastor expatiated on "The Homiletical Value of a Good Wife," in his usual practical way.

No successor to Dr. Harris will be chosen until these days scholars are things, bring all their dead weight, and it is the error and not the talent that is the problem.

If others have had a way to the money, that is no reason why you should do it. The apostle's injunction is, "Let us not sleep as do others." It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares among the wheat. "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead," should ring throughout Christendom like the blast of a mighty trumpet. May we not hope that the young Baptists will "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty?" Keep your talents bright by use. Grasp the great idea of Christianity that Christ brought to the world. Let your heads, your hearts, your hands, your property, your all be consecrated to God. Be an all-round man and an all-round Christian. Young men are moving the world; it is nothing if they should move up something in the church. Put your shoulder to the wheel, and let the old ones in the lead feel your strength.

At the home of the bride in Eufaula, Wednesday night, Feb. 12, by the writer, Mr. Geo. H. Wild and Mr. Callie E. Stephens. Both are members of the First Baptist church, and consecrated Christians. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.

At 4:30 o'clock a. m. Jan. 23, death claimed as a victim one of our oldest and most prominent citizens, Samuel Fawcett. He left a clean and pure record here where he had been a citizen of Roanoke and vicinity for a half century.

Have you ever asked yourself, and what is better still, asked God, "What is my gift?" "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We right well know that God had a purpose in our creation and in our recreation. Since we are God's servants, what more appropriate

than that we should know our place and capacity in his service. "It is true that some may over estimate their ability, but it is also true that many under estimate it. How many church members put this searching question aside and refuse to give it sufficient consideration to come to any intelligent conclusion as to what they are capable of doing for God, and feel as if they are justified in doing nothing because they have not yet decided what they ought to do. What does such a position argue? Indifference of the rankest sort. If you are perplexed as to what you should do, apply this scriptural principle, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Ecc. 9:10.) and ninety-nine times out of a hundred the problem of duty will be solved.

Nothing can be more displeasing to our Master than to stand with folded arms waiting for something to do, when the field is white unto harvest, and the Master has said, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whosoever I will, I will send."

If you are doing nothing, something, whether young or old, profession is false. Either your profession is wrong, or you are persistently refusing to serve your Master. In either case you should be alarmed. If you have taken your talent and hid it, what will be the consequence when your Lord comes? Shall you refuse to use because you have only one talent, while some one else has ten? If you have only one, there is all the greater reason for your using it, for the servant who has a larger number may fail in the use of some and

have only the one, and fail to use it; you have nothing left. If your capital is small, use it well, and the Lord will surely bless you in the increase of your stock.

We need not go beyond our own state to find hidden talents. We have one hundred and seventeen thousand white Baptists in Alabama, and yet nearly all of our denominational enterprises are embarrassed. Out of this great army of members, how many active workers and regular contributors have we? Let Bro. Bledsoe tell us. Shall we see denominational enterprises go down before very eyes, while we stand more than a hundred thousand strong, in stolid indifference? Howard College, ministerial education and missions cry in vain to vast more than half of our people. We have talent enough and money sufficient to do great things for the Lord, but where are they? Hid away in a napkin, buried in the earth. The Lord deliver us from the death chambers of buried talents. O, for a resurrection voice that could penetrate the tomb and call forth the sleeping talents of the Baptists of Alabama from

## Cotton.

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very long and scholarly work, and is a

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in the sums as much as a pound. (5.)

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in that of the talents, a severe pun-

ishment is inflicted besides.

3. The special lesson of the par-

able of the talents is diligence in

the use of advantages. The key

to the parable of the virgins,

which comes just before this one,

is watchfulness; but the key to this

is diligence. The first represents

the church waiting and watching

for the Lord; the second represents

the necessity of a constant supply

of inward grace; the talents, the

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heart with all diligence, for out of

it are the issues of life;" of the

other, "Do good as you have op-

portunity." "Do thy work with all

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### Alexander McLaren.

The history of a nation is the history of the strong natures who have shaped its affairs, and the history of a people is largely the history of the gifted minds and souls who have personified its principles and sounded forth its truths with clarion tongues. Among the great living preachers is more representative than Alexander McLaren. With a culture command the respect of the most cultured, and writes with a clearness and force that appeal with a power less than that of Spenser to a general hearer and reader.

The literature of our day is full of a sense to the originality, pathos, the humor, the quaintness of a modern Scotch novel; but it is a literature of many years has justly celebrated his literary power, the logical acumen, the spiritual power of Scotch

literature.

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