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It is idle to wait for your ship to come in unless you have sent one out.
We are ashamed to owe a debt of money; it is as shameful to owe and not pay a debt of gratitude.
I find the doing of the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about his plans.—George MacDonald.
Brooding over trouble is like surrounding oneself with a fog; it magnifies all the objects seen through it. Occupation of the mind prevents this.
Truth now must be sought, and that with care and diligence before we find it. Jewels do not lie upon the surface of the earth; high seas and hidden gold must be employed to propagate Romanism.

You can restrain the bold, guide the impetuous, encourage the timid, but for the weak there is no help. You might as well undertake to find a wet string up an end.
There are three kinds of people in the world: the wills, the wons, and the cans. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fall in everything.
A skeptic, who was trying to confuse a Christian colored man by contradictory passages in the Bible, asked how it could be that we are in the Spirit and the Spirit in us. He received the following reply: "Oh, dar's no puzzle 'bout dat. It's like dat poker. I puts it in de fire till 't gets red hot. Now, de poker's in de fire, and de fire's in de poker."—Chicago Living Church.

There is no royal road to learning; but time and study are required to make a scholar. The president of Oberlin College, when asked by a student if he could not take a shorter course, replied: "O, yes; but that depends upon what you want to make of yourself. When God wants to make an oak he takes a hundred years; but when he wants a squash he takes six months.—Congregationalist.

Some of our brethren think Paul is out of date when he says about the propriety of women occupying the pulpit, and there are others who think he is out of date when he teaches that the churches which contribute are the ones who ought to choose messengers for the distribution of these gifts. Defenders of the noble apostle ought to be consistent and not set themselves against him where his teachings do not accord with their fancy.—Central Baptist.

The magnificent founder of the new medical colleges in New York City, which is to be a department of Cornell University, is Col. Oliver H. Payne, son of the late Senator Payne, of Ohio, and brother of the late Mrs. William C. Whitney. Col. Payne, whose connection with the Standard Oil Company for many years past has brought him a large fortune, gives \$1,600,000, of which about \$600,000 will be expended for an entire block of land in the city and the fine building to be erected upon it, while the remainder will be an endowment fund. In California, Miss Jennie Flood, daughter of the late James C. Flood—one of the four "Bonanza" millionaire miners of the Comstock—has just given to the University of California her beautiful country house at Menlo Park, with 540 acres of land surrounding it.

For the Alabama Baptist.

On the Wing.—No. 10.

B. F. RILEY.

In my boyhood days I heard many things about the Catholic church, some of which I regarded as so extravagant that they were esteemed as myths. I could not see how persons endowed with such a power as judgment could be guilty of the folly of kissing the toe of an idol and so often as to wear it finally away. I thought that this might perhaps be occasionally true,—this kissing of a toe,—but never thought a population could be brought to such a performance as a duty. But such charity for Roman Catholic judgment was misplaced. I have seen far worse than I ever dreamed of.

On the day appointed to visit St. Peter's, our kind friend, Mr. Standish, a Baptist and a descendant of the immortal Miles of patriotic and poetic fame, took us by a church dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. He told me that I could scarcely believe what I should see. When I entered the church a multitude was prone before a bronze figure of a woman holding an infant on her lap. One of her feet was extended to the edge of the base of the monument, and these worshippers would arise, one after another, and go forward, bowing several times meanwhile, and kiss the great toe of the protruding foot. That is to say that portion of the foot where the toe had been, for it was well worn into the foot, and decent inroad had begun upon the second toe. Not only was this done, but the most tender coating of the foot, such as pressing the forehead against it, attended the demonstrations. The fingers of the bronze woman were glittering with rings containing costly stones, and her figure was literally bedizened with ornaments of every variety and value. Around on the wall and outlined for many yards and above her head these ornaments and gifts hung. These were the votive offerings of the poor dejected wretches—gifts brought as memorials of some favor which their bronze idol is supposed to have conferred upon the happy recipients. And yet these performances were as complacently rendered as well could be.

Thence I went to St. Peter's, the largest church in the world. The great square with its mammoth fountains right and left, and its forest of immense marble columns still farther back, fronted by high walls, and topped by a dome employed to propagate Romanism, might have been a city in itself. I must be excused from describing such a stupendous scene as is presented to the visitor to St. Peter's, the largest church in the world. On entering the church its immense sweep of marble floor can be better described as a plain than as a floor. One must stop and sweep his eye around suddenly to get the effect. Persons at the altar look tiny enough to one at the front entrance. Gilded letters about the domes which seem not longer than twelve inches are six feet. A goose quill in the hand of a picture of Matthew, which looks not longer than a foot, is seven feet. I stood on one side of St. Peter's and viewed some marble cherubs on the opposite side, and they looked as small as children. I crossed over to them and they were several times my own size.

Immense pictures adorn the walls of St. Peter's, and every one is a mosaic. They look as though they are wrought in oil, so delicate is the finish and so gentle the effect of the shading and shining, but a closer inspection reveals the fact that bits of material are used in their construction.

The bronze figure of St. Peter near the altar, the figure which Ruskin says must be that of Mars, so fierce is its mien, that same sitting figure was surrounded by a scrambling crowd. I was curious enough to see what the whole meant, and when I got within easy reach I saw that people were almost falling over each other in seeking to get to Peter's unfortunate toe. It was in a worse plight, if possible, than was that of Mary. A most unearthly niche had been kissed into the holy foot. The entrenchment upon the pedestal of the first Pope (P) suggested in order that a fresh toe might be supplied. Nor were these ignorant people either, if one is to judge from appearances. Many of them were old and elegantly dressed worshippers. I looked on in absolute amazement at the genuflections of the crowd, and especially at its demonstrations of affection. In all the Roman churches I visited I never saw a statue of Christ honored one thousandth part as much as were those of Peter and Mary.

In a church near the Lateran Palace I was told that I must see the Scala Santa—twenty-eight marble steps brought to Rome in 326 A. D. by the Empress Helena. These steps are said to be the ones upon which Christ ascended as he entered Pilate's palace at Jerusalem. No one is permitted to ascend them save on his knees, and if one does this and confesses a certain number of sins upon each step, great indulgence is given, not only for future wrong-doing, but the sins confessed are forgiven. This must be true, for it is in-

scribed on the walls over the signatures of different Popes, all of whom endorse every word of it. I watched two men clambering in a most awkward manner up the steps, their faces covered with their hands, and their bodies as prostrate as they well could be. A third suppliant was a woman, who began just after we entered the church. Mingled feelings of astonishment, contempt, disgust and pity possessed me as I regarded this conduct. People who can believe such absolute nonsense are capable of believing anything.

Crosses painted on walls, if kissed, would bring a special blessing. Yet these delusions are every day practiced.

Bro. Paschetto told me that the repeated failures of the follies drove many away from Roman Catholicism and stranded them in bold infidelity. He said he found that the tender elements of many natures had been so tampered with that they seemed incapable of confidence in the Holy Spirit. It is a notable fact that the rankest infidelity in the world is found at Rome. "The darkest place is beneath the lamp."

Right in Rome is the most dismal ignorance and the deepest possible degradation. Hordes of beggars besiege you at every point, while hosts of gowned priests, fat and flushed, tramp the streets with remarkable composure. Our friend and guide, Mr. Standish, pointed out to the party the apartments of the Pope. He is too sacred an object to be looked upon by common eyes, and hence is very rarely seen. He has his domes which embrace St. Peter's church, the Vatican, the Pope's gardens and the Sistine Chapel. At the foot of a flight of stairs King Humbert's troops keep guard, while at the head are the Swiss Guards of Pope Leo. There is a neutral territory of about twenty steps between them. The Pope regards himself as a prisoner, and walls from his dungeon in the Vatican. He spends his time writing Latin verses, while the poor degraded masses of Italy are sinking into deeper misery and squalor every day. The Pope is an strained relations with King Humbert as Pope Pius was with Victor Emmanuel. The kingdom votes an annual salary to the Pope, but he declines to receive it, just as Pius did. To accept it would be to acknowledge the sovereignty of the king of Italy, whereas the Pope regards himself the rightful sovereign as king of Rome. The salary

of primitive and Adamic dignity, and that is the contribution that man makes to a scene where Providence has lavished all that is sweet, lovely and gentle. I must not be understood as saying that all of the population of Naples is of the character just described, for one frequently meets with elegantly dressed gentlemen and ladies, and some of the most types of womanly beauty I have ever seen; but even this is marred by the grossly offensive scenes described a moment ago.

One thing greatly amused our party while in Naples. Near the close of the day we would observe rudely clad fellows, almost invariably barefooted, each with a long staff driving small herds of shaggy dun-colored goat ewes along the streets. In the midst of them was the bell-ewe with a great heavy, horse-toned bell. These animals are driven from door to door of the patrons of the herdsmen, each one of which patrons comes out with a vessel of some description, usually a large-mouthed bottle, and proceeds to milk, right upon the streets, such a supply as may be needed. A large herd of such ewes twenty-five Correlative to this adjunct of Neapolitan life was that of driving one, two or more milch cows along the streets to be used in the same manner. I saw a fellow stop one of these cow-drivers right on one of the principal streets and proceed to pump the lactical fluid into a large glass bottle.

One other feature of Italian life I must not fail to mention, and that is the universal use of the ass by the poor as a beast of burden and as a draught animal. This is the same ass, like all others of the species, is frequently seen and heard. Every city in Italy, beginning with Rome, is filled with the hoarse, jerking bray of the ass. I have seen him hitched abreast with a horse and mule, and when the affatus seizes him to bray he stops the whole procession, and then in measured cadence, and with characteristic variations proceeds, and sometimes when you think the orchestra has ended it has but fairly begun. All the Italian cities south of Rome abound in asses. I am not the least extravagant when I say that I have seen this vociferous little brum smaller in body than the man whom he drew. After I had stepped from the grandeur and glory of St. Peter's one evening and started across the Tiber, with my nerves tingling with the delight experienced, I suddenly came upon a man weighing at least three hundred, seated on a squat two-wheeled cart beside a woman almost as large, and drawn by one of the smallest of the assine guild. The transition was so sudden and ridiculous that a hoarse bray of a laugh on my part was inevitable.

I thought, being the largest in Italy. It has a population of nearly five hundred thousand, and is a very old city, having been founded by the Greeks as early as 1076 B. C. It has a superb situation, mild climate and beautiful environs. From the bay, Naples is as perfect a picture as one would desire to look upon. It is built upon an amphitheatrical slope of hills that slant rather abruptly to the bright waters of the bay. The ramparts of mountains rising on the north break off the cold winds and leave the sweet city to be fanned by salty breezes of the sea. Its view includes a semi-circle of azure sea with pretty villages and towns fringing it right and left, up and down the bay, and many picturesque hills. Full in front rises from the blue waters the grey form of the island of Capri, which, by the aid of the field glass, is brought out clearly. I was forbidden to visit that interesting spot by lack of time. To the rear of Naples towers Vesuvius with its dome of perpetual smoke.

As I strolled along the stony quay of Naples just as the sun was setting, I never saw a picture so lovely as was afforded by the city and its surroundings. The mountains that seemed carved from the deep blue sky as it arched itself to the horizon, were invested by the after glow of the setting sun in a sheen of deep violet. At their feet lay the waters of the bay as smooth as a mirror and of the deepest blue. Here and there scattered over a broad area, and some receding into the thickening twilight, were little sail boats, their canvases as white as snow. To the right rose in the haze of the evening the irregular outlines of Capri, bold and splendid, while from behind towered Vesuvius four thousand feet like a great furnace puffing out its volcanic ashes. Just around me were the parks and gardens with the flush and tint of tropical blossoms, and with broad green banners of palm fronds waving in the bush of the evening. From different quarters came the notes of music like from homes and from the public gardens of Naples.

But how this beautiful picture is marred by the population! Men and women half dressed stroll the streets, men wearing a single garment, and that a shirt and none too long, either; women, not so indecently dressed, but scarcely more decently, hundreds of them barefooted and bareheaded, and urchins running along the streets in a state of uncleanliness.

Nothing more, is better appreciated. There are very few pastors who do not soon learn the value of the paper to themselves and congregations. They are too busy to do much about getting subscribers, and one who does not value the paper has very little influence in interesting others. If pastors wives all along the line would join hands in this good work, we would see glorious results. We will not leave it to the editor to say that the writer of this is not his wife, and will add that we have in several cities lived under the shadow of influential Baptist newspapers, and "ye editors" would testify, if called upon, that we have practiced and are practicing much better than we have preached.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Quiet Hour Thoughts.

O. C. PRYTON.

Soul saving is no trifling work. If a man so preach the gospel as to win men, convince their minds, move their wills, warm their hearts and arouse their energies—he has great work. Jesus called it work. It demands time, thought, meditation, Bible study and prayer. Let us none think the saving of immortal souls is an easy thing to do.

"Thou who seek one thing in life and but one, My hope to achieve it before life be done; Oh, he who seeks all things, wherever he may, My heart reaps from the hopes which around him he sows Harvest of barren regrets."

It is worth a vast deal to a man that will stir up to get all his energies upon one single object. Then the success of Paul was largely due to his posture of mind and heart when he said, "This one thing I do." He consecrated every power of his being to the sublime work of preaching to men the gospel of salvation through Christ Jesus. Success was easy to him.

There are two sides to the truths of the gospel. It is true, beyond all doubt, that "he that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life." It is just as true that "he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." It is true, blessed God, that "there is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." It is just as true, alas! that "he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." "God is merciful, and yet he is sternly just. Let us not shrink from declaring the whole truth of God."

Such of the hard disciplines of life means simply that we have refused to listen to the best teacher and we must be sent to school to the second best.

The little fellow, the hoof of which would have done no more than cover the palm of my hand, strained and stretched before his ponderous load, while the great brute behind the two most unmercifully. At another time, in Naples, I saw a man riding one of these nervously pacing little animals, and the feet of the rider were not more than three inches above the ground.

One other item and I am done for this time. A novel method of feeding horses: hitched to vehicles, instead of tying a bundle of hay on the end of the shaft to the right for one horse, or on the end of the tongue for two. In this way horses by being occasionally untied are worked throughout the day.

From Naples I went with our party in a cab to Pompeii, the lately exhumed city from the Vesuvian eruption of 79 A. D. About 17 miles from Naples. I will seek to tell the next time.

One Thing a Pastor's Wife Can Do.

BY ONE OF THEM.

"I copy the following from a charming, breezy book entitled 'Things a Pastor's Wife Can Do,' which has just been issued by the American Baptist Publication Society.—Editor Commonwealth."

There are some things a pastor's wife can do better than any one else simply because she is the pastor's wife. One of these things we believe to be the circulation and increased subscription of our denominational newspapers. She may have no talent and very little opportunity for other work in the church, but we can think of nothing that could prevent her from doing this service for the Master. Even if confined to an invalid's chair or bed, it need not limit the opportunity for this work. A pastor's wife too ill to call upon others seldom lacks for calls herself. Sample copies of the paper are always ready for those who will use them wisely. A long experience has taught us that these should not be distributed at random. Read the paper carefully; mark what you think will interest the non-subscribers you give or send the paper to. Do not take a refusal as a final word. Reply kindly that if it is not convenient to subscribe now, it may be later, and ask that they be notified when it is. If you do not hear in a few months, try again. Our experience might furnish many illustrations of how successful work has been done, but I will give one's own experience.

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I find there are some conclusions to which I am forced, one of which is, that the more we work the more we make, and the more we make the more we have. It's a kind of multiplication-subtraction process, a making-losing system that puzzles me with its productive loss. I have been told there is nothing so misleading as figures, unless it be facts, and I believe it as to the above. It's a great mystery.

The above thoughts are preliminary. It sometimes happens, at our associations, that some young brother desiring to fit and qualify himself for the ministry is not averse to accepting a little substantial aid from the brethren. And sometimes, urged thereto by eloquent preachers, the brethren respond very liberally. I have given myself, at one time or another, as much as a dollar, or perhaps a dollar and a half, or maybe so, two dollars for such a purpose, and have reaped a rich reward in the contemplation of the celebrity of the separation of a certain character and his money. But let that go. "The money he gave me was for me to do good." This is the substance of the subject of this communication is to object a note of alarm against over production of preachers. In our association the supply is already greater than the demand, and I have reason to believe it is so in other associations.

I understand that in secular affairs the skilled laborer has a hard time to keep his head above water, and I believe our educated ministers are submitting to the lowering of a button hole or so in the matter of salary. If to increase the supply be to reduce the pay, is it not unwise to encourage the increase? It seems to me that the politicians

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Not all educated men, who are not Christians, make a bad or improper use of their educational advantages. Many do not; and yet it is terribly true that a large number of college bred men, as well as others well educated in other schools, destitute of godliness, have wrought far more evil than a like number of illiterate ungodly men have. And the simple reason for it is, a well educated ungodly man is better equipped for the commission of evil than he would be if he were not educated. Greater exertion is possible to a well sharpened razor than there is to a dull one. A trained horse is more capable of accomplishing work than an untrained one. Now, the right balance wheel of a thorough mental education is vital piety. It will mean let our boys and girls be well educated in our schools; right along with such education let every effort be made to induce them to be true Christians. This is the need of a safeguard against a wrong use of mental education. Of course one's salvation is for higher purposes than that of self, and it is a most valuable one. Thousands of educated young men might have been kept from the disastrous course which they pursued if they had become sterling Christians in early life. The Men of Chicago says: "A college education will immensely increase a man's chances for success in life. But a college training will not keep that man from wreck and ruin who lacks principle, pluck and purpose. Ten percent of the four thousand destitute guests entertained at the Bowery relief department of the New York association are college graduates." This does not by any means signify that college education is a failure, nor that money is necessarily wasted when used for the education of young people; it only signifies that a mistake is made when godliness is not allied with one's education. Given a first class mental education, coupled with a personal possession of real godliness, and I will guarantee that such a young man will not make an evil use of his powers, albeit he may not particularly distinguish himself in any definite manner, because he may lack the necessary push and pluck; but he does have the right balance wheel.

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of church and state ought to encourage tramping, a profession in which as competition increases industry is benefited. I want the preachers to thrive, I have every reason to like them. Folks who know one's mind better than he does himself used to say I would be a preacher, and maybe I would have been if another trifling fellow had not answered when I was called. There seems to be a plenty of them anyhow, and since there seems to be a super-abundance for usefulness and remuneration I am solicitous that the supply be not increased. The church of which I am one of the shining lights was thought to have an intention of changing pastors (but we didn't). We have an excellent pastor, a godly, pious man whom we love. In the matter of pay he takes "most any little thing we give him (that we can spare without missing) and seems thankful alike for a pocket-book or a pair of socks. When it was noised abroad that we might take him at his word and call another, our clerk was under the necessity of taking up a collection for postage to answer the numerous applicants for the place. I had no idea there was such an army of unemployed preachers willing to work for "a penny a day." I am anxious about this matter. I can't attend many of the associations to personally urge my views, and take this method of calling attention to this matter. The unusual seriousness of my manner is no doubt chargeable to a low state of health. I believe, however, I am losing some of my characteristic vivacity of spirits.

I had a warning. Our church needed water. We appointed a committee to dig a well. The committee (it's a singular noun in our church) dug till it was tired and reported "no water," and asked to be discharged. The motion was argued pro and con with varying chances of success and defeat 'till I obtained the floor and steadied myself. I made some feeling remarks and closed a beautiful peroration with the admonition to the committee to "be not weary in well-doing"—or in well digging. The committee was continued, but the little water secured never had a good taste, and I have been careful ever since how I speak and how I write.

J. BYRD.

Had Not Paid His Subscription.

We saw the following in a secular paper last week. Since that time it has been paid.

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Editor Baptist: As this is the associational season, and about the time for the schools and colleges to open, I feel constrained to offer some sensible suggestions on a three-barred subject. It's Ministerial Education. Circumstances over which I had no control have mixed me up, more or less, of late years, with the question of over production. From my "stand p'nt of view" I have, heretofore, argued against the imputation of providential blundering which lurks in the doctrine of over production. I may have been wrong, but I regarded it as a kind of religious duty to stand up for the Lord in the matter. Incidentally, I had to defend the laboring classes against a charge of laziness, for it happened that those who advocated the over production idea as fatal to prosperity, in the next breath charged us abundant crops to the laziness of the people. I think the doctrine of over production and laziness cannot be maintained logically. However, I was in a late political "knock out" and my logic may be a little out of repair.

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The above thoughts are preliminary. It sometimes happens, at our associations, that some young brother desiring to fit and qualify himself for the ministry is not averse to accepting a little substantial aid from the brethren. And sometimes, urged thereto by eloquent preachers, the brethren respond very liberally. I have given myself, at one time or another, as much as a dollar, or perhaps a dollar and a half, or maybe so, two dollars for such a purpose, and have reaped a rich reward in the contemplation of the celebrity of the separation of a certain character and his money. But let that go. "The money he gave me was for me to do good." This is the substance of the subject of this communication is to object a note of alarm against over production of preachers. In our association the supply is already greater than the demand, and I have reason to believe it is so in other associations.

I understand that in secular affairs the skilled laborer has a hard time to keep his head above water, and I believe our educated ministers are submitting to the lowering of a button hole or so in the matter of salary. If to increase the supply be to reduce the pay, is it not unwise to encourage the increase? It seems to me that the politicians

Such of the hard disciplines of life means simply that we have refused to listen to the best teacher and we must be sent to school to the second best.

Central Committee.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President, Birmingham; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice President, Birmingham; Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Leader Young Peoples Mission Work, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary, East Lake, Ala.; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer, 1711 8th Ave., Birmingham; Mrs. H. L. Mollen, Vice President, E. C. Demopolis.

[The Sunbeams would have appeared last week but for an oversight. We regret it.—Ed.]

Dear Sunbeams: Every day I am receiving letters asking for the Missionary Day literature, for which I am very glad. I am so anxious for you to embrace every opportunity offered you of being useful and intelligent about our work. Be sure to make collections on the day you have the program—may be that you prefer having it later than the last Sunday in September. If so, do as you think best—that day is only suggested by the Sunday School Board, because of the review lesson in the Sunday schools. Follow especially the request of Dr. Frost, that your collection be sent to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Ever your friend,
Mrs. T. A. HAMILTON.

I am glad to send these nice letters for all the Bands to read. You must not stop corresponding with me, if you do it will hurt my feelings!

Letters from Sunbeams.

DOTIAN.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Notice in the Baptist of Aug. 25th your letter urging the observance of Mission Day sometime next month; and saying you would send the programs as well as other literature and mite barrels. Please send them to us—such as we may need. I will promote for the society to do all we can for the cause. Our Band effects every Sunday afternoon, but it has rained almost without ceasing since 12 o'clock to-day, and so prevented us from coming together, and as I read your interesting letter and reflected about the work I decided to have a little chat on paper with you. Our little Band is not doing as well as I could wish, but I have hopes soon that it will grow stronger. Our leader has returned after several weeks absence. The extreme warm weather has been against us, too. I was absent myself for the greater part of the time that Mrs. Stapleton was away, but the children got along remarkably well. I thought. Our president is young and full of energy.

ALEXANDER CITY.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Perhaps you wonder why you have not had a report from the Sunbeams here. We have been as hard at work, but did not get our report made out as I wanted it, so I beg leave to send in the report for the second and third quarters together at the close of the third quarter. I intended to write you before this, but kept putting it off.

We are sewing, and as it has been arranged, it took all our money to get material. We had an ice cream supper, and put that money aside to use for that purpose, so that hereafter we will have no trouble along that line. It has not been on account of not collecting dues. Very truly,
LIZZIE WILDER.

I cannot commend too highly your making your mission money with your own dear little willing hands. I send you Missionary Day literature with my best love and high hopes of your sending in a good report.

DEMOPOLIS.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I send you the report you sent me to fill out. From it you can see that we have not done much, but we will try to do more in the future. Many thanks for the literature.

Your little Sunbeam friend,
NETTIE LIPSCOMB.

You are prompt in replying, dearie. I am glad to call you my little friend.

A pleasant story is told of Lady Macdonald, wife of the late Premier of Canada, who has long been an abstainer. Another lady of high position met her at dinner one day, and was surprised that she took no wine, and as length asked: "Did you not eat out wine when you entertained the Marquis of Lorne?"

"Never!" was the prompt reply. "But did you feel that you must apologize?"

"Certainly not. Wine is not a natural beverage, and so should rather come in than go out with apology."

This answer and that example led the other lady to become an abstainer also.—Christian Observer.

INSTITUTE WORK, in some form or other, is engaging the earnest attention of the Baptists both North and South.

Alabama, seeing the need of such work, and appreciating the good results that would follow in some well regulated plan or system, endorsed it and constituted a board for its direction and control.

It is not often that any new enterprise reaches its full success in one year. The people must be educated—

Some of our people are not in sympathy, thus far, with the plan, while others are enthusiastic supporters. Every man has the right to his opinions and should not be censured for them.

Whether the present system is the successful one is to be fully tried and tested. Therefore, let us wait and see.

OUR SCHOOLS, the Judson and the Howard, have opened with encouraging prospects. No doubt students will continue to come for the next two months.

THOMAS F. BAYARD, of Delaware, patriot, statesman, diplomat, died on the 28th of September, surrounded by his family.

It was our pleasure to worship with the Baptist people at Lowwood, N. C., last Sabbath, and conduct their services, in the absence of Bro. Elliott, their pastor, who preached at Fitzpatrick.

THE PHILIPPINES. The dispatches say that the Spanish peace commissioners at Paris have instructions to insist that the United States shall have only a coaling station—perhaps the city of Manila, if they must give it up.

BURKHAU once said: "There never was a day that did not bring its own opportunity for doing good, that never could have been done before, and never can be again."

Doing things at the right time and in the right way always brings success. Opportunities come when we can lend timely aid to a fellow pilgrim that will, perhaps, save him from moral ruin.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR. A report from Gen. Wood, governor of Santiago city, has been published. He says that when the Americans took charge, the city was in a frightful condition.

A great storm passed along the Atlantic coast last Sunday. It spread many miles inland in Georgia. Much damage was done to crops near the ocean, especially to the rice crops about Savannah and Charleston.

Our government is selecting locations in Cuba at which to station the troops who will begin to arrive there before long.

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owns a large part of the best lands, and also gets a large share of the taxes, so that between the two there is great unwillingness to part with the land. But the people—about 8,500,000 in number, civilized half civilized and wild, say they will never again submit to Spanish rule.

There was so much complaint of bad management in the different bureaus of the war department, from which the troops suffered much hardship and inconvenience, that the President has appointed a commission to investigate the whole matter.

In Mississippi there is yellow fever at Jackson, Oxford, Water Valley, Port Gibson and Woodville, besides Taylor and Ormond, where it first appeared.

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We mentioned last week that Rev. J. S. Yarbrough's condition was better. We are glad to be able to say that he is still improving, although it may be a long time before he is well.

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informed me that my mother was dying. She died before I could reach her, but I arrived in time to see her buried.

J. O. Bledsoe, Jackson's Gap: My first meeting was held with Eagle Creek church. I was assisted by W. C. Bledsoe. The Lord greatly blessed us here.

At the recent session of Mulberry association a messenger from one of the churches in Bibb county informed me that it is reported in his community that no children are admitted to the Baptist Orphan's Home at Evergreen unless their parents had been worth a certain amount of money or property.

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The association will meet next year with Enoch church, on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October.

The opening occurred on the morning of the 28th of September, as announced. A large number was present at enrollment, and many friends and visitors came to do honor to the occasion.

The enrollment of pupils occupied the remainder of the day. Over one hundred boarders are already in the house, the largest number at this time for many years.

For the Alabama Baptist. A Fact and a Question. There is in a certain town in Alabama a beautiful white girl who was given by her mother to some negroes to raise.

For the Alabama Baptist. At Abbeyville. Dear Baptist: I enclose a little note to you which was handed us a few days ago, and which tells its own story.

For the Alabama Baptist. Dear Brother: You misunderstood my policy. I was not for destruction, but for construction.

For the Alabama Baptist. My pastor here has closed, but our love for the good people of this town shall never come to an end.

For the Alabama Baptist. The sixth annual session of this association convened with County Line church on Friday, Sept. 16th.

For the Alabama Baptist. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. McLaughlin. Bro. G. A. Sloan was re-elected moderator.

taken for Home-missions and the Orphan's Home at Evergreen. Six dollars and seventy-four cents was raised, which was to be equally divided.

The association adjourned to convene with Chalcedon church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in Sept. 1899.

For the Alabama Baptist. Dear Baptist: It affords me great pleasure to inform your numerous readers that it was my happy privilege yesterday to baptize five willing candidates into the fellowship of Gravel Hill church.

For the Alabama Baptist. I want to add a little to your notice of the great meeting at Colville, for it was truly a season of refreshing to my soul.

For the Alabama Baptist. Col. Wm. B. Appling, who has served us so faithfully and efficiently as moderator for a number of years, was precluded from being present by reason of sickness.

For the Alabama Baptist. Let the Baptists of Alabama give to the Howard the young men of the state, and the worthy work of the present faculty will take care of the future.

For the Alabama Baptist. On Sunday morning the report on Sunday schools was ably discussed by brethren J. H. Longcrier, J. W. McGuire, J. I. McCollum, W. H. Sawyer and others.

For the Alabama Baptist. The weather was fine, the attendance large, and the most orderly assemblage that ever met in our town.

For the Alabama Baptist. Mrs. J. M. Pendleton, widow of the lamented Dr. J. M. Pendleton, died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. James Waters, in this city, on Wednesday of last week.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER



THE DEAD BABY

Last night, as my dear baby lay dead, In agony I knelt and said...

"Upon the thousand useless lives, Upon the guilt that vanishing thrives...

Last night, as my dear baby lay dead, Before mine eyes the vision spread...

Long time ago a robin and a butterfly talked over their troubles one day...

"How much nicer it would be to live in a house, as men do!" said the robin...

"I have a black cloud in the sky, and I'm sure it's going to rain...

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awake now. He spoke quickly: "That man's an en-anto-well...

"Better be content where our maker meant us to live," said Miss Butterfly...

Strange Bible Facts. The learned Prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne...

The word "revere" but once, and that in the ninth verse of the 11th Psalm...

The eighth verse of the 97th Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible...

The thirty-fifth verse, eleventh chapter of St. John, is the shortest in the Bible...

The thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah and nineteenth chapter of second Kings are alike...

The twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter in the Bible...

The four most inspiring promises are John 4:12; 7:37; Matt. 9:28; and Psalm 37:4...

All who flatter themselves with vain boasting should read the sixth chapter of Matthew...

All humanity should learn the sixth chapter of St. Luke, from the twentieth verse to its ending...

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him...

Towser's Fallings. "The poor dog is tired out," said Mary, as the wagon drove into the yard...

"The longer I labor in politics the less is my belief in human calculations,"—1864

"If ever again obliged to live as I once did, without God, without you and the children, I do not see why I should not cast this life aside like a dirty shirt..."

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Archbishop Ireland smiles thought of Cuba or Porto Rico for missionary fields...

Easter Than Arithmetic. It is easier to remember things usually if you know what they mean...

Times and Places of the Meetings of the Associations for 1899.

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PLANT SYSTEM. Time Table in effect Aug. 1st, 1898. Table with columns for No. 82, No. 86, No. 58, No. 36, STATIONS, No. 57, No. 33, No. 83.

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