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February 12 has been set apart for prayer for schools and colleges.

The readiest and surest way to get rid of canture is to correct ourselves.—Damon.

Never give the tongue its full liberty, but always keep it under control.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.—C. E. Stowe.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and the cheerful giver is sure to be the most liberal one. Be assured that the one who lays his offering down with doleful countenance has given in a niggardly measure.

Now as in Paul's day, the implements with which human nature is equipped are not to be ignored, but righteously employed, &c. with remembrance that the excellency of power is of God and not of man.

It was the beautiful expression of a Christian who had been rich, when he was asked how he could bear his reduced state so happily: "When I was rich, I had God in everything; and now that I am poor, I have everything in God."

God often lets his people reach the shore as on the planks of a shipwrecked vessel. He deprives us of the cisterns in order to make us drink out of the fountains of waters. He frequently takes away our supports, not that we may fail to the ground, but that He may Himself become our rod and our staff.—Krausmacker.

Candidating is a disgrace to the house of God. Who thinks of God when a candidate is preaching? Not the preacher, because he is thinking of the people. Not the people, because they are dissecting the preacher. Nothing is so demoralizing to a Christian church as candidating. It converts worship into a farce.—Charles E. Jefferson, D. D.

It is one of the wonderful things about our Lord that with all that he knew, and with all the burning intensity with which he knew it, he was no fault-finder. His purpose was not to sit down on people, but to lift them up; not to condemn, but to save. It is a great fact which only omnipotent grace can make us equal to, to be able to believe a thing tremendously, and then not be a little mad because the next man does not believe it too.—C. H. Parkhurst, D. D.

Bro. Forbes, a student of our Seminary returned from Porto Rico, is reported in the Baptist Argus as saying: "The priests there are better than I expected, and they taught the people better, too." General Healy, our military commander, is a Christian, and a chaplain in Ponce has gone to work and organized the good women for work. I am full of hope for Porto Rico. It is a beautiful island. I like the people there."

Now what is a pure heart? It is a heart which finds its whole and only satisfaction in God, which relies and desires nothing but God, whose thoughts and intents are ever occupied with God to which all that is not of God is strange and jarring, which keeps itself as far as possible apart from the unworthy images, and joys, and griefs, and all outward cares and anxieties, and makes all these work together for good; for the pure, all things are pure, and to the gentle is nothing bitter.—Tanquer.

The Baptist Situation in Havana.

Our Home Mission Board sent a special committee to Havana to inquire into the condition of things there. We have received the report of that committee, but as it would occupy quite two pages of this paper, we print below the excellent synopsis made by the Journal and Messenger, of Cincinnati:

It must be remembered that, at the breaking out of the war for the suppression of the Cuban rebellion, Rev. A. J. Diaz, M. D., was going on with his work as he had been doing for six years previously. He had the church, which had been purchased with money contributed by Southern Baptists, and he had several schools and other missions

rest of this report, it excepted this recommendation, appointing a committee for its further consideration. It is probable, however, that this will be the outcome. There seems to be great reason why it should be done.

The island has been divided between the A. B. Home Mission Society [Northern] and the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the eastern half, consisting of the provinces of Santiago and Puerto Principe, while the Southern Baptists are to undertake the care of all the rest. Already a beginning has been made in or near Santiago. The need of Cuba above all things else, is the gospel, and its evangelization must come from the United States, and largely through American Baptists. Will they meet their responsibilities?

Bro. Diaz was suddenly arrested and thrown into prison, his life threatened, and even his coffin, as he was told prepared for him. In the providence of God a telegram was sent to Secretary Tichenor, of the Southern Board, and within two hours after the fact of the sending became known to General Weyer, Diaz was set at liberty and ordered to leave the island. He hastened away, with but little time to arrange his affairs and those of the church. He had no little anxiety as to what might become of his mother and sisters and the mission.

It so happened (?), however, that Dr. Edward Belot, a faithful coadjutor, was not placed under the ban by the Spanish authorities, and was able to take hold of the mission and care for the property, until his lamented death about a year later. Then the care fell to Miss Gertrude Joerg, the niece of Dr. Belot, who seems to have been quite competent, and to have managed all with great wisdom, faithfulness and success.

In order to meet some requirements of Spanish law, the deeds of all property had been made to Diaz, who held everything, except a small cemetery lot, in the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. When the committee reached Havana it found Diaz on the ground, acting as pastor of the church, though bearing a commission from the Baptist Publication Society. It found that some financial complications had arisen, and that several thousand dollars were needed to relieve the society of embarrassment; but the members of the committee testify that they met with the most hearty co-operation of Diaz in getting the financial matters straightened out, and found no hesitancy or unwillingness on his part to execute any papers which his attorney thought it desirable to have, so that the title of all the property was finally lodged in the convention. They found the property in need of some repairs, but in as good a condition as they had a right to expect.

They found the church holding together well, and a congregation of some five hundred assembled on the Sunday morning of their arrival, though it was not known that they were to be there. Diaz administered baptism to three candidates, making fifty-four baptized since his return to the island after the close of the war. His sisters, Minnie and Clotilde, were in their places, and about one hundred and fifty children were in the Sabbath-school of the church. There are three day schools in operation, one conducted by each of the sisters, and a third under the care of Miss Julie Lozano. These are prospering, and the committee speak in high terms of the contrast between the children taught in those schools and those seen in the streets of the city.

Diaz having been informed of the unwillingness of the Publication Society to support him in the pastorate of the church, he resigned it while the committee was there. But the church was desirous of retaining him, and it was agreed that he should again accept the pastorate, but close his relation with the Publication Society; that he should also relinquish all the business connected with the mission, and devote himself exclusively to the pastorate and to evangelization, the convention paying nearly all his salary, leaving the church to do all it can to supplement and complete it.

There are several other brethren of considerable efficiency, to whom the convention may look for help in its missionary work, besides the sisters of Diaz, Miss Joerg and Miss Lozano. All these will be zealous and active helpers to the truth. The committee recommended to the board of the convention that an English-speaking missionary be sent from this country to gather the English-speaking people and conduct services in the same house at hours when it is not required by the Gethsemane church; but while the board adopted all the

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Bro. Adams has received a unanimous call—without a single dissenting voice—to the pastorate of the coming year, but for good and sufficient reasons had to decline the call. We feel that his resignation, just at this juncture of our denominational work here, is almost a calamity, but an all-wise Father will direct everything for the best, and we pray that all things may work together for His glory.

This leaves our church pastorless, but we trust that God will direct us in the selection of a man to take Bro. Adams' place in our hearts and in the glorious work that he has inaugurated in our midst. Pray with us, brethren, that we may make no mistake that will result in injury to the cause of our blessed Master. Bro. Adams

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, JAN. 12, 1899

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AGAIN and again we have announced that articles for the paper, excepting short notes, that are not received before Tuesday morning will probably not be printed until the week following. We repeat it once more.

"THERE are some people who believe the whole human race will be saved," said an old lady, "but, for my part, I hope for better things." At another time she said that "the doctrine of total depravity is good enough, if people would only live up to it." This quaint old lady does not lack for less outspoken companions who are constantly looking for evidences of original sin in their friends, and seem overjoyed when they find such indications. Is it not true that many misguided and misinformed people misconstrue the Word, and error is the result?

NOTICE the change of the Judson advertisement in another column. We are proud of this growing Baptist school. It is moving beyond its past history. It is confidently believed that the number of students will reach 200 by the beginning of the next session, which will be on the first day of

faithful and efficient corps of teachers are bending every energy and are doing splendid work. Baptists, send your daughters to the Judson; it is one of the finest institutions in all the land. The very best thing you can do for your daughter educationally, is to send her to the Judson.

GILPIN would say, "I hate a thing done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly; if it be wrong, leave it undone." There is a world of good sense in this saying. It is a good rule to apply to every undertaking or enterprise. Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well. "If a man can write a better book," says Emerson, "preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door." There is no hiding merit where it cannot be found. It will come to the front and take its place. Genius is the superb art of doing well what you undertake.

PROMPTNESS is one of the vital energies to success. It is a virtue that everybody admires, and yet how few strictly comply with its demands. "Mr. A. pledged me he would meet me here at 12 o'clock and now it is nearly 1 o'clock." How often you hear expressions

like this, and when Mr. A. arrives he gives no excuse for his delay, or if one is given, it is very unsatisfactory. On the great clock of time there is but one word, now. Delays have dangerous ends. Blucher was on time, but Grouchy was late, Waterloo defeat, and Napoleon a prisoner or St. Helena. "Only a little while," is the devil's motto. It has ruined millions, and peopled the confines of the doomed. To be "on time" is a lesson worthy of learning. "It is not necessary for me to live," said Pompey, "but it is necessary that I appear at a certain point at a certain hour." There are moments on which may hang the destiny of years. The boy who has acquired a reputation for punctuality has made the first contribution to the capital that in after years makes his success a certainty.

The less religion a church has, the more ice-cream and oysters it takes to run it.—Rev. F. H. Fritz.

Up to this date we have not been troubled in Alabama about the prospects of any organic division of the denomination. We have some good and true brethren who differ on the questions of alien immersion, pulpit affiliation, landmarkism, &c., but we have no fears of any organic division. We feel sure that each church will be wise enough to decide on these matters, and that the decision will be final without it being made a test of fellowship by other churches. The cardinal doctrines held by Baptists will no doubt always remain in tact and be maintained. However, we have read with much interest a lengthy editorial in the Baptist and Reflector of last issue, on the question, "Shall Southern Baptists Divide?" After summing up the situation, the article concludes that one of three things seems to be inevitable, Agree—Disagree and in consequence Divide—or Agree to Disagree. We can see no good reason why Southern Baptists should divide into factions or distinct organized bodies on matters that are not vital to Baptist principles.

When a Baptist church comes to be baptistic in doctrine, then we can very readily understand why a withdrawal of fellowship would be just. There may be some differences in church discipline, customs and polity, but we do not anticipate a division on matters that cannot enter in and become a part of our cardinal doctrines.

The article referred to concludes with the following wise and sensible summing up of the situation: Let us recognize that others have opinions as well as we, and that others have a right to their opinions as well as we. This is only to act upon the grand old Baptist principle of religious liberty. It is for this we plead.

Let us remember also that there are essentials and incidentals in the Baptist faith. Among the essentials are salvation by grace through faith, regeneration before church membership, believer's baptism, baptism before the supper, a congregational form of church government, with bishops and deacons as the officers, religious liberty and the missionary spirit. No one can be a true Baptist without these marks.

Among the incidentals are pulpit affiliation, alien immersion, church succession, the plan of mission work, the precedence of regeneration and faith. We do not say that these are not important. We believe they are. We mean simply that they are not essential parts of our Baptist faith. Baptists may differ upon them and still be Baptists. They may not be, as good Baptists as we think they ought to be.

Let us declare on the one hand that John A. Broadus and J. B. Jeter were not Baptists; and on the other, that J. R. Graves and J. M. Pendleton were not Baptists—not to speak of the living. To make these matters tests of fellowship would be to split the Baptist denomination, into various factions, and to drive out some of the best and noblest Baptists from our ranks. Drs. Broadus and Jeter and Graves and Pendleton did not insist upon applying these tests, and why should we now?

Let us have our principles. Let us hold to them as tenaciously as we please. Let us promulgate them earnestly and try to induce others to adopt them. But let us not make them tests of orthodoxy, within the limits of essential Baptist principles, and drive others from us if they do not accept our views. Let there be no unkind reflections cast by some upon others. Let none attempt to injure others. Let us remember that "we are brethren." Let us pursue a live-and-let-live policy. "With malice toward none, with charity for all," let us live together and work together, as we have done for fifty years.

And may God bless us and guide us all to his glory.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

CUBA.

Gen. Gomez, one of the oldest and most prominent insurgent leaders, refuses to disband his army until the officers and men are paid for their services a sufficient sum to enable them to start in civil life again. Our government is considering the proposition to pay the Cuban troops and reimburse itself from the revenues of the island; but it is doubtful if it will pay the troops of Gen. Gomez so long as he demands it as a right, and maintains a defiant attitude. Some of the younger Cuban officers do not sustain Gen. Gomez in his position. Perhaps the old general will learn that this government will pursue its own course in Cuban affairs. A few other Cuban generals demand special consideration, but the American officers so far have treated them only with politeness. They all will become quiet by degrees. They do not yet understand the American way, which is so different from the Spanish, of going straight on and doing whatever is intended to be done.

PORTO RICO.

All quiet, and nothing to report.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The situation is not quite satisfactory.

factory. It turns out as Gen. Otis suspected, that the Spanish commander at Manila, knowing that he must give up the place to the Americans when required under the treaty of peace, purposely gave it up to the insurgents, with the view of causing trouble between them and the United States. Aguinaldo and a few prominent followers talk defiantly of the Americans, but it is thought to be more "bluster" than anything else. But they may give some trouble yet. Our commanders over there have instructions from the President to be patient with the Filipinos, and not fire a shot if it can be avoided. There is the same difficulty in dealing with the Filipinos as with the Cubans, but in greater degree, that is, they have been so long accustomed to Spanish treachery and round-about ways of doing things that they expect the same treatment from the Americans, and are therefore suspicious, and doubt if we tell the truth.

AT HOME.

It appears that the Judiciary committee of the House believes

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F. M. Woods, Clanton: Turkey came promptly, fat fine, and also a well packed box from Verbera Ladies' Aid Society. God bless them; they always upon a more thoughtful, loyal women.

Rev. J. C. Wright, of Oxford, could serve one or more churches if his services were called for. It may not be necessary to put brother to work to keep him from mischief, but the probability of his preaching would keep him out of mischief.

Rev. W. H. Patterson, who made many friends during his residence in Eufaula, might be called from Georgia if some of our pastorless churches would make the effort. Bro. Patterson is a man of education and culture, of most admirable spirit, and of more than average ability as a preacher. We suppose that a letter would reach him if addressed either to Cartersville, Ga., or Eufaula, Ala.

A. J. Preston, Montgomery, 30: I have just returned very pleasant, and I hope

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L. M. Bradley, Greenville: Please send my paper to this office. We regret very much to leave Brewton. I never expect to live among better people. I have never found people more willing to help. On account of their kindness to us and our love to them, we were very much inclined to remain with them, but we felt the call to this work was of the Lord, therefore we are here, and are much pleased with the outlook and with the very cordial reception extended us by these good people. We enter upon the work full of hope.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Judson Notes.

On Friday evening, the 9th of January, we had a private recital in the chapel by the pupils in music and elocution, which was much enjoyed, and which showed the rapid progress of the students and the excellent work that they have done during the first half of the session. The piano, organ and voices both in singing and reciting, charged us in turn. The school itself makes a very large audience in our chapel, and the applause was frequent.

The girls have come back from their vacation for the most interesting examination. Only one is missing of the number who were home, while some new pupils have entered, and more have been applied and will be in by the second term, February 1st, 1899.

Our pastor, Rev. Paul V. Boman, gave us a sermon Sunday on complete consecration: "No man looking back, is fit for the kingdom of Heaven." The Christian life requires self-sacrifice indeed, but one who counts it a great and hard sacrifice is not fit for service in the kingdom; it demands a full cheerful and happy consecration for service. Those who consider themselves martyrs and speak of their great sacrifices are looking back at the easier life they have left, and cannot give their whole thought and time to the work of the kingdom.

Two joined by letter. The outlook for the new year is very bright; the church has made more liberal subscriptions even than usual, and thus shows how much it esteems its pastor and how it is advancing under his ministrations.

Hon. Henry Watterson will deliver his noted lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" in the Judson chapel on Monday evening, the 9th of January, 1899. This is the third of our Lecture Course, the whole course being as follows:

Mr. Edward P. Elliott, "Imperiousness of 'Captain Littlebarb,'" November 19, 1898.

Prof. Louis C. Elson, "Songs and Legends of the Sea," December 15, 1898.

Prof. Elson could not come, and we had instead a lecture on "Books Good and Bad" by the distinguished English scholar, Dr. Currell, Professor of English at Washington and Lee University.

Mr. Henry Watterson, "Abraham Lincoln," January 9, 1899.

Mr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, "Lecture in February, 1899."

The Fidelity Symphony Concert in February, 1899.

Mr. S. H. Clark's Dramatic Reading of George Eliot's "Spanish Gypsy," in March, 1899.

Prof. Carter Troop, of the Chicago University, six lectures, one a week, beginning in February and ending in March, 1899.

This forms a delightful and admirable series of lectures and concerts, and will be not only of present pleasure, but also of lasting benefit to those fortunate enough to attend them.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From the Marion Pastor.

Editor Alabama Baptist: Some time ago in the BAPTIST you kindly suggested to the people to give the preacher a turkey at Christmas time, and you further requested the preachers to let you know if they received that turkey. My good wife and I got ours in most abundant manner, which being interpreted means we received altogether, including both Thanksgiving and Christmas, ten turkeys, besides sundry other acceptable gifts and remembrances.

Besides this, the church closed the year as usual out of debt, all obligations paid and a cash balance in the treasury. The preacher is always paid monthly in advance. Besides this, the church gave more than the year before. Besides this, we have already entered upon the new year with a subscription list larger than last year, and of course the January salary of the preacher has been paid.

Besides this, along all spiritual lines the membership of the church has always nobly seconded every effort of the pastor.

I might add this in many more "besides," but this is enough for one time. Was ever pastor more fortunate in his people than I am? Was there ever a better church anywhere than the dear old Siloam church in Marion, Ala.? The Lord be praised for his saints in the Siloam church, and for what he has accomplished and is accomplishing through them!

Yours, with best wishes for a prosperous new year,

PAUL V. BOMAN.

Ten turkeys furnish sufficient explanation of our brother's mistake in dating his note December 6 instead of January. We promptly excused him when we reached the appalling figures.—Ed.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Eufaula.

It is more than two months since Rev. W. D. Hubbard came among us as pastor of the First Baptist church. I am happy to say that all I have to report about his coming and his work is not only good, but very good, and good altogether. He was given a royal welcome, not only by his church and people, but on his first Sunday night the Methodist and Presbyterian churches adjourned and came over to join in the cordial greeting. Bro. Hubbard's response to the addresses of welcome was very happy, and captured the congregation. He started off at high tide, but it seems to continue to rise higher. His sermons are unusually appreciated, and attract earnest attention from many hearers. The church has taken on new life and encouragement. I have been a little uneasy about him, because the Bible says, "Wee unto you when all men speak well of you."

I am about to go forth to another field of labor. On Sunday, Jan. 1st, I enter upon my labors as pastor of the First Baptist church at Fitzgerald, Georgia, that "razzle city" which is only three years old, and yet boasts a population of more than 6,000 in the city proper, and in the suburbs and really belonging to it.

But you must still permit my long-time friend, the ALABAMA BAPTIST, to visit me weekly, and I will still have the dear old family reunion by hearing from the brethren throughout the state. Though in another state, the messages from the brethren and the churches will be dearer because I am farther away.

It is with mingled feelings of regret and rejoicing that I leave Eufaula and Alabama. Regret at the thought of leaving those with whom I have so long associated, and many of whom are dear to me, and among whom I have so many dear and true friends. Rejoicing that I go to one of the best fields of labor and usefulness the Lord has ever opened to me. "Brethren, the Lord may have free course and be glorified," and that the work of the Lord may prosper in my hands.

Goodbye, and may God bless you every one. W. N. REEVES.

Eufaula, Dec. 29.

For the Alabama Baptist.

February is Howard College Month.

Every Church and Everybody Expected to Take a Hand.

The trustees of Howard College have appointed the undersigned a committee to lead in the execution of the plan to raise the debt on Howard College. An article elsewhere in this week's BAPTIST will show what the general plan is. February has been selected as the month to give this work a great start. Why may not the whole thing be finished in February? If all our forces could be put to work

throughout the state as speedily and thoroughly as possible, the committee decided not to wait to find a suitable financial agent, but to ask about twenty of our strong and influential brethren to give a portion of their time to the general supervision of the work, each to assist the association supervisors in a number of associations in organizing and carrying on the work. It is believed that these twenty general workers, in connection with the sixty odd association supervisors, will bring an influence into the field that will insure success—an influence more than twenty times as great as any general agent could command. Besides this, it expects organization and gives each man credit for what he does. The time set apart by the convention for lifting this debt is short. This is well, for the Baptist denomination has other interests to foster, and the Howard College matter should be gotten out of the way as soon as possible. Let every Baptist church and society in Alabama organize for the work at once. One vigorous, united effort and the work is done. The Howard College belongs to the Baptist denomination of Alabama. Every Baptist in the state is a stockholder in that institution, and all should be ready to rally to its support in this great effort.

The college is doing first-class work; the courses of study and the methods of instruction are among the best found in institutions of higher education. The debt is the only embarrassing feature. Let us remove this, and we shall have a college that will be the pride of every Baptist in Alabama. And the work is going to be done. Dr. J. Taylor, of Mobile; President R. G. Patrick, of the Judson; Judge J. P. Hubbard, of Troy; Col. G. R. Farnham, of Talladega; Rev. W. D. Hubbard, of Eufaula; Rev. J. H. Foster, of Anniston; Rev. T. F. Hendon, of Decatur; Rev. J. M. McCord, of Gurley; Rev. J. G. Lowrey, of Warrior; Rev. J. H. Longoria, of Jasper; Rev. J. B. Appleton, of DeKalb county; Rev. J. W. Willis, of Gadsden; Rev. W. R. Ivey, of Bessemer; Dr. W. C. Curry, of Livingston, and Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Birmingham, have accepted appointments, and are already organizing. Other letters of acceptance are coming in daily, accompanied by pledges of loyalty and expressions of confidence.

Dr. B. D. Gray, president of the board of trustees, and Prof. F. M. Roof, president of Howard College, have been appointed by the executive committee of the board of trustees to notify supervisors of their appointment, to furnish them with such information as may be desired and to render them every possible assistance in organizing and carrying on the work. They confidently believe that the movement will be fully inaugurated and fairly under way before the end of this month.

For the Alabama Baptist, From South Texas.

Dear Baptist: It has been quite a while since I wrote you, so I will spend a part of this New Year's day in penning a few lines.

New Year has come with many bright prospects for the Baptist cause in this immediate section, far better than ever before. We have just been visited by Bro. J. M. Kiffin, an able minister of the gospel, who gave us some good sermons, which we enjoyed very greatly. I suppose his name is familiar to your readers, as he is an Alabamian, and has not been away very long. He now resides at Angleton, our county-seat, twelve miles distant. Bro. Kiffin will visit us monthly, embracing the first Sunday, and will preach three sermons at each visit. We have not yet organized a church, but expect to do so at an early day. Dear Christian friends, rejoice with me over the bright prospects of the Baptist cause and the Kingdom of God in this section. I am thankful that our God is always ready to answer prayer, and I feel that he has answered mine in regard to this matter. We are few in number here, but I believe the prospects of going to church and hearing the gospel regularly. Dear Baptist friends, pray for us and rejoice with us.

South Texas bids fair to be one of the foremost sections of our country. The soil is rich and adapted to general farming, and the breeze is fanned all the time by the Gulf breezes. I think it as healthy as any section I know. Churches are not numerous, as in the older states, but the prospects are brightening.

I wish the ALABAMA BAPTIST and its readers a Happy New Year. MISS MARY ROCKERS.

Brazoria, Jan. 1.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Stranger Died.

On the night of Dec. 27 last a stranger, who said his name was Carothers, died at the home of Mr. J. M. Johnson, near Lightwood post office, Elmore county, Ala. (Beat 14.) We buried him in the family graveyard at the old Thomas place, and gave him a decent burial as we could under the circumstances. He is supposed to have died from heart disease. We publish this in the hope that it may be seen by relatives and friends of the deceased who may desire to know his fate. They may write to F. M. Norris, J. M. Johnson, Prof. Oscar Colley, John Culver or J. Long.

Other papers please copy.

Gurley, Jan. 6.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Note of Farewell.

Before this issue of the paper is out, I shall have left the Orphanage. My failing health has rendered my resignation necessary. Cares and responsibilities were increasing, and I felt that I had not the physical strength to cope with them.

My successor is Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro. Being endowed with executive ability, she is also an educated, cultured lady, as well as a consecrated, earnest Christian—a fitting example for the boys and girls placed under her guidance. I feel sure our united prayers have been answered, and that Mrs. Hardy is "the right woman in the right place."

And now, brethren and sisters, do for her as you have ever done for me: give her your co-operation, your sympathy and your prayers.

MRS. CLARA W. ANSLLEY.

Evergreen, Jan. 6.

[As matron Mrs. Ansley has labored lovingly and faithfully, and has made friends for herself and for the Orphan's Home. The children will always have affectionate remembrance of "Aunt Clara." We hope for and expect of her successor, Mrs. Hardy, a high degree of success in her office.—Ed.]

For the Alabama Baptist.

Ordination of Rev. H. L. Martin.

At Ozark, on Sunday, Dec. 25, a presbytery consisting of Revs. A. L. Martin, W. J. Martin, A. J. Preston, R. Deal and J. R. Hankins, regularly ordained brother H. L. Martin to the work of the gospel ministry. Rev. A. J. Preston preached the sermon; Rev. R. Deal conducted the examination; Rev. W. J. Martin brother of the ordained, led in the prayer; Rev. A. L. Martin, father of the ordained, delivered the charge to his son and presented the Bible; Rev. J. R. Hankins delivered the charge to the church. The examination of the candidate was in every way quite satisfactory. Brother Martin giving very decided evidence that the truth of God's Word had taken possession of his life, and that God had called him to be a bearer of the glad tidings. The whole service was impressive. Here were the old father and a son aiding in the setting apart of the younger son to the work of God. The whole congregation felt the solemnity of the occasion, and gave expression to their feelings in the "old time religion" fashion.

Brother Martin is not unknown to us as a preacher of the Word. He was converted several years ago, and immediately left his profession, the law, and has been working as a successful evangelist since. Now that he has been regularly set apart to the work, we feel confident that a life of usefulness lies ahead of him. He has the hearty good wish of friends and brethren that God

will continue to bless him and his work.

J. R. HANKINS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Concord Church.

The advantage of a religious newspaper to both pastor and people was obvious at my last visit to Concord church, Beuna Vista, on Christmas day. Though away from home some miles, and not expecting anything unusual, on Christmas morning there came several tokens of deep love, with notes and words of ardent feeling. Oh, I can never forget the delight that the words and expressions accompanying these gifts afforded me. They gave substantial things, and did it so willingly. I know, too, this is the hardest year that they have experienced. In addition to that, they paid up their subscription, and resolved to increase their pastor's salary \$50 for the present year. They also resolved to contribute to every enterprise of our State convention, to deal with every member who could pay and refused to pay his church subscriptions, and also to restore old Baptist church discipline in every way. They have a young men's prayer meeting once a week, and have had for a year or more, and nearly every young man prays in public, and organizes similar meetings where he goes. I will write of my other churches soon. I love them all.

B. H. CRUMPTON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Notes from Bro. McCord.

Ed

Alabama Baptist.

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Unity Association.

Program for the 8th Sunday meeting at Evergreen church, Autauga county, commencing January 27th:

Friday, 11 a. m.: Sermon, by J. M. Smoke.
1:30 p. m.: The relationship of the church to the Sunday school; H. E. Wallace, J. S. Pool.
2:30 p. m.: The importance of Bible study; H. M. Pool, J. H. Griffiths.

Saturday, 10 a. m.: What is necessary to keep our churches alive, active and vigorous? A. L. Maroney, G. W. Taylor.
11 a. m.: The scriptural plan of giving; E. M. Bishop, W. C. Adams.

1:30 p. m.: The Deacon—his work and reward; J. M. Smoke, Thos. Maroney.
2:30 p. m.: The Pastor—his work and reward; Wm. Walker, J. L. Caffey.

Sunday, 10 a. m.: Sunday school, conducted by H. E. Wallace.
11 a. m.: Sermon, F. M. Woods. Evergreen church is a Hucklebee post office, and is eight miles from Billingsley Station on the M. & O. railroad.

We would be pleased to see the ALABAMA BAPTIST, the State Board of missions and the Orphanage represented. A card to G. W. Taylor, Hucklebee, will insure conveyance at Billingsley for brethren who wish to represent these interests.

A place will be given them on the program, as will also the Institute Board, should they come. W. J. RUDOLPH, Sec'y. Stanton. For Comm' tee.

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Birmingham Conference.

Woodlawn—Pastor preached morning and evening. Good congregations. One addition to the church. Young People's Union doing good work.

Avondale—Pastor preached at 11 a. m. to a fine audience from Acts 4:6. The iniquity of a convicted sinner.

East Lake—Pastor Hobson preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday School Work, Deut. 6:6-9. At night Rev. H. P. McCormick made a happy talk on Missions in Mexico, after which Bro. J. L. McKinney was ordained to the gospel ministry. Bro. McKinney is a graduate of Howard in the class of '98, and becomes pastor at Brookside and Blossburg.

For the Alabama Baptist.

B. Y. P. U. Notes.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Woodlawn, at its last business meeting, elected the following officers to work during six months: Brimmon McGowan, President.

Claude C. McGowan, Vice President.

Miss Willie Brooks Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Kate Gibson, Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Hattie Camp, Organist.

Mr. Joel Gammon, Usher.

The members of the union feel very much encouraged over its work in the past and the prospect of its future usefulness. They enter the new year with renewed zeal and the expectation of rich blessings upon their united labor.

They have recently organized a cottage prayer-meeting, at the cotton mill in Avondale, and are meeting with much success in their work there. These meetings are held every Thursday night, going from house to house, and eight or ten members go down to every meeting. This is a blessed work, and these young people are experiencing the joy of active work for Christ.

The people at the mill appreciate their labor, and are earnest in their cooperation with them to make the meetings a success. This effort was undertaken only a few weeks ago, but it has been richly blessed by God during that time. The attendance averages thirty five, and continues to grow. Let the unions all over the state pray for God's blessing upon this work.

They believe they have one of the best pastors in the state, and to his devout influence is due their past successes. He is loved not only by his own young people, but by all in the Birmingham district.

The principle on which the

union is interested now in securing a library for the Sunday school, and is busily at work devising ways and means for obtaining it.

The devotional meetings are helpful, and are held every Sunday an hour before the evening service. The last Sunday in each month is devoted to the study of doctrinal subjects. Tracts bearing on the subject are distributed previous to the meeting, and every member urged to study them. These meetings are conducted by the pastor, assisted by some of the members. The evening sermon is on the same subject.

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Dots from Dothan.

Last Sunday's report was made to the church here of our first year's work. As a matter of fact, how ever, our connection as pastor and people did not take place until the 4th Sunday in January, 1898.

The report shows that during the eleven months of service, the pastor preached 80 sermons from his own pulpit. In connection with other pastors, he conducted five protracted meetings, preaching 79 sermons, and in addition delivered two addresses. Within the home of the people here, he has made 305 pastoral visits. This does not include visits to brethren and friends in their offices, shops, and places of business. He attended both our annual conventions, and two associations.

During same time the church has received by letter 20 members, by baptism 41, dismissed by letter 15; lost by exclusion 5; by death 1. Our present membership is about 200.

The church has been seriously encumbered by a funded debt, and other old floating debts. The floating debts are all paid, current expenses and pastor's salary well in hand to date, and \$161.78 contributed for our denominational and benevolent interests.

Bro. B. G. Farmer was enthusiastically re-elected superintendent of our Sunday school. Though a very busy man, he finds time to devote his energies to this work, and is faithful, prompt and efficient in its management. The school has made decided advancement in attendance, in quality of work, and in contributions the past year under his wise generalship.

The pastor and family were most delightfully remembered Christmas by members of his church and congregation. Fruits, nuts, candies, etc.; flour, spare ribs, back-bones, and hams; chickens, and last but not least, five fine turkeys from as many friends. Bro. Editor, does your mouth water? May God's blessings return upon them in full measure. More anon. I. A. WHITE.

January 4.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Light and Joy at Evening Time.

Dear Brethren: This is truly a happy day with me. I feel like saying with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name." This is my 75th birthday. My life has been precious in the sight of the Lord through 74 years, for which I feel profoundly grateful. I have been in the service of my blessed Master since I was 16 years of age, about 58 years. Forty-four years ago I abandoned my profession as a physician and entered the ministry. Through all these years the Lord has been with me and blessed me in many ways. But He has been especially good to me in my declining years. For 30 years I have prayed for the Lord to call one of my boys to the ministry. For a long time it seemed that my prayers were all in vain. The Lord delayed his answer. But now, to gladden my heart in my last days, the Lord has done more for me than I asked: He has called into the ministry both of my precious boys. Nearly two years ago I was called upon to witness the ordination and deliver the charge to my oldest son, Wm. J. Martin; today it was my happy privilege to attend the ordination of my other son, H. L. Martin, who is well.

Preston, our District Secretary for South Alabama, preached the sermon; Rev. R. Deal pastor of Ozark church, conducted the examination of the church and candidates, which I am told was perfectly satisfactory. Rev. W. J. Martin offered the prayer; I delivered the charge and presented the Bible, and Rev. J. R. Hunkins delivered the charge to the church; after which we all extended our hands of welcome and Christian greeting. Brethren, rejoice with me. My soul doth magnify the Lord.

A. L. MARTIN.

Ozark, Dec. 25.

Major Abner Williams Dead.

Major Abner Williams died at home in Oxford about 5 o'clock yesterday morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received a few days ago. Since Saturday he had been in an unconscious condition, and his physician, family and friends realized that his death was only a question of a short time.

Mrs. Williams and six children, three sons and three daughters, survive him. The latter are Messrs. Curry, Ab. and A. Williams, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Dr. B. Dudley Williams, and Miss Lillie Williams.

The bereaved wife has also been very ill for several days, but was some better yesterday.

Major Williams' remains will be interred in Oxford cemetery this afternoon, with funeral services at Oxford Baptist church at 1:30 o'clock.

The deceased was one of the county's best and most influential citizens. He was born in Jefferson county, Nov. 21, 1821, and grew to manhood there. Later he became a citizen of Talladega county, and from Talladega went to Selma, where he was when the war came on. He went through the four years of struggle as a brave Confederate soldier. After the war he bought cotton and sold cotton in Selma until 1884, when he removed to Oxford.

In all the walks of life he was a true man in every sense of the word—true to his God, his family, his fellow men and himself; was noble and gentle and kind, and wielded a great influence for good. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and prominent in its councils, having been moderator several times for the Coosa River and Calhoun County Baptist Associations.

—ANNISTON HOT BLAST, Jan. 6.

The Rock Hill Buggy Company, of South Carolina, whose advertisement appears regularly in this paper, has recently enlarged its plant. The Carolina Buggy Co., at Yorkville, decided to change its business into a cotton factory, and sold its buggy manufacturing plant to its neighbor, the Rock Hill Buggy Co. That the latter was able to make the purchase, and also felt safe in making such an expansion of its business, is pretty good evidence that the demand for its buggies gives it an increasing trade.

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Notes from Bro. Ray.

We had a happy marriage at the Methodist church here at Midway on the night of the 21st between Mr. James Hitchcock and Miss Sallie Davis, two of our brightest young people, the writer officiating.

We sent the Orphan's Home 1,300 pounds of apples yesterday. We want to keep the little ones sweet and happy. Deacon W. T. Jordan, and quite a number made up another barrel.

I have just learned that Mrs. Jennie Hardy of Greensboro, widow of the late Rev. A. R. Hardy, had gone to Evergreen to take charge of the Orphan's Home. No bitter selection could have been made.

We have just sent in the last of our subscription to Greensboro. I am sure all the money needed to pay that mortgage and build that house over there ought to be raised at once, and I am sure it will be.

I am called to my present field for another year, and have accepted. This is a very pleasant pastorate, and no better people can be found than we have here. We have had some losses at Perote which sadly cripples our work there—the death of Bro. Ivey, the removal of Dean Robertson and wife, Mrs. Egan and family; the marriage and removal of Misses Sellers and Davis. We must have some help here, else the cause will suffer. Ramah has also sustained some losses, but they will be able to go ahead. They are up to high water mark in all good works. So we start out into the new year in some respects stronger and better equipped for work; in other respects weakened, but in all respects willing to try to do our part. I trust this may be a great year for our Lord's cause in our state.

A happy New Year to you. S. O. Y. RAY.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Of Cary association, to be held with the Baptist church at Lineville, Clay county.

Thursday, Jan. 26: Preaching, by Rev. A. J. Preston; alternate, Rev. W. H. Johnson.

Friday, 10 a. m.: Devotional exercises, conducted by R. H. McCain.

10:30: Organization, followed by a mass meeting considering the possibilities and responsibilities of the Cary association; conducted by the pastor.

2 p. m.: The duty of putting religious literature in the homes of the people. J. R. Conger and M. W. Whately.

6:45 p. m.: Preaching, by Chas. Culpepper; alternate, Doras Parker.

S. Sunday, 10 a. m.: The evangelizing influence of the institute work. C. J. Bentley, G. S. Anderson, W. H. Preston.

2 p. m.: The mission of the church in the world. W. T. Davis, A. J. Preston, J. W. Stephens and J. W. Knowles.

6:45 p. m.: Preaching, by W. E. Brooks; alternate, W. M. Worthington.

Sunday, 10 a. m.: Sunday school. 11 a. m.: Preaching; appointment to be made by the body.

You are invited to come and bring your kinsfolk. The pastor and his people are expecting you. Friday is the big day. Bring your wives and daughters. Be here at the first service, or you will miss something good.

J. R. STODGHILL, Pastor.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The American Baptist Publication Society has recently issued a very interesting and instructive work entitled "Heroes and Hierarchs," by Justin A. Smith, D. D. It fairly bristles with historical facts and incidents concerning the heroic part our denomination has taken in religious liberty and soul liberty. We most heartily commend it to pastors and students.

"Shar Burbank" is another beautiful book just issued by the same society. It is a love story, full of pious instruction. It is by Jennie M. Drinkwater, a most fascinating writer. Price, \$1.25. Contains 312 pages, and neatly bound. Send order for both of these books to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

The American Book Company has just issued the following new books: "Birds of the United States," by Audubon, A. P. Allen, and others. It is exceedingly instructive. "An Introduction to the Study of American Literature," by Brander Matthews, A. M., LL. B. It is a guide to supplement and stimulate the reading of American authors. "Story of 'Story of Troy,'" 203 pages, with numerous illustrations. Price, 45c.

Funk & Wagnalls present to the reading public an excellent little book entitled "In Christ, Jesus," by Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., editor of the Missionary Review of the World. It contains 176 pages; price, 60c.

"Catharine of Siena," by the same author and the same company. 68 pages; price, 50c. This little book is a brief sketch of one of the most remarkable women in history.

Hold fast to love. If men wound your heart, let them not shut up your mouth; if they do not shut up your mouth, let them not expand it more and more; and be always able to say, with Paul, "My heart is enlarged."—F. W. Robertson.

Honor Roll of Howard College.

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Read your Bibles; fill your whole souls with the thought of Christ; let him not only be your Saviour, but a Friend.—Canon Farrar.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. G. T. Burton, on Lincoln, on the evening of January 19th, 1899, Mr. Wm. M. Acker and Miss Beulah Burton, W. M. Hall officiating. Mr. Acker is a brother to Sister A. Hutto, now at the Seminary with her husband. May peace, prosperity and happiness befall the life both being to the Baptist ranks.

At Birmingham, by Rev. W. B. Carter, Mr. J. D. Graham and Miss Mary Clayton. The groom is a Christian young man, and is connected with the L. & N. Railroad. The bride is accomplished, well connected. May the Lord bless them.

ORITARY.

I have just returned from my appointment at Rock West, Wilcox county, where I spent two days in preaching and exhorting with the loved ones and friends of Bro. Frank Cook, whose spirit took its flight from earth December 28. Bro. Cook joined the Baptist church in 1870, and was a devoted member of the church of God our Savior. He has for number of years been a deacon in the church of his boyhood, and having used the office well, purchased to himself a good degree of respect and honor in the eyes of all who knew him. He was one of earth's noblemen, possessing that purity and grandeur of mind, that dignity of soul, that tranquillity and firmness of character which commanded the respect and won the love and admiration of all who came in contact with him. May the God of all comfort comfort his bereaved family. I feel very greatly the fitting and noble funeral of his dear brother and friend. 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