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CLIPPINGS FROM HERE AND THERE.

The happiest thing in life is do-

ing good after a plan.

The churches of the United

States have taken 1,600 Chinese in-

to membership.

All that thou givest thou wilt

carry away with thee.—Turkish

Proverb.

Speak kind words now, because

it will cost something to put them

on tombstones.

To-morrow will be like today.

Life wastes itself while we are

preparing to live.—Emerson.

With some to whom we preach,

the Word does indeed have "free

course," for it goes in at one ear

and out at the other.

Friendship is a plant of slow

growth, but it is the surest of all

plants.—Washington.

A Christian experience, well

told, will catch the ear and hold

the attention of the listener, and

touch his heart as the telling of no

other story will do.—Index.

Judge Settle has ordered the

Bowling Green Grand Jury to in-

dict progressive, encephalitis play-

along with those who play in gam-

bling dens. He says "gambling is

gambling."—Baptist Argus, Ken-

tucky.

Gen. Henry, military governor

of Porto Rico, has suspended all

foreclosures of mortgages, and sum-

mary judicial sales of land, for the

time of one year. This is done be-

cause of the scarcity of money and

the general condition of things fol-

lowing the war.

"Occupy till I come." What

are we to occupy? The place God

has assigned us. It is wrong to be

fringing over our own limitations

and to envy the place others occupy

as to neglect the obligations of our

own place. And such fringing and

envying always lead to neglect.

One of the Baptist pastors in

Baltimore, Md., has been called

upon five times to baptize infants,

and in four cases they were the

children of Baptist parents.—Bap-

tist and Reflector.

We are moved to ask what kind

of Baptists they have in Baltimore?

and whether they hear much doc-

trinal preaching?

It is stated that the church where

William Carey preached his note-

able sermon on the 15th of January

in Park Street, Nottingham,

England, had been used for a sec-

ond-hand shop. The Baptists of

England ought by all means to pur-

chase this house and either use it

for a Baptist Chapel, or, if it does

not suit for that, keep it as a place

of interest for pilgrims. The Bap-

tists of America would be glad to

assist if necessary in purchasing it

and fitting it up.—Baptist and Re-

flector.

As we read the biography of our

ministry a hundred years ago, we

## Disillusioned.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, who for  
four years has been preaching to  
the People's church, a Christian  
union undenominational church,  
whose Sunday meetings have been  
held at the Academy of Music and  
the Grand Opera House, has ten-  
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"disillusioned" as to the idea of  
organic Christian union. Bro.  
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## The Malignant Man.

I was saying that the clergyman  
is the unknown man of modern  
city. Because unknown he is mal-

igned. The world charges at  
—laziness, covetousness, and cor-

ardice. It suspects him with a  
dozen others, but it is sure of the

three. To multitudes of men the  
minister is a gentleman of starch

and elegant leisure, a lover of fil-  
lure, a trimmer who cuts his di-

courses to fit his congregation. He  
suspects many Christians are not  
aware how vast are the areas of so-

ciety in which this estimate is a  
most universally accepted.

That a clergyman should be con-  
sidered a loafer is not strange. He  
does his work in solitude. Me-

sees him as he rides in a carriage  
marry a couple for a handsome in-

come. He is often seen in the  
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## A Plea for a Declining Custom.

BY E. C. DARGAN.

It is unpopular to favor the re-  
taining of a custom which seems to  
be passing away, but what of that?

The custom is a good one and I am  
going to say my say, whether any  
hear or whether they forbear. I

am thinking of the practice of read-  
ing the hymns in our worship. It  
is quite the fashion now to give out

merely the number of the hymn, and  
then leave it to the tender mercies  
of the choir and the murderous

methods of the average congrega-  
tion. And this is all the worship  
of sacred song that most church

goers get in these passing days.  
"Let us sing the fortieth hymn,"  
says the preacher. Is there any

worship in that? Maybe I haven't  
a book, and by the time I get  
through trying to guess what the

hymn is, my enjoyment of the  
worship must expect help from  
some other quarter. The apostle

enjoins that we should be "teach-  
ing and admonishing one another  
in psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs," but announcing a number  
hardly has that good effect. But  
"What's the use? people are sup-

posed to have books in every well-  
ordered church, and likewise sup-

posed to be able to read." Wait a  
minute, friend. How many per-

sons in the average congregation  
sing? And are you sure they all  
have books and look on, even if

they do not sing? If only a few of  
the congregation take part in the  
singing, how is the majority to get

its due share of the service of song?  
If the hymn is very familiar, of  
course all who know it can enter

in, but often even when this is the  
case it helps both mind and heart  
to hear the good words read before

they are sung. If the hymn is un-  
familiar or entirely new it is a help  
to all to have it read—if it be well

read. In such a case even those  
who do not sing may have their  
share of the impression of the

hymn, and as they listen to the  
singing the impression may be  
heightened. I think, too, that those

who sing often have their zest in  
that sacred exercise greatly in-  
creased by hearing the hymn prop-

erly read before they sing it. Of  
course all depends upon how it is  
read. Well might Watts, Wesley,

Lyte, Neale, Palmer, and the rest  
say, "If you mouth it as some  
preachers do, I had as lief the town

crier spoke my lines." My say is  
that a good hymn well read is an  
essential part of our worship.

It is not merely in convert







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You will get a new notion of what a lamp-chimney can be, when you use a Macbeth; and of what it can do, when you get the right one.

Get the Index.

Write Macbeth Pittsburgh Pa.

Birmingham Conference.

Avondale—Bro. A. G. Hash

preached at 11 a. m. a very fine

sermon to a large congregation. Pa-

tor reached in Shau's Valley,

where he is building a church. At

1 p. m. pastor preached on God's

Harvest Time—John 4:35-36. Au-

diences smaller than usual.

The Church and Young People's Societies.

Paper read at a meeting of Montgomery

Ministers' Union by Rev. W. J. St-

uart, and by request given for publi-

cation.

In considering this subject, we

find that there are many good rea-

sons why we should be much con-

cerned for the rising generation.

We have long since learned that

character is soon formed, and when

formed is not easily changed. Hab-

its of thought and habits of life

very soon become fixed and are

greatly determined by the great

law of probabilities. For when a

person passes the morning of life,

he chances are as one to a thousand

that he will keep right on in that

same direction to the end. "A-

twig is bent the tree is inclin-

ed." The moral is, that as

character is formed in childhood

and youth, so it will be in manhood

and womanhood.

It is common sense to put the

seed in the soil; to tend the

tender twig with the fruit it

should bear; to go to the fountain-

head and guide the current of the

stream, and to lay hold upon the

tendrils of the shooting vine, and to

train them as we would have them

go.

Reason would teach us, if revelation

did not, that childhood is the

most propitious period of life to in-

still those precepts, ingraft those

truths and form those habits which

become the people of God, who

are emphatically styled a holy and

peculiar people.

It is often said that young people

monopolize public solicitude. The

pulpit and the press are working

in their behalf. Books are printed

especially for their reading. So-

cieties and associations are formed

for their welfare.

One of the prophets, referring to

the increase of knowledge in the

latter days, says, "A child shall

do a hundred years old." Now we

can understand what must have

been the struggle to those in for-

mer times. It is now literally true,

that one dying in comparative

childhood, in this day of increas-

ing life, may know more than many

a one who died, in former times,

bowled down under the weight of

a hundred years.

We are, therefore, in this day,

more anxious for the welfare of

the young than in former times.

At home on account of the very

critical illness of his son, greatly to

the regret of all the brethren in at-

tendance. On Monday morning a

letter was received from him explain-

ing the cause of his absence, and

asking prayer in his behalf. The

business of the institute was im-

mediately suspended and prayer was

offered for him by Rev. J. A. Glenn.

Rev. J. A. Glenn, of Asheville,

was made chairman of the institute.

Rev. W. V. Monroe, of Centre,

to the establishment and develop-  
ment of Christ's kingdom among  
men. They are constantly instruct-  
ing their members in the doctrines,  
duties and privileges of the church.  
These things are clearly taught in  
the Bible, and for this reason they  
are students of God's Word.

Nine-tenths of those who fail of

success in life, do so because they

fail to awake to the possibilities of

power which they possess.

This is true in a material and

worldly sense, and it is also true in

a spiritual and religious sense. The

great majority of false Christians

are weak, and comparatively use-

less in the Master's service, not be-

cause they are incapable of spiri-

tual development and usefulness,

but because they fail to use the tal-

ents which would enable them to

become successful servants of Christ.

Luther, the great reformer,

might have been nothing more than

an ordinary Christian had he not

awakened to the possibilities that

lay out before him. Is it not pos-

sible that many of our churches to-

day are full of sleeping Luther?

They have buried their talents and

are ready to say, The Lord is a hard

Master.

It is a solemn duty we owe to

our recruits to give them work to

do, and to give them God speed in

their endeavors.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Appointments.

J. W. Sandlin, district secretary

of Missions for North Alabama,

will preach at the following

churches at the time named:

IN FEBRUARY.

Scottsboro, Friday 17 7 p. m.

Hollywood, Saturday 18, 11 a. m.

Friendship, Sunday 19, 11 a. m.

Bridgeport, Monday 20, 7 p. m.

Gurley, Tuesday 21, 7 p. m.

Rice's, Wednesday 22, 7 p. m.

Locust Grove, Thursday 23, 11

a. m.

We are especially anxious to meet

all the preachers who may be in

reach of these meetings.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Cherokee County Ministers' In-

stitute.

An institute was held in Centre

beginning Saturday, Jan. 1, and

lasting four days, for the benefit

of the ministers of the Cherokee county

association.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Sunday,

Bro. J. W. Pullen preached an

able and earnest sermon from 2 Cor.

5:21. It was one of those power-

ful logical discourses that leaves a

lasting impression upon the mind

of the listeners. It appeared a lit-

tle plainer than ever before to the

writer how that Christ takes our

sins and gives us in return his

righteousness; and how we give

Christ our sins and take in return

therefor his righteousness, the doctrine

of salvation by imputation.

Rev. C. S. Anderson, who was

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and E. B. Moore, Hoke's Bluff; J.

T. Bartlett, Sand Rock.

All who were in attendance evi-

denced a desire to learn, and were

highly pleased with the results of

the institute.

It is very difficult to maintain

Baptist churches in this section, es-

pecially in the country. Most of

the land owners live in the towns

and cities, and a large per cent.

of the membership is transient. They

are unable to build houses of wor-

ship and pay salaries. Education

might relieve the difficulty to some

extent, but how to do the educating

is one of the unsolved problems

with us resident ministers. The

lives of a great many devoted men

will have to be sacrificed in this

work. They will have to endure

privation and hardships. It is a

condition and not a theory that con-

fronts us. Your criticisms of our

course does not help the matter.

Brethren, give us your sympathy

and prayers. W. V. MONROE,

Secretary.

The Advertiser of Wednesday

morning contained a letter from

Judge F. C. Randolph, who fled

from this state a few years since.

He is in prison in Colombia, South

America, accused of murder. Mr.

McLure, of Troy, who brought the

charge against him, says that

whatever Randolph's crimes may

have been, his treatment is harsh

and cruel.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Appointments.

J. W. Sandlin, District Secretary

of Missions for North Alabama,

will preach at the following



