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NOTE AND COMMENT.

E. Z. Simmons, returned missionary, says: "We have opened a church in China which has been self-supporting from the start. There are over 100 schools in my immediate section, 20 of them self-supporting. Anti-foot-binding societies are coming up in several sections. About half of the women in China do not have their feet bound."

A special cable despatch from London to the New York Evening Post of Saturday contains this interesting item: "The Baptist denomination clearly flourishes. Official statistics show an increase this year of 7,000 members, 25 chapels, 7 churches and 120 local preachers, while the baptists numbered 16,899." This news is certainly as good as any that has been cabled from England in many a day.

Beginning with the countries reporting the largest number, there are 3,994 baptisms reported from Sweden, 2,227 from Germany, 2,178 from Burma, 1,961 from Russia, 935 from Telugu mission in South India, 920 from Assam, 348 from China, 341 from the Congo, 256 from Denmark, 238 from Norway, 215 from France, 213 from Finland, 151 from Japan and 26 from Spain.—Mission Union.

It is stated that at the time the Spanish-American war broke there were but two drinking saloons in Manila, but since American army went there, there are now 430 saloons in the city. And we are proposing to civilize and Christianize the poor Filipinos, whom we regard as incapable of self-government. From the above fact it would seem that it would be better for them to send missionaries to us.

We are still engaged in our spiritual condition of our people. Let us hope that this widely published statement is not true. If true, it should bring the blush to the cheek of every decent man in America.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, New York's most famous physician, was one time asked what are some of the ways in which the highest health may be maintained, he replied, "We find in religious teachings the soundest hygienic rules that have ever been devised. He who really lives up to the teachings of Christianity will keep his body in a perfectly healthy condition."

"It has been truly said that the wages of sin is death; and death is caused by the effect of vice. A vicious person contains in his body the seed of his own destruction."

"The Christian is the best fitted of all persons to withstand disease and live healthily."

A brief retrospect of any period of foreign mission activity causes us almost unconsciously to glance back over the whole history of missionary work in foreign lands. The first missionary society for spreading the Gospel among the heathen was formed in 1792; and the first missionary to be appointed by the new society was William Carey, who sailed for India in June of the following year. What has been wrought in a little more than a century of missionary endeavor is shown, as adequately as figures can show it, in the following statistical summary of foreign missions throughout the world, just prepared by Rev. E. E. Strong, D. D., editor of the Missionary Herald, of the American Board of Missions:

"The missionary societies of the United States have in foreign lands 1,067 stations, 5,776 out stations, 1,383 male missionaries, 2,095 female missionaries, 17,300 native laborers, 402,507 communicants, 237,487 pupils under instruction. The income of these societies for the current year has been \$4,710,430. The missionary societies of the United States and Canada, of Great Britain and Continental Europe of Asia, Australia and Africa, are represented in 5,217 stations and 13,588 out-stations. Together these employ 6,264 male missionaries, 6,282 female missionaries, 61,897 native laborers. There are 1,585,124 communicants in their churches, 685,849 pupils under instruction, and their income for the last year has been \$15,360,693."—The Examiner, New York.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Fixing the Figures Beforehand.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." To develop all its members in the character that "God loveth" ought to be the constant aim of every church. Though not impossible by the help of God's grace, it is yet not an easy achievement, and calls for all the tact and perseverance the Lord bestows upon his people.

It is appalling to observe what various and obstinate motives oppose the claims the Kingdom of Christ makes on the believers' purse. These claims are opposed by avarice, which often has a deeper hold than the Christian himself imagines. They are opposed by his love of pre-eminence among men, which the possession of property procures. They are opposed by his love of comfort, pleasures, luxuries, and by the fear that himself or his family may be reduced to want. They are opposed by these same motives in the hearts of his wife and children, whose wishes usually have great weight in determining what he shall do with his means. These and other motives are too strong to be overcome by the little love for God ordinarily to be found in the heart of a Christian. Consequently he needs helpful expedients to enable him to attain a tolerable degree of liberality toward his Redeemer's Kingdom.

Experience demonstrates that a church derives advantage from a united resolve to raise a definite amount. In an off-hand collection conscience compromises on the part of a pittance, and so dismisses the question in short order; but in other cases the conscience becomes committed to do a better thing. Besides, it is natural for one to ask what sum is desired and expected before deciding how much he will give. If the members of

The spiritual condition of our

even women and children, undertake to raise funds by their own efforts to meet the obligation in several installments during the year, it becomes a highly beneficial exercise in industry, economy and care for the Master's cause throughout that period. Every church should begin the year with a resolve to make up a definite amount for the various branches of the denominational work, local and general, and every member ought to be induced to become responsible for a part of it.

Some years ago our brother, W. D. Powell, visited Atlanta to solicit donations for the work in Mexico. A wealthy and liberal layman asked Dr. H. H. Tucker how much he should contribute. "I cannot decide for you," replied Dr. Tucker, "but you can do as I have done. After prayer for divine guidance I made up my mind what I ought to give; then remembering that the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, I exactly doubled the figure, and am going to pay accordingly. If you'll do likewise, I'm sure neither of us will give more than we ought to." This rule is worthy to be followed by all Alabama Baptists. A. B. CAMPBELL.

Note from Bro. Preston.

We had fine congregations at both morning and evening services Sunday, January 7, at Goodwater. The B. Y. P. U. met in the afternoon and adopted a constitution. The attendance was good. The young people have just presented the church a nice communion set. The church made an offering of \$7.87 to state missions Sunday morning, and unanimously adopted Bro. Crumpton's plan. I shall try to get all my churches to adopt this plan.

Mrs. Preston desires me to express her thanks to the good ladies of Goodwater for the beautiful and valuable present which they have just sent her.

The last copy of the ALABAMA BAPTIST was, in my judgment, the best ever published. I got many good thoughts from its columns. A. J. PRESTON.

Concerning Mules.

BY J. B. CAMPBELL.

It has been a great question with many people, why mules are just like they are. The interest in the question of mules is revived just now because some months ago the English government, foreseeing a war in the Transvaal, sent agents over to America, and especially into the Southern country, to buy up mules for service in Africa. They took them over and trained them to artillery service. One of the first real battles of the war, the mules, with that peculiar uncertainty that you are always certain exists, ran off with the artillery and left the English there holding their hands, and the result was the English got badly used up. It is said of a mule, that the only certainty about it is its absolute uncertainty. They never get too old for tricks, but just what sort of a trick it will be next time is the thing nobody knows.

Profound meditation on the uncertainty of this animal led Josh Billings to moralize and philosophize after this manner: "Young man, never take an unnecessary risk. If I were called on to mourn over a dead mule, I would stand at the head and do my weeping there." It is not certain when a mule has given his last kick.

Now, the question arises, what makes a mule like he is? He is a cross between two species, each of which is docile and reliable. The philosophy of it lies in the want of a definite direction given to the life of the mule. There are two streams of blood in his veins, running cross, and not knowing exactly what he is, whether an ass or a horse, he vacillates and never takes a definite course of life.

This same mule, it is obtained

is a local preacher. You will find him kicking all the time. If he is a Presbyterian, half and half, it is the same sort of thing. If he is a Baptist mule, by as much as there is positiveness in the Baptist theology, you will find him one of the worst kickers in the world. A Baptist, and yet not a Baptist. A Baptist who half believes the Baptist doctrine and three-fourths don't believe it. Right in between he is, running now with the Baptists, then backing off like a mule, when you come down to real service. The unruliest denominational mule in the world is a cross between a Baptist and a Methodist. There is vim on both sides. He is now very forward in going backwards and now very backward in going forward.

Drawing closer within denominational lines, the missionary mule, the man who is half Hardshell and half Missionary, is a hard type to get on with. There is something about the genuine Hardshell that is exceedingly winsome to a man of my way of thinking. His candor, even his bluntness; the tenacity with which he holds on to certain great truths; the little concern he has for what other people think; the sublime indifference to great movements; his perfect satisfaction with himself and his doctrines. A well ordered Hardshell is a man you can live neighbor to a lifetime and enjoy him, and depend on him. Then, a thorough going Missionary, a man who believes in it with all his heart, who spells the "go" in the commission with capital letters, and puts it in the lead of everything in the commission; the man who has no reservations; who is a missionary in heart and practice, all over and all through—he is a delightful man. You will not have much trouble with him anywhere.

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But strike a medium between the Hardshell and Missionary, and get one with Missionary streaks and Hardshell streaks. Now, he flames out as a Missionary under a powerful missionary appeal. Now, he backs off when some objection is made. He is hot now, and next he is cold. If such a missionary mule lives in a place where there are many objectors prodding him, he will spend all of his time kicking. And, as he kicks, kicking becomes more of a habit with him and he enjoys it. My father had an old mule that was in such a habit of kicking that she would put her ears back, shut her eyes, and kick at June-bugs if she heard the noise of them. That was in her old age, when much kicking had made a groove in her life along which her perverse nature had constant flow.

The trouble with Missionary Baptists is not with the thoroughbreds, but those that are just half and half, and don't know very well why they are the better half. A process of evolution out of the condition is the thing that is most needed in our churches. Bring our people to missionary views, and the kicking will be done.—Texas Baptist Standard.

Seminary—Second Term.

Dear Brother: Will you please announce through the columns of your paper that our second term will begin on Jan. 29th, and that all students expecting to enter the Seminary for the second term should be on hand not later than Jan. 28th.

Be kind enough also to say that we are making an effort to raise two hundred thousand dollars for increasing the endowment of our Seminary, and in order to meet the deficiency in current expenses we are also making an effort to raise \$50,000 per year until the endowment effort has been carried out.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours, E. Y. MULLINS.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Tuskegee (Colored) Normal School.

To the Examiner, New York:

I see that you make mention of the visit of Booker T. Washington to New York. His success in getting his school favorably before the wealthy people of the North is a source of great pleasure to the white people of Alabama, who know something of the grand work this institution is doing among the colored people. It is especially gratifying to the Baptists to see that Mr. Rockefeller, that prince of givers among us, has made a liberal contribution.

Everybody knows that the colored people are largely Baptists. I doubt not if a canvass was made of the Tuskegee school it would be found that fully three-fourths of the pupils are of Baptist parentage.

It was my pleasure, on a recent visit to Tuskegee, to see something of the work Booker Washington and his co-laborers have been enabled to do by the help of friends who have contributed money for the education of the colored youths who go there. Let it be remembered that Washington, while he is doing the work on the outside which is so necessary to be done, leaves behind him a company of men and women who are quite as remarkable for their skill and management as himself. Without them he could not put the school before the public as he does. I was impressed with their worth and skill as I went among them. They are attentive to the visiting strangers. Indeed, the students and teachers as I met them in the grounds and in the town impressed me by their politeness and good behavior. Since my last visit there I was surprised to see the improvements. It is the most notable part of the little

has she been busy writing until

city. It is a hive of industry. Every one is busy and knows exactly what to do. I was in the mechanical building, the shops, and saw the herd of Jerseys as they were being stabled for the night; was in the business office, watched the boys at the forge, and in the tin shop, saw the foundry and wood shops. But the crowning occasion was, when I went in the great chapel, the inspiring congregation of maybe a thousand persons. A choir of one hundred rendered some as fine music as I ever listened to. As I had to preach in another church, I had only twenty minutes in which to talk there. I was not at all satisfied with my part of the service, but there was no fault to find with the behavior of the audience. All these great buildings which are in use and in course of construction are the work of the students themselves. They make the brick on the ground and perform the labor in their erection.

Professors Logan and Washington, the last a brother of the President, showed me every attention.

The best thing about this school is, it is a Christian school. I hadn't time to investigate along this line like I wished, but I was impressed with the air of Christian refinement everywhere discernible. I raised a question in my talk to them which I expect to look into later. It was this: What is going to be the influence of this school on the evangelization of a lost world? Has it ever sent forth any missionaries to bless the world? Are there any here being prepared to carry the gospel to the benighted of Africa? A school of any sort which claims to be Christian, if it has any right to such a claim, and if the teachers are doing for the pupils what they ought, must be represented on the foreign field by some of its graduates. God put it into the hearts of your people to equip this school properly for the great work He has for it to do. Alabama feels honored to have the two greatest colored teachers in the world—Booker T. Washington, at Tuskegee, and W. H. Council, at Huntsville. We are proud of them and their great work.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Orphan's Home.

Historical Sketch.

I do not know all that was said years ago, about establishing an Orphan's Home in Alabama. I returned from school in 1886 to become a pastor in Dallas county. I came with a burning desire that I might see such an institution established.

One day, standing with a friend, near Orrville, talking of our religious work, I mentioned our great need of such an institution, when my friend joined heartily in, and said, after discussing that matter at some length, "we will have an Orphanage." We dare to indulge the hope that this same friend has it in his heart to do still more one of these days for this home, that has already proven a blessing.

I ventured to print a little note in The Alabama Baptist, calling attention to our need of this institution, of which the editor made kindly mention. In 1888 Brother B. F. Riley published a note of similar character, and during the same year this writer deposited five dollars in the bank at Birmingham, where he then lived, as a nucleus for a founding fund, and called attention to it through the Alabama Baptist, but it came to naught. We heard nothing more of the Orphanage till, in February, 1890, at the Baptist Congress in Evergreen. It was spoken of in one of its sittings. Brother G. R. Farnham said he would like to have the honor of making the first contribution toward establishing such an institution and would give one hundred dollars for that purpose. Again the subject seemed to die down, and it looked as if nothing would come of it.

In November of that year at our State Baptist Convention in Mobile, Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, through Brother F. C. Plaster, made known to the convention that she would give all her real estate, to be available after her death, for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home in Alabama. A committee was appointed to receive the offered property, and to advertise for bids for a location. The committee consisted of F. C. Plaster, G. S. Anderson, Joseph Norwood, W. J. Elliott, P. T. Hale and John W. Stewart. Subsequently the committee met in Fort Deposit, and Sister Woodson met with them, and in a deed written with her own hand, turned over her real estate to F. C. Plaster, to hold for the convention till her death, when it was to be turned over to the Baptists for the purpose intended. During the next year Sister Woodson took back the deed she had given and conveyed her property directly to the convention.

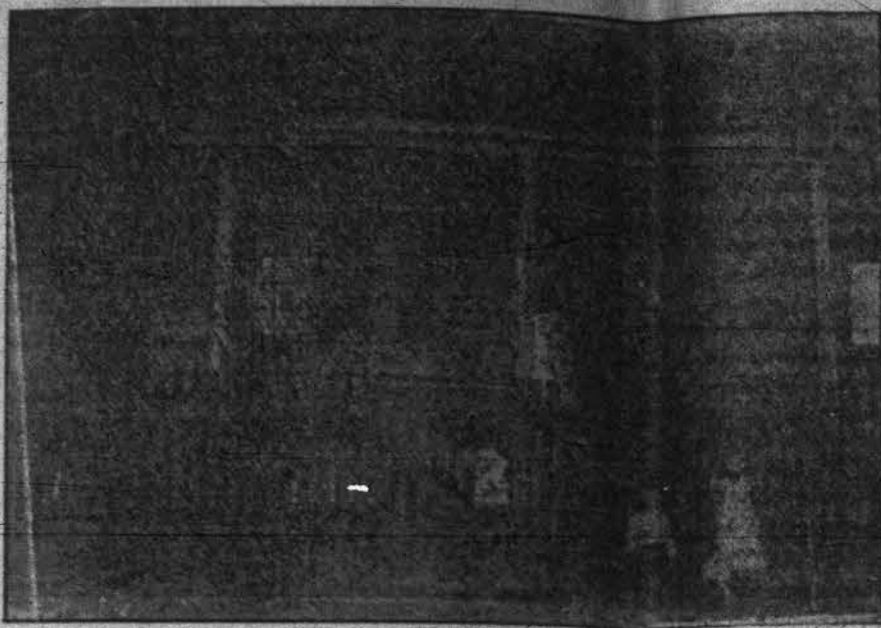
From this time, the convention began to be held by a board of managers whom she chose herself. They were: P. T. Hale, D. I. Pursier, G. S. Anderson, W. J. Elliott, W. B. Crumpton, George B. Eager and John W. Stewart. These appointments were confirmed at the convention which met at Enfield in November.

At least one interested friend of the proposed work hoped he might see some steps taken at that convention which would lead to the early beginning of the work, and he had formed the desperate purpose of addressing the Convention on the subject, but the sudden death of his father called him to North Alabama. Nothing was done for a year, and the same hopes burned in the heart of the same man, that the work might be started, and again he determined to be heard in the convention in behalf of this cause. He was providentially hindered from attending, and again the convention escaped.

Disappointed, but determined upon action, I resolved that the work must be started, and to this end I printed a note in the Alabama Baptist, saying, "till the denomination bestirred themselves to begin this work, any poor child, without home, parents or friends could find a home with me." Some of my friends advised me against such a course.

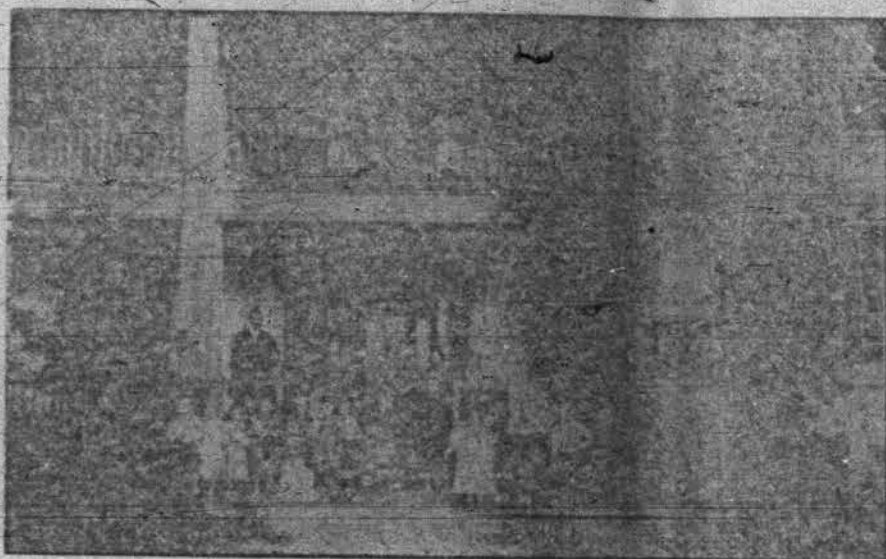
About this time I wrote Dr. Eager, president of the Board of Trustees, asking him to call a meeting of the Board. The meeting was called for January 16th, 1893, and the men present were: George B. Eager, W. B. Crumpton, W. J. Elliott, Z. D. Roby, Joseph Norwood, G. S. Anderson, (late), and John W. Stewart.

The brethren were speaking of how easy it would be to start a Home if we had about two or three thousand dollars. We did not have the money. We were not likely to get it. I had nothing to say. I believed we could start without money. Presently Brother Crumpton turned to me and said: "Brother Stewart, you have been studying this subject for several years, what do you think about it?" I said, "I think it is practicable to start an Orphanage in thirty days." I was asked to suggest a plan on which we could accomplish so much in so short a time, and that without money. This plan was given: "Locate the Home temporarily somewhere, get some good woman to be the matron and pick up some child to be the beneficiary, and let the Baptists of the state know what you have, and they will support it." While several places were being discussed as a suitable location, I suggested that, if they wanted to put it



THE BEGINNING.—In the Cottage belonging to Evergreen Baptist Church.

In a village, they could not do better than locate it temporarily at Evergreen, that I had a house belonging to the church in Evergreen, which I was not using, that I would turn over to the Trustees for that purpose. The Trustees located the Home temporarily at Evergreen, elected the present general manager, financial secretary and agent, and asked him to employ a suitable matron, and otherwise perfect the organization and attend to the local details. This he was to do without remuneration, he being then pastor at Evergreen. With a joyous heart he returned home and set about the work.



Y. M. RABB RESIDENCE Before Repairs.

He wrote a short note to Mrs. C. W. Ansley, with whom he had spoken about the matter two years before, asking her to accept the responsibility and hardship of this new work with him. She answered in brief, accepting the position, and on March 1, 1893, the Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama opened its doors for the reception of the children that might come to us. Two days later three fatherless children from Barbour county, with their indigent young mother, Mrs. Jennie Cannon, who came to do the cooking, entered the home, and our work began.

of establishing the Home. Only the preachers who have given up pleasant pastorates for general work know what that meant.

Well, the big debt was paid, and now, that the Home was ours, the next step of the management was to improve and enlarge it. This could not be done without money. Our treasury was empty. The Trustees asked if the manager could do the work without money now in sight, and he said he would try. The work progressed slowly, but after a while it was done, and, so far from it being only a cook room, as was first spoken of, it included an



THE HOME AS IT NOW APPEARS.

No others came for more than two months, but by the end of the summer our little house was filled. A cabin in the corner of the lot was fitted up to hold the overflow of children, and Mrs. J. L. Jones, the widow of one of our young preachers, came with her two children to seek shelter for them, and to aid us in the work. They were taken, and Mrs. Jones was also employed to assist the Matron with the work of the Home.

By November of that year we had received twenty-two children, and the Trustees decided the Home must be located permanently. President Geo. B. Eager, W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby and John W. Stewart were appointed from the Board to visit Evergreen to select a permanent place for the insti-

annex, equal capacity to the house of ten rooms purchased with the place. Adequate war works, complete sanitary system with every part of the old house made new.

But I have been speaking mainly of the outward appearance of the Home, and business steps taken to bring it to its present state. But there is an internal history that is more difficult to write. Indeed, there are some things I would not write if I could. The longings, anxieties, prayers, admonitions, failures, are all written only in the memory of him whose work it is, and through whom it is done. I have believed from a beginning, and even before there is a beginning, that the Lord was leading in this work.

The children that have come to us

represent almost every section of the state. In all we have received 128 from 27 counties, as follows:

Autauga, 2; Barbour, 8; Bibb, 2; Bullock, 1; Butler, 3; Chambers, 1; Conecuh, 2; Covington, 8; Elmore, 4; Escambia, 11; Hale, 3; Henry, 4; Jefferson, 15; Lamar, 1; Lee, 10; Limestone, 1; Marengo, 4; Monroe, 4; Montgomery, 7; Morgan, 3; Pike, 2; Russell, 4; Shelby, 1; Talladega, 10; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 9; Walker, 6.

Of these 57 were boys, and 71 were girls. In the Home at present there are 23 boys and 36 girls; 58 in all.

In the fall of 1898 Mrs. Ansley made known her purpose to leave the Home, and after considerable deliberation the trustees appointed Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, to the position made vacant by "Aunt Clara's" leaving. In turn, Mrs. Hardy, after a year of arduous, though fruitful labor, left us, and again people asked who will take Mrs. Hardy's place? And echo answered "Who?" Miss Sallie Stamps, one of the young ladies of our town, is in charge at present, and is getting along well with that responsible position.

JOHN W. STEWART.

Beginning Orphan's Home.

There is one prayer the heavenly Father always answers, and that is a prayer for work in his vineyard.

When my son left home to enter Howard College, I was impressed with the thought that the last child having gone from under the parental roof, God would call me to some other work. So strongly was my mind imbued with this idea that day by day I watched and waited for some field of usefulness to be given me. When Mr. Stewart's letter came asking me to take charge of the Orphan's Home, I felt that my prayers were answered, and my expectations were verified.

At my earliest convenience I reported at Evergreen. As soon as some repairs could be done on the little cottage we were to occupy, we purchased a suit of furniture and some kitchen and dining room furniture and I moved in. Not long after we started the ladies of the First church Montgomery, sent us a very nice new suit of furniture, which we always kept for our guest chamber.

For several days I was there alone. I would spend the days there, and the nights with my friend, Mrs. Walker. Then the housekeeper came bringing a little boy and two little girls. For three months this little boy brought our provisions from town in a tin bucket.

There was no flourish of trumpets in this humble beginning. A matron, a housekeeper and three little children in a dilapidated little cottage, which has since been torn down, seemed to some an insignificant affair to be called the Orphan's Home of the Baptists of the state of Alabama. There are those to whom nothing is a success which does not start full grown. Not so to me. I felt that the work was of God.

I was often times amused at her exact imitations of myself.

It is not always that new enterprises are popular. Some of our grandest institutions have struggled through hardships and against difficulties which have almost overwhelmed them. Not so with the Orphan's Home. It was popular from the first. Who can close his heart against the appeal of a homeless and friendless child?

It is needless to say that our first efforts were directed toward inculcating principles of honor and integrity into the minds and the consciences of the children. Our next efforts were directed toward training them to systematic labor.

Each child was assigned some duties according to its age and capacity, which were required to be performed punctually and properly. Nor was their mental training neglected. They were not only sent to school, but were required to prepare their lessons at



Mrs. M. L. B. WOODSON, who gave her Property for the Home.

home, and every needed assistance was rendered by the ladies in charge. These were the beginnings. As the years passed by these plans were amplified and improved, but the foundation was laid in the little five room cottage.

As the fall of the first year approached boxes of quilts and dry goods began to come in. They were much needed and very acceptable.

The first child adopted by any church to be clothed was Mattie Lou Cannon. The church taking her was Forest Home Baptist church, Butler county. The first box of clothing coming for a special child came from Opelika to Ellen Watson. The first association which I attended to represent the Home was the Alabama Association, which met with Steep Creek church, Lowndes county. I carried one of the little girls with me. So strongly did the presence of this child appeal to the hearts of the people, that the Orphan-



F. Mrs. ANSLEY, First Matron.

age was permanently incorporated into the business of the association, and a cash collection amounting to eighty-two dollars, taken up on the floor. The association pledged its hearty support to the Home. I shall never forget the pride which little Ada and myself felt when we gave the money to Mr. Stewart, and he told us that it was the largest collection which, up to that time, the fall of 1894, had been taken on the floor of any association.

After nearly six years of arduous labor, I felt that my work was drawing to a close. The mud sills had been placed and the foundation laid. Another must go on with the superstructure. Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy was selected as my successor. I hear beautiful things said of her by those who have been there since her administration began. May God's richest blessings rest upon her, and may he give her grace and strength, and uphold her with his own right hand, is my earnest prayer.

MRS. CLARA W. ANSLEY.
East Lake.

E. Y. Mullins: I set up no utilitarian standard, but a great evidence of a Divine call to preach is the fruits of a man's preaching.

Civilization must either destroy the liquor traffic or be destroyed by it.—Dr. Josiah Strong.

State Missions.

Bro. Crumpton's Notes.

Let everybody remember: The office of the Secretary is at Montgomery. Letters intended for him should be sent here. His family reside at East Lake, but that is not the place to reach him by letter; Montgomery is the place.

State Convention minutes can be had by dropping a card to the Corresponding Secretary at Montgomery. They were printed for free distribution, and nothing can please us better than for the brethren to write for them.

PLEDGE CARDS AND ENVELOPES can be had at the office of the Board at Montgomery. All that is required is for you to say you want to use them. When you get them count the postage on the wrapper and return it. You ought to be willing to pay that much.

MISSION TRACTS are always kept on hand to give away to any one who will read them. Write and ask for them.

THE CHEAPEST BOOKS ON EARTH are to be had at this office. We are not regularly in that business, but the Secretary has a remnant on hand which he wishes to dispose of. They are a little shelf-worn, but in fair condition and cheap as dirt.

COLPORTAGE. I believe that the Colportage work should be re-established, and I am sure it is going to be. "The Harry Martin Fund" will be established, I know. Who is willing to help re-establish the Colportage fund?

THE GRATUITOUS TRACT FUND. Years ago we had a few contributions given us for the purpose of publishing and distributing tracts. It did a great deal of good as long as it lasted. Probably the amount never reached fifty dollars; but no equal amount was ever spent in Alabama to better advantage. Reader, do you want to help on this fund? It will not take much—probably fifty dollars a year will be all that is needed.

A MIMEOGRAPH FOR THE OFFICE. What a saving that would be in

printing! Wonder if some big-hearted brother don't want to present the office with a mimeograph? Selah!

"THE HOME FIELD" AND "THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL."

Write the Secretary at Montgomery for sample copies of these two excellent mission papers. He has a lot on hand always to give away.

HOW TO SEND MONEY.

By any method you choose, but if by check, don't forget to put on it a two cent revenue stamp. The government proposes to make all of us pay something to the war debt. Preachers and church people are made to pay just like sinners. If you send by registered letter, try to get bills; if that is impossible, and you must send coin, (we take either gold or silver) be sure to put it in good strong paper, and so wrapped or pasted that it cannot move; then put it in a good envelope and securely seal. Money is sometimes put loosely in an envelope and breaks the envelope before it reaches its destination.

WHAT MONEYS TO SEND.

We would prefer to have only mission money and that for colportage and aged and infirm ministers sent to Montgomery; but if it is more convenient for the brethren, we will accept for money for any of the boards, and forward it the first of each month to its destination. The Home and the Foreign funds may be forwarded direct if the givers prefer. The State Board gets nothing for handling the funds of other boards.

THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS.

It is our purpose to print in the ALABAMA BAPTIST a list of all moneys received at the Montgomery office each month. If any mistakes are made, let information be promptly given, and correction will be made.

WHO COMPOSE THE BOARD.

Twenty-one members. Of these, nine are laymen and twelve are preachers. They are from the fol-

lowing churches: Selma 2, Troy 2, Talladega 1, Anniston 1, Wilcoxville 1, Opelika 1, Auburn 1, Brundidge 1, Whatley 1, Midway 1, Lafayette 1, First church (Birmingham) 1, First church (Montgomery) 5, Clayton Street (Montgomery) 1, Livingston 1. More is given to Montgomery only because the Board is located there, and must have a good number to constitute a local board or executive committee to act on special and important matters when emergencies arise.

Trip Notes.

TALLASSEE

Is now connected with the outside world by rail—a thing I did not know, having been absent from the state, until I went to purchase my ticket. It is the busiest town I have seen anywhere. I didn't see a loafer to talk to, so the stay there was a little lonely for one who had nothing to do between trains. I had talks with some of the brethren in the mill. They are enthusiastic about the prospects since they have the "finest preacher in the section," as one of them described Bro. Brannon, who has lately taken charge.

The water power of the Tallapoosa river is wonderful, and the scurry about the falls is grand to one who is not accustomed to such sights. This power runs with all ease the great mill they now have, and they are harnessing it to run another on the other side of the river several times larger than the one on this side—or rather I should say the Elmore side, where the present mill is, and the Tallapoosa side, where the new one is located.

It will probably be six months before the new mill is in operation. There will be hundreds of new families coming in in the next few months. The church at Tallassee and its pastor will be able to look after their new neighbors for some time to come. A lot will be secured in a little while and arrangements made to get a place of worship. I learned that the great and novel enterprise which proposes to have the Tallapoosa river manufacture electricity to run all the lights, cars and machinery of the city of Montgomery, thirty miles away, is located about four miles above Tallassee. I read of the project a few months ago in the Advertiser, but I thought it was one of those faraway visionary enterprises which

might or might not materialize in the course of time. Imagine my surprise on returning to the city to learn that it was almost an accomplished fact. It may be that these notes will be printed by the electric power furnished by the Tallapoosa. Wonderful things are happening every day! What next? Everybody is asking, "The children of this world are wiser than the children of light." How true that is. While all these wonderful things are transpiring about us, and everybody is getting a move on him, Christians are not alive to the importance of keeping up with the procession. We are content in most of the state with monthly service in inferior houses of worship, without Sunday schools—but why dwell on this? That will not help matters. We must get out of this slow pace, and we will. We are here in these wonderful times to lead our people to higher and better things. Let us do it. God help the board and its secretary and the pastors to seize the opportunities about us and put forward his cause.

TUSKEGEE

Is a fine old town to go to. Not what it once was. These stately old trees and beautiful residences tell of the departed glory of a great people—and all over our fair state we see the sad reminders. But the noble sons of noble sires are here yet. Tuskegee has many of them. It was not a large but an appreciative audience that sat before me that cold morning. They showed what they were when the collection was counted—over forty dollars. Pastor Catts seems to be doing a good work, and has a strong hold on his people.

A novel experience I had on Sunday morning. When I rose from my seat to begin my sermon I observed a telephone above the pulpit just in front of me. I was a little disconcerted at first, but presently went on without thinking further about it. I learned afterwards that a good sister who can not come to church hears all the services in this way.

Bro. Hare, whom many who

read these lines well know, is doing well in the newspaper business and the practice of law. An election was on—a primary—and of course the preacher and preaching was not so much in it as it might have been on some other occasion. Oh, that some Moses would arise to lead us out of the political wilderness and give us a rest! Elections every two years and the primaries a year before the elections, give us only a few months of quiet in which to look after business and serve the Lord.

My impressions of the colored Normal school I gave in a letter to the Examiner, which letter is printed elsewhere in this issue.

W. B. C.

Let the Children All Help.

Here is a nice letter from one:

ROCK MILLS, Dec. 17, 1899.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton—Dear Sir: My Foddie received the circular of information concerning Alabama City which you or some one kindly sent him. He was once connected with the Roanoke school with Mr. Shaffer. Probably you remember him. He had a beef killed. Mother rendered the tallow, and gave it to me. I sold it to a gentleman, and after I sold it to him I handed him the circular and told him I was trying to raise a little to help build the Alabama City church. He then gave me 25 cents more. I after sold a chicken for 15 cents. Mother said I could have the money for the same purpose. Foddie was telling Mr. James R. Phillips (he is a deacon in our church here) about my efforts, and he sent me 5 cents. I have two older sisters, they gave me 5 cents; total, 80 cents. I send this to you for the Alabama City church. My Foddie would give me some if I were to ask him. But he has so many calls I believe I will not ask him. He is a merchant. Has a wife, three girls and a little boy to support, his health is not good, but he will help you every time you call on him if he can. Bro. J. P. Hunter, of Lafayette, has been preaching for us for three years. He has resigned and the church called Bro. W. R. Whatley, of Alexander City. He accepts. He has served this church before. We all love Bro. Hunter and Bro. Whatley, too. We love the ALABAMA BAPTIST, the Bap-

disturbers and the cause of missions. I wish you would come to Rock Mills in your travels. Will you come next Spring? We will prepare for you if you will. I must close. Excuse my lengthy letter. May the great God of missions guide you and attend you in your work. Very sincerely your friend, ERIS STEVENS.

P. S. I forgot to tell you I am just ten years old. A very small little girl.

For the Alabama Baptist. Reminiscences of Mission Work.

For about twelve years I have traveled in my buggy in this state as a missionary of the American Sunday School Union. I have averaged 300 miles a month. I have sought and found the most destitute portions of our state. My labors until recently have been confined to the southern part of the state. I am now working in the northern part. I am sure the Christian people of our beloved state would like to know the destitution as it really exists.

I find that few people know that right here in our state there are many communities in almost as great spiritual darkness as can be found in the heart of China. There are hundreds of people who have lived in Alabama all their lives who do not know that the Judson Institute and Howard College exist. I have handed many copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST to people, Baptists, who had never seen a copy before. Hundreds of Baptists in Alabama do not know that we have a Foreign Mission Board. Baptist preachers, pastors of four churches, have told me as I visited their homes, "Brother Mize, I am glad that somebody at me a Mission Journal. I didn't know till then so much of the world is without the Gospel. I learned from the Journal what Baptists are doing in sending out missionaries. I have preached these things since to my churches. Any of my brethren disputed my statements found in the Journal. I wish I had many such journals so I could

distribute them among my people. I used to preach against missions."

Sadder still to say, that many families in our Christian state I have found without a copy of the Scriptures in their homes. Many of the children do not know about Jesus. They do not know whose son He is, nor that He died to save them. Many neighborhoods I have found where even at meal time no thanks are offered to the Giver of all good. Many of these communities have illicit distilleries, horse-races, hunting and fishing on Sundays.

In large sections of our state, Baptist churches are greatly divided on many things. Mormonism is doing more to divide our churches than many people are aware of. Many of our people have joined the Mormons. I was asked to come and help one association to deliver itself from the inroads of Mormonism. Who can doubt the power of the printing press in the circulation of good literature, or the good of mission work?

I found a large community with forty families living in it. An old Hardshell church house stood in the center of the neighborhood, in a beautiful grove. There was no Sunday School; no preaching. The young men met in the grove every Sunday to play ball. Small boys played marbles. What a noise on the Lord's day went up from that place! I went from house to house and made an appointment in the old church house. That night while I was preaching to the people twenty or more of the young men stood about the door. I could hear them laughing and could hear even profane words. However, I organized a Sunday School and furnished it with literature. After that night ball and marble playing ceased in the community on the Lord's day. I often visited the community afterwards and supplied them with literature. In the course of three years such was the growth of Christian interest that the community erected a \$400 Baptist church. They now have regular preaching, two prayer-meetings a week, an evergreen Sunday School. Nearly 100 converts have united with the church. Those boys who played ball on Sundays, who stood outside the door and cursed, are now leading the prayer-meetings, and one of them made a good superintendent of the Sunday School. The church is now a contributor to our mission cause. I could give many instances as great as the one just given, but it would make this article too long.

Let us learn the application of power. Two much waste power about us. Like the world for many years carrying dispatches on horseback, while electricity flashed from the east to the west. Let us harness the lightning to make known the glad tidings.

In Lamar county I have made appointments in a few minutes in the county by telephone. A young Scotchman going with me as a singer, would sing for quite a number of families by the telephone.

We can speak through the printing press. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," and let the breath touch everything that will make his praises known.

G. E. MIZE, Missionary Amer. S. S. Union, East Lake.

The Mormons and the Mountain Meadow Massacre.

The following from Bro. A. J. Holt, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Mission Board, is a private letter to the secretary, sending his tract on Mormonism. It was not intended for publication, but is published by his permission. It is a part of the history of the people who ask entertainment at our homes, claiming to be Christian Ministers. Read it and see if you can afford to entertain such persons in your home.

If you will look in the Schaff-Hertzog Religious Encyclopedia, American edition, published by Funk & Wagnalls, under the heading "Joseph Smith," you may read a verbatim copy of the first bill of indictment found against Joe Smith, which shows that "he was imprisoned for theft, larceny, and was a great falsifier." Every statement I made of Smith and Pratt is simply historic. Look in any standard Encyclopedia and verify these statements.

The killing of Pratt by McLain

laid the foundation of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. Pratt was doing "missionary work" in Arkansas in the 50's. He was entertained at the home of McLain. McLain's wife and Pratt formed a *liaison*. She left her husband and children and ran off with Pratt, who already had one wife or more in Salt Lake City. She afterwards longed for her children who were still with McLain. Pratt returned secretly to abduct the children. McLain found it out and gave pursuit. Pratt fled, and McLain caught up with him and slew him. This so outraged the Mormons that they swore vengeance against the whole of Arkansas.

A short time later a party left Arkansas for California. They were well-to-do people, and traveled in good shape by easy stages, camping out on the way. There were 122 in the company. When they came to Utah the Mormons found that they were from Arkansas, and because Pratt was slain in Arkansas they refused these people any food or entertainment. Stenhouse, twenty-five years a Mormon elder, and one at that time, has written an elaborate history of the tragic event, and reinforces it throughout with documentary proof, is positive in his statement that the orders for the execution of these people came directly from Brigham Young. But John D. Lee, a Mormon elder, bore all the blame and suffered the penalty. You recall the features of the massacre. They were encamped at Mountain Meadows, and were trying to secure provisions, having not been allowed to encamp at a Mormon village. Lee arrayed a band of Indians, and another band of Mormons and attacked the party, who being well armed, resisted so seriously that other tactics were resorted to.

Lee proposed a parley, under a white flag. Lee told them that the Indians were incensed at their coming through their country, and that if they would surrender to him he would protect them from the Indians. This the party agreed to, and as they were marching out of camp, with their arms surrendered, they were fired upon by Indians and Mormons and 119 of the 122 were murdered outright. Twenty years later John D. Lee was publicly executed for this massacre.

The Mormons defended him until they saw they would either have to drop him or suffer their President, Brigham Young, to be implicated.

One of the three small children that were spared because they were supposed to be too young to remember, testified against Lee, saying, "I saw that man shoot down my mother."

Well, well! This outrageous blot on our civilization! This festering sore in the heart of a Christian country, more brutal than Mohammedanism; more cruel than Romanism, more hurtful than infidelity, must be met firmly, fairly, finally, and must be wiped out.

A. J. HOLT.

The Board of Ministerial Education.

The Board of Ministerial Education is located at East Lake, near Birmingham, and consists of Brethren W. A. Hobson, W. M. Blackwelder, A. B. Johnson, J. V. Dickinson, C. C. Jones, R. M. Hunter, J. G. Lowrey, A. C. Davidson and F. M. Woods. At a recent meeting of the board, held at Howard College there was a free and candid conference with the Ministerial Students as to their conversion, call to the ministry and their means of support while in college. It was found that out of the 25 Ministerial students present, eight were able to pay their own expenses in full, while seventeen wanted aid from the board. It was expected that this number would probably be increased to twenty or more after the holidays. As nearly as the board could estimate the amount necessary to pay the expense of these young men for the present session will be \$1000. Less than \$200 has been received by the board at this writing. We sincerely hope that the pastors and churches will give this important matter their immediate attention. Money should be sent to Dr. C. C. Jones, East Lake, Ala.

W. A. HOBSON, Pres. Board.
C. C. JONES, Sec. & Treas.]

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, JAN. 18, 1900.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse our State organ, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, and earnestly recommend it to our people.—Resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention at Gadsden, Nov. 10, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We most cheerfully and gladly give this issue of the paper to the MISSION and ORPHANAGE interests. By a careful reading of the contents our readers will be greatly instructed in the work of these two enterprises.

We were disappointed in the paper on which we print this issue. It does not do justice to the pictures herein contained. We will, at some future time, secure suitable paper and re-produce the pictures with a more detailed account of the Orphanage.

Brethren, file this paper for future reference, or put it into the hands of some family that does not take the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It is an educative number, and contains valuable information. We issue fifteen thousand copies this week.

We sincerely hope that every one who receives a copy, and is not a subscriber, will conclude to subscribe. This will be an important year in the history of the Baptists. We earnestly plead with the pastors to canvass their congregations and secure new subscribers. Help us, brethren; it will do us all and the cause we love good.

THE MISSIONARY NUMBER.

Ten thousand copies of this issue go out this week, besides the usual number printed. It is filled with such information as our people need to have.

Everything is not on the subject of Missions. Other important matter is put in to give variety; but every line, we trust, will be read and be productive of great good. God is good to you to give you a home; you will find something for you there. Some things, I trust, will be interesting to your children and the young people. You are a member of a church: You will not read far before you find a helpful line for you there. You have a pastor: You are sure to find something which ought to make you love him better and co-operate with him more; and you will read something he ought to see; show it to him. Are you a preacher or a teacher? You will find much in this Missionary number for you. In short, everybody will be helped by its reading. It could have been made much better, but the Secretary had to prepare the matter just as he could between other pressing duties. While he writes these lines he is distressed in mind lest he is needed more on the field than in the office. But you read and enjoy this number and let it stir you to greater efforts in the Master's cause, and I will try to make the Missionary numbers which are to appear in the future better.

EVERY preacher in the State whose address is given in the State Convention Minutes will receive a copy of the missionary number. Many of them will receive packages containing several copies. I ask the brethren to put them in the hands of those who will read them. I will be grateful if pastors will write me telling of any interest the papers may have awakened.

AID TO MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

Prompt attention should be given to the appeal made by the Board of Ministerial Education in this issue. We hope the brethren will read what Bro. Hobson has to say in another column. The demands of this work have not been heavy for several years past, owing to the excellent management of our Board at East Lake and the growing disposition on the part of the young preachers to rely upon their own resources and energies; but the work is of great importance, and what is needed is badly needed, and is needed now. Remember as you read these lines that the first term of the present session of Howard College will close with this month, and almost nothing has been paid the Faculty on the board of our Ministerial students. By reference to the reports of this board at the last State Convention it will be seen that the total amount of expense for the year was only \$17.50. Such strict economy in management, and the great care taken by the board that the aid extended is worthily bestowed, should not fail to commend this work to all, and secure for it the co-operation of every pastor and church in Alabama. The policy of the board is to extend aid only to those who cannot continue in school without it, and in each case the beneficiary receives the minimum. The brethren who have this work in hand have passed through the struggles for an education themselves, and know how to sympathize with and wisely to help those who are passing through similar experiences. While they cheerfully assist every needy and worthy young man who appeals to them for aid, they endeavor, in a brotherly way, to impress upon their younger brethren the importance of the great principle of self-reliance. We would urge the churches to take the collection for ministerial education as early as possible, and enable the board to meet its obligations without further delay.

WHERE THE STATE MISSION MONEY GOES.

Don't let any one talk this year as if there were any difference between destitution in the towns and cities and in the country. We must try to supply it everywhere. By the time the Secretary carries out his plans there will be no grounds of complaint. He is meeting the Executive Committees of the Associations and seeking to organize for the most effective work everywhere.

BROTHER GEO. MIZE AND HIS WORK.

We doubt if there is a man in Alabama who is doing more good than George Mize. He goes in his buggy in all parts of the State, going into the homes of the people, distributing religious literature, talking of Jesus and organizing Sunday Schools among the destitute. He is in the employ of the Sunday school Union, but leaves it to every community to decide what sort of Sunday school they will have and the kind of literature they shall use. He has organized, since March 1st seventy-seven schools, with 273 teachers and 2,050 pupils; sold and donated \$256.65 worth of literature, distributed 123 Bibles and 194 Testaments; preached 56 sermons and delivered 151 addresses.

Brother Mize is a Baptist preacher, and it affords me great pleasure to commend him wherever he goes. His address is East Lake. If any one wants to help him in his glorious work he can address him there. He furnishes an interesting letter in this issue, which will be read with profit by all. Probably it will not be amiss to say that I do not believe in Union Sunday schools where Baptist schools can be organized; but I know there are

places where only Union schools can be organized, and they beat no school all to pieces. As a matter of fact, Brother Mize's schools are oftener Baptist than otherwise. Many of them in Baptist churches where no school was ever known before, and where the membership had always been opposed to Sunday schools.

"FROM SHIRT-SLEEVES TO SHIRT-SLEEVES."

That was the subject of an editorial I once read. Curious heading, wasn't it? So I thought, as I began to read. The writer said there was an old saying: "Three generations from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves." I had heard a lot of sayings, but that was one I had missed. He went on to say: A poor man and his wife would set out in life, working hard for a living and the support of their numerous family. By industry they began to accumulate wealth, and by close economy they managed to keep most of it. Thus, gradually, they grew rich. As they became richer their children were indulged more and more, grew up in idleness, with the idea that "father's rich, and there is no need for me to labor." The father had on hand too many great enterprises to look after the children, and the mother lost her head and loved for the children to make a big parade. After a while the head of the family dropped off and his estate was divided between the children. In a little while it was wasted and they were left hopelessly wrecked. They reared their children in idleness and ease, and when they went out into the world they tried to do the impossible thing: Live like rich folks, with a poor man's pocket-book—the most miserable people in the world! Their children began life without anything, but with their great grandfather's energy and skill, so they went to work—shirt-sleeves again!

Think about it and see if the saying is not about true. No need for it. No law of God or man compels it; but it turns out very often that way. Why? Because the first man in his shirt-sleeves became a money-making machine and thought nothing of his family or his God—to make money was his only thought. He got what he lived for, and lost everything else.

REMEMBER ALL THE BOARDS.

The Home and the Foreign Boards must not be neglected. The Secretary is agent for all the Boards. "The field is the world" our Lord said, and we must not narrow it down to a smaller compass.

"A contribution from every church and every member a contributor to every object" is the motto.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAMS.

They are valuable and ought to be prepared with great care before the body assembles. The best I saw during the fall campaign was of the Union Association, prepared by Rev. W. L. White, of Pickensville. If you are interested in having the business of your association conducted properly, write to him and he will send you a copy for your inspection.

HE SAW IT TOO LATE.

A thoughtful young man said to me, "Mr. Cumpton, you know I took one of the lowest degrees in College when I might have taken a higher one. But I was a little pressed for means, and thought I must get on into business. I see my mistake now when it is too late to correct it. I see now that the higher degrees are more important than the ones usually regarded by most young people."

Parents to leave the choice of

a college course to their children, or who urge them to hurry through to graduation, ought to think about how it will seem to their children when they become older. Not one young person in a hundred is capable of deciding for himself a question like this. The parent is simply shirking a duty who leaves this question to the child.

A LETTER just received from Stanton, Florida, from Rev. E. M. C. Dunklin, brings the sad news that his father, Dr. Clayton Dunklin, died on January 11th. The deceased was well known in Lowndes county, in this state, where he was reared and lived for many years. He removed to Florida some years ago.

What They Say.

Dr. Kerfoot writes: "I have read every word of your report. I like it. It is A No 1. You will see a good many extracts from it in 'Our Home Field'."

Jo. E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions and Sunday schools in North Carolina, says in a recent letter:

"We are moving grandly, and our plans for the present year are for the greatest undertaking of all our history."

That's the way to talk it. I am for the man who lays off a big work. Why not "the greatest undertaking of all our history" in Alabama! Brother, why not "the great undertaking" in all your history as a man, a Christian, a preacher! Let us all lay hold and bring things to pass this year.

R. G. Patrick: "We have decided on the second Sunday in January as the dedication day for Greensboro house of worship. We appreciate your coming to help us in that day."

That will be a proud day for the little band of Baptists in Greensboro. The work was inaugurated just before the hard times set in. What a dreary night it has seemed to us all! It does look like we might have done better and finished it earlier," but the Lord be praised for what we have done. Brother Patrick has been the untiring pastor for several years and has managed the matter with great tact. Thank the Lord for giving a man to stand in the breach at a critical time. I hope to see the convention held in Greensboro at no distant day.

A brother, writing of the Pledge Cards: "We adopted this plan four or five years ago, and the churches that have kept it up are giving five times as much as they gave before they began the plan."

Brother pastor, what do you say to that? Can you afford to go along after the old fashion way after reading the testimony of this brother? As sure as you live, this is the way out of the financial woods in which our churches have been so long time lost. Will you come out? or would you rather wander in the darkness?

Hear this brother: "I think we need the Baptist preachers worked up worse than anything else."

The man who wrote that is one of them. No man works harder than he. He has been about and kept both eyes wide open, and that is his conviction—the preachers need working up. Wonder if the laity ever think that? Yes, they do. I hear them talk. Here is what a lady said recently to the writer: "He was seven years pastor of this church, and never took a collection for anything." Her daughter sitting by said: "How did you expect him to know about things when he never read the ALABAMA BAPTIST nor anything else." Here is a commentary for you.

THE PLEDGE CARD AGAIN.

"Your letter containing sample of pledge card came in time to relieve me on a perplexing question. I wanted to inaugurate a better plan in giving. This is exactly what I want."

"I am greatly pleased with it. It is something I have needed very much. I am sure I can use them to good advantage."

"I am for any movement that will tend to a better organization of our people."

"I want to try your cards in this association. My folks seem to be afraid of anything like system. My hobby for next year will be the es-

tablishment of systematic giving in this church and the association." These are only a few of the expressions I am receiving from the brethren about the pledge card.

TWO HAPPY PASTORS.

Bro. Thompson, of LaFayette, writes in a private letter: "Since Oct. 1st we have raised for benevolence \$125, and \$1,000 to build a parsonage. I am hoping to raise \$400 for benevolence the coming year, and I think I will succeed." He has made his mark and is striving to reach it. He writes for the Pledge Cards. Of course he will succeed.

When I visited New Decatur a few weeks back Bro. Quisenberry was trying to pay off an old debt which had greatly hampered the church for years. He writes: "The debt is paid, and the notes were burned last Sunday. I also got \$37 for Foreign Missions as a thank offering; baptized 4 in the afternoon and had 116 in the Sunday school. The Master is good to us." Keep your eye on that man with the funny name. The Lord made him to bring things to pass.

WHY NOT WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN ALABAMA?

Bro. Quisenberry closes a communication to the Secretary with this: "I do wish we could get some godly, live missionary woman in this field." Why should not godly women be employed in all our cities to visit in the homes, distribute tracts, and talk to the women and children about Jesus? We have them in foreign fields, and they are greatly needed on the home field. Fine reports come from Virginia, where Miss Irene Quisenberry, a sister of the New Decatur pastor, is laboring as a missionary in the mining towns.

THE NEW PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS STREET, MOBILE.

A visiting brother reports that he heard one of the members say, "We made a ten-strike on a pastor." I take it that is a pretty good rating for a pastor. The pastor writes: "I am in full accord with the views you express in your report, and am ready to co-operate as far as I can." He reports a liberal collection for State Missions. That is a fine start for a new man. He has the best pastorate in the South, and a church capable of doing great things.

Bro. Stewart: "A brother sent me a check for \$20 and requested that I give each child a quarter Christmas. I told them you were asking the children to build a house of worship at Alabama City, and gave them an opportunity to contribute, and here is \$8.00."

Think of that! The children in the Orphanage gave more than some large Sunday schools of rich churches.

John B. Appleton: "Although I am growing feeble, I went to make this year the best of my life in the service of the Master." God bless this dear brother. What a brave, noble spirit he has in his old age. God help him.

Here is another. J. W. Mitchell sending a contribution: "I am going to do my best to make this the most successful year of my ministry."

A. P. Pugh: "We want to raise for benevolence this year \$252. Come and hold one of your rallies with us. We would greatly enjoy it."

He is another brother who has made a mark. Pastors, why not all of you lay off something for your churches, and work to it?

As to Rallies: I am going to hold some, but not at such places as Union Springs. We must have "dinner on the ground" to make rallies successful. This we cannot do in town or city churches. We want dinner not because we go to such meetings simply to eat, but to save time and trouble. One whole day, now and then, is a good thing from many considerations. The social feature is not a bad thing, and the worship is always good, besides what we learn and the inspiration we carry away with us.

Superintendent at Trussville, sending contribution: "We send contribution from our Sunday school for the Alabama City church. If the amount is not raised let us know, and we will try again."

There is the right spirit. Let the superintendents inspire a sort of "we-are-going-to-do-it" feeling in the children, and it will be done.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

(Continued from Page Two.)

From the Heart to the Heart.

Opelika, Ala., Dec. 12, 1899.
Dear Brother Stewart:—Herewith is an article, which you will please edit to suit your purpose—if you can. If you cannot, consign the MS. to the flames. Very truly, etc.,

Z. D. ROBY.

This excellent article needs no editing. I change only one word, "but" to "less than," in accordance with the facts.
JNO. W. STEWART.

NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT.

Our Orphans' Home in Evergreen is well located. All paid for, wisely managed, and is doing an important work, and doing that work admirably well. We can now say the Home is thoroughly established and prosperous. This is much to say—very much to say—remembering that we have been on the ground less than seven years. Looking at the Home as now organized, and at the character of work it has already accomplished, we "Thank God and take courage."

This is the beginning—a splendid beginning, but, after all—only a beginning. To wisely locate and found a family home, and get it paid for, requires money and some time, but to improve and completely equip such home is the work of more than a life time.

We call special attention to the report Brother Farnham made to the convention in Gadsden, (see pp. 21-22 Minutes of Alabama Baptist State Convention.) Please consider the present urgent needs of the Home, as there set forth by the president of its board of trustees. Think, also, of the vast responsibility that you and I have helped to place on the trustees of this much-needed institution of benevolence, and surely you will be fully prepared to respond cheerfully to their calls. Just now they are pleading with us to furnish the Home with a suitable room for the sick. Think of it, Little helpless, sick orphans asking for a quiet place to rest! Suppose those sick children were your children, how long would they have to wait for the little comfort for which they beg?

The trustees say that the Home ought to have, as soon as possible, a dairy and a bakery, that both of these additions, when made, will be means of economy, healthfulness and comfort in the Home. We are wholly sure the trustees know what they are talking about, and that the wise thing for us to do is to give them what they are now so modestly and earnestly asking. Let us not be weary in well doing; let us rightly expect that our wise and

gently trustees, through their faithful, energetic, devoted secretary and treasurer, J. W. Stewart, will continue to let us know the needs of the Home, and never cease calling on us to supply these needs as they develop. May the Lord grant sufficient wisdom to the dear brethren, who bear, for us, immediately, the vast care and anxiety of this great institution, that the work may prosper more and more as the years go and come. To this end let us all think of the Home; work for the Home, and give to the Home. To the many churches which have severally assumed the support of an orphan each, we would suggest that everyone of those children is expecting and ought to receive a Christmas present. Put in a stamp for the letter which the child is sure to write you, and the letter you will receive will be a great help and happiness to you. Let us not forget this.
Z. D. ROBY.

A Year in the Home.

My first impression was the great need of making it more home-like, and, as the nineteenth century was on the wane, we began and tried to leave no stone unturned, and I rejoice that it's last year finds our fondest hopes realized; and all this is due to the good christian people of Alabama. I had their strong arms beneath me, and felt that any wish for the dear children and their comfort would be granted, hence did not hesitate to make our wants known. This was truly verified in my talk before the ladies at our last convention. They responded so cheerfully and liberally that I could fill this letter with thanks and grateful praise to them if it were admissible. However, it gives me much material for the letter, for I want them to know of their great work, that they may be encouraged to press forward, each year trying to do more than the last for the dear Lord, who gave His Son that they might live.

During the year we added ninety-six chairs, two hundred sheets, one hundred and fifty pillow slips, eighteen mattresses, thirty pillows, many quilts, and numerous other little things done by the family, crochery sufficient to serve our meals decently, and in order, a toilet stand or mirror for each bedroom, with money yet on hand for bowls and pitchers, lights, and lastly a beautifully furnished sitting room, engraved in forget-me-nots, tied in blue ribbon, "The Mellen Room." The



HON. G. R. FARNHAM, President Board of Trustees of the Home.

children were so grateful for every kindness, and I pray as the years go by all of you may fully realize the good you did in thus contributing to their comfort and pleasure. I pray also that each child within those walls may have the imprint of Christ so indelibly stamped upon his or her life that the world may feel the power.

In the spring we began the cultivation of flowers, believing that no life could be an ideal one without music and flowers. In this we did not find such smooth sailing, for this must be done in the Home. Many of the boys did not care for such foolishness, saying, "Why do this? flowers ain't good to eat." But with the old adage before us, patience and perseverance, we succeeded in having a very pretty yard. All enjoyed it then; for each little one could have a flower to wear to Sunday School. Yet not much was said about the beautiful flowers until the death angel came and claimed three of our little darlings for flowers in heaven;



MRS. HARDY, Successor to Mrs. Ansley.

and as we robed them in floral array, those same boys with tear stained eyes said they realized what flowers were for—the dead as well as the living—and how beautiful they were now.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Home life is when all are gathered in the evening for devotional exercises. Then it is that our hearts go up to God for the care and protection of the fatherless. It is their chief delight to sing and recite scripture. The first time we had company after preparing the chapel, I told the visitors not to be surprised at the closing exercises, for immediately after the "Amen" they all rushed to me for the good-night hug and kiss. I can, in my imagination, feel their little arms around my neck as I sit tonight in my quiet, comfortable room, and a feeling of gladness mingled with sadness comes over me—glad that I added the least pleasure to their lives, and sad to think that they were deprived of Heaven's richest blessing—parental love.

The Stewart Literary Society found its existence in the twelve months past, and I feel that the good people could and should help us in this. Friends, do you know that only two papers, no magazines, and few books go to the Home? This ought not to be. Those children need their minds trained, and let us send them good books, papers, etc. It will not cost much, and will be such a blessing to them. Will some lover of good literature remember this when packing those nice, indispensable boxes. I am no longer a part of the Home, but pray that each succeeding year may be crowned with good works, and that Heaven's richest blessings be with those who manage it. In thinking of

the widows and orphans, please remember me and mine at the throne of grace.

Yours in Christian love,
JENNIE M. HARDY.
Greensboro, Ala.

SEND THEM TO BED WITH A KISS.

Oh, mothers, so weary, discouraged,
Worn out with the cares of the day,
You often grow cross and impatient,
Complain of the noise and the play;
For the day brings so many vexations,
So many things going amiss;
But, mothers, whatever may vex you,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

The dear little feet wander often,
Perhaps, from the pathway of right;
The dear little hands find new mischief
To try you from morn until night;
But think of the desolate mothers
Who'd give all the world for your bliss,
And, as thanks for your infinite blessings,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

For some day their noise will not vex you,
The silence will hurt you far more;
You will long for the sweet children
Voices,

For a sweet childish face at the door,
And to press a child's face to your bosom,
You'd give all the world for just this;
For the comfort 'twill give you in sorrow,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

New Orleans Picayune.

What have we to do with thinking whether we are fit or not? The Master workman surely has a right to use any tool he pleases for his own work, and it is plainly not the business of the tool to decide whether it is the right one to be used or not. He knows; and if he chooses to use us, of course, we must be fit.

He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord.



The man who has lost a leg on the field of battle may find a fairly serviceable substitute in a crutch or a wooden leg, but the man whose lungs have been invaded by the deadly germs of consumption must act promptly or give up all hope.

There is no substitute for a destroyed lung, and there is no hope for lungs that are crippled, save in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Although sweet to the taste it contains no syrup or sugar, which so often disagrees with the dyspeptic stomach. It contains no alcohol to inebriate or create morbid craving for stimulants. It is the only known medicine that, acting through the blood, will build new and healthy lung tissues. It builds up the lungs because it builds up the whole body. It endows a man with the appetite of a football player. It puts strength and muscle into the stomach and intestines, and causes the digestive juices to flow freely. It fills the blood with the elements that build up every organ and tissue of the body. It turns diseased lung tissue into healthy tissue by aiding nature in her own process of tearing down and rebuilding. It cures bronchitis, weak lungs, bleeding from lungs and lingering coughs. It prevents consumption by curing the weakness that leads up to it. Honest druggists do not offer substitutes, and urge them upon you as "just as good." Below is one of the thousands who have testified to these facts.

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troubles that the doctors can not cure. It means martyrdom—some times even death seems preferable. And still Wine of Cardui will utterly put those diseases and pains to rout. It has cured thousands of cases when nothing else on earth would. To the budding woman, to the bride, to the wife, to the expectant mother, to those going through

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Said mortgage is recorded in Book 154 of Mortgages, page 515, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County. RUTH HOOKER, Mortgagee. C. G. ZIRKLE, Attorney. January 11, 1900.

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ORPHAN'S HOME.

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Receipts at the Orphanage for September.

Shelby Association, \$9.51; S. S. Wil-
sonville, \$1.28; Opelika ch, \$3.00; L. A.
S. Clayton ch, \$2.50; Geneva ch, \$3.00;
Lafayette ch, \$2.50; Missionary Jewels,
Anniston, \$2.50; Rev. W. B. Crumpton,
for Lower Peach Tree ch, 72 cents;
Evergreen ch, \$1.50; Catherine ch,
\$5.00; Mt. Zion ch, \$6.50; Rev. J. E.
Joner field, \$1.65; County Line ch,
75 cents; Bell's Landing ch, 75 cents;
Colbert Ass'n, \$3.91; L. A. S. South
Montgomery ch, \$2.50; total, \$23.28.

S. S. Dadeville, 85 cents; Pleasant
Ridge (B'ham Ass'n), \$5.00; Bethesda,
Shelby, \$4.00; S. S. Girard, \$1.32; Pow-
ellton (Fla.), ch, \$4.15; Mt. Gilead
(Bibb Co.), ch, \$10.40; S. S. Glen Ad-
die ch, \$1.05; Sunbeams, Glen Addie ch,
\$1.50; Jasper ch, \$31.00; W. A. Gibson,
\$1.00; Elim Ass'n, Wallace, \$16.61;
Concord (Perry co.), \$5.00; S. S. Lou-
isville \$1.50; Sunbeams, Parker Mem'l,
\$7.00; Bigbee Ass'n, \$49.67; Hyram ch,
\$4.25; Seale ch, \$7.37; Mt. Lebanon,
\$1.66; S. S. Good Hope, \$3.77; Craw-
ford, \$2.00; West Side ch, Phenix,
\$15.00; Hurtsboro, \$2.50; Midway
(Syrup), \$25.00; Harris Ass'n, \$8.66;
Ladonia ch, \$2.50; L. A. Ackerville,
\$2.50; Rocky Ridge, \$1.00; M. Pierce,
50 cents; S. S. Hopewell, 75 cents;
Central Ass'n, \$22.48; S. S. Sycamore,
\$6.91; Sycamore ch, 6.24; Hopewell ch,
\$1.77; L. A. S. Clayton st. ch, \$2.00;
Elim ch, \$5.00; L. A. S. Woodlawn ch,
\$2.50; Prairie ch, 5.25; L. A. & Mis.
S. Columbiana ch, \$5.00; Bethlehem
Ass'n, \$15.30; Pineville ch, \$2.35; Bell's
Landing ch, \$4.60; Lower Peach Tree
ch, \$3.60; S. S. Lower Peach Tree ch,
35 cents; L. A. S. Lower Peach Tree
ch, \$1.00; Salem, \$3.06; Amity ch,
\$3.12; S. Bethel Ass'n, \$13.15; Suggs-
ville ch, \$5.00; Lizzie McIver, \$1.00;
St. Stephens ch, \$12.10; Antioch Ass'n,
\$31.85; S. S. First ch, Anniston E.
W., \$1.32; S. S. Weavers Sta, \$2.06;
Tallahatchie ch, \$2.85; Bethel (Bibb
Co.) ch, \$1.90; Avonvale ch, \$10.10;
Evergreen ch, \$8.00; S. S. Evergreen
ch, \$1.85.

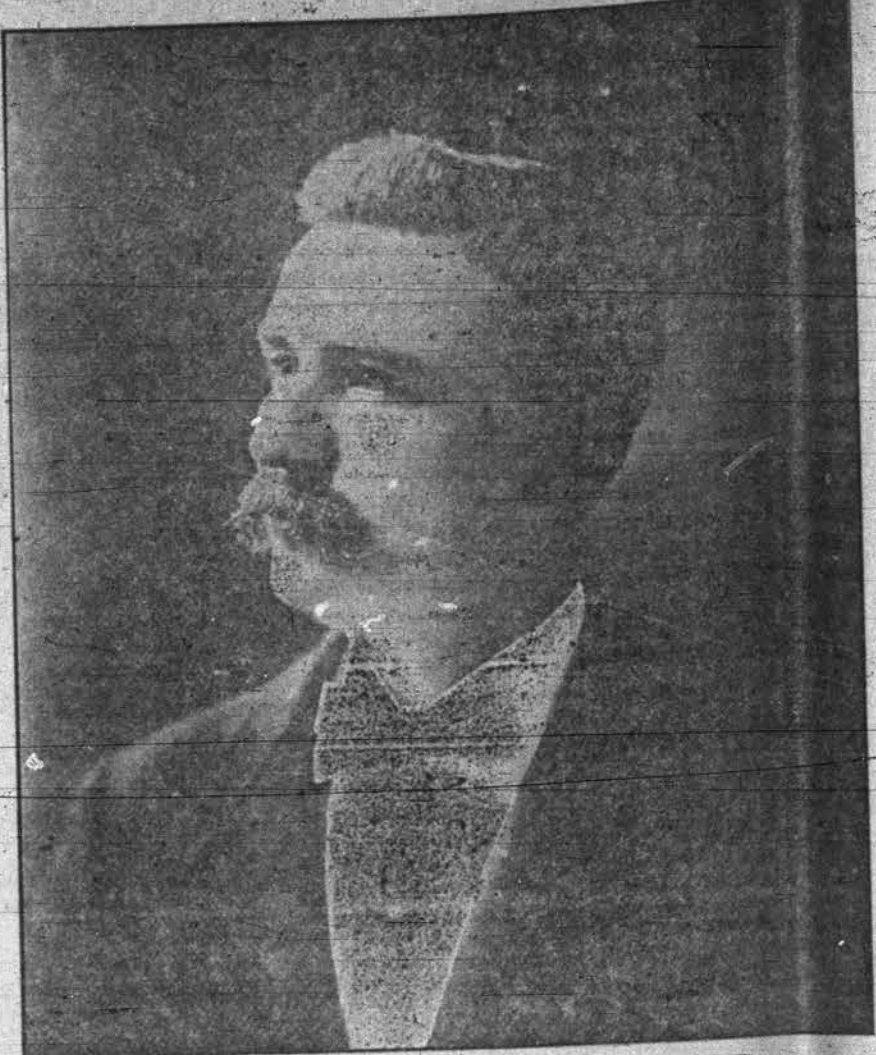
RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER.

Earnest Workers, Wilsonville, \$3.50;
Royal Bch, 60 cents; S. S. Hartsell,
\$1.28; B. L. A. S. Hartsell, \$12.10; Wo.
Mis. So. Ozark, \$42.39; Salem (Macon
Co.) ch, \$1.00; L. M. S. Pleasant Hill,
\$4.00; Hopewell ch, (Choctaw Co.),
\$3.30; Damascus, Fla., \$5.00; S. S. Ox-
anna, \$2.61; S. S. Wylam, Pratt City,
\$1.52; Colbert Ass'n, \$11.40; Pine Bar-
ren Ass'n, \$85.21; St. Clair Co. Ass'n,
\$19.00; Mt. Lebanon ch, \$1.60; Coosa
River Ass'n, \$63.79; Blocton First ch,

\$2.00; Fitzpatrick ch, \$5.00; Hardaway
ch, \$3.00; Centennial Ass'n, \$17.75; Cen-
ter Ridge ch, \$3.18; Salem ch, \$12.50;
Liberty ch, \$9.35; S. S. First ch, Mont-
gomery, \$13.52; L. A. S. Clayton st.
\$2.00; Columbia ch, \$20.75; L. A. S.
Columbia ch, \$5.00; North River Ass'n,
\$3.60; Union Grove ch, \$6.52; Cedar
Bluff Ass'n, 85 cents; Muscle Shoals
Ass'n, \$10.67; Evergreen ch, J. M.
Sims, \$20.00; S. Bethel Ass'n, \$37.26;
Pine Grove ch, \$2.10; Central Liberty
Ass'n, \$17.15; Concord, Perry Co.,
\$1.30; Tuscaloosa ch, \$14.35; Clinton
ch, \$2.60; Three Sisters, \$3.00; Pal-
metto st. ch, \$5.00; North River Ass'n,
\$6.85; Unity Ass'n, \$5.75; Judson
Ass'n, \$50.14; Troy Ass'n, \$14.75;
Ansley ch, \$6.15; Cahaba Ass'n,
\$38.35; L. A. S. Demopolis, \$3.00;
Corinth ch, \$2.30; Cherokee Ass'n,
\$28.24; Mt. Tabor ch, 50 cents; Buron
ch, 25 cents; Antioch ch, 10 cents;
Columbiana ch, \$1.77; B. Liberty
Ass'n, \$98.97; Pleasant Grove, Clay
Co., \$5.00; Siloam ch, \$7.70; S. S. An-
niston First ch, \$1.05; Bethel Ass'n,
\$5.83; Calhoun Co. Ass'n, \$6.75; Sun-
beams, Glen Addie, \$1.50; S. C. Bea-
vers, \$5.00; Earle Beavers, \$1.00; Carey
Ass'n, \$59.66; Aswichee ch, \$10.00;
Weogufka Ass'n, \$10.00; Ala. Ass'n,
\$17.30; Wo. Mis. So. Evergreen, \$5.50;
J. W. Darby, \$1.00; Mt. Pleasant \$8.30;
Olin ch, \$5.00; Conecuh Ass'n, \$21.28;
S. S. New Berne, \$3.00; L. A. Mis. So.,
New Berne, \$2.95; B. ssie Wood, \$1.00;
Opelika ch, \$3.00; Mulberry Ass'n,
\$9.90; Mud Creek Ass'n, \$20.40; Pleas-
ant Grove ch, \$2.95; S. S. Dadeville,
\$2.00; Sunbeams, Prattville, \$6.00; Bes-
semer ch, \$3.00; Montgomery Hill ch,
\$7.80; L. M. S. Selma First ch, Selma,
\$5.00; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, for Gal-
lion ch, \$4.24; Tenn. River Ass'n,
\$1.00; J. G. Mills \$5.00; Bethlehem
Ass'n, 20 cents; L. Mis. So. Gadsden,
\$5.00; Tuskegee Ass'n, \$31.10; total,
\$116.50; H. A. Schimmell, \$5.00;
Cahaba Ass'n, \$39.95; Mt. Zion ch,
Montgomery Co., \$13.10; Sardis
Ass'n, \$8.00; Sunbeams, Alexan-
der City \$4.75; L. A. S. Sheffield,
\$4.20; Daviston ch, \$1.87; Hurtsboro
ch, \$7.60; Miss Emma Watson, \$4.25;
Warrior River Ass'n \$41.00; La. Mis.
So. Tuskegee, \$3.00; La. Mis. So. Ge-
neva, \$3.00; La. Mis. So. Wetumpka,
\$3.00; La. Mis. So. Clayton, \$3.00; L.
A. S. Livingston, \$2.00; L. A. S. Ft.
Depot, \$2.00; L. A. S. Huntsville,
\$5.00; L. A. S. Lafayette, \$2.00; L. A.
S. Verbena, \$3.00; L. A. S. Ashland,
\$2.00; L. A. S. S. Tuscaloosa, \$8.00.

RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

Calhoun Co. Ass'n \$19.52; Etowah
Ass'n, \$32.23; Mrs. Lula Wheeler, 25



REV. JOHN W. STEWART, Manager and Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the Orphan's Home.

cents; B. Y. P. U. New Berne, \$2.00;
S. S. Bay Minette, \$5.00; A. B. Gaston,
\$1.00; Mobile Ass'n, \$6.61; Ramah sh,
Clay Co, \$4.00; S. S. Northport, \$10.00;
New Hope ch, \$5.10; Mrs. W. R. Lar-
kin, \$5.00; Watts Memorial ch, 97 cents;
Shades Valley ch, \$1.35; S. S. Girard,
\$5.89; S. S. Wilsonville, 97 cents; S. S.
Brookwood, \$1.50; Unknown friend,
Andalusia, \$15.00; B'ham First ch,
\$25.00; Frank Larnard, \$2.50; Union
ch, Hale Co., 55 cents; B. Y. P. U.
Sylacauga, \$5.10; S. Bethel Ass'n,
\$2.25; Bethel ch, Whistler, \$2.25; Col-
lection at Convention, \$26.31; L. A. S.
Clayton, st, \$2.00; Sunbeams, Glen Ad-
die, \$1.50; S. S. Glen Addie, \$1.35;
New Decatur First ch, \$4.65; S. S. An-
niston First ch, \$1.75; B'ham Ass'n,
\$26.47; Mt. Zion ch, Jefferson Co.,
\$1.50; Enfaula Ass'n, \$70.58; Rev. W.
B. C. for Haw Ridge Ass'n, \$13.60; Big-
bee Ass'n, 1.05; Pastor's A. S. B'ham
First ch, \$5.00; Union Springs, \$14.70;
Tuscaloosa Ass'n \$32.87; Arabacoochee
Ass'n, \$1.50; Crawford ch, \$1.70; La-
fayette ch, \$10.00; S. S. Heffin, \$3.85;
Cherokee Ass'n, \$3.40; Woodstock ch,
\$2.00.
Sunbeams, Parker Mem'l, \$1.25;

Mrs. Sallie Jackson, \$5.00; Bethlehem
ch, Barbour Co, \$4.00; Rev. H. C. Cau-
sey, \$1.00; Shiloh ch, Perry Co, \$5.00;
Newton Ass'n, \$8.79; Pilgrims Rest
ch, Etowah Co, \$2.97; New Hope ch,
Jefferson Co, \$4 cents; Columbia Ass'n,
\$70.85; Memphis ch, Henry Co, \$2.00;
Fellowship ch, Tallapoosa Co., 30
cents; Mrs. Adie Robertson, \$2.00;
Union Ass'n, \$10.30; S. S. Talladega,
\$10.00; Evergreen ch, \$5.50; Cunning-
ham ch, \$5.00; Miss Willile Cunningham,
\$2.00; Miss Sallie Stamps, \$5.00;
Corinth ch, Choctaw Co., \$2.55.

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER.

S. S. Flomaton, \$2.50; Graded School
Opelika, \$7.50; Andalusia ch, \$8.70;
Judson Girls, \$7.00; Sunbeams Marion,
\$2.50; Sipsey Ass'n, \$9.00; P. A. Flow-
ers, \$25.00; Adams st. ch, \$13.23; Bert
Cox, Northport, \$1.55; Mrs. E. Benja-
min, \$5.00; S. S. Sylacauga, \$6.00; S. S.
Glen Addie, Anniston, \$1.22; Living-
ston ch, Thanksgiving, \$2.15; Safford,
ch, Thanksgiving, \$11.50; Roanoke ch,
Thanksgiving, \$15.39; B'ham First ch,
Thanksgiving, \$16.21; Grove Hill ch,
Thanksgiving, \$14.15; S. S. Oak Bower,
\$5.00; Pea River Ass'n \$3.05; S. S. Gi-
rard, \$1.85; Mrs. W. M. Moore and
others, \$11.20; Lafayette (Mistresses
W. B. N.) ch, \$15.00; L. A. S. Clayton
st. ch, \$2.00; Cuba ch, \$3.40; Liberty
Lee Co ch, \$2.25; B'ham South Side ch,
\$36.32; Enterprise ch, \$2.00; Pisgah
Cherokee Ass'n ch, \$1.31; Deep Creek
ch, \$10.00; Girard, Sisk Ward, ch,
\$3.71; L. A. S. Girard, mistresses, ch,
\$4.29; Sycamore ch, \$5.00; S. S. Talla-
dega ch, \$7.50; Masonic Lodge, Pratt
City, \$15.00; Enoch Lodge K. of P.
Pratt City, \$15.00; S. S. Anniston First

ch, \$1.22; Fellowship, Pine Barren ch,
\$3.70; Wo. Mis. So. Ozark ch, \$1.81;
Myrtlewood ch, \$5.00; Damascus, Cone-
cuh ch, \$3.66; Spring Bank ch, \$2.15;
Pine Flat ch, \$5.50; V. T. Pierson,
\$5.00; Shiloh, Perry Co., ch, \$5.00;
Fellowship, Dallas Co., ch, \$2.86; Val-
ley Creek, bbl syrup, \$6.26; Little May
Jones first money earned, 5 cents; Sil-
oam ch, \$2.41; L. A. S. Alexander City
ch, \$5.00; Bethany, Montgomery Ass'n
ch, \$3.91; Liberty ch, Warrior Ass'n
\$2.24; S. S. Class Mrs. Austin, Wet-
umpka ch, \$4.00; S. S. Russellville ch,
\$2.09; Sunbeams, Glen Addie ch,
\$4.00; Georgiana ch, \$6.00; S. S. Infant
Class, Wetumpka ch, \$1.50; M. C.
Crossby, \$5.00; S. S. Bluntville, \$3.60;
J. A. Sanders, \$3.58; Cash from
friends, \$2.00; J. M. Head, \$5.00; L. A.
S. Oxana, \$3.00; Columbiana, \$1.50;
S. S. Convention, Bethany ch,
\$4.00; S. S. Oxana, Xmas,
ch, \$2.55; Evergreen ch, \$4.25; Forest
Home ch, \$3.75; S. S. class Mrs. T. O.
B. Marion, \$2.50; S. S. Selma First ch,
\$12.27; S. S. Dothan, \$10.00; Wilsonville
ch, \$5.50; H. Lampley, \$1.00; Mrs. N. S.
McQueen, \$5.00; S. S. Dadeville ch, \$0.60; Alpine
ch, \$5.00; Mrs. James A. Minter,
\$1.00; Miss Lidle Minter, 50
cents; Miss Marguerite Minter, 50
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The Duty of Being Strong.

There is duty of being strong. Strength is not a mere happy gift that falls to the lot of certain favored persons, while others are doomed to weakness. Never is

weakness duty. Over and over again in the Scriptures are men urged to "be strong," but they are never urged to be weak. Weakness is never set down among the virtues, the beautiful things, the noble qualities of life. Everywhere are we urged to be strong. At the same time no fact is oftener reiterated than that of human weakness. We belong to an imperfect family. We tire easily. We faint under burdens. We are overcome by our sorrows. Life's struggles are two hard for us. We are bruised reads

—not weak only, but crushed and wounded in our life. Yet, while these painful facts are kept before us continually, a divine voice is ever heard sounding like a trumpet over the field of battle and defeat, calling us to be strong. Strength is the ideal of a noble life. Victoriousness is the characteristic of a life of faith. Indeed, the only hope of blessedness is through overcoming. Heaven's heights lie beyond the plains of earthly struggle, and can be reached only by him who strong is and who overcometh. —Dr. J. R. Miller.

Shots at Rum.

Prohibition at its worst is far better than high license at its best. —Gov. Stanley, of Kansas.

The sound of a human voice dies, but our thoughts when put into cold type live on and on. —Frances E. Willard.

In blaming the politician do not forget that we are ourselves to blame for permitting his existence. —Theodore Roosevelt.

There can be no municipal reform until we are prepared to deal summarily with the dram-shop, which is the most potential menace of civil government. —David J. Burrell, D. D.

Revolutions are not made with rosewater. The temperance revolution will not be carried out except by sturdy blows from sturdy arms, backed by sturdy brains and sturdy hearts. —Bishop Samuel Fallows.

Non-enforcement of the law is not an argument for the repeal of the non-enforcing officials. Let them know that when false to their trust, impeachment and defeat will surely follow. —W. A. Brubaker, Secretary Y. M. C. A., Peoria, Ill.

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Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned, And suns and stars forevermore have set, The things which our weak judgements here have spurned, The things for which we grieved with lashes wet, Will flash before us amid life's dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue; And we shall see how all God's plans were right, And what most seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh, God's plans go on as best for you and me. How, when we called, He heeded not our cry, Because His wisdom to the end could see. And 'e'en as prudent parents disallow Too much of sweet to craving babyhood, So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if, sometimes, commingled with life's wine, We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink, Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine Pours out this potion for our lips to drink.

And if some friend we love is lying low, Where human kisses cannot reach his face, Oh, do not blame the loving Father so, But wear your sorrow with obedient grace.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend, And that sometimes the sable pall of death

Conceals the fairest boon His love can send.

If we could push ajar the gates of life, If we could stand within, and all God's workings see, We could interpret all this doubt and strife,

And for each mystery find there a key.

But not today. Then be content, poor heart!

God's plans, like lilies, pure and white unfold, We must not tear the close shut leaves apart.

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold. And if, though patient toil we reach the land, Where tired feet, with sandals loosed may rest,

Where we shall clearly know and understand, I think that we shall say "God knows the best."

MARRIED.

On Sunday morning, January 7, Mr. John T. Motte and Miss Josie A. Rouse were united in marriage. Also, at 4 p. m. on the same day, Mr. Wm. S. Rouse

and Miss Della C. Creel were married. Rev. J. E. Creel officiating. These young people are members of New Bethel and Cane Creek Baptist churches. Many friends join in wishing happy and useful lives.

OBITUARY.

January 30, our beloved sister Louisa L. Love died at her home near Hartsell. She was the wife of Bro. J. C. Love, clerk of Bethel church. Sister Love was a devoted Christian, and had been a member of the Baptist church for fifty-two years. In her death the husband has lost a devoted wife, the sons and daughters a kind and affectionate mother, the church a consistent member, and the writer a true and tried friend in Christ. Her funeral occurred on the 5th inst., the writer officiating, and was attended by a large and sympathetic assembly.

J. D. McCLANAHAN.

Raburn Hall, daughter of Bro. and Sister S. J. Hall, died on the morning of the 8th inst., after a lingering illness of several months. She was a consistent member of Midway Baptist church. She was loved by all who knew her. She died a happy, triumphant death. Just before she died she called the family together and made them goodbye. Noting the absence of a sister in Texas, she said: "All here but one." Then after a prayer, led by her father, she quietly passed away to be with those whom she said she saw awaiting her coming, and herself to await the coming of loved ones left behind. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." S. O. Y. RAY.

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Ingersoll's Tribute to Christ.

"In a letter written some time ago to Eli Perkins when he was compiling a book on 'Kings of Platform and Pulpit,' Mr. Ingersoll wrote:

In using my speech do not use any assault I may have thoughtlessly made on Christ, which I foolishly made in my early life. With Renan, believe Christ was a perfect man. "Do-unto-others" is the perfect of religion and morality. It is the *summum bonum*. It was loftier than the teachings of So-crates, Plato, Mohammed, Moses or Confucius. It superseded the commandments that Moses claimed to have gotten from God, for with Christ's do-unto-others there could be no murder, lying, covetousness or war. It superseded Greek patriotism, Roman fortitude or Ang Saxon bravery, for with

do-unto-others, bravery and patriotism would not be needed."

This is a beautiful tribute to Christ from an unexpected source. But it is evidently an unwilling tribute, and compelled by sheer justice. It is a remarkable fact that whatever the objection people may offer to Christianity, no one has been able to find any objection to the character of Christ. Although the light of nineteen centuries has been thrown upon it, his character stands out pure and spotless. Yea, though the search-light of this nineteenth century has been thrown full upon it, it still remains without a flaw. Jesus Christ was the ideal man of the ages, "the realized ideal of humanity," as Heine called him. There is only one explanation of his character. It is the one the Bible gives, but which Mr. Ingersoll was unwilling to accept—and that is, that Jesus was, as he claimed to be, the Son of man, God manifest in the flesh, Immanuel, God with us.

Close of M. B. Wharton's address on "What Baptists stand for."

Baptist should follow the truth whithersoever it may lead, like Athanasius, saying, "When the world goes against the truth, then Baptists go against the world." When Napoleon was asked what France most needed, he replied, "Good mothers." What America most needs is true men. From one end of the country to the other the cry should go up,

"God give us men—a time like this demands Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office cannot kill, Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,

Men who possess opinions and a will, Men who love honor, men who will not lie, Men who can stand before a demagogue And face his treacherous flattery without winking, Tall men, uncrowned, who live above the fog.

In public duty and in private thinking, For while the rabble with its thumb-worn creeds, Its loud professions and its little deeds, Mingles in selfish strife,—lo, freedom weeps— Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps!"

We have had these men in the past, God grant that we may have them now as his special gift to twentieth century Baptists; then

may we look for the day when the principles for which we stand shall universally triumph, when from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth, there shall be "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

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